

February / March 2020

## CLASS ACTS IS A BROCKPORT TRADITION

Class Acts has been a tradition for the Brockport Central School District for 34 years! This year's theme will be the rocking 1980's. The show will go back to the decade when Class Acts began, complete with big hair and bright colors. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The 2020 show will feature over 20 different acts, including singing, dancing, instrumentals and comedy. Class Acts has a history of memorable performances, including the Amazing Battle of the Bands, the Bucket Drummers, the Jai Ho Dance Group and a performance by our own interim superintendent, Jim Fallon. "Class Acts is awesome. It showcases everyone's hidden talents," said senior Kalon Hale. "It has a comedic effect to it that makes it something for everyone to do."

The acts are judged by a panel made up of previous winners and retired faculty. Performers are scored on three categories: technical quality, artistic interpretation and stage presence. Monetary prizes are given in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100.

Many hands help pull the production together. Performers create costumes and find unique ways to showcase their talent. Students in the Art and Drama clubs provide all the behind the scenes actions including set design, assisting the directors, creating and participating in games and filling in where needed. The student tech crew ensures the sound, lights and stage sets are working together to make the show complete.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased by visiting [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) or can be bought at the door for \$15.

Proceeds help fund graduation scholarships and awards. Last year \$3,000 was raised. "It is hard to find a fundraiser for scholarships that can endure the test of time. Class Acts provides an evening of entertainment that, in return, offers substantial scholarships annually," said Neil Czerniak, Brockport High School teacher and Class Acts co-organizer.

Join the fun on March 7, and let's TOTALLY enjoy the 80's!

*Photos taken from 2019 Class Acts*



I got involved in Class Acts because it was a great opportunity to perform, whether it's singing, dancing or playing an instrument.  
- Kaylyn Weits, BHS class of 2019

I like to perform but most importantly spread positivity through music, and Class Acts has always drawn me in because of that.  
- Sam Coyle, BCSD senior



Overall, Class Acts was one of the most memorable parts about my time in high school, and I have so much love for my Class Acts family!  
- Nate Rexinger, BHS class of 2019

## Hello Brockport Community,

I'm happy to be welcomed back to Brockport as interim superintendent while the Board of Education conducts their search for a new superintendent.



Since my retirement, I've been keeping apprised of district happenings through the FOCUS newsletter and in conversations with staff and community members. I feel such a great sense of pride that Brockport is my home. The buildings and grounds look fantastic as always, and I am excited to see some familiar faces, meet new people and connect with students once again.

A highlight for me has always been graduation. There is something to be said for the energy in the room as students cross the stage and begin their next chapter. This year will be extra special as I hand my granddaughter her diploma. I'm blessed to see her complete her senior year and graduate from Brockport, along with all the members of the Class of 2020.

It has been a decade since I've served as superintendent. I'm glad to be back and see how well the district is doing. The capital improvements have enhanced our campus and provided many updated security measures. I am impressed with all the new academic endeavors of the district and am getting updated in budget meetings to prepare for the annual budget vote in May.

I look forward to working with the staff and the Board of Education to continue the great work of the district.

Jim

James C. Fallon, Interim Superintendent  
Brockport Central School District

# Board welcomes Interim Superintendent

The Brockport Board of Education officially welcomed James Fallon as Interim Superintendent of Schools during the January 7 board meeting.

Jim started working at Brockport Central School District in 1970, after completing his teaching certification at The College at Brockport. Jim taught fourth grade for three years before transitioning into various administrative positions in the superintendent's office. He served as Brockport's Superintendent for 16 years until his retirement in 2009. During retirement, Jim worked as the Interim Director of Niagara County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

"The Board of Education is thrilled Mr. Fallon has accepted the challenge of leading the district while we move forward through the search process for a new superintendent," stated Terry Ann Carbone, BOE President. "We are confident Jim will bring an educated focus on the strengths and needs of the district and will support students, families, employees and the community during his interim tenure," she concluded.



## Superintendent search update

The Brockport Board of Education would like to thank everyone who completed the online survey and attended the forums. We received more than 300 surveys which provided valuable feedback for the board to consider as they evaluate the abilities and experiences of applicants to be the next superintendent.

The next step in the search process is to post the position for approximately six weeks. During this time the applicant materials will be received, and the board will review them using the community's input as their guide in selecting individuals to interview. The goal is to have a superintendent in place by July 2020.

# INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## BCSD offers Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The Brockport Central School District will again offer a grant-funded Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program. The program, with a strong focus on early learning, will start in September and follow the school calendar. Children will attend school five days a week for two and a half hours a day during morning or afternoon sessions. Since the grant requires a collaborative effort between BCSD and area childhood education agencies, some children will attend private schools, in addition to the majority of students who will attend Brockport's Ginther School.

To be eligible for the UPK program, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2020 and be a resident of the Brockport Central School District. Families are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements, as transportation is not part of the New York State Education Department grant.

If your child is not yet registered with the district, please call the Registrar's Office at 585-637-1857 so you may receive UPK-related mailings. Applications will be mailed in early March to all eligible families.

Frequently asked questions about the program can be found on the Ginther School's website under "Academics." You may also call 585-637-1830 if you have any questions about the BCSD UPK program.



## Administrative UPDATES

You may have noticed new faces in some of our buildings. We would like to welcome and congratulate Melody Martinez-Davis, Jerrod Roberts and Andraya Cutaia on their new positions.

### Melody Martinez-Davis

was named the Brockport High School principal effective December 9, 2019 after Dr. Brian Weller's resignation. Mrs. Martinez-Davis has worked for the district for the past 12 years. She previously served as the high school's assistant principal before being appointed as the principal at Oliver Middle School (OMS).



**Jerrod Roberts** was named acting principal for OMS through June 30, 2020, while a search begins. Mr. Roberts has been an assistant principal with OMS since July 2014.



**Andraya Cutaia**, a third-grade teacher at Barclay, was recently named acting assistant principal for OMS through June 30, 2020, while a search begins. Mrs. Cutaia started with the district in September 2014.



## How are school taxes determined?

*Contributed by: Jill Reichhart, Director of Finance*

School taxes are determined by three factors: school tax levy, property assessments and equalization rates.

- The school tax levy is the total amount of property taxes a school district collects to support their annual budget. The tax levy is one of the factors used in determining the tax rate for each of the towns/villages that make up a school district.
- Property assessment is the value of a property assigned by each town assessor. BCSD uses these values provided by the seven towns in the district – Bergen, Clarkson, Clarendon, Hamlin, Ogden, Parma and Sweden to allocate the tax levy to each town/village.

- Equalization rates are NY State's measure of a municipality's level of assessment and how close a property's assessment is to its actual value. Equalization rates are designed to ensure that owners of properties with similar full-market values pay an equivalent amount of taxes.

This is especially important to a district like Brockport, since we are comprised of seven towns. If a town has not completed a reassessment in several years, their assessed values could be artificially low based on market value. The equalization rate determined by the state would then adjust the total assessments in that town up to market value for the purpose of calculating tax rates.



## National Honor Society inducts new members

The Brockport High School Chapter of the National Honor Society formally welcomed 49 new members during an induction ceremony held at the high school in January. The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The ceremony began with a welcome from BHS Principal Melody Martinez-Davis, followed by opening comments from NHS advisers Patricia Arnold and Rebecca Barrett. This year's keynote speaker was Hillary Olson, President and CEO of the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Olson used personal experiences, starting in Brockport when she was in fifth grade, to show how plans are continuously changing and evolving as people learn and grow. She stressed the importance of practicing whatever it is you want to be daily and advised students to never stop learning. "Find the edges of your comfort zone and push gently, but consistently, against them," Olson added.

Following speeches from NHS officers about each of the four pillars in which the society is built, inductees were presented with certificates. The evening concluded with a celebratory reception in the high school foyer for students and families.

Congratulations to the new inductees:

Olivia Amoroso  
Caitlyn Archibald  
Francesca Belde  
Katherine Bieler  
Laura Bishop  
Kaylee Blum  
Olivia Bombay  
Quinn Carletta  
Teagan Carter  
Calvin Cavagnaro

Jacob Cole  
Alexandra Covert  
Natalie Cuzzupoli  
Lauren Dailey  
Rebecca Dresnack  
Ella Fadale  
Abigail Foley  
Maeve Grady  
Moriah Greenman  
Nicholas Johnson

Marisa Johnston  
Madison Juzwick  
Alexander LaMere  
Elaina Luce  
Emma Manley  
Jamie Marchetti  
Julia Martin  
Samantha Mazzarella  
Jenna McNulty  
Jacob Miller

