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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2009-10 school year. Despite the fiscal challenges facing public education, I look forward to working with staff, parents and students to continue the tradition of excellence here at BHS. I hope to see you at Back to

School Night on September 10 and at school events throughout the year.

Minimum days

In order to provide opportunities for staff to work together on school wide issues, we are adding

four minimum days to the 2009-10 school calendar. These minimum days will be September 24, October 29, February 4 and March 25.

- Chris Holleran
BHS Principal

Parents' Group President's Message

Dear BHS families:

Welcome all new and returning families to Burlingame High School! We are looking forward to serving as your Parents' Group (PG) Co-Presidents this year. We hope you'll get involved at BHS and contribute to our wonderful school community. Studies have shown that child(ren) of any age benefit greatly from their parents' involvement in their education. More importantly, ALL BHS students will benefit from ALL parental involvement at Burlingame High.

Treasurers
Rawson Groves Hobart, Carolyn Masline and Yvonne Wun

Auditor
Selina Soo

Parliamentarian
Kathleen Parker

Recording Secretary
Adrienne Leigh Schubiner

Parents' Group Meetings - Mark your calendar for our first Parents' Group meeting on Wed., Sept. 9 at 7pm in the library. We will be introducing the Executive Board and Committee Chairs, presenting our 2009-2010 budget and catching up on school news from our Principal, Chris Holleran. **Parents' Group Meeting Dates for the year - Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 12, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12.** All meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the library, with the exception of November, when the meeting will be held on Thursday in observance of Veteran's Day.

Parents' Group Goal - The aim of the BHS Parents' Group is to maintain our high level of parent involvement in the way of volunteer support, parent education and donation dollars (via the Excellence Fund, Taste of the Town, eScrip and Parents' Group Membership). This exceptional formula, in combination with our partnership with administration, teachers and staff, enhances every student's quality of education at BHS. Your involvement and donations to the Parents' Group are more important than ever as we attempt to supplement our needs with supplies and programs that the California State budget no longer funds.

Meet our 2009-2010 Executive Board - Many thanks to our new and returning Board Members. We look forward to working with all of you to make this a fun and productive year for the PG.

Parents' Group Membership Dues \$15 - You can support the Parents' Group just by becoming a member. Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for the Membership Form and for many other PG forms. For more information about the mission and goals of the Parents' Group, please see the President's letter in the handbook or click on <http://bhspg.org/>.

Vice Presidents Parent Education
Diana Ferris and Jan Nickoley Keele

Vice Presidents Excellence Fund
Peggy McLaughlin and Becky Showen

Vice President Taste of the Town
Cheryl Partee (looking for co-chair)

Vice President Roles & Responsibilities
Suzanne Rogers

Vice President Communications
Erica Reilly

Vice President Volunteers
Heather Sinclair

Finally, we wish your student(s) much success this year at BHS. The high school years are a critical time and there is no doubt that your parental involvement is still critical at this stage. We hope you'll take an active role in the Parents' Group and use it as a vehicle to stay connected to your child and to Burlingame High School.

- Cindy Montgomery and Christi Johnson
2009-2010 BHS Parents' Group Co-Presidents



Academic Center News

The BHS Academic Center for this year officially opened its doors on Monday, August 24th. It is open all week 7th period and Monday through Thursday until 4:00pm, in the library.

Please keep this valuable school resource in mind in the event that you feel your child needs help understanding concepts covered in class or could use some reinforcement of those concepts. My goal is to make sure that each student feels confident and supported in his or her classroom efforts.

If your child would like to earn community service hours, please encourage them to stop by the Center during its hours of operation to pick up a tutoring application. We need their help!

Peer tutoring can be an effective tool for academic success, so I hope you'll take advantage of the Center. Whether your child needs help, or has help to give, I'd love to hear from them. In addition, please feel free to stop by or email me at parkerem@aol.com or eparker@smuhsd.org with any questions or concerns you might have.

I look forward to working with your children.

- Liz Parker
Academic Center Coordinator

Background Photo courtesy of Grey Whipple,
BHS Class of 1955

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU



BHS is relying on our parent community to help enhance our children's educational experience and many parents are giving up their personal time to help out. Each month, we will be highlighting a group of volunteers that is making a difference.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Thank you to **Lynn Currie** and **Anna Lyons** for once again chairing this annual event. Lynn and Anna would like to thank the following individuals for helping to make the **May** breakfast such a success for our faculty and staff.

