

# WE GOT THIS!



## Hall's Corner

### Special Closure Edition #5

April 17, 2020

**SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST  
MAY 15<sup>th</sup>!**

🌀 **A LOT OF INFORMATION HERE!** 🌀

Dear Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It has now been 35 days since we were able to interact with your kids in the hallways and classrooms at BHS. We ALL miss them greatly!

This past week we held FIVE **Town Hall with T. Hall ZOOM Meetings** with PTSA (66 parents), the Class of 2020 (TBD – 4:00 PM today), the Class of 2021 (88 students), the Class of 2022 (90 students), and the Class of 2023 (88 students). It was so incredibly helpful to hear directly from students and parents about what is working, where we can be better, and what fears, frustrations, concerns, and questions people have as we head into week #5 of physical distancing and on-line learning at BHS. Links to each grade level Town Hall were sent to parents and students of that grade level.

**ZOOM Audios from the Week of 4/13/2020**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade -

<https://www.bcsd.org/cms/lib/NY02212067/Centricity/Domain/109/9th%20Grade%20Class%20Meeting%20Audio4142020.m4a>

10<sup>th</sup> Grade –

<https://www.bcsd.org/cms/lib/NY02212067/Centricity/Domain/109/10th%20Grade%20Town%20Hal%20with%20T.%20Hall%20ZOOM%20Meeting%204-15-2020.m4a>

11<sup>th</sup> Grade –

night.

[https://www.bcsd.org/cms/lib/NY02212067/Centricity/Domain/109/Junior Class Town Hall with T. Hall 4-16-2020.m4a](https://www.bcsd.org/cms/lib/NY02212067/Centricity/Domain/109/Junior%20Class%20Town%20Hall%20with%20T.%20Hall%204-16-2020.m4a)

12<sup>th</sup> Grade –

TBD – Tonight at 4:00 PM

### **Future Grade Level Town Hall with T. Hall ZOOM Meetings**

**ZOOM LINKS will come out as the dates get closer.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 4/27 at 4:00 PM**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 4/28 at 4:00 PM**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 4/29 at 4:00 PM**

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 4/30 at 4:00 PM**

**PTSA – TBD**

**Hopefully you have seen a difference in communication this week from the faculty at BHS. We are trying to streamline e-mail communication to once per week to parents/students with the week's plans and have all materials, assignments, Zoom meeting links/dates, etc. in one place in Schoology.**

**Again, this technology is NEW for many faculty, but we are working hard to provide professional development to minimize multiple e-mails from 6-8 teachers each week and post everything in the same place for easier access, scheduling, and organization. We also created a master BHS schedule for ALL ZOOM meetings, office hours, etc. for faculty to review so that they avoid as many conflicts as possible with hosting same grade level course Zoom meetings. We don't want students to have to choose between attending a live Earth Science class and a live ELA 9 class, etc. **We have heard you and we are working on this!****

*As I noted since week one, **remember, your family's health and well-being are your number one priority right now during this stressful time. If your child cannot complete the school work being assigned or is not able to complete it due to a variety of factors, that is OK. We will adjust and get through this.***

And... if you need something to watch, other than COVID-19 updates and information, please take a look at the **T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiRJ1rea6Yo&feature=youtu.be>. Thank you to Mrs. Hall for filming! Next week, T. & C. Hall at Home will debut!

**Also, as a former biologist, you can't beat watching the **birth of Emperor Penguins** – Check this out!**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0u67Wk\\_hJ0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0u67Wk_hJ0)

Thank you!  
T. Hall  
[Tom\\_hall@bcasd.org](mailto:Tom_hall@bcasd.org)

### **COUNSELING NEWSLETTER**

**Click here for great information!**

<https://www.smores.com/xt3f>

**State launches mental health hotline!**

<https://13wham.com/news/local/state-launches-mental-health-hotline>

### **TECH SUPPORT**

*We are streamlining all technology support requests through the following channels:*

1. *Student/parent support at [www.bcasd.org/help](http://www.bcasd.org/help)*
2. *All other inquiries call 585-242-5200 x5555*

### **LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER RESOURCES**

The BHS Library Media Website includes all sorts of resources including **free access to the NYTimes, Wall Street Journal, dozens of Research Databases, and loads of links to access free eBooks, streaming media**, and digital educational rabbit holes of all sorts. Our Library Media Specialist Mr. Enis is adding new content all of the time! There is also contact information if you would like to email Mr. Enis or set up a time for a virtual meeting for help using any of the resources.

