



Hall's Corner

Special Closure Edition No. 6

April 24, 2020

**SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST
MAY 15!**

**😊 THIRD QT GRADES ARE NOW ON
PORTAL! 😊**

Dear Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It has now been 42 days since we were able to interact with your kids in the hallways and classrooms at BHS. We continue to miss them greatly!

FAMILIES – Do you have a BHS student who is serving as an ESSENTIAL WORKER (grocery stores, food service industry, medical/nursing home/health care, hardware stores, etc.) during this pandemic? We would like to recognize these BHS students in upcoming Hall's Corners as part of Students in the News and THANK THEM for all that they are doing for the rest of us. Send names to BHS secretary Denise McEvily at Denise_McEvily@bcasd.org. In your e-mail use the Subject Line – “Students in the News.” Thank you to junior **Juliana Barry** for this great idea to honor our student essential workers!

Grades for the third quarter are now LIVE on the Parent/Student Portal. On Tuesday, April 21, we communicated our approach for how grades in the **fourth quarter and final course grades** would be calculated for full year and semester spring courses. That information, along with third quarter grading information is provided again at the end of Hall's Corner.

Future Grade Level & PTSA Town Hall with T. Hall ZOOM Meetings

ZOOM LINKS will come out as the dates get closer.

9th Grade Students – April 27 at 4 p.m.

BHS Faculty Meeting – April 28 – 2:30 p.m.

10th Grade Students – April 28 at 4 p.m.

11th Grade Students – April 29 at 4 p.m.

PTSA – April 29 at 7 p.m.

12th Grade Students – April 30 at 4 p.m.

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 following...

- [T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week](#)
- [A giant asteroid that will whiz by Earth next week looks like it's wearing a face mask.](#) That's [some astronomical social distancing.](#)

Thank you!

T. Hall

Tom_hall@bcasd.org

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

[Click here for great information!](#)

TECH SUPPORT

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

- 1. Student/parent support at www.bcsd.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 NY Times, 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.

[Click here for the link to the Library website](#)

[Click here for a link to a YouTube tutorial](#) that walks you through the features and benefits of the website

Topics this week - SPECIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE TOPICS

- ***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 4/20/2020](#)
 - [Week of 4/13/2020](#)
- **Students in the News – Check this out! We have so many incredible students!**
- **The College Board and AP EXAMS – NEW UPDATES!!!!**
 - **See Updates below!**
 - **Go to www.collegeboard.org and click on the link at the top “Coronavirus updates.” It has all the latest information for students and teachers.**
- **The SAT on May 2 and the SAT on June 6 are canceled – See below for online help!**
- **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

STUDENTS SERVING AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS!

At BHS, we have many students serving as front line essential workers! Students are providing meals, medical/nursing/health care, and keeping our grocery stores open and stocked for the rest of us. KUDOS TO ALL OF THEM! YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!

Do you have a BHS student who is serving as an ESSENTIAL WORKER (grocery stores, food service industry, medical/nursing/health care, hardware stores, etc.) during this pandemic? We would like to recognize these students in upcoming Hall’s Corners as part of Students in the News and THANK THEM for all that they are doing for the rest of us. Send names to BHS secretary Denise McEvily at Denise_McEvily@bcisd.org. In your email use the subject line – “Students in the News.”

SENIOR ASHLEIGH MACKINNON – KUDOS!

BHS Senior **Ashleigh MacKinnon** has been selected as a 2019-20 ACE Rochester Scholarship winner. The ACE Mentor Program is a nationwide program designed to introduce students to the wide range of career opportunities in Architecture, Construction, Engineering, and related areas of the building design and construction industry.

Through this unique opportunity, student teams work directly with professionals from leading area firms on projects that provide hands-on experience in solving the types of design, engineering and construction challenges industry professionals confront every day and which illustrate the industry’s demand for young people skilled in math, physics, economics, art and other disciplines. One exciting project the student teams complete is the planning and building of playhouses which are donated to sick children through ACE Rochester’s partnership with Rochester-based charity, Zoey’s Light Inc. **Ashleigh – YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!**

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

We are offering breakfast and lunch together for children and adults while buildings are closed. 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. This is up and running 24-7.

COUNSELING INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE FOR A TON OF INFORMATION!](#)

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

Student/parent support at www.bcsd.org/help

All other inquiries call 585-242-5200 x5555

There are “how to” guides on our [website](#). 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 BHS 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.

COLLEGE BOARD and AP EXAMS – Where are we?

AP Updates for Students and Families

Go to www.collegeboard.org and click on the link at the top “Coronavirus updates.” It has all the latest information for students and teachers.