Caitlin Minardo  
McKenna Nicholls  
Alexis Potter  
Jacob Rightmyer  
Mallory Robinson  
Lauren Schultz  
Maggie Schultz  
Thomas Sidore  
Natalie Smith  
Merin Squillante

Joseph Stempien  
Kaleb Stephens  
Cormac Sullivan  
Sydney Taylor  
Gianna Tribotte  
Kaitlyn VanValkenburg  
Caitlyn Vergari  
Luke Wilcox  
Kiera Wilson



2020 BHS National Honor Society inductees



NHS Officers: Adam Juzwick, Dia Gauthier, Jordan Miller, Gina Sauro and Paul Gluckwith with NHS Advisers: Rebecca Barrett and Patricia Arnold and Principal Melody Martinez-Davis

## Holiday science fair

Stacey Hurley's high school class held their year-end presentation in December. Students were joined by Music Therapist Casey Kallman, who gave a special chime performance.

Students shared their holiday-themed projects with family, faculty and peers through a poster presentation. Each project was designed by Mrs. Hurley and science teacher Katie Cappella to challenge students and encourage them to use their creativity. Presentation topics included dissolving candy canes, assembling magnetic ornaments, burning pinecones to observe color changes and creating scented wrapping paper.

"I am so, so proud of this wonderful group of students," said Hurley. "They accepted and rose to the challenge of a new holiday project this year and did an amazing job!"



# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## Ginther students learn the language of computers

Ginther students have started working on their computer skills early. Kindergarten and first-grade students played “unplugged” games in the library, where they pretended to be computers and had to follow coding directions. They then became the programmers, giving coding directions to the librarian to complete a task. Students used the Tynker program at the end to apply their coding skills to an actual computerized character! First graders were also able to learn first-hand how to assemble a computer.



## Barclay Bucket Fillers

Students from each classroom are selected monthly for demonstrating positive behavior and being respectful, responsible learners. Those “Barclay Bucket Fillers” are invited to an ice cream celebration and games in the family cafe.

## Hill students educate and entertain

Fifth-grade students from Hill Elementary made learning fun through a musical production, “The Adventures of Lewis and Clark.” The educational play explained what a group of 43 brave people and a dog experienced while traveling west, looking for a passage to the Pacific Ocean.



## Eighth-grade students prepare for BHS

Future freshmen started their high school scheduling season with presentations from Brockport High School staff and students. Representatives visited the middle school to share exciting class offerings and opportunities that lie ahead. The goal was to ease any anxiety the eighth-grade students may have about the transition. Students also learned what academic support and extra-curricular activities are available and were able to ask questions about life in high school.

## BHS hosts mathletes competition

Mathletes from all over the county met at BHS in January to compete to solve complex mathematic problems. Students worked on teams of ten and competed in three categories. The topics ranged from arithmetic to pre-calculus and included mathematical mind-benders. Brockport mathletes will attend the all-star meet at St. John Fisher in March. Good luck, BHS!





# GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

Jena Albee, a teacher at Ginther Elementary, was recently presented with the Golden Apple Award by News 8. Ms. Albee has been with the Brockport Central School District since 2013.

Amber Hoertz nominated Albee for this award. Mrs. Hoertz's daughter, Teagan, is in Albee's class and had a difficult time transitioning from UPK to kindergarten. "Jena recognized this behavior quickly and enrolled her in the School's Cool Club to help her," said Mrs. Hoertz. "She continues to inform (us) on Teagan's progress and provides positive feedback when she excels. Jena keeps the line of communication open, and I truly feel lucky to have her as a part of my daughter's life."

"It was so sweet of Teagan and her mom to nominate me," said Ms. Albee. "I cannot believe I have had such a positive impact on this student. I am truly honored to teach my kindergarten students." The presentation of the award can be seen by visiting the Golden Apple section on Rochesterfirst.com.



# HILL SINGERS TO PERFORM with select choir

Five exceptional singers from the Hill School were chosen to perform with the Eastern ACDA Elementary Honors Choir this March at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Anderson Stoker, Jessica Herman, Quinn Christy, Joyelle Cushman and Esther Kulkin will join other singers from across the eastern seaboard to rehearse and perform challenging choral music with master conductors Henry Leck and Jim Papoulis. They will perform a final concert at the Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre on Saturday, March 7. These singers have been preparing for this unforgettable experience with Mrs. Place in extra rehearsals in the months leading up to the conference.