**Here is the link to the Library website <https://www.bcasd.org/domain/123>.**

Here is a link to a YouTube tutorial that walks you through the features and benefits of the website <https://youtu.be/EVbDBmM5NrM>

### **Topics this week - SPECIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE TOPICS**

- *The SAT on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the SAT on June 6<sup>th</sup> are cancelled – See below for on-line help!*
- *FOOD SERVICE for FAMILIES in NEED*
- *School Counselor Contact Information and Emergency and Mental Health Information – Safe Schools Helpline*
- *Technology Helpline/Assistance with Technology – Do you have tech questions?*
- *CLASS of 2020 Virtual Decision Day!*
- *T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week*
  - *Week of 4/13/2020*
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiRJ1rea6Yo&feature=youtu.be>
  - *Week of 4/6/2020*
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IZdOIkrekw>
- *Students in the News – Check this out! We have so many incredible students!*
- *The Collegeboard and AP EXAMS – NEW UPDATES!!!!*
  - *See Updates below!*
- *FREE SAT and ACT Exams and Feedback – check this out!*
- *Attention Juniors – Writing your college essay summer classes! SIGN UP NOW!*
- *Class of 2020 Virtual Decision Day – Check this out Seniors!*

### **STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

**BHS GIRL UP CLUB – KUDOS TO GIRL UP!**

**Girl Up held a supply drive for the Willow Domestic Violence Center! Thank you to the club members overseeing this incredible event and for collecting so many needed supplies! YOU MAKE BHS SHINE! YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!**

### **KUDOS to Senior MAYA FINIGAN**

**Maya** competed in NYC on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the NY State Poetry Out Loud competition after getting 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the regional competition at Brockport State College. Maya was able to travel to NYC as a state finalist (top 2 from each region go to States). Although Maya did not win, she did really well, and it was an amazing event! **MAYA – YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!**

### **FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

We are going to begin offering breakfast and lunch together for children and adults starting on **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will have pick-up locations at BHS. If transportation is an issue, please call us and we'll get food to you. [Details are available at this link.](#)

### **EMERGENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION**

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

### **Counseling Information – From the BHS Counseling Department – Click here!**

State launches mental health hotline!

<https://www.smores.com/xttd3f>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/state-launches-mental-health-hotline>

- E-mail is the best way to communicate with counselors. They will continue to check their e-mail daily and will do their best to answer any questions you may have.
- We recognize you may have questions regarding academics. Teachers are your best resource; please contact them directly.
- Juniors and Seniors- we know that your post-secondary planning may be on your minds. Please check individual college websites for specific information. We will do our best to communicate any global updates regarding admissions that we receive. Juniors- you can find copies of all seminar packets here: <https://www.bcsd.org/Page/2068>. Additionally, Junior Parent Night Presentation packet can be found on our website under "Events".

### **Technology Helpline – Do you have technology/internet/device questions?**

Student/parent support at [www.bcsd.org/help](http://www.bcsd.org/help)

All other inquiries call 585-242-5200 x5555

There are "how to" guides on our web site which parents can access through your building home page or the district page. There is also a link to a great parent resource guide...[A Parent's Guide to How to Set up Home Learning](#). **If a student, for some reason needs Internet, our HS parking lot has wireless available;** all they need to do is drive over, park, and they will be able to grab the signal from their device. They do NOT need to get out of their car or come into the building. **The building is CLOSED.**

### **COLLEGEBOARD and AP EXAMS – Where are we?**

AP Updates for Students and Families

Below is the most current information on the administration of this year's Advanced Placement examinations. You can also find additional information on the College Board website ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)). Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

### 1. Exam Schedule

All students should take the exam on the primary date it is offered. If you have a conflict, please reach out to Ms. Balling and let her know. The exams are 45 minutes in length and there are no multiple-choice questions. We are hopeful that College Board provide simulations in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned for details.

## 2020 AP<sup>®</sup> Exam Schedule



Exam Start Times ▶ Local times may vary depending on a student's geographic location.	Hawaii Time: 6:00am Alaska Time: 8:00am Pacific Time: 9:00am Mountain Time: 10:00am Central Time: 11:00am Eastern Time: 12:00pm	Hawaii Time: 8:00am Alaska Time: 10:00am Pacific Time: 11:00am Mountain Time: 12:00pm Central Time: 1:00pm Eastern Time: 2:00pm	Hawaii Time: 10:00am Alaska Time: 12:00pm Pacific Time: 1:00pm Mountain Time: 2:00pm Central Time: 3:00pm Eastern Time: 4:00pm
<b>Primary</b>			
<b>Mon, May 11</b>	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	United States Government and Politics
<b>Tues, May 12</b>	Latin	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Human Geography
<b>Wed, May 13</b>	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	English Literature and Composition	European History
<b>Thurs, May 14</b>	Spanish Literature and Culture	Chemistry	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>Fri, May 15</b>	Art History	United States History	Computer Science A
<b>Mon, May 18</b>	Chinese Language and Culture	Biology	Environmental Science
<b>Tues, May 19</b>	Music Theory	Psychology	Japanese Language and Culture Italian Language and Culture
<b>Wed, May 20</b>	German Language and Culture	English Language and Composition	Microeconomics
<b>Thurs, May 21</b>	French Language and Culture	World History: Modern	Macroeconomics
<b>Fri, May 22</b>	Comparative Government and Politics	Statistics	Spanish Language and Culture
<b>Make-up</b>			
<b>Mon, June 1</b>	United States Government and Politics Physics C: Mechanics	Human Geography Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	Calculus AB Calculus BC Latin
<b>Tues, June 2</b>	English Literature and Composition Spanish Literature and Culture	Physics 1: Algebra-Based European History	Chemistry Physics 2: Algebra-Based
<b>Wed, June 3</b>	United States History Art History	Environmental Science Computer Science A	Biology Chinese Language and Culture
<b>Thurs, June 4</b>	English Language and Composition German Language and Culture	Japanese Language and Culture Italian Language and Culture Microeconomics	Psychology Music Theory
<b>Fri, June 5</b>	World History: Modern Macroeconomics	Spanish Language and Culture Comparative Government and Politics	Statistics French Language and Culture