2020 AP[®] 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 |
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| Primary | | | |
| Mon, May 11 | Physics C: Mechanics | Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism | United States Government and Politics |
| Tues, May 12 | Latin | Calculus AB Calculus BC | Human Geography |
| Wed, May 13 | Physics 2: Algebra-Based | English Literature and Composition | European History |
| Thurs, May 14 | Spanish Literature and Culture | Chemistry | Physics 1: Algebra-Based |
| Fri, May 15 | Art History | United States History | Computer Science A |
| Mon, May 18 | Chinese Language and Culture | Biology | Environmental Science |
| Tues, May 19 | Musio Theory | Psychology | Japanese Language and Culture Italian Language and Culture |
| Wed, May 20 | German Language and Culture | English Language and Composition | Microeconomics |
| Thurs, May 21 | French Language and Culture | World History: Modern | Macroeconomics |
| Fri, May 22 | Comparative Government and Politics | Statistics | Spanish Language and Culture |
| Make-up | | | |
| Mon, June 1 | United States Government and Politics Physics C: Mechanics | Human Geography Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism | Calculus AB Calculus BC Latin |
| Tues, June 2 | English Literature and Composition Spanish Literature and Culture | Physics 1: Algebra-Based European History | Chemistry Physics 2: Algebra-Based |
| Wed, June 3 | United States History Art History | Environmental Science Computer Science A | Biology Chinese Language and Culture |
| Thurs, June 4 | English Language and Composition German Language and Culture | Japanese Language and Culture Italian Language and Culture Microeconomics | Psychology Musio Theory |
| Fri, June 5 | World History: Modern Macroeconomics | Spanish Language and Culture Comparative Government and Politics | Statistics French Language and Culture |

The SAT on May 2 and SAT on June 6 ARE CANCELED.

Check out this website for FREE online resources, free tests to take, and free test advice as they score each test for you: <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.”

ATTENTION JUNIORS – Writing your COLLEGE ESSAY!

Multiple one-week sessions offered, beginning the week of July 13, Monday – Friday!

AM Session: 9 a.m. – noon

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 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, 3 p.m.**
 - o **You can start submitting videos or pictures any time now through May 11!**
 - o Submit via One Drive address.
 - o E-mail District Videographer/creator of the Decision Day montage, Eric Gruner at 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, 3:00 p.m.**
- **Video/Picture Guidelines**
 - o **5 second video or 1 picture that will show for 5 seconds.**
 - o **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.**
 - o **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.
 - o **KEEP it rated "G" appropriate or it will NOT be shown.**
 - o **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. 😊
- o **Upload the video or picture to this ONE DRIVE ADDRESS.**

https://brightoncsd-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/eric_gruner_bcsd_org/EtE47PC6t11AsSRKGMTrLa8BFczqBz-5Qj8T1OV_F-aurQ

- Email District Videographer/montage creator, Eric Gruner at eric_gruner@bcsd.org once you upload the video.

ATTENTION BHS FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

SPECIAL HALL'S CORNER

4th Quarter and Final Course Grading Procedures

April 21, 2020

BHS Families and Students:

We are moving forward on a decision for Quarter 4 grades and final course grade calculations in this day of COVID-19 and unprecedented school closure. **It is impossible to satisfy everyone; it is imperative to create a workable solution that is fair and compassionate.** Thus, quarter four grades will be calculated in a unique fashion.

This policy was developed in conjunction with feedback from BHS coordinators, administrators, and district leadership. It also included research from county-wide discussions with other high school principals, assistant superintendents for curriculum and instruction, and superintendents. ***I believe we have also created a singular-use grading policy that meets several of the needs and concerns shared by parents, students, teachers, and administrators.***

- *Create incentives so that ALL kids remain engaged or see the rationale for getting engaged;*
- *Provide equity, as best that we can remotely, for ALL involved;*
- *4th QT grades can only HELP students;*
- *Minimize the mental/emotional stress, anxiety, and fears of students, parents, and teachers;*
- *Assist students at ALL levels.*

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. Please contact your student's counselor and teachers or reach out to me directly and I will disseminate the information to the teachers and counselor – tom_hall@bcsd.org.

Considerations used to design this singular-use grading policy:

- The reality is that we are in the midst of a global pandemic that has not been seen in two generations: it is important to remember that students, families, and faculty – even those unaffected by illness – are scared, anxious, stressed out, and mentally exhausted.
- Fourth quarter grades can only help a student's overall grade, but not bring a grade down (for full year courses).

