

October / November 2019

HOMECOMING 2019

School spirit radiated throughout Brockport's campus during homecoming week. Spirit week encouraged all students to join in the excitement and show their Brockport pride. Themed days consisted of Neon Day (or Disney Day for elementary students), Hawaiian Day, Mismatched Day, Tie-Dye Day and Blue and White Day.

Long before the sun would rise on homecoming Friday, the air over the stadium was already alive with the energy from BCSD students! Students and staff, decked out in their blue and white, poured into the stadium to create the electric atmosphere for Spectrum's live broadcast on *Your Morning Rochester*.

Throughout the morning, the broadcast showed our students competing in field games, highlighted our school spirit and featured our proud alumni. Our talented HS band rocked the stands with various songs throughout the morning. With the sun finally in the sky, it burned off most of the chill, welcoming in a perfect day for the rest of the festivities: a senior picture, pep rally, food truck rodeo, carnival, parade, and football game.

For each of the many school events, all grade levels were able to shine, making Homecoming '19 an absolute vision of what makes the BCSD community so incredible. The only thing that beat the perfect weather was the skill shown on the field by the Blue Devils. In their first win of the season, the Brockport football team crushed the competition with a final score of 21 -7.

Thank you to the class of 2020 and all who contributed in making this a homecoming to remember!



“The people are my favorite part about homecoming because we are always so energetic. Brockport is such a peppy school with lots of spirit. Everyone is involved in something and that's really cool to see.”

- Kalon Hale, 12th grade

“I like going to the concession stand with all my friends and trying out the new food they have to offer each year.”

- Emma Hopsicker, 9th grade



“As a cheerleader, my favorite thing about homecoming is getting to watch the crowd get pumped up throughout the game and go crazy when the team is doing good.”

- Leah Weinbeck, 10th grade



“I like seeing what everyone wears throughout spirit week, because it's fun to see what people come up with.”

- Ryan Duell, 11th grade



Dear Neighbors, Friends and Community Members,

Abdul Kalam, an aerospace scientist and former President of India, once said, "when we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience we did not know we had."



This fall our district and community were impacted by significant loss. When difficult events occur people often react with uncertainty and fear. As I watched the Brockport school and community tackle various challenges, I was humbled by the courage, strength and resiliency I witnessed. Our Brockport community united in countless ways to support one another and offer strength and comfort.

Being resilient does not mean we will not have bad days or days where we feel overwhelmed by our circumstances. Resiliency means that together we will find the strength and courage to move forward, overcome those obstacles and begin to heal. As a district, we would like to thank the numerous organizations, neighboring districts and community members for your support and assistance throughout the last few weeks and as needed in the weeks ahead.

In the beginning of the year I introduced our theme for the school year: Engage, Empower, Achieve. This theme challenges each of us to set goals and actively find ways to achieve success. We have already had many examples of students and staff working to accomplish their vision.

Jonathan Ellison, BHS Senior, was named Spectrum's Athlete of the Week in September. Jonathan's drive, determination and hard work both on the athletic fields and in the classroom earned him this extraordinary honor.

Oliver Middle schooler, Erin Raimondo, recently worked with a local artist to complete a mural in Hamlin. Her artistic skills and dedication to the project helped to create an impressive piece of art many will enjoy for years.

Blaine Broughton, an enrichment teacher at Fred Hill School, has worked for the last two years to enhance enrichment opportunities and provide STEM learning to all Hill students. Students now learn engineering design processes thanks to weekly STEM messages. Broughton's goals greatly enhanced Hill's STEM program.

I look forward to seeing many more student and staff accomplishments throughout the 2019-20 school year. Together we will continue our focus of: Engage, Empower, Achieve as a resilient school community.

Regards,

Lesli C. Myers-Small, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

What's your vision for the 2019-20 school year?

2020 IS THE YEAR FOR PERFECT VISION!

This year's theme challenges our students, staff and families to define their vision for this school year and begin strategizing ways to achieve success.

The first step in achieving your goal is to become **engaged**. Make a pledge to yourself that you will work diligently toward your target then **empower** yourself to persevere. With determination, you will **achieve your vision!**

- What vision do you have for our district?
- What vision do you have for your school?
- What vision do you have for your family?
- What vision do you have for your student?
- What vision do you have for yourself?



*Set your sights high this school year!
Let's work together to actualize our goals
and make 2019-20 a success.*

Coping with loss and grief:

"If one is old enough to love, one is old enough to grieve." - Alan D. Wolfelt

When someone loses a loved one, whether a family member, friend or pet, it is natural to feel loss and grief. Each person's grief is unique, as is each person's time of mourning. Although most adults have experience with death, many children have not. According to The Consortium on Trauma, Illness & Grief, "a child's grief experience will be based on their development and personality." Children may look to parents or other adults in their lives for comfort and guidance. Below are a few tips for families when dealing with a loss.

