

BHCS Panther Press

Seasons Greetings





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December, January, February & March



Dec. 3	Craft Fair to benefit the BH Backpack Program in the Gymnasium 8:00 - 1:00 PM
Dec. 3	SAT
Dec. 5	Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Dec. 6, 7 & 8	Kris Kringle Corner for Students
Dec. 10	ACT
Dec. 14	Winter Concert @ 7:00 PM / Elementary, Middle & High School Chorus & Band
Dec. 16	15 Week Progress Reports Distributed / Grades 3 - 12
Dec. 17	Junior Dance Christmas Ball - 7:00 - 10:00 PM / Snow Date in January
Dec. 19	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Dec. 21	Deadline to Register for January 21 SAT - Late Registration January 10, 2017
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2	Holiday Recess - School Resumes on January 3, 2017
Jan. 9	Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Jan. 12	PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 20	Senior Class Dance - 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Jan. 21	SAT
Jan. 23	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Jan. 24	Winter Bi-County Rehearsal @ South Jefferson 9:00 - 2:00 PM - Elementary Band
Jan. 24 - 27	Regents Exams
Jan. 27	20 Week Report Cards Mailed Home
Jan. 27	Winter Bi-County Rehearsal @ South Jefferson 9:00 - 2:00 PM - HS Chorus
Jan. 28	Winter Bi-County Rehearsal & Concert @ South Jefferson 9:00 - 2:00 PM
Jan. 28 - 29	FFA 212/360 Conference
Feb. 6	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Feb. 10	Junior Class Dance - 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 18 - 25	National FFA Week
Feb. 20 - 24	President's Day & Winter Vacation
Feb. 27	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Mar. 3	Deadline to Register for April 8 ACT - Late Registration March 4-17, 2017
Mar. 6	Varsity Spring Sports Start
Mar. 9	PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
Mar. 10	25 Week Progress Reports Distributed
Mar. 10 & 11	School Musical "Guys and Dolls" - 7:00 PM
Mar. 13	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Mar. 27	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
Mar. 27 - 31	Grades 3 - 8 NYS ELA (computer-based)
Mar. 28 & 30	Grades 3 - 8 NYS ELA (paper-based)
Mar. 29	National Honor Society Senior Recognition @ 6:00 PM



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, May & June

April 7	30 Week Report Cards Mailed Home
April 7	Deadline to Register for May 6 SAT - Late Registration April 25, 2017
April 7	NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Carthage High School 4:00 - 9:00 PM
April 8	NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Carthage High School - 9:00 - 4:00 PM
April 8	ACT
April 10	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
April 12	Spring Concert - 7:00 PM Band Only
April 14	Good Friday
April 17 - 21	Spring Vacation
April 25	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
April 28	Spring Festival Rehearsal @ South Lewis / 9:00 - 3:00 Jr. High Chorus, High School Band, Senior Soloist
April 29	Spring Festival Rehearsal @ South Lewis / 9:00 - 2:00 / Concert @ 2:00 Jr. High Chorus, High School Band, Senior Soloist



May 1 - 5	3 - 8 NYS Math (computer-based)
May 2 - 4	3 - 8 NYS Math (paper-based)
May 3	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM (Budget Hearing)
May 6	SAT
May 9	Deadline to Register for June 3 SAT - Late Registration May 24, 2017
May 11, 12, 13	FFA State Convention @ Morrisville College
May 16	Annual Budget Vote / Election in the Foyer 2:00 - 8:00 PM
May 16	Board of Education Meeting - 8:00 PM
May 17	Spring Concert - 7:00 PM Chorus Only
May 19	35 Week Progress Report Distributed
May 29	Memorial Day - No School
May 24 - June 2	4th / 8th Grade Science Perf.

June 3	SAT
June 5	4th / 8th Grade NYS Science Written
June 5	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
June 9	Grandparents Day Performance @ 1:00 PM
June 10	ACT
June 14 - 22	Regents Exams
June 19	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
June 23	Last Day of School
June 24	Alumni Banquet
June 25	Graduation @ 2:00 PM
June 26	Report Cards Mailed Home



Belleville Henderson Central School District Honors Veterans and Current Troops

Belleville Henderson students created hundreds of Christmas Cards to honor our veterans and current troops.

Obviously we continuously teach our students about the dedication and sacrifices our armed forces have made throughout history and every day to keep all of us safe and free. Often on Veterans Day the district will have a speaker or a special program, but this year the students and faculty wanted to give back in action and in words. Senator Ritchie provided us with the inspiration by asking us to take part in "Christmas Cards for Our Troops". This program collects personally signed Christmas cards to distribute to members of the military who are deployed or at veterans' hospitals. The purpose is to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our service men and women at this special time of year.