For their helping hands and culinary contributions:

Food and Coordinators - Candi Griffin, Jan Keele and Sharon Paratte

Alisa Ruiz Johnson
Amy Fearn
Ann Malouf
Annie Waldsmith
Audrey Gustafson
Becky Showen
Carol Loew
Cathy Posey
Charlotte McFadden
Cindy Montgomery
Cindy Thompson
Claudia Michaels
Debby Hirabayashi
Ellen Mazzoni
Francesca Lombardo
Gina Haggarty
Gina Williams
Gloria Choma
Jan Mann
Janice Gumas
Jen Jory
Jennifer Keleher
Judy Gee
Karen Kwong

Kim Miller
Laurel Kane
Loretta Stevenson
Lynn Lenardin
Lynne McVey
Martha Chambers
Melanie Hoefler
Michelle Johnson
Molly Wantach
Pam Merchant
Patti Anixter
Peggy Delbon
Regina Neu
Renee Mark
Robin Alioto
Robin DelPape
Satomi Miles
Sharon Miller
Shelley Puterman
Sherry Nash
Sylvia Hale
Teresa Lindhartsen
Teresita Condon

For their donation of raffle gifts:

Adrienne Leigh Schubiner
Alisa Ruiz Johnson
Ann Little
Ann Malouf
Anna Heymann
Audrey Glustafson
Betsy Murray
Bradley Matteoni
Candi Griffin
Carolyn Masline
Cathie Reisman
Cathy Hoang
Charlotte McFadden
Cheryl Galli
Christi Johnson
Christine Yballa
Cindy Montgomery
Claudia Michaels
Creeks Family
Debbie Kurzrock
Debbie Martin
Debby Hirabayashi
Eliabeth Field
Elli Breslin
Gloria Davila
Heather Sinclair
Henk Van Arkel
Holly Daley
Jacquel Lindstrom
Jan Keele
Jan Norris
Janelle Van Rensselaer
Janine Sturiale
Jennifer Davis
Jenny Kehler
Joan Fox
Karen Hanson

Lane Ryan
Laurel Kane
Laurie Benson
Lisa Amick
Loretta Stephenson
Lori Beresford
Lori Coustier
Louise Bonomo
Lynn McVey
Mai Lam
Margaret Biagi
Marilyn Elperin
Martha Chambers
Mary Banchemo
Michelle Tandowsky
Molly Wantuch
Natalie Forood
Ortiz Family
Pamela Matthews
Patty Anixter
Patty Garey
Paul Magnuson
Regina Neu
Seyem Arslan
Sharon Paratte
Shirin Coleman
Susan Joseph
Susie Klein
Suzanne Christiansen
Suzanne Fosse
Suzanne Rogers
Tara Pratt
Terry Cera (Max's Restaurant)
Thomas O'Connor
Toni Reynolds
Toni Vasquez
Tracey White

Kathreen Johnston
Kathy Pappageorge
Kathy Strem
Kristine Mendelson

Yvonne Wun
Zinaida Stelmakh

English Text Book Scan

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with textbook organization and collection during the last few weeks of school.

Alisa Ruiz Johnson
Alison Hawayek
Amy Fearn
Ann Barry
Betsy Murray
Beverly Epstein
Carol Loew
Cheryl Partee
Cindy Thompson
Gina Hartji
Gina Williams
Jeanne Davidge

Jennifer Royer Sullivan
Laurel Kane
Leslie Inokuchi
Loretta Stephenson
Lori Rossi
Mary- Helen McMahon
Melissa Brumbaugh
Michele Delia
Molly Larratt
Robin DelPape
Sharon Miller

Summer Handbook Stuffing and Distribution

And a few weeks before school began these volunteers helped with stuffing and distributing the BHS Parent/ Student Handbook:

Alisa Ruiz-Johnson
Becky Showen
Candi Griffin
Candy Welch
Christi Johnson
Cindy Montgomery
Erica Reilly
Judy Cui

Kathy Strem
Leslie Inokuchi
Linda Carlton
Lynn Currie
Rawson Groves Hobart
Reva Shanus
Robin DelPape
Yvonne Wun

Summer Registration & Orientation

A special thank you to all the parents who helped staff the registration/orientation days for all grades:

Adrienne Leigh Schubiner
Alisa Ruiz-Johnson
Amy Fearn
Andrea Moore
Anna Lyons
Annabelle Vakili
Annie Waldsmith
Audrey Gustafson
Barbara Kiernan
Becky Showen
Betsy Westman
Brenda Lowe
Candy Welch
Cheryl Galli
Christina Flowers
Christine Lee
Cindy Montgomery
Cindy Thompson
Cynthia Wornick
Erica Reilly
Gina Williams
Jan Norris
Jane Kwan
Jodi Campion
Karen Delee Simpson
Kate Mulligan
Kathy Strem
Tania Murphy

Katie Foster
Leslie Inokuchi
Linda Carlton
Liz Gindraux
Loretta Stephenson
Loretta Stephenson
Lynn Currie
Lynn Goodman
Lynn McVey
Mary-Helen McMahon
Molly Larratt
Natalie Vasiliev
Pam Lampkin
Pam Merchant
Pam Sommers
Paula Wong
Renee Mark
Reva Shanus
Rhondal Jeong
Robin Karp
Shannan Quan
Sharon Paratte
Shelley Puterman
Stephanie Hu
Suzanne Christiansen
Suzanne Rogers
Yvonne Wun

This is just a partial list of parent volunteer activity. We've done our best to keep track of all the volunteers but if we missed your name please accept our apology.