# BROCKPORT'S BEST

During December's Board of Education meeting, the board presented the Brockport's Best Award to district librarians for providing books to students and the community throughout the year and for their dedication to the Book Mobile, which is found at various community events.

Brockport's Best was also awarded to Kale Kakish, a second-grade student at Barclay Elementary, for making memorial ornaments to remember and honor his teacher, Carrie Ray. Proceeds from the ornaments were given to the Ray family.

All of you are great examples of Brockport's Best!



## BHS artists featured in RIT's exhibit

Two high school students had art included in RIT's "Start Here" middle school/ high school exhibition. Seniors Samantha Mark and Madison Thomas created pieces that were chosen to be featured.

Artwork included select pieces from middle school and high school students throughout the region. Teachers were able to submit up to two pieces of student work for the show from currently enrolled students. Over 170 pieces were accepted to be displayed. A special congratulations to Samantha Mark for winning the School of Art Medical Illustration Award-2D.



*Madison Thomas*



*Samantha Mark*

## Artwork comes alive

Students at Ginther watched in amazement as their artwork came alive during an assembly, thanks to students in the high school's computer art program. The high school students presented the kindergartners with an animated video of their artwork that featured 'Imaginary Super Friends' sculptures inspired by Forky from Toy Story.

The students' eyes lit up and laughter was heard as they watched their artwork dance across the screen.



## OMS students design winning posters

Two sixth-grade students had the opportunity to ride to school in fire trucks as a result of winning a fire prevention poster contest through the Brockport Volunteer Firefighter Association. Dorothy Pero created the winning poster and was presented with a \$50 gift card to Walmart. Danakya Prince received an honorable mention. The winning posters will be displayed on the Brockport Fire Department's website.



## PTSA'S REFLECTIONS ARTWORK

Brockport students from UPK to fifth grade contributed artwork to the PTSA's Reflections Art Program recently displayed at the Seymour Library. This year's theme was "Look Within," and students were able to express themselves through visual art, photography or literature.

Reflections was developed by the national PTSA in 1969 to interest children, parents, teachers and communities in the arts. Thousands of students participate in the program each year. Nine students from Brockport participated this year.

All of the Brockport artists were honored during a reception and five pieces were selected to advance to the NYS PTA for recognition and judging. NYS PTA will announce those winners in March, and the National winners will be announced in May. Next year's theme will be "I Matter Because." The PTSA is encouraging all students in UPK through fifth grade to participate.



# What's happening with Brockport's BEST Foundation?

BEST Foundation is a non-profit organization run by community members such as yourself. Consider contributing to BEST with your time, talents and/or resources. We generally meet the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room at the Administration Building. Please email us to confirm the meeting if you would like to attend. We are starting to plan for the "4th Annual Farm to Table to Excellence" dinner to continue our support of BCSD students. Join us!

## Keep in touch with the Brockport BEST Foundation!

 [BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com)

 [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org)

 [@BESTBrockport](https://twitter.com/BESTBrockport)

 [BEST in Brockport Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/BESTinBrockportFoundation)



## Open letter on the state of the PTSA: "PTSA downsizing due to declining involvement"

It is with heavy hearts that the Brockport Central PTSA Board announces that the PTSA will be largely scaling back its district presence due to a severe decline in volunteer involvement. The decreases in both PTSA membership and volunteerism have snowballed over the past few years, and the existing level of programming is unsustainable with the current volunteer climate.



Attempts will be made to meet major commitments already scheduled through the end of this academic year, but as an organization, we have been forced to examine carefully where we are going and what is realistic moving forward. These changes will ultimately affect not only the number and type of PTSA events, but also the PTSA's ability to provide financial support to school-sponsored activities due to the inability to organize and hold worthwhile and successful fundraisers.

The Brockport Central PTSA is still committed to its goal of advocating for students and empowering parents with support, knowledge and available resources, but needs to take a more reasonable and understated approach until there is an increase in volunteer resources. Facing the fact that the PTSA is truly in a state of emergency as an organization was a difficult but necessary one, and cutbacks will be handled in a thoughtful but practical manner.

