



BHMS NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition of BHMS News! This edition includes stories about past and, when possible, snips about and dates of upcoming events.

The BHMS News staff would like to thank Mrs. Bernhardt, who served us for many years as our Advisor,



She has stepped down and handed the reigns over to this year's Advisor and Editor-in-Chief, Mrs. Martelli. Our 2022-23 executive producer/editor is Callisto Taraborelli, our print editor is Amanda Cangelosi, and our broadcast director is MaeAna Reyes.

WEEK OF RESPECT

OCTOBER 3RD-7TH

This year, New Jersey Week of Respect was October 3rd-7th. Ms. Kerfoot, Mr. D'Ostilio, and the Bulldog Ambassadors led activities during lunches to spread awareness of the goals of this program. The activities included identifying what traits about yourself you think give back to the people around you and what traits you look for in a friend. A few Bulldog Ambassadors (Amanda C, Sophia L, Julianna C, Victoria G, Alexis F, and Annalise H) then designed a bulletin board that displays all these traits for anyone to view.



BULLDOG AMBASSADORS



The 26 inductees are Matthew Badurina, Campbell Basu, Alessandra Caballero, Amanda Cangelosi, Julianna Cassidy, Mackenzi Cerchiaro, Alexis Furman, Victoria Garcia, Lia Glodowski, Rron Hajrullahu, Madison Hengy, Annalise Hilbert, Grace Kendorski, Chloe Krupa, Sophia Lafferty, Santiago Major, Cassidy McGinley, Dakota Milou, Hannah Mroz, Kylie Paravati, Chase Quan, MaeAna Reyes, Ava Sadowski, Natalia Serad, Callisto Taraborelli, and Mia Terruso.

This year's Bulldog Ambassadors of Distinction were inducted on October 6th. Bulldog Ambassadors were chosen based on academic achievement, dedication to the school, and show of character. The selected students will run various activities, mentor younger students, and more.

Families were allowed to attend as they watched their students presented with a certificate of excellence. Ms. Kerfoot and Mr. D'Ostilio led the program with opening remarks. Following, a keynote speech was given by a 7th grade teacher and team leader, Mrs. McKenty.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This edition's staff spotlights are Miss Meo and Mr. DiJohn.



Maria Meo



Ryan DiJohn

Miss Meo enjoys being outside, she likes to snowboard in the winter and travel in the summer. Miss Meo has one dog named Izzy; she is a mix of bichon and yorkie. Three words that Miss Meo used to describe herself are athletic, kind, and easygoing.

Miss Meo's advice for the current middle schoolers is to treat people how you want to be treated and always be yourself. Miss Meo is especially proud of becoming a teacher.

Mr DiJohn enjoys cooking, working out, kayaking, and fishing. He has one dog named Patch, a two-year-old sheltie. Three words Mr. DiJohn uses to describe himself are honest, patient, and determined.

Mr. DiJohn recommends that people never give up on their dreams, no matter how many obstacles are in the way. He is especially proud of getting accepted into the Air Force.

ASK BUNKY ADVICE COLUMN

The advice column is for helping out students who are struggling with school issues. Students are invited to anonymously send us their concerns or questions on a Microsoft form. Please make sure that your questions are appropriate for school. We will pick as many as possible from our selection, consult with experts, and offer our best advice. We can, hopefully, help others who are struggling with the same issue by offering advice in this public forum. Use this link to access the form and ask your question or state your concern:



[ASK BUNKY](#)

THE FALL PLAY



The Revolutionary War in 40 Minutes or Less - Just like Washington, the Drama Club, led by Mr. & Mrs. Appleby, came up big! The play highlighted all the important events of the Revolution, included heroes like Franklin, Washington, and Lafayette, addressed historical inaccuracies like Bunker Hill/Breed's Hill, and featured many scenes with a lot of laughs. Congratulations to Kevin and Megan on another successful play and congratulations to all of our Drama Club students!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Every BHMS Spit Lunch is represented by Student Council. This year's presidential election was held on October 6th. Eighth graders Matthew Badurina, Callisto Taraborelli, and Chase Quan were elected as president, vice president, and secretary, respectfully.

The first event led by Student Council was the annual Harvest Dance on October 27th. Many hours went into planning the event and the exciting activities that took place there. Thank you to the cabinet, members of Student Council, as well as multiple families for spending the time to making this dance a night to remember.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Council is also hosting an eighth grade Winter Wonderland on December 9th, and a sixth and seventh grade movie night on December 8th.