*- Heather Sinclair
Volunteer Coordinator*

EXPLORE - SCHOOL TO CAREER

(Exploring Pathways Learning Opportunities Real Experiences)



Job Shadow Signups (August 24th-Sept. 25th)

- Job Shadow signups are currently available for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders for fall job shadows. Please email me at bpascal@smuhsd.k12.ca.us or have your student come to the Career Center to sign up. There are many opportunities for a student to spend time with a mentor in a career that they might be considering in the future.

- Mills/Peninsula Healthcare Career Day (November 9th, 2009). Signups are being taken for this field trip which includes a tour of Peninsula Hospital and a panel of speakers representing the fields of nursing, physicians, speech therapy, X-Ray technicians and many other careers in the healthcare field. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Please come to the Career Center to register.

Speakers Series

Speakers will again be featured in various classes during the school year. Students will be provided with information in the areas of economics and banking, various career opportunities as well as motivational speakers.

Field trips

Field trip opportunities will be available to all grade levels. Please refer to the daily bulletins and school Loop for up-to-date information.

Work Permits

If your student is under the age of 18 and is currently working or has recently been hired, they are required to have a work permit. Please see Mrs. Pascal in the Career Center for the permit application.

Job Search

If you are in search of a job during the school year, please see Mrs. Pascal or refer to the job board in the main hall.

The EXPLORE program is looking forward to another successful year and multiple opportunities for all your students.

If you are interested in speaking to a class or have any suggestions please contact me at bpascal@smuhsd.k12.ca.us or (650) 558 2847.

- Beth Pascal
558 2847

bpascal@smuhsd.k12.ca.us

P.A.W.S.

(People Action Work Service)

Many thanks to the BHS Parents' Group for its continued support as the PAWS program enters its 13th year. The PAWS office is located inside the Career Center, A138, and is opened M-Th, 8:30-1:30. The program is two-fold:

- To encourage students to engage in community service activities.
- To work with teachers to integrate service into the curriculum—"service learning".

BHS students are **not** required to complete a mandatory number of community service hours, however, students are strongly encouraged to give back to their community. Students who have volunteered at least 100 hours during **each** academic year (summers excluded) for a total of 400 hours for four years will be eligible to receive the Golden PAW recognition award for service when they are seniors. Students can obtain information about current volunteer activities, upcoming events, and pertinent volunteer information, by dropping by the PAWS office, checking SchoolLoop, listening to BTV news, and clicking on the Daily Bulletin link on the BHS website. In addition, there is a PAWS bulletin board located outside the Career Center.

In conjunction with the Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative program, Schools for Schools, Celebrate Service, "Just for the Health of It"/Health Week/A-thon is scheduled for the week of October 12. The goals of the program are:

- Physical Fitness
- Health
- Domestic Community Service
- International Community Service

To meet these goals, the week is filled with fun and meaningful activities including a health fair during an extended lunch and a jump rope a-thon, "Jump for the Health of It". Half of the funds raised will go to BHS for physical fitness and nutrition and the other half will go to a special needs school in Dharamsala, India. The entire schedule will be featured in the October Highlights. Remember to support your students in this fundraiser and talk to your local business owners to contribute to the health of BHS students.

Application packets are now available in the PAWS office for juniors and seniors interested in being Outdoor Ed counselors for the following dates:

September 28-October 2	McKinley Elementary School
October 19-23	Crocker Middle School
October 26-30	Franklin Elementary School
February 1-5	Lincoln Elementary School

Encourage your students to get connected! They can choose from one-time events to volunteering on an on-going basis. A PAWS timesheet and liability form must be completed by all students who volunteer. One timesheet needs to be completed and submitted for each semester. Contact Sue Glick, PAWS Coordinator, at (650)558-2873 or by email at sglick@smuhsd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

September 9	Seniors & Youth, Computer training for senior citizens, 3:15-4pm, Wednesdays
September 16	Macy's Youth Inform Night, Ft. Mason, San Francisco
September 19	11th Annual Bay Front Clean Up, 9-12, http://www.flowstobay.org
September 20	Heart Walk, Coyote Point, (650)259-2807, pam.oneill@heart.org
October 3-4	American Cancer Society Relay for Life, BHS track
October 12-16	"Just for the Health of It"/Health Week/A-thon

- Sue Glick
PAWS Coordinator
sglick@abbott.smuhsd.k12.ca.us

CAREER CENTER NEWS

Help Your Student Prepare for College Success! Register Your 10th or 11th Grade Student for the PSAT!