All of the students and teachers at Belleville Henderson Central School District took time out to learn by doing. Hundreds of cards were produced over the week leading up to Veterans Day giving students and faculty time to reflect on the extraordinary service and sacrifices made by our veterans, and an opportunity to give back this year for Veterans Day.



Principal's Message

Once again Halloween proved to be a big success. We were greeted with beautiful weather for our annual Halloween parade and festivities. Many parents and communities enjoyed the wide variety of costumes displayed on October 31st. It was so nice to be able to hold the parade outside this year as opposed to the past few years. A special thank you is extended to our parents and guests who displayed respect for our school policies as students marched in the parade. We truly have a great community here at Belleville Henderson.

Our winter sports programs have begun practices. These include Varsity Volleyball, JV and Varsity Boys Basketball, JV Girls Basketball, and Cheerleading. Please check our website for schedules of all Belleville Henderson sports programs.

Our clubs and extracurricular activities continue to operate as in the past. These include Chess Club, Art Club, Ski Club, Foreign Language Club, Student Council, FFA, Whiz Quiz, and Honor Society. Please be reminded that the Fitness Room is open on Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:00 PM. Many students take advantage of these wonderful opportunities and have found these clubs and activities to be extremely rewarding.

There are some special events planned for the month of December. The annual Christmas concert will be held on December 14th. Come experience the terrific sounds of our music department in the school auditorium, which has been updated with all new lights and sound system. Additionally, Progress Reports will be distributed on December 16th and the Christmas Ball is scheduled for December 17th.

It is with great sincerity that I wish you and your family a relaxing holiday season.

*Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.
-- Charles Schulz*



National FFA Convention

By: Grace Gehrke, BHFFA Chapter Reporter

On October 16, 2016, seven members of the Belleville Henderson FFA, got the opportunity to go to the National FFA Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana. While traveling to Indy, we stopped in numerous places on the way. For example, the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, where we learned how Ford trucks were made and how efficient the process has now become. We also visited the Henry Ford Museum, which was filled with antique cars, signs and farm equipment. Then, we went to Bloomfield Hills School Farm, where toured and learned how their students got the opportunity to work on the school farm and learn about the different animals that were there. Additionally, we went to the South Bend Chocolate Factory, University of Notre Dame and Lange's Old Fashioned Meat Market. Fair Oaks Farms is another place where we toured and learned so much about the agriculture industry. We were able to visit their dairy farm, explore in the crop adventure center as well as visit the pork education center. Fair Oaks has a total of 11 different dairy farms. We were able to visit one of these farms and see their rotary milking parlor. You could watch how each cow gets on the rotary parlor and stands still, so it can be milked. Each cow knew when to get off, so she did it with ease and would leave for the other barns to get fed. There was even a birthing barn, so visitors could watch cows give birth, and learn about the process. We also visited their pig farm where you could see the whole process from the birth of the piglets to the finished product of a full grown sow. After this, we toured RDM Aquaculture, a shrimp farm, learning that shrimp have higher survival rates when the water they are in has more bacteria. While at the National FFA Convention we were able to attend general sessions. At the first general session, we heard from keynote speaker Diana Nyad, who at the age of 64 was the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the aid of a shark cage. She gave an inspiring message of how you should never give up on your dreams. We were also able to listen to great music performed by the National FFA band and chorus, as well as listening to the retiring addresses of the National FFA Officers. We were also able to visit the career show, where there were over 450 exhibitors representing various aspects of the agriculture industry, colleges and more. Everyone learned so much on the trip and we are all glad we got to participate in this opportunity.



I just wanted to thank Belleville Henderson Central School, faculty and staff and the community for letting me teach your children these past 31 years. I have really enjoyed working here and will miss everyone tons. Enjoy the rest of the year. I will be busy working in my studio and hanging out with my sisters and the rest of my big family.

**GOODBYES
ARE NOT FOREVER.
GOODBYES
ARE NOT THE END.
THEY SIMPLY MEAN
I'LL MISS YOU,
UNTIL WE
MEET AGAIN!**



Happy Retirement!



Makerspaces in Libraries

Something new is coming to school libraries. For the past year Mrs. Nortz has been collaborating with librarians in various school districts to bring a Makerspace to our school. Money received from a RISE grant is allowing this to happen. This space will be available for teachers and students in grades K-12.

What is a Makerspace? A Makerspace is a learning space where students explore, discover, tinker, create, invent, and collaborate. It will be a space where students can work individually or teachers can bring their classes in to learn. Makerspaces incorporate the STEM concepts of science, technology, engineering and math. Art is also being added to the STEM concepts in our space. Currently libraries have materials to learn in all areas, Makerspaces will provide access to physical resources and encourage students to blend this learning.