**-Brockport PTSA Board**

### Did You Know? PTSA BY THE NUMBERS...

PTSA membership for the 2019-2020 school year is at 225 members - a three-year low by an average of over 100 memberships!

### Do you have an hour to help keep any of these programs going?

Please email [BrockportPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportPTSA@gmail.com) to add your name to the volunteer email list or attend an upcoming meeting to see how you can help!

You can also show support by becoming a member:  
<https://brockportptsa.memberhub.store/>

**"Alone, we can do so little; Together we can do so much."  
- Helen Keller**

## What does the Brockport PTSA do for students, families and the BCSD?

- PBIS Awards and school assemblies - **\$6,000 annually**
- Family fun nights - **\$1,300 annually** (plus planning and running events)
- Book fair profits help to fund school library books and supplies - **\$1,400 annually**
- Books to elementary students (Read Across America, Birthday Books, etc.) - **\$3,000+ annually**
- Field trip support - **\$700+ annually** (fifth-grade campout/ eighth-grade history trip to DC)
- Field day/ school picnic supplies and support - **\$1,000 annually**
- BHS Scholarship, Lunch on the Lawn and Project Graduation and support - **\$1,100 annually**
- Attendance award prizes - **\$300-500 annually**
- Reflections Art Contest, workshops and art awards - **\$200 annually**
- Veteran's Day celebration reception, Health and Wellness Night healthy eating station
- School pictures and yearbook design/ development
- Helping Hands for Ginther bus duty, cafeteria assistance and OMS support including locker clean-out
- Walk to School Day water and selfie stations
- Tragic event support and hospitality at open houses/ parent nights/ orientations
- Monthly meetings with principal/assistant principal and parent information nights



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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Brockport Continuing Education program! The mission of our program is to offer continued learning opportunities that meet the needs and interests of our community.

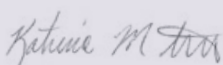
The Brockport Continuing Education program is a self-sustaining program funded by enrollment fees. Since we rely solely on course fees, it is necessary to maintain minimum registration requirements. Please know that classes not meeting minimum registration requirements may be cancelled. Notifications for class cancellations due to limited registration will be made prior to first class sessions and refunds will be issued. Please know class registration fees do not include the cost of books, materials, or supplies unless noted in class descriptions.

Thank you for your support and participation in our program. We encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully,



Debra Waye, Director of  
Continuing Education



Katrina Schwartz,  
Program Secretary

## Registration: (Mail-In)

Please mail the completed registration form with payment to:

### For Continuing Education Courses:

Office of Continuing Education  
Fred W. Hill School  
Brockport Central School District  
40 Allen Street  
Brockport, New York 14420

### For Driver Education Courses:

Office of Driver Education  
Oliver Middle School  
Brockport Central School District  
40 Allen Street  
Brockport, New York 14420

**Exceptions:** 5 HR. Driving Course requires in-person registration at Brockport High School.

**All checks must be made payable to: Brockport Continuing Education. Our office must receive all forms one week prior to the first class session date.** Please remember that prompt registration may reduce the likelihood of classes being cancelled due to low enrollment. You must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to register, with the exception of those courses designed specifically for younger students.

## Refunds

Refunds are provided only if a student withdraws from the class 24 hours prior to the scheduled start date. No refunds will be provided after the first class. If you join a class after the scheduled start date, the tuition will be the same amount. If a class needs to be cancelled due to maintenance or weather emergencies, no partial refund will be issued. **Refunds will be processed for courses that have been fully cancelled from our schedule for reasons such as low enrollment.** Fees for registration do not include the cost of books, materials or supplies, unless noted.

## Class Cancellation & Confirmation

Individual cancelled classes will be rescheduled whenever possible. No refunds will be issued for classes that are not able to be rescheduled. No Continuing Education classes are held when Brockport schools are closed due to weather cancellations or emergency conditions. Please check the Brockport Central School website, your local TV or radio stations for possible cancellations. **If you do not receive notification of cancellation, your class will be held. No confirmations are sent.**

*Due to holiday observances, school functions or scheduled recesses, classes will not meet on the following dates:  
April 4-12 and May 25, 2020.*

## Parking

Please be sure to park in designated areas, not in bus or emergency lanes.