What: The Practice SAT is a 2 hour and 10 minute, national test of skills that are important for success in college: verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem solving and writing. Junior scores will be used to determine the candidates for the National Merit Scholarship.

When & Where: Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. at Burlingame High School

Why: The PSAT helps your student prepare for the SAT Reasoning or ACT tests, required by almost all 4-year colleges and universities.

Taking the PSAT in the 10th & 11th grade helps students build confidence for the SAT or ACT. Students who take the PSAT score better on the SAT or ACT than students who don't take it. For more information, visit the College Board PSAT web site: www.collegeboard.com/testing.

To Register: Students should bring \$21 check and this registration form to school by September 24, 2009. Students must register with Mrs. Friel, College & Financial Aid Advisor, Career Center Room A138.

Test Results: During the week of December 7, 2009, your student will receive test results at school, including correct answers, his/her answers, and the test questions. This information will help your student strengthen skills and knowledge before taking the SAT or ACT. Mark your December calendar now to ask your student about the results.

----- Detach & Return with Payment -----

Detach and return with payment to Mrs. Friel, Career Center Room A138.
LAST DAY TO REGISTER for the PSAT is September 24, 2009

Cost: \$21 Payment **MUST** accompany registration form
Make checks payable to Burlingame High School
No refunds. Payment by check only.

Student Name _____ Student ID# _____

Grade (circle one) 10th 11th

Please do not mail this form. Students must go to the Career Center and register in person. Each student will be given a study guide and admission slip for the test.

DRAMA BOOSTERS



Join the Drama Boosters and Support Theatre Arts at BHS!

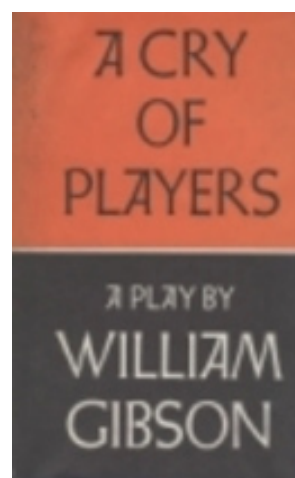
The Drama Boosters are a group of BHS parents who are committed to the success of the Theatre Arts Program at BHS. Through volunteerism, the Drama Boosters assist in the production of the Fall Play and Spring Musical. From sewing costumes, coordinating props, painting & constructing sets, to assisting with sound, lighting and beyond, the Drama Boosters play a critical role in bringing the BHS productions to life! Our goal is to lend invaluable support to our students in an effort to help each of them achieve success both behind the scenes and on the stage.

Please join the Drama Boosters & the Drama Club for a **Back-to-School Potluck on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Drama Room.** We will have a brief meeting to discuss our plans for the year while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones! **Our regular meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Drama Room.**

[Click here to see our membership/contribution form for more information on becoming a Booster!](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Drama Boosters President, Jennifer Royer Sullivan, at 650-548-0595 or jenjoroyer@yahoo.com.

**The BHS Theatre Department and the
BHS Drama Boosters
Are Pleased to Announce the Fall Play!**



Gibson is one of America's leading playwrights (his works include *The Miracle Worker*). *A Cry of Players* is a gripping speculative tale of the budding poet of Avon, celebrating his early, troubled years, and his ultimate destiny that will prove far greater than his hopes could conceive. Dedicated by the playwright "to all the young who will not obey what is", *A Cry of Players* explores Will Shakespeare's last three days in Stratford as he wrestles with the gut-wrenching decision of whether to follow his passion or to obey what is.

Please join us November 21-23, 2009 in the BHS Theatre!

Parent Education

College Bound - Calming the College Admissions Frenzy

Date: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Alumni Room – Building A (adjacent to the south end parking lot)

Please join us to hear independent college admissions advisor, Joanne Levy-Prewitt, tell us what to expect during the college application process. She will dispel myths about that perfect college and give some tips for success in high school, which might lead to more choices when it comes to college admissions. She will also discuss the admissions process in the context of the current financial environment. Joanne offers workshops to college bound students and can be reached at www.ggworkshops.com. This discussion is open to parents of students in all grade levels!

Freshman Information Night - A Big Success

The launch of our first Parent Education night of the school year was a great success with well over 100 parents of Freshman and new students in attendance! They came to ask questions and listen to our expert, five parent panel and to our Principal, Chris Holleran, talk about BHS and what to expect for their student's first year.

Parent Education talks will be offered most months during the school year, so watch for them to be advertised here.