We are currently in the process of receiving the materials ordered to create our space. Some of the items include a 3-D printer, Ipad computers to be used for various things such as coding, stop motion video, and online Apps. Students will be able to design and build using ThinkFun building kits, Legos, KEVA kits, K'Nex kits, ZOOB kits, PowerClix, GoldieBlox, and rollercoaster kits. Dash and Dot, Ozobot, Makey Makey, Snap Circuits, and Osmo are a few of the technology resources and robotics our students will be using.

Younger elementary students will be also be creating, designing, tinkering and exploring with technology and a variety of craft materials. As with the older students, they will learn to examine, design, build, test, and improve their creations. Art activities in the form of Perler beads, yarn crafts, Legos, loom bands, origami, and crafts sticks are a few of the materials they will have to design and be creative.

We are excited to begin using our Makerspace in the near future. The students are getting excited and asking many questions as they watch their “new space” being created.



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Dear Belleville Henderson Families,

We are in the process of preparing and publishing the 2017 edition of our yearbook. This year's yearbook will be printed in full color for your enjoyment.

We will do a yearbook pre-sale through February 15, 2017. Price is \$40.00. This year when students order a yearbook, they will be asked to pay for them with cash or check when ordered. Yearbooks will not be ordered online this year. Please return the regular order form, the charge will be \$40.00 payable now so that you may be assured to receive a copy when yearbooks arrive in early June. Yearbooks for the Class of 2017 will be priced at \$45.00 which includes two lines of imprint and four personalized icons.

In the spring there will be a limited quantity available for \$45.00 or \$50.00 for seniors. We strongly encourage you to save money and **PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW** to ensure you receive a copy of our full color edition.

Please fill out this form and return it with your check made payable to Belleville Henderson Yearbook 2017 to Mrs. Fingar no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

YEARBOOK RESERVATION REQUEST

I would like to order _____ yearbook (s) for _____

Student's Name

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Music Department News

MUSIC NEWS--be sure and check the school, Music Department website and music calendar whenever you need information or details about music events!

Music Festivals

Belleville Henderson was represented by 12 students at the fall Bi-County festival which took place at Indian River High School on November 5. In the elementary chorus we had Kiah Duger, Jared Bast, Avery Muldovan and Riley Sheehey. Our Junior High band participants included: Esther Zumbach (french horn) and Laura Zehr (baritone horn). The High School Select Vocal Ensemble featured three BHS singers: Perri Redden, Mackenzie Gehrke and Noah Sugden.

On November 18 & 19 three of our chorus students participated in Area All State chorus. This group is comprised of the top singers in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis counties. BHCS was represented by Mackenzie Gehrke, Perri Redden, Claire Zumbach, Joshua Jacobson and Noah Sugden. What a wonderful experience the students had at this two day festival at the Crane School of Music.

LUCK, BE A LADY!!

Auditions for the school musical, **Guys and Dolls** will be held in mid-December. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to sign-up and audition, as well as students in Middle Level chorus. This classic show is set in the 1950's and features gamblers, missionaries and dancing girls as well as a "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat"-load of great tunes! [Viewing of the 1955 Frank Sinatra/Marlon Brando film version is highly recommended!]

Grandparent's Day News

Just in case you missed the memo--our annual celebration of and for Grandparents at BHCS has been postponed until June due to the construction in our auditorium. We look forward to seeing you all when our new sound and lighting systems are in place. FYI, we will now have assisted listening devices available for hearing impaired audience members, so be sure and take advantage of this if you or anyone in your family needs it at any time you visit our auditorium!

Warm Welcome!

If you have not yet met our new band director, Mrs. Katie McGrath, we encourage you to introduce yourself and your children to our band program! She has gotten the year off to a great start and is carving out her own program very well. We are hearing great sounds coming from that room. Welcome Mrs. McGrath!





2016 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show To Benefit the Belleville Henderson Backpack Program

Date: December 3, 2016
 Place: Belleville Henderson School Gymnasium
 Time: 8:00—1:00 pm
 Admission: One (or more) nonperishable item to benefit the
 Belleville Henderson Backpack Program



Come shop for Christmas with local vendors while also supporting the Belleville Henderson Backpack Program. Many vendors/crafters will be in attendance. For every nonperishable item brought, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win an item of your choice.

Pre-K News

The A.M. and P.M. Pre-K classes enjoyed learning about Veteran's Day. They read a nice book and made a poppy craft with a poem that read:

I have a little poppy,
 As red as can be
 To show that I remember
 Those who fought to make me free.



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Board of Education Meeting Dates 7:00 p.m. in the BHCS Library

Monday, December 5, 2016
Monday, December 19, 2016
Monday, January 9, 2017
Monday, January 23, 2017
Monday, February 6, 2017
Monday, February 27, 2017
Monday, March 13, 2017
Monday, March 27, 2017
Monday, April 10, 2017 (BOCES Vote)
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 (Budget Hearing)
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 (Budget Vote/Election)
Monday, June 5, 2017
Monday, June 19, 2017



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