## Contact Information

Continuing Education  
Katrina Schwartz  
Phone: 585-637-1854  
Email: [katrina.schwartz@bcs1.org](mailto:katrina.schwartz@bcs1.org)

Driver Education  
Trina Kenney  
Phone: 585-637-1961  
Email: [trina.kenney@bcs1.org](mailto:trina.kenney@bcs1.org)

## WEMOCO Adult Classes

A vast number of vocational programs in business, health, trade and industrial areas are available. Information concerning offerings, dates, cost, etc. can be obtained by calling the Center for Workforce Development Office at 585-349-9100.

Follow us on Twitter @BCSContinuingEd to stay up to date on new and returning class offerings and updates!

# Sports and Fitness

## Junior Blue Devils Cheerleading boys and girls grades 5 - 12

This league is for athletes interested in the sport of cheerleading. Our focus will be helping each athlete develop and advance their skills in stunting, jumps, voice, dance and other aspects of cheerleading. Join our team of instructors for this opportunity. Space is limited, so sign up early!



Fee: \$85

Wednesdays and Fridays  
Dates: May 6 – June 26

Minimum Enrollment: 15

Maximum Enrollment: 30

Coordinator: Melissa Snider

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: High School North Gym

*\*All gymnasium usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*

## Golf lessons ages 16 and up

Come out and enjoy this fun four-day class for ages 16 and up. This class will teach the fundamentals of the game of golf and will focus on achieving a full swing and solid contact with the ball. Please join the instructor, Tom Stanton, at Woodlands Golf Range, 5500 West Ridge Road, Spencerport. The fee is \$75 per session. Clubs and equipment are included for those who need them. There is an additional ball fee of \$7 per class. There are 4 sessions available. Please see dates and times below. Class is limited to 10 participants, so early registration is recommended.

Fee: \$75 per session (*plus ball fee payable to the instructor*)

May Sessions: Tuesdays 5, 12, 19, 26  
Thursdays 7, 14, 21, 28

June sessions: Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, 23  
Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25

Maximum Enrollment: 10

Time 6-7 p.m.

Instructor: Tom Stanton

Location: Woodlands Golf Range

# Arts and Leisure

## Brockport Community Big Band

The Brockport Community Big Band is an adult group performing jazz with a focus on big band music from the 1940's to the present day. Rehearsals are in the Brockport High School band room on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. year-round. To be considered for membership, a playing audition must be performed, demonstrating knowledge of the jazz idiom and a skill level that is commensurate with the standard of the group. Performers on saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, guitar and drum set will be considered for membership. Members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances throughout the year. This group is not open to high school age students or college students who do not live within traveling distance to Brockport for weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

For dates and additional information please call Lorie Bryant at 585-766-3951.

## Easy Sunday brunch cooking class

If you are interested in kicking back and relaxing on Sunday but would still like to enjoy time with your family, come and learn some fabulous ways to WOW them with several great brunch recipes. Learn how to set up a yogurt or Belgian waffle 'bar,' as well a variety of ways to serve eggs that will leave them impressed with your new entertaining options. This course will give you great new ideas just in time for Easter or any time you want to entertain and impress your friends and family.

Fee: \$40

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Minimum Enrollment: 5

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Instructor: Catherine Seifert

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Oliver Middle School Ground Floor, Room #045

## Easy meal prep

Does the idea of weekly grocery shopping and meal planning overwhelm you? Does your family calendar have everyone running in different directions? Avoiding fast food and take out, as well as carving out time for family meals is possible. With some advanced planning, you can have quick, healthy meals on the table in just a short time. Come learn how to simplify grocery shopping and weekly meal prep.



Fee: \$40

Date: Wednesday, April 29

Instructor: Catherine Seifert

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Minimum Enrollment: 5

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Location: Oliver Middle School Ground Floor, Room #045

## Cooking with your air fryer

Do you have an air fryer and are not quite sure what to do with it? Are you thinking about getting an air fryer but feel that it is intimidating? In this class, you'll learn how to make guilt-free recipes that will include breakfast, appetizers, main meals and desserts. We'll cover helpful hints to make your air fryer your new favorite kitchen accessory. Bring your appetite and come join us for this hands-on class. If you want to become more acquainted with your air fryer, please feel free to bring yours.