- Diana Ferris
dianaferris@comcast.net
Jan Nickoley
jnkeele@yahoo.com

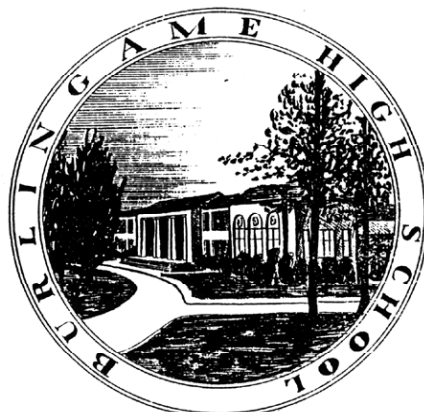
ATTENTION NEW BHS PARENTS!!

THE BHS PARENTS' GROUP HAS PUT TOGETHER HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS. USE THE BELOW LINK TO READ INFORMATION ON ADVICE FROM: STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS, CONNECTING WITH THE BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL, ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM INFORMATION, AS WELL AS FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

**[BHS SCHOOL PARENTS' GROUP
INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS](#)**

EXCELLENCE FUND

Burlingame High School Parents' Group 2009-2010 Excellence Fund



Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to all new incoming freshmen, new students, and their families! We hope everyone had a great summer and that your school year is off to a great start!

Every student received an Excellence Fund letter in the Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook, requesting your participation in this year's direct donation program. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please do not procrastinate!

Our goal each year is to raise as much money as possible to enhance the educational experience for our students at BHS. In the 2008-2009 school year, we raised \$166,191 from 261 contributors! The Excellence Fund donations are put to good use for classroom projects, teaching aids, and supplemental programs which otherwise might not be funded without the financial support of all Burlingame High School families. We make every attempt to spend the money the same year we receive it, so we can all see the immediate impact of our efforts.

Our personal goal is to have each and every family participate. In order to do this, we need your help! The donations we receive come in all sizes, and each and every dollar makes a difference! For those families who have already responded with a donation, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation! If your company has matching funds available, please pursue them, and be sure to let us know to expect to receive them.

You can deduct your donation from this year's taxes if we receive your contribution before December 31, 2009. Checks can be made payable to the BHS Parents' Group. Your donation can either be dropped off at the main office or sent directly to Burlingame High School, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010-2797, ATTN: Excellence Fund.

We thank you in advance for supporting the Excellence Fund and its tradition of excellence in providing higher quality education for your children. Please remember...

"JUST DONATE...FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN!"

*- Peggy McLaughlin & Becky Showen
2009-2010 Excellence Fund Co-Chairs*

BHS Excellence Fund 2008-2009 End of School Year Totals

The Burlingame High School Parents' Group would like to express its sincere appreciation to the following contributors who supported the BHS Excellence Fund during the 2008-2009 school year. Including donations that arrived over the summer, 261 contributors generously donated \$166,191. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you! We look forward to the 2009-2010 school year with the hope that we will achieve our goal of every family participating by donating to the Excellence Fund!

Remember..."JUST DONATE...FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN"

\$10,000 and Up

Roger Miles and the Miles Family

\$7,500 - \$9,999

Peter Roddy and Linda Grier

\$5,000 - \$7,499

Jim and Julie Borden, Paul Hohenschuh and Dr. Marjorie Winkler, Mark Hundley and Melanie Dulbecco, Mary-Helen and Kevin McMahon, Gartner (matching)

\$3,500 - \$4,999

Joe and Cathy Baylock

\$2,500 - \$3,499

Anonymous, Jane and Steve Bernzweig, Marc and Jeani Delagardelle, Michelle and Tony Johnson, Alan and Susie Klein, Steve and Pam Merchant, Bill and Cindy Montgomery, John and Denise Orwin, Kim and Robert Phillips, Bank of America (matching)

\$1,500 - \$2,499

Patty and Ben Anixter, Anonymous, Ann and Dave Barry, Pat and Kate Belding, Mitch Griffin and Susan Longar, Joe and Alison Hawayek, Shal Jacobovitz and Shelley Puterman, Karen Kwong and Milton Lee, Adrienne Leigh and Jeffrey Schubiner M.D., Robert and Selina Lim, Paul Magnuson and Deborah Marshall, John and Kim Ohlund, Frank Pasacreta and Francesca Lombardo, Robert and Diedre Shaw, Bob and Heather Sinclair, Janine and Doug Sturiale, Wells Fargo (matching)

\$1,000 - \$1,499

Nick and Carol Atkeson, Tim and Chris Davis, Don Donoughe and Beth Concoby, Maureen and Barry Gevertz, The Grzejka Family, Anna and Lenny Heymann, Kay Johnston and Les Timpe, David and Debbie Kurzrock, Pam Lampkin and Bob Zipkin, Mike Mahmoudian and Mina Mortazavi, Jan and Larry Mann, David and Lori Marquardt, Steve and Pam Mincey, Rich and Andrea Moore, Michael and Jan Norris, Frank and Jo Pisa, David Yuen and Mandy Quach, Barbara and Andy Rosenberg, Wells Fargo (matching)