Your child may:

- Appear unaffected
- Ask questions about death repeatedly
- Be angry or aggressive
- Be withdrawn or moody
- Be sad or depressed
- Become afraid
- Have difficulty sleeping or eating

Remember, grief is an emotional roller coaster with extreme highs and lows. Be patient with your child as he/she mourns. Encourage your child to eat, sleep and exercise regularly. Listen to them and acknowledge their loss. Explain how grief is normal and provide accurate information on the grief process. Help your child with overwhelming feelings that they may not be able to articulate. Continue normal activities and fun opportunities. Most important, remind them you care and will be available for support whenever needed.

Brockport Central School District is a member of the Trauma, Illness and Grief Team. This group has been trained to work with students dealing with loss and grief. If your child needs emotional support, please reach out to your school counselors.

Resources on understanding grief and loss are also available on the Trauma, Illness and Grief website: <https://tigconsortium.org/resources/grief-and-loss/>.

Athletic Wall of Honor

This fall five new names were added to Brockport Central School District's Athletic Wall of Honor. The following 2019 inductees were honored during a ceremony on October 11 in the OMS cafeteria: Doug Cunningham, athlete/coach, Class of 1962; Mike Militello, athlete, Class of 1989; David Schickler, athlete/volunteer, Class of 1981; Carol Van Der Karr, athlete, Class of 1985 and Christine Kleinhans Viscardi, athlete, Class of 1986.

The Athletic Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made an impact on the district's interscholastic athletic program. Each inductee is honored with a plaque containing his/her name and biography, which is placed on the Athletic Wall of Honor. For nomination details, visit www.bcs1.org/athletics.



Budget development process

Contributed by: Jill Reichhart, Director of Finance

The Board of Education (BOE) adopts a budget in April with the community voting on that budget in May of each year. The budget vote in May is the conclusion of a ten-month process in which administration, staff and BOE members work collaboratively to review school building and department budget proposals.

The BOE has a budget sub-committee that meets monthly between September and June each year. The committee is comprised of three board members, central office administration, building level administration and departmental directors who are responsible for a specific budget component.

Below is a list of topics discussed at each meeting:

Board Budget Committee Meetings:

September: Update fiscal activities, cash flow, grants and review the upcoming budget development process and procedures

October: Staff utilization, enrollment projections and state aid

November: Transportation, Building/Grounds and Security budgets

December: Instructional Technology, Athletics and Inclusive Education budgets

January: Non-instructional summary, overhead, instructional budgets for all five schools, library, music, textbooks and anticipated state aid

February: Review tax cap, BOCES services and current status of the proposed budget

March: Budget modifications to balance/finalize the budget - proposed reductions/increases are reviewed along with the contingent budget and staffing levels

April: Comparative tax analysis, three-part budget and grants

May: External audit planning, Food Service budget including school lunch pricing and instructional updates

June: Evaluate fund balance, summer plans and review and assess the budget process

This monthly process provides a designated time to focus on each department and develop a budget for the upcoming year that best fits the mission and vision of the district.

Emergency procedure review

The safety and security of students and staff remain a priority at Brockport Central School District. Each year we review our emergency policies and procedures to ensure students, staff and families know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

Automated messaging

The district uses SchoolMessenger, an automated messaging system, to quickly communicate with families via phone and email. In the event of an emergency, such as a lockout or lockdown, calls will be made to all parent/guardian's home and cell phone numbers, along with emergency contacts 1-4 listed on the Student Profile Form updated every September (or when there is a change in contact information). The transcript of the messages will also be sent via email. Additionally, those who have downloaded the Brockport CSD mobile application will be notified via a push notification. If you do not have the mobile app and would like to download it, search for "Brockport Central" in your device's app store.

The district will periodically use the automated messaging system to share other important information such as open house reminders or last-minute event changes. Information classified as "non-emergency" will be sent only to the primary home phone numbers and email addresses on file.

Additional information during emergency situations will also be posted on the district's website and social media accounts when deemed appropriate. You may find the information on our website at bcs1.org or by searching [@brockportcsd](https://www.facebook.com/brockportcsd) on Facebook or Twitter. Please remember to check these resources and refrain from calling your child's school in the event of an emergency so district personnel can focus their attention on the safety of students.

Lockouts and lockdowns

People often use the terms lockout and lockdown interchangeably. At Brockport CSD, a lockout is initiated when there is a potential risk outside the building or district (i.e., an armed person is threatening the community; a suspicious condition, chemical spill or rabid/aggressive animal exists in the area). During a lockout, exterior doors and windows are locked, outside activities are terminated and instruction continues as normal inside the building.

A lockdown is initiated if there is an impending risk to the building or district (i.e., an armed/violent/aggressive person threatening or attacking a school building or the district; an imminent threat that may involve a specific building or the district). In this case, the same protocols would be followed for a lockout, however, classroom doors are locked and instruction is halted.

How parents and guardians can help during emergency situations

- Listen carefully to the entire automated phone call then visit the district's website for more information at www.bcs1.org.
- Don't panic. Just like you, we make your children's safety our main priority. We have solid procedures in place to keep them safe. We practice emergency drills multiple times each year with our students and staff and consistently review our safety procedures.
- Avoid calling your child's school. We will notify you as more information becomes available.
- Don't rush to campus. If there is an actual emergency on our campus where law enforcement or emergency personnel need to respond, it is critical to keep the campus clear so they can quickly resolve the situation.
- Keep your contact information up to date. It is important to have a current email address on file in addition to home, work and cell phone numbers.

