

Hall's Corner

Special Closure Edition #14 JUNE 19, 2020

Have a safe and healthy summer!

I WILL PROVIDE FURTHER UPDATES AS NEEDED VIA ROBO CALLS AND HALL'S CORNER THIS SUMMER! BE WELL!

Senior NEWS – Check this out!

Details below!

Cap and Gown Pick Up Celebration

June 23 from 11-4:30 PM Car Parade 6:30 PM Individual Graduation Ceremony June 24

Did you miss locker clean out or do you need to return textbooks? See below! June 29 & June 30 at BHS!

Dear Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

We have come a longways since closing the doors of BHS on March 13th! I want to thank all of our Brighton Community for helping to get us to this point. Parents and students, THANK YOU! I know this was not easy and school closure and distance learning is not ideal for the vast majority of our families and faculty! Not at all. Thank you faculty for learning so many new things in such a short amount of time. Incredible herculean efforts were made in the first weeks and months of closure. If we do need to open up remotely next fall, we will be ready and in a MUCH better place than when we started on March 19th. We have learned a ton about best practices in the remote world and have taken feedback from parents, students, and faculty to heart. We will make this fall work successfully regardless of how we have to deliver instruction. **YOU ALL MAKE BHS PROUD!**

I will host meetings in late July for students and parents and faculty.

We hope to know a lot more by then about how NYS schools will reopen in the fall!

And... if you need something to watch, other than COVID-19 updates and information, please take a look at the following...

- WEEKLY COUNSELING NEWSLETTER SO MUCH GREAT INFORMATION!
 - https://www.smore.com/gk9tf
- T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week of June 15, 2020 Possum is retiring...
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ws27M8ZZbW0
- FINAL TRAPEZOID of the School Year coming out on Monday!
 - Great job to all of our School Newspaper editors and writers! Kudos to Dr. Healy for leading the charge while we have been away from school for over 3 months!
- Suggested BHS School Supply List 2020-2021

https://www.bcsd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=11&dataid=57
 363&FileName=2020-21%20Supply%20List.pdf

Report Cards will be on the portal on June 29, 2020. I wish all of you well as we head into summer. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or you student's counselor/assistant principal if you have questions or concerns. We are in this together!

Thank you!
T. Hall
Tom hall@bcsd.org

Topics in this Week's Hall's Corner

- SAT and ACT Dates for Summer/FALL 2020
- Students in the News Speech and Debate & ALL STUDENTS!
- Counseling Newsletter for MAY 29th https://www.smore.com/gk9tf
- Locker Clean Out and Textbook Return If you missed doing it last week!
 - Locker & PE Locker materials will be available for pick up on June 29th and June 30th at BHS in the MAIN BHS GYM. USE DOOR #1 on that day. Wear masks.
 - o 9-3 PM
 - You may return textbooks to BHS on June 29 and June 30 too.
- Tablet device returns for students in grades 9-11
 - Students may drop off tablets at the Central Administration Building at 2035 Monroe Avenue starting on June 25, 2020.
 - o 9-3 PM
 - Details below!
- Emergency Health Information
- Attention Juniors Writing Your College Essay Summer Program Virtual!
- Senior Information CAP and GOWN Parade Celebration on June 23rd!
- Senior Information Individual Student Graduation Ceremony on June 24th!

SAT and ACT DATES

SAT

August 29

September 26

October 3

November 7

December 5

ACT

September 12

October 24

December 12

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

Our Speech and Debate club students participated in a virtual showcase with other members in the GVFL (Genesee Valley Forensics League) on Saturday June 13.

The link to the performance is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_FMkdr6Y

YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!

ALL STUDENTS

I wish to give a positive shout out to our students who worked so hard to keep up, do their work, meet on ZOOM, attend help sessions, log into Schoology, etc. over the past three months. It was certainly not easy for them, their families, or their teachers. Here we are with only 3 days of classes left and I want to give a HUGE SHOUT out to our BHS Students! **YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!** © – We miss you! T. Hall

COUNSELING NEWS and NEWSLETTER

Click here for great information from the weekly newsletter! https://www.smore.com/gk9tf

Locker Clean Out and Textbook Return – If you missed doing it this week!