Fee: \$40

Date: Monday, May 4

Minimum Enrollment: 5

Maximum Enrollment: 16

Instructor: Catherine Seifert

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Oliver Middle School Ground Floor, Room #045

# Finance and Planning

## Notary Public License Law

Whether you are looking to become a new Notary Public or need a refresher on Notary Law and the duties and responsibilities afforded to you, this comprehensive class will provide you with the information necessary to pass the Notary Exam. You will learn testing and renewal policies, procedures of being a Notary Public and ways to shield yourself from liability in the execution of your duties. This two-day class will be held this semester in conjunction with Hilton Continuing Education at the Quest Elementary School, located at 225 West Avenue in the Town of Hilton. Please see additional information below.



Fee: \$45 registration  
(plus \$5 materials fee payable to instructor at class)

Dates: March 23 & 30  
 Minimum Enrollment: 4  
 Instructor: Kristin Cavallaro  
 Location: Hilton Quest Elementary School, Staff Development Room

Maximum Enrollment: 20  
 Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

## All you need to know about "going solar"

Energy costs are increasing at a rapid pace. Is it time to think about solar energy? With current available tax credits and grants, it may be time to consider solar options. We will discuss solar energy systems, how they work, what they cost and your potential return on investment. Join solar consultant Brian Venton to learn more about "going solar".

Fee: \$10  
 Minimum Enrollment: 3  
 Instructor: Brian Venton

Date: Tuesday, April 28  
 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Location: Fred W. Hill Library

## So you're an executor, now what?

Being the executor of an estate can be a daunting task. Whether you are an executor, have been designated as one, or are choosing an executor, this class will help you to better understand the required duties and responsibilities. Avoid the mistakes that could hurt you and your family.

Fee: \$10  
 Minimum Enrollment: 3  
 Instructor: Brian Venton

Date: Tuesday, May 12  
 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Location: Fred W. Hill Library

## Brockport Driver Education Program

Please see the district's website for available driver education programs.

[www.bcs1.org/community/driver\\_education](http://www.bcs1.org/community/driver_education)

**Please fill out the form below for Continuing Education courses and return with your payment to our office.**  
 For online registration and payment please visit [bcs1.org/continuinged](http://bcs1.org/continuinged).

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**Remember: If you don't hear otherwise, your course will be held. Classes begin the week of April 13, 2020, unless noted otherwise.**



## Brockport students prepare for TEDx talks

Junior, SharonMarie Bartz, and seventh grader, Sadie Contrera, have both been accepted to present at TEDx talks in Clinton, NY. The students were approached for this opportunity by their former fourth-grade teacher Christopher Albrecht, who will coach and mentor the students.

For her talk, titled "Change Your Thoughts, Change Your World," SharonMarie will explain how she was able to take charge of and enjoy her outlook on life by changing her work ethics. SharonMarie details the perseverance needed and the joy she found from pushing through the challenges of going the extra mile.

Sadie's talk uses the analogy of bugs in a jar to explain how unconventional learning experiences have positive influences on long-term learning and attitudes. She explains how a teacher was able to empower his students by letting them learn in a different environment, inspiring them to return to the classroom because the "lid on the jar" remained open.

The presentations will take place on April 24 at the TEDx Conference at Clinton Middle School in Clinton, NY and are open to the public.



*You're invited!*

The alumni/faculty basketball game to benefit the Unified Sports Program will be held Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oliver Middle School lower gym.

This is the first year the game will be a true Unified format with faculty, former athletes and partner players competing on mixed teams.

Donations collected at the door and proceeds from concessions will go toward items such as awards and uniforms. More than \$1,000 was raised during the game last year to benefit the Unified Sports Program.

The Unified Sports Program pairs students of all abilities together to train and compete in athletic games. The program extends far beyond sports by inspiring compassion, camaraderie, inclusion and lifelong memories for all involved.

## Kindergarten parent info night

Parents of children who will attend kindergarten this fall are invited to attend an information night on Monday, March 9 from 6-7 p.m. at the Ginther School. Topics will include screening, registration and support services, easing the adjustment to school and kindergarten readiness activities to practice at home. Guided tours of the building will also be provided.

Children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2020 to attend kindergarten in September 2020. If your child is eligible for kindergarten and you have not received a student information form, please contact the Registrar's Office at 585-637-1857 or registrar@bcs1.org.

## Winter Recess: No School February 17-21, 2020

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