Please remember to notify the registrar's office when your contact information changes at 585-637-1857 or registrar@bcs1.org.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Download our app

The Brockport Central School District mobile application features easy access to school calendars, contact information, social media and more. Additionally, users will have the option to receive push notifications from the district and specific schools regarding closings and other updates.

The app is free and available for download on iPhones and Androids. Search for Brockport Central in your App Store or Google Play to find and download the app.

Follow us on social media

BCSD maintains an active presence on Twitter and Facebook. These channels offer another way for the district to communicate news, photos and information with parents, families and community members. Find and like us on Facebook by searching Brockport Central School District and follow us on Twitter at [@brockportcsd](https://www.twitter.com/brockportcsd).

SAFETY TIPLINE

You can help keep Brockport CSD safe!

Contact the district's confidential Safety Tipline if you are aware of any activity that could potentially put students, staff or our school property at risk.

Call 1-877-453-0006 or visit www.bcs1.org/tipline.

In the event of an emergency, call 911

Meet our NEW STAFF



New faculty were welcomed to the district with a meet and greet breakfast at the New Teacher Orientation. The district vision, mission and 2019-20 Strategic Plan were discussed. New staff met the Executive Cabinet, Inclusive Education and Informational and Instructional Technology departments. The day ended with a tour of our district.

Chelsea Farrand drove the bus for the district tour. A special congratulations to Ms. Farrand, as she was recently promoted to BCSD Bus Operations Supervisor.

New Teacher Orientation: (Pictured l-r) Lisa Montanaro (BCSD Instructional Coach), Marissa Boshnack, Lauren Combo, David Iacchetta, Melanie MacDonald, Lauren Reinhardt, Amanda Kaylor, Kailey Zorn-Rispoli, Matt Schultz (BCSD Transportation Director) and Chelsea Farrand

Meet our NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS!



Brockport High School assistant principal

Name: David Iacchetta

Background: Greece Athena graduate. Lives in Spencerport.

Education: Earned a bachelor's degree in architecture at University of Buffalo, master's degree in education at Roberts Wesleyan College, in addition to an administrator's certification at SUNY Brockport.

Family: Wife, Sandy and two kids: Nicholas and Alexander.

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Music: Everything from country music to R&B

What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD: Meeting new people and contributing to the successes of our BCSD community.



Fred W. Hill School assistant principal

Name: Lauren Combo

Background: Caledonia-Mumford graduate. Lives in LeRoy.

Education: Earned bachelor's degree in childhood education at SUNY Fredonia, master's degree in special education at Roberts Wesleyan College, in addition to an administrator's certification at SUNY Brockport.

Family: A big Italian family

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Homemade gnocchi

Favorite Music: Country

What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD: Getting to know the kids, teachers and families of Hill Elementary and becoming a part of the Brockport community.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Kindergarten bus orientation

Incoming kindergarteners had the opportunity to relieve any anxiety they might have had about riding the school bus for the first time, thanks to our kindergarten bus orientation held this summer. Students were shown how to be safe on a bus, and they cycled through stations where they learned important practices such as how to get on and off the bus and what to do in the event of an emergency evacuation. They also discussed proper bus behavior and even went for a ride on the bus with their parents and guardians.

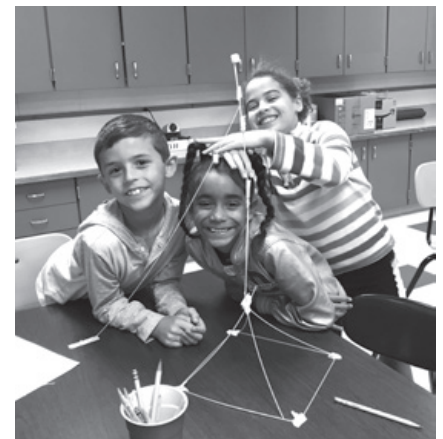


Barclay wins Walk to School trophy

A HUGE congratulations goes out to Barclay Elementary for once again winning the Walk to School trophy. Barclay students showed up with pride and numbers at this year's Walk to School Day. Although the weather was rainy, 29% of Barclay's student body walked or scootered to school! Thank you for participating and showing your school pride!

STEM Program to expand at Hill

This year Hill School expanded the STEM program to include fourth grade classes. Previously this program was only offered to fifth grade. Enrichment teacher Blaine Broughton sees all classes for STEM education on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year on a rotating basis. Each month students will complete an activity that incorporates different aspects of the Engineering Design Process as well as other challenges related to science and math. Hill is looking ahead to the Next Generation Science Standards to incorporate aspects of the grades 4/5 curriculum within the STEM Program as they move forward and continually improve the program.