\$500 - \$999

Nancy Agatiello and Gus Gonzalez, Denise Benatar and John Baruh, Glen and Kim Bentley, Ron and Elaina Bland, Peter and Denise Borocz, Dewey and Martha Chambers, Andrea and Steve Cohn, Jennifer Davis and Charles Schmelzer, Juli and Steven Devincenzi, Marshall/Margie DeWolfe, Paul Dybbro and Alma Martinez, Mike and Nicole Economou, Beverly Epstein and James Walbridge, Stan and Bambi Feinberg, George Freeborn and Nancy Scheinholtz, The Frykberg Family, The Garibaldi Family, Nicholas Gee, Liz and Olivier Gindraux, Kevin and Candi Griffin, Kathryn and Douglas Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Michael

BHS EXCELLENCE FUND CONT'D

Hough, Steve and Alisa Johnson, Philip Kahn and Marilyn Elperin, The Kamman-Silverstein Family, David Kuh, Rob and Molly Larratt, Jim and Lynn Lenardon, The Levitan Family, Teresa Lindhartsen and Bob Clark, Jeff and Jacki Lindstrom, Bill and Carol Loew, Brenda Lowe and Marvin Wong, Pamela Matthews, Larry and Veronica Morsello, Neale and Kate Mulligan, Regina Neu and Bob Thompson, Izumi and Tatsuya Oguchi, Sharon Paratte and Family, Bruce and Kathleen Parker, Rajesh and Jaishree Patel, Antonio and Amelia Perez, Jennifer and Juergen Pfaff, Christian and Erica Reilly, Cathie and Richard Reisman, Janice and Pete Scattini, Mark and Lindsay Terzian, Jeffrey and Kathy Tsu, Fernando and Yolanda Valle, Steve and Janelle Van Rensselar, Molly Wantuch and Peter Wantuch, The Yballa Family, Bank of America (matching), Genentech (matching)

\$250 - \$499

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CALENDAR

School Events

9/2	9:00 START • Drama Boosters Potluck – 6:00-8:00 at Cafe
9/4	Welcome Rally 4A/4B
9/7	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
9/8	<i>International Literacy Day</i> • Student Council Meeting - 4th period
9/9	9:00 START • Parents' Group Meeting – 7:00 at Library
9/10	Back to School Night • Freshman Parent Night – 6:00 at Auditorium
9/11	MINIMUM DAY • <i>Patriot Day</i>
9/12	ACT
9/13	Grandparents' Day
9/14 – 9/18	Counselor 9th Grade Visits
9/16	9:00 START
9/17	<i>Citizenship Day (1787)</i>
9/18	<i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</i> • Buddies Lunch Social
9/21	<i>International Day of Peace</i> • <i>EID AL-FITR</i>
9/22	<i>Autumnal Equinox (Fall Begins)</i>
9/23	9:00 START
9/25	Welcome Back Dance 7:00-10:00 • Six-Week Period
9/27	<i>Yom Kippur begins at sundown</i> • <i>Good Neighbor Day</i>
9/28	Counselor Senior Class Visits
9/28 – 10/2	Club Fair Week
9/29	Latino Parents' Meeting - 6:30 at Alumni Room
9/30	9:00 START

Sports Events

9/10	Girls Tennis @ Woodside - 3:30
9/14	Girls Waterpolo vs. Castilleja - 3:00
9/15	Girls Tennis vs. Aragon - 4:30
9/16	Boys & Girls Waterpolo @ M.A. - 3:00
9/17	Girls Tennis vs. Mills - 4:30 • Volleyball @ M.A. - 3:15
9/22	Girls Tennis @ S.M. - 4:30 • Volleyball @ Aragon - 4:30
9/23	Boys & Girls Waterpolo @ Woodside - 3:00
9/24	Girls Tennis vs. Carmont - 3:30 • Volleyball @ Carmont - 3:15
9/28	Boys & Girls Waterpolo vs. Aragon - 3:00
9/29	Girls Tennis @ M.A. - 3:30 • Volleyball vs. Woodside - 3:15
9/30	Boys & Girls Waterpolo vs. Menlo - 3:00