### 2. Deadlines and Refunds

The deadline for schools to remit payment to the College Board for AP Exams has been extended to Friday, June 26. Students will not be charged for an exam that isn't taken, including the base exam fee as well as any additional fees such as the late order fee and canceled/unused exam fee. Refunds will be processed through Brighton Central School District in June after AP testing has concluded. If you know you will not be taking the exam this year, please let Ms. Balling know via email. You have until the exam to decide if you want to take the test.

### 3. What device can I use to take the exam?

Students can take the exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option. We'll have tips for testing on different devices closer to exam day. **If you are having difficulty with connectivity at home or with your technology, please go to [cb.org/tech](https://collegeboard.org/tech) by April 24.** The College Board is prepared to help all in need.

**If we are back in school by May 11, exams will be administered on a device at Brighton High School. Please know this is ONLY if the school is open.**

#### **4. Calculator use**

On 2020 AP Exams that may involve calculations (including some STEM and economics courses), questions are designed such that required calculations can be done with a pencil and paper, with no calculator (including one with graphical or statistical capabilities) required. However, use of a calculator is allowed and may be helpful. Simple (“four-function”) calculators are freely available as apps for computers and phones (i.e., most or all internet-connected devices), and can be installed beforehand for use on the exam. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the calculator policy.

#### **5. Student Accommodations**

Students will be able to take online AP Exams with College Board–approved accommodations such as extended time. This is information that Brighton has already provided to College Board. Additional information about this will be available soon.

#### **6. What does Open Book/Open Note mean?**

Like many college take-home exams, 2020 AP exams will be open book/open note. Students may access class notes and class resources to reference concepts covered during their course. We strongly advise students to organize their materials prior to the AP Exam so they do not waste exam time searching for information or incorporating misinformation.

Students are not permitted to incorporate work which is not their own and students are not permitted to provide or receive aid in any kind from anyone, in-person, online or mobile. During the exam, students may not:

- Communicate with any other person during the exam through any means, including online, in-person, by mobile or other device
- Crowdsource support from group messages, online forums or social media
- Incorporate the work of another person or technological service into their own exam response, including language translation

We will share details about how students will access exams, complete tasks, and submit responses by late April.



## 7. Will colleges and universities accept my AP scores?

The College Board is confident that the vast majority of Higher Ed institutions will award credit as they have in the past. They have spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country who support our solution for this year's AP Exams.

### **The SAT on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and SAT on June 6<sup>th</sup> are cancelled.**

Check out this website for FREE online resources, free tests to take, and free test advice as they score each test for you. Here's the link to our events page: <https://chariotlearning.com/events/>.

**“As the College Board responds to the impact of coronavirus, our top priorities are the health and safety of students and educators. We’re working hard to make the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows.**

**Right now, public health officials have made clear it is not safe to gather students in one place. Many states have closed school for the rest of the academic year, and globally there are widespread school closures across 192 countries. As such, we will not be able to administer the SAT and SAT Subject Tests as planned on June 6, 2020.**

**Students will have opportunities to take the SAT to make up for this spring’s lost administrations. If it’s safe from a public health standpoint, we will provide weekend SAT administrations every month through the end of the calendar year, beginning in August. This includes a new administration in September and the previously scheduled tests on August 29, October 3, November 7, and December 5.**

**Students will be able to register for these administrations beginning in May. We’ll communicate directly with students when the exact date is available. Eligible students will be able to take the exam with a fee waiver. Students who were registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who do not have SAT scores will have early access to registration for the August, September, and October administrations.”**

**Colleges consider the unthinkable: dropping SAT and ACT requirements for next year's applicants. *CNN*, By Alicia Lee – Updated 6:24 PM ET, Tue April 14, 2020**