OMS Family Open House

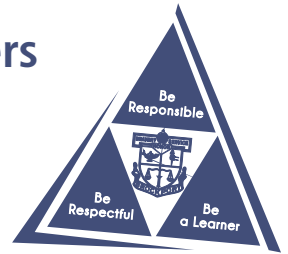
Oliver Middle School held its Family Open House in September. Students showed their families around the building and introduced them to their teachers. The administrative team shared short presentations throughout the evening, and families learned about the team expectations, the curriculum and Oliver Essentials. Families also learned where grades are posted, how to access assignments and how to contact teachers. Information about clubs and extracurricular activities was available throughout the night and families enjoyed purchasing dinner from three different food trucks at the school.

BHS hosts Urban Suburban annual breakfast

Our Urban Suburban students were welcomed back to Brockport High School with a breakfast on September 17. Urban Suburban Program representatives shared important news and updates with students. Superintendent Dr. Myers-Small and high school administrators welcomed back the students and provided school news, updates and words of encouragement. Students enjoyed breakfast and introduced themselves by identifying their names, grades, morning wakeup times and future plans.



PBIS focuses on responsible, respectful learners



Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) teams work hard to create fun, age-appropriate activities that review the K-12 universal expectations of **be respectful, be responsible and be a learner**. Each school incorporates the framework using age-appropriate strategies that reinforce academic and social behaviors to create positive school environments.

Ginther: *By Mitch Daly and Kristin Barber*

Ginther students have been learning each day what it means to be respectful, responsible learners, and we are so proud of the amazing job they have been doing! Kindergarten and first grade students can earn a Bee Buck if a staff member observes them demonstrating the 3 B's (be respectful, be responsible and be a learner). Every Friday ten students are randomly selected from our Bee Hive Jars full of Bee Bucks. Those selected choose a prize and get a certificate acknowledging that they were chosen. In October we will focus on the "Power to Choose Day". Students are given "real" situations that occur within our school day, and we will discuss the best ways that we can handle the situation.

Barclay: *By Alana Roberts and Jodie Shatzel*

In September all of Barclay School gathered to celebrate the beginning of the school year. We watched a fun video of staff members doing unexpected behaviors. Students had the opportunity to share what is expected behaviorally at the Barclay School. At the end of the assembly the students had a visit from a special Barclay guest, Danny. Danny is the main character of the book "What Should Danny Do?" by Adir and Ganit Levy, which has been read by all classroom teachers. Danny tells about his superpower that he is working hard to master, the Power to Choose (P2C). He reminded all Barclay students that they have the same power, the power to choose. Their choices (positive or negative) will have an impact their day. I'm sure that Danny will continue to make special appearances throughout the year to check in on their choices.



Hill: *By Lauren Combo and Jill Corner*

The Hill School PBIS Kickoff assembly was fun for all! Mr. Broughton and Ms. Combo helped students review our district's core values and expected Hill Hawk Habits with a Family Feud game. We also highlighted some students for going above and beyond modeling our core values throughout the previous school year. Lastly, we selected Hill Hawk tickets to spotlight some students who are showing positive Hill Hawk behaviors this year. Our PBIS Kickoff assembly helped to wrap up a week of PBIS classroom lessons focused on our core values and having a growth mindset. We are ready to soar into a new school year!

OMS: *By Jerrod Roberts and Rebecca Tibbitts*

During September, we spent time reinforcing with our students what it looks like to be respectful, responsible learners. There were PBIS lessons during home-base, as well as activities throughout the month, where we focused on building community and encouraging positive behaviors. We held a school-wide assembly to introduce our entire staff as well as celebrate a successful ending to the first week of school. In addition, our students participated in relay races to promote pride in their grade level teams. Our administrative team spent time meeting with each grade to review expectations for the school year and introduced the PBIS Pillar we will be focusing on, the pillar of what it looks like to be a "Citizen."

BHS: *By Lauren Phillips and Christina Wawrzyniak*

The high school kicked off the school year with a series of grade level assemblies reminding students about school expectations. Students enjoyed videos promoting kindness and celebrated their Brockport school spirit! High school students also had the opportunity to participate in our annual "Lunch on the Lawn" celebration. Students enjoyed lunch outside, played games, participated in raffles and snacked on cotton candy and popcorn. A strong start to an excellent 2019-2020 school year!



BCSD students, staff practice healthy habits on Walk to School Day

With umbrellas and raincoats BCSD participated in its 14th annual International Walk to School Day on October 2. Walk to School Day promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while encouraging safe walking and community engagement. Thousands of schools around the world participate in the event each year.

Despite the rain, more than 450 Brockport CSD students walked and scootered to school. Barclay Elementary once again won the coveted Walk to School Day Trophy! Each year the grade level with the highest percent participation from Oliver Middle School gets their class level engraved on the Walk to School Day plaque. This year we had a tie! Congratulations to our sixth- and seventh-graders.

Families who lived too far away to walk had the opportunity to park and walk from Bill Gray's or Our Village Optician. Tents containing free apples, water and trinkets of appreciation were set up, along with selfie stations provided by the PTSA. Student athletes from The College at Brockport's women's basketball, softball and men's baseball teams accompanied students on their walk. Brockport HS students provided entertainment to walkers along the route. Community volunteers were stationed at intersections along the way to offer encouragement and promote safe crossing.