Senior Audrey Pratt

Photo by Tara Pratt

BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' GROUP

Information for New BHS Students & Parents

ADVICE from BHS Students to new Students

- **Advocate for yourself;** ask a teacher, advisor, counselor or “buddy,” do not expect your parents to solve the problem.
- **Expect** homework to increase and to be a regular part of your weekend routine. You will become more efficient and will better understand teacher expectations as the year progresses.
- **School Assignment Planner/Calendar** given to freshmen first day of classes - use it! Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can purchase a planner for \$5 in Room A134.
- **Do NOT** get behind in schoolwork – it is hard to catch up; but don't give up.
- **Buddies** (upper class students assist with Freshmen) – **Participate** in “buddies” activities.
- **Get involved** – take advantage of athletics, drama, band, student government, clubs, or PAWS.
 - o **Athletic/Spirit** - teams offered Fall, Winter, Spring – attend team games.
 - o **Band and Choir** – participate in many school functions.
 - o **Drama** – production, auditions or attend plays.
 - o **Clubs** - Club Faire – **Sept 28-Oct 2**; opportunities to join nearly 40 different clubs.
 - o **Dances** – Welcome Dance **Sept 25**, Homecoming, Winter Formal, Prom and Spring Dance.
 - o **SCHOOL WIDE OPPORTUNITIES - Spring Application Required**
 - **Service Commission** – “ambassadors” for BHS.
 - **Student Impact Team** – oversees ‘kNOw Limits’ and other activities.
 - **Human Relations Commission**– school service to celebrate diversity.
 - **ASB – student government** – Spring application except for Freshmen.
 - **Leadership Class** – includes ASB, an elective course.
 - **Buddies** – Help new students connect with BHS.
- **Counseling Department - Counseling Office** 558-2899 ext. 2805
 - o **Counselors** are assigned by student **last name** –
Mrs. Latham klatham@smuhd.org (**A-Da**); Ms. Esrailian tesrailian@smuhd.org (**Db-Ki**)
Mr. Mashek lmashek@smuhd.org (**Kj-P**); Ms. Renzi crenzi@smuhd.org (**Q-Z**)
- **Career Center**
 - o **College/Scholarship Counseling/Financial Aid** – Mrs. Friel - 558-2818 – lfriel@smuhd.org, preparing for college, academic questions, planning and/or concerns
 - o **PAWS – People, Action, Work, Service** – Mrs. Glick -558-2873 – sglick@smuhd.org, community service opportunities
 - o **E.X.P.L.O.R.E.** - Mrs. Pascal – 558-2847 - bpascal@smuhd.org
Real life opportunities in the workplace - job shadowing, field trips, part-time jobs
- **Academic Center – in the Library - Tutoring** is available for student-use last period and at the end of the day – Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday until 4pm.

CONNECTING with Burlingame High School for Parents

You will get more out of the high school experience by participating. Get involved in the school. Volunteer in an area in which your child shows interest.

- **Attend Parents' Group Meetings**
 - o 2nd Wednesday of the Month - 7pm - Library (FIRST meeting is **Sept 9**). Nov meeting is Thursday, Nov 12 in observance of Veteran's Day.
 - o **Parents' Group Co-Presidents** –
 - Cindy Montgomery 650-343-9604 cindy@netwiz.net
 - Christi Johnson 650-348-1353 emjjohnson@sbcglobal.net
- **BHS Parents' Group Membership**
 - o \$15 annually – refer to BHS handbook for membership form, get involved and support your school.
- **Attend Booster Group Meetings**
 - o Athletic Boosters – 2nd Tuesday of the month.
 - o Music Boosters - 3rd Thursday of the month (Sept meeting TBA).
 - o Drama Boosters – 1st Wednesday of the month.

- Spirit Boosters – Rotating schedule.
- Latino Parent Group – 4th Tuesday of the month.
- **School Web site** <http://bhs.smuhsd.org/>
 - Link to **Monthly Events Calendar**.
 - Link to **Schoolloop** (homework, test and grade information); you will need student ID number to register on-line.
 - Link to **Daily Announcements**.
 - Link to **ALL** school staff phone numbers and email.
- **Buzz Book** – Student directory given to students after published – ask them for it! (or buy a 2nd copy from the office) – (Permission & submission form in BHS student/parent Handbook).
- **NewsAlerts** – email school news updates & reminders, to subscribe send an email to bhs_parents@smuhsd.org.
- **Highlights – Monthly** newsletter about school events posted on school website and sent on-line via NewsAlerts—read it!
- **Burlingame B** – school newspaper, you can have it sent home for \$35 or read your child’s copy.
- **Connect Ed** – Administration directed school wide broadcast phone messages – urgent information for school families.
- **Back to School Night** – September 10 **Open House** – March 18, 2010
- **‘kNOw LIMITS’** - Fall program - An all day student event lead by Student Impact Team.
- **6 week grading period** – every six weeks a progress report card is sent home.
- **School Wide Events** – Dances, Football games, Drama & Music events are posted on Monthly Calendar through the BHS website <http://bhs.smuhsd.org/>
- **Parent Education Programs** – Programs & speakers offered to parents monthly; a chance to learn & interact with other parents. Sponsored by the Parents’ Group AND by BHS Counselors by grade level.