The 6th- & 7th-Grade Movie Night will be held on December 8th from 6-8:30pm, and tickets are \$10 each.

With the purchase of a ticket, everyone will receive a slice of pizza, a soda, and popcorn. Candy will be sold as well. The movie shown will be 'ELF'.

The 8th grade Winter Wonderland will be held on December 9th from 6-7:30pm, and tickets are \$5 each.

With the purchase of a ticket, everyone will receive a free hot chocolate, cookie, and a candy cane. There will also be live music from each of Bunker Hill's music programs.

CLASS NEWS



OKTOBERFEST

Students recently read about and discussed the customs and importance of the holiday to German and Bavarian culture. They also created gingerbread hearts (Lebkuchenherzen) with German sayings on them to be worn during the school day!

During the event, the students sampled three types of German sausage, including wurst, Käsespaetzle, and Wiener Schnitzel, along with classic German potato salad, pretzels, and a delicious Apfelstrudel; all food was provided by a Philadelphia restaurant, Brauhaus Schmitz.

Students enjoyed the food while listening to traditional Bavarian music and having access to a German Photobooth! The BHMS PTO offset some of the cost of the food with a donation, and approximately 50 students signed up to take part.

"Halloween Pop Up" Orchestra Concerts were enjoyed by all during period 6 on Tuesday thru Thursday, October 25 - October 27.

THE SCHULTÜTEN

The Schultüten is a first day of school German tradition that started in 1810. The Schultüten is given to kids on the first day of school as a symbol of a new chapter in life, and to enlighten the effect of having to go to school for the next 12-13 years. It is usually filled with small presents, treats, school supplies, books and more.

Can you hear the Music?

Combined 7th and 8th grade orchestra, band, and choir Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13th at 7 pm held at the WTHS.
6th grade orchestra, band, and choir Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 pm held at Bunker Hill.

All South Jersey Honors Orchestra auditions held at Absegami High School in Galloway on Saturday, December 10th at 9 am.

CLUB NEWS



Bunker Hill Middle School Team Up Students Line Entrance of School with Flags in Veterans Day Tribute

Members of Bunker Hill Middle School's Team Up program lined the entrance of the school with flags in a Veterans Day tribute. The program pairs up students from the school's specialized programs with general education peers for various activities, lunches, and special events.

PAPEL PICADOS AND DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Art club and World Culture Club worked together to make Papel Picados to help decorate the school. Papel Picados are traditional Mexican decorations that are made by cutting abstract designs into tissue paper. The decorations can also be known as Mexican folk art. Papel Picados represents many things, such as the union between life and death, the fragility of life, and the element of wind. Papel Picados are mainly used to decorate homes and towns to make them look nice; they are also used to decorate areas for special holidays such as Día de Muertos, Mexican Independence Day, religious festivities, street parties, weddings, and birthday parties. "World Culture Club and Art Club completed the Papel Picado for a Dia de los Muertos display in the lobby that will showcase the sugar skulls made by Mrs. Franz and Mr. Murro.



The skulls will be in the lobby display case after being made on Dia de los Muertos!"

Bunker Hill Middle School's Future Business Leaders of American chapter is preparing for this membership year.

The 2022-2023 Executive Board includes (president) Callisto Taraborelli, Natalia Serad, Rron Hajrullahu, Angelo Valentine, and Grant Heil.

Also, a huge congratulations to eighth graders Grant Heil and Natalia Serad who will serve on the New Jersey Future Business Leaders of America Middle School Committee, as well as Callisto Taraborelli, who was named the Committee Chair.

FBLA



Trivia Contest

Bunker Hill Newspaper Club has created a fun trivia contest in which you have to complete 33 questions! If you get all of them right, you may win a prize.

You must enter your full name to qualify to win a prize. If you use a silly or inappropriate name, you will be disqualified. You may only enter once. If you enter more than once, you will be disqualified.

CLICK ON THE TRIVIA GRAPHIC BELOW TO PLAY:



HAVE A GREAT WINTER BREAK, BULLDOGS!

“NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED.”

-AESOP-

ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Every edition of the BHMS News will include an Act of Kindness Challenge.

Use the attached link to record your kindness and the results..

Kindness entries will be recorded and entered into a drawing for prizes..

Students who complete a challenge for each challenge will receive a special prize at the end of the school year...