**[https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/14/us/coronavirus-colleges-sat-act-test-trnd/index.html?utm\\_term=15869485251242ad7af8f0f49&utm\\_source=Coronavirus+Update++April+15%2C+2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=198535\\_1586948525128&bt ee=b31AA%2Ffe%2FFldF9wmEPK9Ke3EtMPqOlqFdkGFfIgeqnd05tbSi0LxIVwX%2BC8TACnbL&bt ts=1586948525128](https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/14/us/coronavirus-colleges-sat-act-test-trnd/index.html?utm_term=15869485251242ad7af8f0f49&utm_source=Coronavirus+Update++April+15%2C+2020&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=198535_1586948525128&bt ee=b31AA%2Ffe%2FFldF9wmEPK9Ke3EtMPqOlqFdkGFfIgeqnd05tbSi0LxIVwX%2BC8TACnbL&bt ts=1586948525128)**

**One million-plus juniors will miss out on SATs and ACTs this spring because of coronavirus. *Washington Post*, April 13, 2020 by Nick Anderson.**

**[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/one-million-plus-juniors-will-miss-out-on-sats-and-acts-this-spring-because-of-coronavirus/2020/04/12/4ccc827c-7a95-11ea-b6ff-597f170df8f8\\_story.html?MessageRunDetailID=1639247115&PostID=13711209&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=rasa\\_io](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/one-million-plus-juniors-will-miss-out-on-sats-and-acts-this-spring-because-of-coronavirus/2020/04/12/4ccc827c-7a95-11ea-b6ff-597f170df8f8_story.html?MessageRunDetailID=1639247115&PostID=13711209&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io)**

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### **ATTENTION JUNIORS – Writing your COLLEGE ESSAY!**

**Multiple one-week sessions offered, beginning the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Friday!**

**AM Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

**Location: Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road S.**

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

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

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

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

Questions may be directed to Brighton Community Education at [ce@bcasd.org](mailto:ce@bcasd.org) or 585-242-5200 ext.5595.

### **CLASS OF 2020 VIRTUAL DECISION DAY**

Dear Seniors in the Class of 2020,

**Decision Day 2020 is going virtual this year for the Class of 2020! We are going to collect short, 5 second video clips or a picture, where you are celebrating the DECISION you have made for the fall of 2020! Even if we are back in school by May, we will still offer this opportunity for all of our seniors! We will also be doing a picture from THEN (young age) and NOW (senior photo) for a senior class slide show – more to come on that!**

#### **Decision Day 2020**

- College or university you are attending; OR
- Career opportunity/employment opportunity you are pursuing; OR
- Military branch/service or military appt. you are pursuing; OR
- Other?

**We want to celebrate all of your accomplishments with our fellow Brighton Community, Senior Class, Faculty/Staff, and Families!**



- **Video entries due to one drive by May 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM.**
  - **You can start submitting videos or pictures any time now through May 11<sup>th</sup>!**
  - Submit via One Drive address.
  - E-mail District Videographer/creator of the Decision Day montage, Eric Gruner at [eric\\_gruner@bcasd.org](mailto:eric_gruner@bcasd.org) to let him know the video or picture was uploaded.
  
- **Decision Day Video/Picture Montage will be released on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM.**
  
- **Video/Picture Guidelines**
  - **5 second video or 1 picture that will show for 5 seconds.**
  - **State your Name (first only) or first and last name with parent permission, OR, do not state your name for privacy reasons. That is OK too.**
  - **State the name of the college/university or military or career field you are heading to after graduation.**
    - Wear college colors, sweatshirts, hats, etc. and/or SHOW a poster of your chosen college/career field, employment/employer, or military branch.
  - **KEEP it rated "G" appropriate or it will NOT be shown.**
  
  - **Take the photo or video horizontally/landscape.**
    - Check your phone camera settings and be sure that they are on best quality, or HD, or 1080p as well as turning off "auto rotate picture" if necessary.
    - Then rotate the phone so the screen is horizontal and film that way for a wide-screen effect.
      - If you need to do multiple takes, we recommend that you delete the previous takes so as not to end up with a bunch of similar video files. That increases the chance of sending the wrong one. 😊
  
  - **Upload the video or picture to this ONE DRIVE ADDRESS.**

[https://brightoncsd-my.sharepoint.com/:f/q/personal/eric\\_gruner\\_bcsd\\_org/EtE47PC6t11AsSRKGMTrLa8BFczqBz-5Qj8T1OV\\_F-aurQ](https://brightoncsd-my.sharepoint.com/:f/q/personal/eric_gruner_bcsd_org/EtE47PC6t11AsSRKGMTrLa8BFczqBz-5Qj8T1OV_F-aurQ)

- **E-Mail District Videographer/montage creator, Eric Gruner at [eric\\_gruner@bcasd.org](mailto:eric_gruner@bcasd.org) once you upload the video.**