Locker & PE Locker materials will be available for pick up on June 29 and June 30 from 9 AM – 3 PM at BHS in the MAIN BHS GYM. USE DOOR #1 on that day. Wear masks. **You may return textbooks to BHS on June 29 and June 30 too. WE NEED THOSE BACK!**

TABLET UPGRADES & UPDATES

We want to make sure that everyone knows that student tablets can be dropped off for a refresh and repair service (if needed) over the summer so that you can start the new school year in September with the latest updates on your tablet.

All current 9th, 10th, 11th graders can drop off their tablets after June 24th Monday through Friday between 8am and 3pm to Central Office reception (2035 Monroe Ave). You will be buzzed in one at a time and will be expected to wear a mask upon entering the building.

You can bring in your charger if you want, but it's not necessary. When your tablet is ready you'll be notified by email to pick it up at the same location.

The technology staff will be performing the following on all tablets:

- Installing the latest version of Windows with all updates;
- All instructional software will be updated;
- o All MS Office license errors will be corrected with new version:
- New policy updates to better remotely manage tablets;
- Any necessary repairs can be performed—physical damage subject to the \$75 device protection plan deductible (you will be contacted for authorization before any repairs are performed);
- o Best of all, hit the ground running in the Fall with a fully updated tablet!

Please make sure your data is backed up to you OneDrive prior to dropping it off—ALL PERSONAL DATA WILL BE ERASED AND UNRECOVERABLE!

Please contact the technology helpline with any questions:

Student/parent support at www.bcsd.org/help All other inquiries call 585-242-5200 x5555

EMERGENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

If you have an urgent mental health concern for the safety of a student, please contact 911 or *Lifeline* at 275-5151. If you have other concerns about mental health and/or safety and are unsure about what to do, you can contact the **Safe Schools Helpline** at 1-800-418-6423 ext. 359 or you may also submit a report through the Safe Schools website at www.safeschoolhelpline.com. This is up and running 24-7.

ATTENTION JUNIORS – Writing your COLLEGE ESSAY!

Multiple one-week sessions offered, beginning the week of July 13th, Monday - Friday!

AM Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PM Session: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Distance Learning on-line

Fee: \$89 (financial assistance is available!)

Soon, members of the Class of 2021 will begin their college search. The college application process, composing the college essay in particular, may be overwhelming. This summer enrichment class is designed to help students write the college essay, generate ideas for short answer questions and provide an overview of how to address the entire college application. Students will read and critique model essays, be provided with written feedback on work, have one to one conference time with the instructor and complete at least one full essay in five days.

Start the college application process by completing the most challenging part of the application this summer, the essay. This enrichment course has been designed for 2020-2021 seniors only. You do not have to attend BHS to register for this class!

Sign up at https://brightonschools.revtrak.net

Questions may be directed to Brighton Community Education at ce@bcsd.org or 585-242-5200 ext.5595.

ATTENTION SENIOR FAMILIES!

JUNE 23, 2020
Cap/Gown Car Parade Celebration
with K-12 Faculty and Staff
Details below!

Brighton High School Parking Lot 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM Rain or Shine!

Parent Sponsored Car Parade June 23, 2020 6:30 PM

Starting at Buckland Town Park See details below.

SENIORS WITH SCHOOL ISSUED TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

Bring back any school technology devices you borrowed or signed out from the school district. Be ready to hand off to a member of the technology team as you first enter the graduation maze celebration! A member of the tech team will greet you and ask for your name/devices and check you off their list. This will be located at the Buildings and Grounds facility.

What will this celebration look like?