The event was organized locally by Brockport's Walk to School Committee! Thank you to the committee, students, families, staff, PTSA, community groups and all who made the day a success!

thank you

Walk to School supporters: Brockport Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Brockport Kiwanis Club, Brockport Lions Club, Brockport American Legion Post, Tim Horton's, Oak Orchard Health, Strong West, Grinds and The College at Brockport, Brockport PTSA and Kalir, Robb and Sodoma Farms for apples!



Ghosts Of War: One School, One Book

A sense of purpose, a drive to do something. This is not a typical teenager's story. In this year's reading project, Brockport High School students and staff are exploring the true story of a 19-year-old soldier from NY State.

After watching 9/11 unfold, Ryan Smithson said the experience shook him into reality; pushing him to join the Army Reserves. In 2004, he was deployed to Iraq where he experienced the fear and friendships forged through war.

Upon returning home and finding himself on a college campus, Smithson began an essay for English class on his combat experience. Those papers eventually turned into his memoir, "Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-year-old GI".

The firsthand account of combat and commitment to his country is now being read by the BCSD community as part of One School, One Book. The program encourages students and staff to engage deeper into the reading, by questioning the lens in which they view the world while considering Smithson's detailed experience.

The book will come to life during Smithson's visit to the school on November 19 where students will be able to hear from the military veteran firsthand while he holds assemblies for BHS students. There will also be an evening event open to the community on November 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Smithson in the Seymour Library.

The One School, One Book initiative is part of our continued goal to promote literacy while also building understanding, growing empathy and fostering community connections. The book is available at the public library and at Lift Bridge Books.

HOMECOMING 2019

Fun Run & Middle School Mile

Hard work, beautiful weather, school spirit and camaraderie made the 2019 Cross Country Fun Run and Middle School Mile a tremendous success! More than 320 students in grades 2-6 participated in this year's event held during homecoming week. "In over 20 years of hosting the Fun Run, this year had one of the largest participation numbers," said BCSD cross country coach Michael LaFrance. "Our team really enjoys putting on the event and having it be part of homecoming this year was an added bonus. I thought it was really neat to give the elementary students an opportunity to be a part of the athletic events and tie it in with all the festivities and excitement on campus," LaFrance added.



The cross country team led runners in warm-ups before each event and served as the lead runner to guide students throughout the course. Students in grades 4-6 ran a full mile, and students in grades 2 and 3 completed a half-mile course. Races started and ended at the high school stadium. Each group was cheered on by classmates, family members and the cross country team. Thank you to the student participants, cross country team, physical education teachers, PTSA, staff and families for making it a wonderful event!

I like being with friends because it is nice to hang out and create memories together.

- Dalton Cunningham, 11th grade



I loved this morning's pep rally. I loved seeing the school administrators see our school spirit.

- Maddy Cherwonik, 12th grade



My favorite part about homecoming is helping with the Fun Run with the Cross-Country team, because it's fun to help out.

- Patrick Farrell, 12th grade



Girls of the Gridiron

Brockport High School Student Council held its annual Girls of the Gridiron during homecoming week. It was a fast-paced game with great cheerleaders! In an upset, the juniors defeated the seniors with a score of 20 to 18. The game raised money and collected food for the Brockport and Hamlin Food Shelves. This year \$700 was raised and nine boxes of food were donated. Thank you to everyone who contributed toward a successful and entertaining event!



2017 Capital Improvement Project Phase II Update

This spring and summer construction crews were diligently working on school buildings, district-wide site improvements, energy saving items and enhancing safety and security as part of phase II of the 2017 CIP approved by voters in May of 2017. Highlights of some of the improvements made in phase II include:



Safety and security

- All five schools have new secure vestibules that allow school staff to properly check in visitors before they can enter the buildings. The greeter then chooses to let the visitor into the office or into the hallway.
- Middle school main office was relocated to the front of the building.
- All schools had emergency egress lighting installed.
- All elementary buildings have widened and improved emergency fire access lanes.
- A new, safer pull-in/pull-out parking area was created in the Barclay/Ginther bus loop. Previously buses were double parked.
- A new fire alarm system was installed at the middle school.
- Emergency generator transfer switches were installed at multiple schools.

NYSERDA Study (energy saving items) at the High School

- Water Source Heat Pumps (WSHP) were replaced.
- Water to Water Heat Pumps (WWHP) were replaced.
- WSHP Loop Pumping improvements (Diversion Valve) were installed.
- Boiler plant upgrades of equipment and controls were completed.

Site improvements

(see new campus map on the district website)

- Eight tennis courts were redesigned/upgraded with a practice wall and pickle ball lines on the lower courts.
- New parking lots at Ginther and Barclay were constructed with improved visitor parking and site lighting.
- A new traffic pattern for student drop-off and improved visitor parking were completed at the high school.
- The main campus road was widened to add a turning lane into the Ginther and administration parking lots.
- A new staff only lot was constructed behind the bus loop near Ginther and Barclay.
- New sidewalks were installed at multiple buildings.