Use this link to access a Microsoft Forms that includes the information on this graphic.

BEHIND THE SCENES

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Today's Date:

Choose Kindness Now

Kindness is a choice we can make over and over again. And every time we do, we make a difference to those around us. Use the step-by-step instructions below to choose kindness now!

1 CHOOSE your kind act.

Kind Acts Bank

- Invite someone to something
- Thank someone for something they did
- Take a mindful moment for yourself
- Pick up litter or trash
- Draw a picture for someone
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- Help someone with schoolwork
- Help with a chore you don't normally do
- Give someone a compliment
- Smile at someone
- Go outside and enjoy nature

2 PLAN your kind act.

Who will you do it for?

When will you do it?

Where will you do it?

3 DO your kind act!

4 OBSERVE what happened and how you feel.

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HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

In 1621, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held with the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. They ate a feast, and celebrated the Autumn harvest. Many years ago, the settlements in Plymouth met with people from the Wampanoag tribe and others that lived near.



The purpose of this meeting was to establish harmony. When the Governor decided to celebrate the harvest, they invited the tribe to the feast. Together, many people brought food for the others, and they celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

Eventually, Thanksgiving became a yearly holiday and it became more widely celebrated. Although it was popular, it only became a national holiday when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it as such.

Thanksgiving

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The first Thanksgiving was held in 1621.

Ronald Reagan was the first president to give a turkey a presidential pardon.

Minnesota raises the most turkeys.

The Native Americans brought venison to the first Thanksgiving.

Canada's Thanksgiving is held on the second Monday of October.

The busiest day of the year for plumbers is Black Friday.

Two hundred cranberries are used for one can of cranberry sauce.

The world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner cost \$150,000.

There no Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades in 1942, 1943, and 1944 during WWII.



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HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

The Halloween movie night at Bunker Hill was so much fun! Hocus Pocus 2 was an excellent choice. There were snacks sold during the event and everyone had a chance to sit with friends! To go to the movie night, a permission slip and a canned good had to be turned in.



There was a wide variety of delicious snacks, such as Skittles, Nerd Gummy Clusters, Pringles, and so much more candy! Hocus Pocus 2 was a great movie to watch and a great way to connect and catch up with friends. This event was a blast and an overall great experience! Some people didn't get a chance to go this year, but there is always a chance next year!

FUTURE ACTS

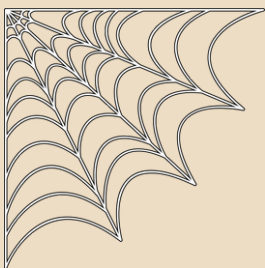
Every year Future Acts participates in a Candy Buy Back; this is when students in every grade can bring in a bag of left-over candy to receive service hours for the Bull Dog Bash. All the candy brought is donated to many local charities and foundations such as Unforgotten Haven and Cardinal Village. Members of the Future Acts club bagged the candy and added inspirational stickers to the bags to be donated. The candy was given to people in need and put smiles on many faces.



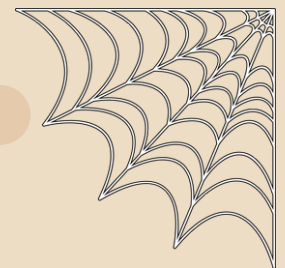
HALLOWEEN HISTORY



Halloween is a rich and deep tradition that was created by the Celts many years ago. The Celts' version of the holiday was much different than ours. On October 31st there was once a festival called Samhain. At this holiday, the tradition was to light large bonfires, in order to ward off spirits they believed to be evil. Celts dressed up to scare the ghosts so when it got dark and cold, so the Celts could protect themselves. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory the third created a holiday on November 1st which incorporated some traditions of Samhain and the festivals. Across the many years of Samhain, traditions and groups of people changed. Centuries later, this holiday became very different, and differed throughout all of Europe. After quite some time, Halloween came to the Americas, and morphed to the Halloween we know and celebrate today.



HALLOWEEN FACTS



1. Illinois produces five times more pumpkin than almost every other state
2. The fastest pumpkin carving in the world is 16.47 seconds long.
3. Bathurst Canada doesn't let people over 16 trick or treat and if they do they get a \$200 fine
4. Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926
5. Candy corn was officially called Chicken Feed
6. Jack o Lanterns were first carved into turnips
7. Pumpkins are actually a part of the fruit family
8. Finding a spider on Halloween is considered good luck