- See detailed map attached.
 - Decorate your cars! Class of 2020! Put your name on your car!
 - ENTER BHS Parking Lot FROM WINTON ROAD SOUTH coming from Westfall Road.
 - EXIT BHS Parking Lot ONTO WINTON ROAD NORTH heading towards 12 Corners.
 - Faculty and Staff K-12 will be in the parking lot, holding up signs, and cheering on our students as they make their way through the maze!
 - PTSA is providing balloons and banners!
 - If you have technology devices to return, pull off at the Tablet Tech Drop Off Area.
- Students and their families drive to BHS at the designated times below and enter the BHS parking lot off Winton Road. Students should sit in the front passenger seat if possible so that they can enjoy the celebration!
- Cars will be directed through a "maze" where K-12 staff (wearing masks) will be there to greet you and cheer you on. **ALL families and graduates REMAIN in their car for the entire time.** The person in the senior's car talking to staff to get their materials should wear a mask.
- BHS Staff will greet you at your car wearing masks and ask for the graduate's name, and deliver a Jostens bag to you with cap, gown, and a yearbook/galaxy magazine if one was ordered ahead of time.

- If you have BOOKS to return, please drop off at the Cap and Gown Pick Up Area.
- o If you want to drop off **thank you notes to Faculty and Staff**, please drop them off at the Cap and Gown Pick Up Area.
- Staff will also deliver a special senior gift to you paid for by the Brighton Kiwanis, Brighton Rotary, and the Brighton Chamber of Commerce!
- If you want to purchase a Galaxy magazine or have questions, you may enter the "OFF RAMP" area and staff will come to your car to assist you.

<u>CHECKS ONLY</u>, made out to "Brighton High School" TO MINIMIZE contacts.

- Galaxy Magazines \$5 or additional donations are welcome.
 - People can order them online or present a check in person on the 23rd.
 - Here's the link:
 - https://brightonschools.revtrak.net/clubs-and-studentactivities/bhs-clubs-and-student-activities/bhs-galaxyclub/#/v/bhs-galaxy-literary-and-arts-magazine-sales
- YEARBOOKS have been delayed for at least another 3-4 weeks due to COVID-19 shutdowns. Production of yearbooks has been significantly slowed as production facilities closed and limited employees are working. MORE details to come! So sorry!

We prefer that students/families come according to the alpha list and times noted below so that we can manage traffic and delivery of materials.

A-G
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
H-O
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
P-Z
2:00 - 3:30 PM

Students needing a later time.

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Senior's 2020 Car parade through Brighton
Tuesday 6/23 One car per senior
Meet at Buckland Park at 6:30 (stay in vehicles please)
Parade will begin at 7 pm - police escort
Route: right out of Buckland on to westfall
Left on Winton *go through the parking lot at the high school
Left on Elmwood - Left on Lac DeVille - left on Westfall back into the park.





ATTENTION SENIOR FAMILIES! Class of 2020

JUNE 24, 2020
Individual Student Graduation Ceremony
Details below!
LIVE STREAMED on June 24th
From 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
(1-2 PM break)
www.bcsd.org/graduation

SIGN UP Genius LINK

CLICK on this LINK to REGISTER for a Time!

June 24, 2020

1-hour timeslots/30 students

9 AM to 6:00 PM

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040545AAAE2DA7 FA7-bhsindividual

> AUGUST 9, 2020 Graduation Ceremony – 2 Options Details below!

JUNE 24, 2020 – Senior Class "Individual Student Graduation Ceremony"

If you want/need to graduate earlier than August 9th!

Over the past several weeks, more and more colleges have announced that they will be starting their school year a month or more earlier than usual, in anticipation of an uptick of COVID-19 cases in the fall/winter of 2020. **Dr. McGowan and I have also heard from parents and students concerned about not being able to return to Brighton to attend a ceremony in August once they are in place at their colleges, military academies, military services, or new work environments.** We have heard you BHS and we are going to plan accordingly! So, there will be two options to attend a graduation type ceremony for the Class of 2020.

If you want/need to graduate earlier than August 9th!

What will June 24th look like? Do you need an early graduation?