Other building improvements

- Main office renovations were done in multiple schools.
- Bathroom renovations were made at the high school.
- Hallway floor tile was installed at the middle school.
- Door replacements were done at the high school.
- Main entry canopies were constructed at Ginther and Hill schools.
- Roofing work was completed at the high school.
- Library HVAC improvements were made at the middle school.

National School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2019

Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program aimed at addressing school bus safety. Every year parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators and many others join forces to promote school bus safety during National School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme is **"My School Bus, The Safest Form of Student Transportation!"**

In recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, please review the following reminders:

- Watch for buses and students walking alongside the road traveling to bus stops or school buildings.
- Pay attention to the flashing amber lights indicating that the school bus is preparing to stop and red lights signifying that children are getting on or off the bus.
- Stop when the red lights are flashing; it's New York State law.
- Brockport school bus drivers are trained to pull over to relieve traffic but only when they are able to do so safely.

Remember, the key is to remain alert. Thank you for your partnership in helping create a safe environment for our students, bus drivers and community members. A special thank you goes out to our bus drivers and transportation department staff who have the crucial role of ensuring our students get to and from school safely!



Red Ribbon Week

October 23-31, 2019

Join BCSD in taking a stand against drugs during Red Ribbon Week! The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week takes place every year from October 23-31 and serves as an opportunity to kick off the conversation about drug prevention.

This year's theme is "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free." BHS and OMS will host a variety of activities throughout Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness and take a stand against drugs.

If you have questions or feel your child may be using drugs, please contact our Delphi Prevention Counselor Nicca Latucca at nicca.latucca@bcs1.org. Resources and tips for talking to your children about drugs are available on our website at bcs1.org under the FAMILIES tab. Click on PARENT RESOURCES.



Family ties at transportation

The BCSD Transportation Department employs more than 100 transportation personnel. Office staff, bus drivers, bus attendants and mechanics work diligently to safely transport approximately 3,800 students to 45 different schools. While this task may seem overwhelming, the Transportation Department takes pride in its efficiency and credits its caring hardworking staff for its success.

Matt Schultz, Director of Transportation, describes the department as a family. This is fitting because many of the staff are related. William Brawn started working for BCSD Transportation in 1991 as a mechanic and is currently responsible for all scheduling and bus routing. William's wife, Janet, started working as a BCSD bus attendant in 2002. While both can soon retire, neither are anxious to leave. They speak with pride when discussing their jobs, the relationships they have with coworkers and the satisfaction they have working with children. "Some days are difficult," stated Janet. "Some days are rewarding, but the last day of school is always sad."

Marisol Paz, a former BCSD student, is currently working as a bus attendant while studying to become an early education teacher. Marisol encouraged both her mother, Victoria Santellanese, and sister, Ana Cruz, to join BCSD as bus attendants. Ana recently completed her CDL license and will become a bus driver in the fall. Marisol stated she would encourage anyone interested in working for BCSD Transportation to apply. "It is a welcoming environment and feels like a family," she said.



Pictured: William and Janet Brawn

Interested in a rewarding career as a bus driver or bus attendant? Please call 585-637-1807 or go to the district's website for more information.

BHS student named Spectrum's **SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

Whether you call him John, Johnny, or Captain, Jonathan Ellison now has a new name to add to the list: Scholar Athlete of the Week.

Ellison is a senior runningback and linebacker for the Brockport Blue Devils, he's also the captain of the team. During the homecoming game, Ellison was awarded Spectrum News Scholar Athlete of the Week, presented to him by the Village of Brockport Mayor. He was also joined on the field by his proud parents, as the celebration was broadcast live on Spectrum News.

In the nomination, Head Football Coach Scott Nugent called Johnny 'one of the hardest working kids on our team.' Going on to say 'he is at every summer lifting session and every camp that we do.' Coach Nugent explained what makes that

feat so extraordinary is the fact that the senior has to travel in from the city every day as an Urban-Suburban student.

"Johnny and his family have shown this dedication since his freshman year. This work ethic carries over to the classroom. He holds over a 90 average in school," stated Coach. His work doesn't stop on the football field. In addition to being a top student and playing as a starter,

he also plays trombone in band and is a member of the track and field team.

The Spectrum News Scholar Athlete Program provides a one-time \$1,000 scholarship and is designed to honor, highlight and celebrate the best scholar athletes in our local public and private high schools. Ellison is one of 32 athletes recognized in Upstate NY this season.