BHS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

- Principal** – Chris Holleran - cholleran@smuhsd.org
- Vice-Principal** – Brent Daniels – bdaniels@smuhsd.org
- Vice-Principal** – Suzanne Woolfolk – swoolfolk@mail.smuhsd.org
- Dean of Students** – Fred Wolfgramm – fwolfgramm@smuhsd.org
- SMUHSD Superintendent** – Scott Laurence- slaurence@smuhsd.org
- **San Mateo Union High School District Board Meetings** are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the San Mateo Adult Resource and Technology Center; 789 East Poplar; San Mateo, California
- Liaison to SMUHSD Board - **Trustee Linda Lees Dwyer** - dwrightroad@yahoo.com

SCHOOL WIDE FUNDRAISING – BHS needs your financial support – Please give generously.

- **Excellence Fund** – direct donation specifically for **Burlingame High School needs**. Becky Showen theshowens@comcast.net and Peggy McLaughlin mpmclaughlin@sbcglobal.net
- **Taste of the Town** –Burlingame community food and auction event for BHS programs. VP Taste of the Town – **Cheryl Partee** cherylpartee@aol.com
- **eScrip** - transfer your eScrip account to Burlingame High School – **ID # 130320215** – **Marianne Guttas** guttasm@aol.com

SCHOOL ‘BOOSTER’ FUNDRAISING

- **Athletic Boosters** – Donations assist all BHS teams.
Athletic Boosters President – **Bill ‘Chip’ Smith** wsmith1557@comcast.net
- **Drama Boosters** – Donations to directly support drama programs.
Drama Boosters President – Jennifer Royer Sullivan jenroyer@yahoo.com
- **Music Boosters** – Donations to directly support music programs.
Music Boosters President- **Yvonne Wun** ylwun@earthlink.net
- **Spirit Boosters** - Donations to cheerleading squad & its activities.
Spirit Boosters President – **Lynn Currie** – lscurrie@comcast.net



BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA BOOSTERS



The continued success of the Theater Arts program at BHS depends on the cooperative efforts of many people. Here's how the Drama Boosters support the arts at BHS. We'd love to have you join in our efforts!

• **The Drama Boosters have organized the following committees to assist our hard working staff and talented students in the production of the Fall Play and Spring Musical.**

- Costumes ~ Props ~ Wigs/Hair & Make-Up ~ Set Design & Construction ~ Light & Sound Design ~ Program/Playbill Design ~ Ad Sales ~ Concessions ~ Raffle ~ Box Office Sales

• **The Drama Boosters provide fundraising support for the Theatre Arts Department.**

- Through ticket sales, concessions, the raffle at each production, and program advertising, the Boosters raise funds to purchase items needed for the theatre & to support the Fall play & Spring Musical.
- The Drama Boosters raise funds through programs such as Corporate Donor, Theatre Patron and Signature Seating:
 - **Corporate Donors** – \$500 donation entitles the company to a listing in the program, 4 tickets to each production for the year of the gift & company name on the Corporate Sponsor Plaque.
 - **Theatre Patrons** – a donation at Gold (\$300), Silver (\$200) or Bronze (\$100) levels entitles you to a listing in the program, tickets to each production for the year & name on Patron Plaque.
 - **Signature Seating** – a donation of \$50 entitles you to a brass name plate on a seat in the BHS auditorium honoring a teacher, student or alumnus.
- Funds raised also support the Drama Boosters Scholarships, awarded each year to seniors who have made an outstanding contribution to the BHS Theater Arts program.

• **Drama Boosters Membership**

- The Drama Boosters meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Drama Room.
- We need the support of every family who has a student participating in BHS drama. This is a wonderful way to be directly involved in your students' BHS experience.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR our first DRAMA BOOSTERS MEETING & "GET ACQUAINTED POTLUCK DINNER" on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Drama Room.

YES! I AM A DRAMA BOOSTER SUPPORTER – ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION

Student(s) Name/Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Email Address (THIS IS OUR MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$25 (Booster) \$100 (Bronze Patron) \$200 (Silver Patron) \$300 (Gold Patron) \$500 (Corporate Sponsor)

Other Amount: \$ _____ Specify name of Theatre Patron for listing in program: _____

\$50 Signature Seating - Please specify name/date of honoree for brass plate: _____

Please contact me about Program Advertising! Please contact me about volunteering for the Fall Play or Spring Musical!

Area(s) of Interest (see committees listed above): _____

Please make checks payable to BHS Drama Boosters. All donations are tax-deductible – Tax ID# 94-3112183

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEATRE ARTS AT BHS!