- See detailed maps for how the proceeding will be conducted.
- Seniors and family members drive to school at their designated time & park in the BHS Parking Lot – Remain in your car until a BHS staff member escorts you to the LINE UP AREA (A).
- ENTER parking lot from Westfall Road/South Winton Road.
- EXIT parking lot onto Winton Road North going towards 12 Corners.
- Seniors wear caps and gowns and masks.
- When a BHS staff member comes to your car, student/family members exit car and student processes to the LINE UP AREA (A).
- Students will process down sidewalk & hand their brief written bio with student name & fall plans to a staff member (B).
- Pomp and Circumstance music will be playing as students process to the front steps.
- The announcer will read each student's brief "bio" over the PA system along with the name of the student getting their diploma.
- Students will start walking up to the front steps of BHS (B).
- Students will cross the front steps in front of Door #1 to get their individual diploma & official commencement program from Dr. Hall and Dr. McGowan. A picture will be taken with Dr. Hall. Students will then turn their tassel (C).
- o Students will then proceed down the sidewalk (D) to Picture Area #2 (E).

- Students & family members will then exit the sidewalk area, proceed to their car(s), and exit the parking lot (F).
- This will be streamed live at www.bcsd.org/graduation.

If you are choosing to come on June 24th, you must pre-register for a timeslot.

CLICK on this SIGNUP GENIUS LINK to REGISTER for a Time!

June 24, 2020

1-hour timeslots/30 students

9 AM to 6:00 PM

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040545AAAE2DA7FA7-bhsindividual

Brief written bios should contain the student's name (this name will be read) and what the student will be doing after graduation. Bring this with you on the day of graduation.

Each student should bring the following with them on the day of the ceremony.

They will hand it to a BHS staff member so that it can be read over the PA system:

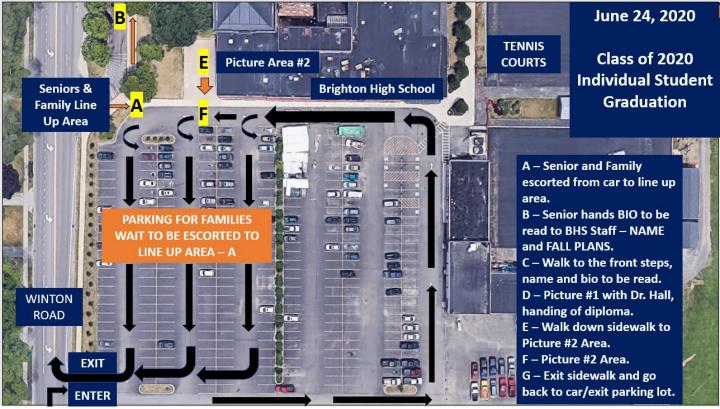
SENIOR BIO

NAME of SENIOR

Plans for FALL – What will you be doing in the FALL of 2020?

PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to attend the June 24th "individual student ceremony" and are later able to attend Option 1, the August 9th traditional BHS commencement ceremony (if we can have it), you can do both.





August 9, 2020 - Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony

(Outline of ceremony will depend on NYS health guidelines in place at the time.)

What will/could the August 9th ceremony look like?

Option 1 (preferred)

Traditional BHS Commencement Ceremony on the BHS TURF FIELD

This would be a complete and traditional BHS commencement program with a processional of the graduates to the playing of Pomp and Circumstance in caps/gowns, National Anthem, administrative addresses, student speeches, faculty commencement speaker address, professionally recorded music (this year only), gift presentation from the Class of 2020 Class Officers, conferral of diplomas student by student with names read over the turf field PA, 2 professional photos taken of each graduate that families can purchase, turning of the tassels to symbolize the ending of 13 years of public education, and the final recessional out of the turf field. This will be streamed live, recorded, and uploaded to Brighton's YouTube page after the ceremony.

Option 2

Individual Student Graduation Ceremony (only if we are NOT allowed to do option 1)

- Same as June 24, 2020