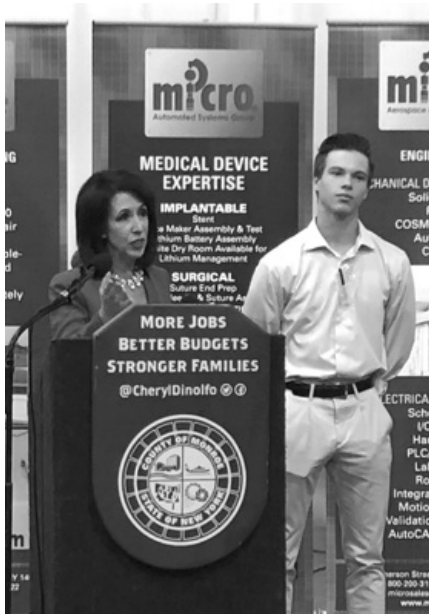


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“ His tremendous work ethic, character and leadership are reasons why he was elected captain by his teammates. - Coach Nugent ”

BHS senior presents during Manufacturing Month

BHS senior Calvin Moyer met with Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo at Micro Instruments in October to celebrate Manufacturing Month. Calvin attends Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES for engineering and metal fabrication and was asked to speak about his experience with the program.



OMS artist assists with Hamlin mural

A serene scene of the sun rising over the water now marks the skyline for those driving past the highway garage building in Hamlin. The beautiful mural features a white owl, painted on the town building snuggled between the Hamlin Town Hall and the Public Library. While it features the work of mural artist Justin Suarez, it was also completed with help from a Brockport Middle Schooler.

Eighth-grader Erin Raimondo entered a contest created by Justin Suarez, highlighting her artwork and writing about her desire to help out in the community art project. She explained the plan was to beautify Hamlin with the mural, along with spray-painting wooden geese to extend the project into the park.

Erin, along with Grace Gregior another youth art assistant, cut out the stencils for the mural and created the artwork on the wooden geese; completing four layers one-by-one with spray paint, stencils, and other details. The wooden geese will be placed behind the mural and the library, finding a new home on the wooden playgrounds.

The middle schooler never expected to have her art displayed in such a public way. "It makes me feel proud of what Grace and I did, and I appreciate this amazing

opportunity that I got to have," expressed Erin.

The Brockport student says working with Justin was a great experience, where she enjoyed learning new techniques while working with a professional artist, especially with a medium she hadn't used before.

Throughout the process, the mural artist would show the girls different techniques for spray painting. On the last day, they were able to try their hand at painting the wall. In addition to the geese, Erin completed some of the feathers on the bottom wing of the wall.



Congratulations!

TO OUR AUGUST 2019 GRADS!

Our summer graduates were honored during a ceremony prior to the Board of Education meeting in September. Superintendent Dr. Myers-Small and BHS Principal Dr. Weller shared words of wisdom and messages of encouragement before the seniors were awarded their diplomas. The graduates and their families then enjoyed a reception with cake and photo opportunities.



Pictured left to right: Assistant Principal Christina Wawrzyniak, Principal Brian Weller, Adrian Arbelaez, Bryant Barber, Kristina Stephens, Meloni Witche, Alissa Countryman and Assistant Principals: Michael Bourne, Michelle Guerrieri and David Iacchetta

Restorative practices and vaping/e-cigs/JUULS

BCSD will incorporate technology and counseling as restorative practices when handling cases of students using vapes, e-cigs and JUULS.

As part of the disciplinary action, students will be meeting with a Delphi Counselor to discuss the root of the issue. They will look at alternative ways that will benefit the student to get back on track for a healthy lifestyle. As part of these restorative practices, students will learn how to avoid being manipulated by marketing and how harmful the product can be, especially long-term.

Students identified to benefit from the program will complete an online course, under the supervision of a staff member in school, called VapeEducate. This new tool is part of the district's comprehensive approach, where students will go through six units exploring the health risks associated with vaping, how their age group is targeted and addiction.

The program adapts to reflect a student's grade level and learning abilities and is being used as an additional resource to educate students. Parents are encouraged to visit VapeEducate.com to learn more.

Eighty-four BCSD staff members were recognized for their extended dedication to our district and their milestone years of service. Combined they have over 1,300 years of service, ranging in increments of five from 10 to 30 years. Honorees were presented with certificates during their school or department meetings this fall.

For a complete list of honorees and photos, visit https://bcs1.org/staff/milestone_years_of_service_awards



Food Service Department service award recipients



BHS service award recipients

MILESTONE YEARS OF SERVICE

Board of Education reorganization meeting

The Brockport Central School District Board of Education held its annual reorganization meeting on July 2. During the meeting, newly re-elected board members Terry Ann Carbone and Kathleen Robertson took the oath of office to serve five-year terms.

The oath of office was administered to Terry Ann Carbone and Jeffrey Harradine, who were elected to serve as president and vice-president, respectively. Superintendent Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small, District Treasurer Jill Reichhart and District Clerk Brandice Vivian were also sworn in.

Regular board meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room of the Administration Building. Meetings are open to the public. A complete BOE schedule can be found on the district website.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

October 21-25, 2019

In celebration of School Board Recognition Week, the Brockport Central School District would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the BCSD Board of Education.

Our board members volunteer their time supporting our students, staff and district. They are dedicated to raising student achievement and continuously advocate for BCSD. Their continued efforts and

shared vision have assisted the district in achieving the highest student performance possible.

During the October 15 BOE meeting students from each school presented board members with gifts and performances as a thank you for their continued service.

2019-20 Board of Education members and years of service:

- President Terry Ann Carbone, 5 years
- Vice President Jeffrey Harradine, 2 years
- Trustee David Howlett, 4 years
- Trustee Daniel Legault, 3 years
- Trustee Robert Lewis, 1 year
- Trustee Kathleen Robertson, 5 years
- Trustee Michael Turbeville, 1 year



BROCKPORT'S BEST

Ginther music teacher Sara Kuhn was honored as Brockport's Best during the October 1 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Kuhn held sing-alongs throughout the summer at local parks to meet and welcome incoming kindergarten students and families.



This independent initiative promoted the importance of music in our schools and our community. Her energetic songs engaged everyone in the park and was a great way to introduce herself to new students. Thank you, Mrs. Kuhn, for sharing your love of music!



BEST in Brockport Foundation

BEST in Brockport Foundation continues to support BCSD students and staff through grants for a variety of programs. Most recently, BEST granted funds for the bookmobile, the science Olympiad team and supplies for students to learn about music, and the science behind it, through the building and investigation of ukuleles.

In order to offer BCSD students these opportunities, BEST was formed as a non-profit organization run

by community members such as yourself. Consider contributing to BEST with your time, talents, and/or resources.

Save the dates

- November 15, 4 p.m. - Meet and Greet the BEST team at the Red Bird Café
- January 13, 6 p.m. - Monthly meeting at the BCSD Administration Building

Keep in touch with Brockport BEST Foundation!

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Farm to Table to Excellence Dinner

The BEST in Brockport Education Foundation's third annual Farm to Table to Excellence Dinner held on October 5 at Kirby's Farm Market was an immense success. The event sold 100 tickets and raised more than \$5,600 to support BCSD students and staff. The evening featured live music, wagon rides, appetizers and a locally-sourced dinner.



The foundation is grateful for the support and sponsorship from the dinner's attendees, Kirby's Farm Market, Wegmans, Harris Beach PLLC, Mahan's, Labella Associates, Bateman Orthodontics, e-Caboose, Canandaigua National Bank, Farmer's Insurance, Howard Hanna Real Estate, Red Bird Café, Jimmy Z's, Custom House, Three Heads Brewery, SLZ Photography, Standard Time, Leslie & Doug Bull, Terry Ann & Fred Carbone, Joan & Richard Fenton, Alicia & Herb Fink, Lynn & Bryan Moulton and Andy & Jeanne Pacitto

September has been busy for Brockport Central PTSA!

But WE NEED YOU to keep it going! "When our Membership declines, so does our Voice."



— James Accomando, former National PTA President

THANK YOU

to the devoted parents, families, staff & principals for the solid turnout at our September meetings and for the interest shown at Open Houses! We are looking forward to adding some new faces and fresh ideas to our PTSA this year!

Upcoming PTSA Meetings:

- **General Meetings**
10/24, 12/19
(6:30 p.m., TTC)
- **Elementary Meetings** -
11/8 (9:45 a.m., Hill);
12/11 (3:30 p.m., Ginther)
- **OMS Meeting** 11/18 (2:15 p.m.)
- **BHS Meeting** 11/14 (2:15 p.m.)



Children are always welcome at meetings!

Events & Opportunities Coming Soon...

- PTSA Membership Drive
- OMS Book Fair: 10/28-10/31/19
- Hill Book Fair 11/4-11/7/19
 - o G.R.A.N.D. Lunch on Monday, Nov. 4th - Flyer coming soon!
- Ginther Book Fair 12/3-12/6/19
 - o Crafts & Cocoa Family Night in December

There were over 550 students, family & staff in our blue 2019 Homecoming T-shirts! Thanks for supporting our Brockport Blue Devils!

Volunteers

PTSA volunteers helped with Ginther Bus Duty and Lunch to help guide our youngest students the first two weeks of school.

At BHS, PTSA volunteers helped make the first Friday's 'Lunch on the Lawn' a huge success again this year!



PTSA volunteers also helped with the Fun Run



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Brockport High School Drama Club

Presents Mamma Mia!

November 7 - 9 at 7 p.m. and November 10 at 2 p.m.

Brockport High School Auditorium

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make *Mamma Mia!* a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre. A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!



Bottom Row: Lillyanna McNamee, Claire Gratto, Calvin Cavagnaro, Jack Anderson. Top Row: Sam Sevor, Zach Williams, Sacred Howland, Kayla Groth

Tickets are \$12 each, or \$10 for STARR Card Students or GROUP OF 10 or more at the same performance.

To order, visit the website at www.showtix4u.com, or purchase at the greeter's desk during school hours. Tickets at the door will be \$15.

DRIVER EDUCATION reminder:

Registrations are now being taken for the November session of Driver's Education. Please see our district website for more information:

www.bcs1.org/community/driver_education

EARLY RELEASE drill reminder

BCSD will conduct an early release drill on Wednesday, November 6. All schools will be dismissed 15 minutes early. As such, all buses are scheduled to depart 15 minutes early. Please remember to make alternate transportation arrangements for your child if necessary. This drill does not impact UPK. We practice safety drills such as this periodically to ensure students and staff know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

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Term Expires June 30, 2022

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Term Expires June 30, 2020

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