- Students will live the **Brighton Believes trait of INTEGRITY and academic honesty** while working remotely, ensuring that their on-line work is their own work, demonstrating what they as individual students are learning.
- **A date for the end of the 4th QT will be determined once Governor Cuomo announces the schedule for the remainder of the school year.**
- **There will be NO course final examinations, whether or not we return to school before June 25th.**
- **School work begun on-line on or after April 13th may be used to support a student's final quarter four grade.**

4th QT GRADES WILL BE CALCULATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

Full year course 4th QT grading scale for the 2019-2020 COVID-19 school year

- **85% in the 4th QT and above = A = 4.0 (passing)**
 - COVID-19 Conversion – An 85% to 94% end of QT 4 grade will be converted to a 95% in the SchoolTool gradebook - A
 - COVID-19 Conversion – A 95% to 100% end of QT 4 grade will remain the same/no conversion - A
- **70% to 84.4% in the 4th QT = B = 3.0 (passing)**
 - COVID-19 Conversion – A 70% to 84.4% end of QT 4 grade will be converted to an 85% in the SchoolTool gradebook - B
- **60% to 69.4% in the 4th QT = C = 2.0 (passing)**
 - COVID-19 Conversion – A 60% to 69.4% end of QT 4 grade will be converted to a 75% in the SchoolTool gradebook - C
- **INCOMPLETE = No Grade assigned for the 4th QT (students **did NOT complete** a sufficient amount of on-line work to demonstrate learning to receive a pass for the quarter).**

Half year spring course 4th QT grading scale for the 2019-2020 COVID-19 school year

- Students will earn either a PASS (P = 60%-100%) or an INCOMPLETE (INC) rating
- **4th QT letter grades/ratings will be reflected on report cards.**

FINAL COURSE GRADES WILL BE CALCULATED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

Full Year Course Final Grade Calculations

- Quarters 1, 2, and 3 will be averaged together to determine the final course grade and a letter grade will be assigned accordingly.
 - If 4th QT grades as defined under the 4th QT Grading Scale for the 2019-2020 COVID-19 school year **assist/help** a student's overall average, QT 4 WILL be averaged in as 25% (Qt 1, 2, 3, & 4) of the overall course grade.
 - If 4th QT grades as defined **DO NOT assist/help** a student's overall average, only quarters 1, 2, and 3 will be used to calculate final course averages.
- Students who absolutely needed a passing grade for 4th QT and/or on their final course exam or Regents exam, **MAY** pass their course for the school year if they obtain at least a passing grade for the 4th QT (Passing = 60%-100%).
- **Students failing full year courses may have the possibility of:**
 - **Attending summer school (depending on course offerings);**
 - **Completing the learning based on a contract with the school to finish the course;**
 - **Repeating the course next school year.**

- **Final Course Letter Grades will be reflected on Report Cards and Transcripts.**

Half Year Spring Course Final Grade Calculations

- Students will earn either a P (60%-100%) or an INC (incomplete) for their spring courses.
 - QT 3 (a grade of an A/B/C/D) and QT 4 P (pass) = P (pass) for the year, award .5 credits
 - QT 3 (D) and QT 4 (INC) = INC for year, no credit.
 - **Students failing half year spring courses may have the possibility of:**
 - **Attending summer school (depending on course offerings);**
 - **Completing the learning based on a contract with the school to finish the course;**
 - **Repeating the course next school year.**
- **Final course grades (P or INC) will be reflected on report cards and transcripts.**
- **For Example – full year course**
 - Students gets an overall average of 79 for the 4th QT.
 - Teacher overrides final 4th QT average and replaces it with an 85 (B).
 - Teacher determines if this increases or decreases a student's overall course average when Qt 1, 2, 3, and 4 are averaged together.
 - If the 4th QT increases a student's overall course average, it is used in final course grade calculations (QT 1,2,3,4). If the 4th QT decreases a student's overall course average, the final course grade average is calculated using QT 1, 2 and 3 only.
 - **Final course grade numerical averages (average of all 4 quarters) or (average of the first 3 quarters) convert to a letter grade as per the BHS/Parent Student handbook, page 3 – Marking System for Final Course Grades.**

Future Grade Level & PTSA Town Hall with T. Hall ZOOM Meetings

I will provide an overview of the grade calculation system, take questions, and share updates on many other school related items next week! ZOOM LINKS will come out as the dates get closer.

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10th Grade Students – 4/28 at 4:00 PM

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From April 3, 2020

Quarter 3 grades for the 2019-2020 school year will be calculated in the following way:

- Quarter three officially ends on Monday, April 15th;
- Grades collected prior to March 13th will be used to calculate the quarter three average;
- Work due prior to March 13th that students submitted after March 13th in an effort to recover credit should be accepted;
- Work that was begun before March 13th but collected after March 13th may be used to support a student's average, but cannot be used to penalize a student;
- **JUNIOR RESEARCH PAPER – JRP exception.**

- o The JRP will count for Q3 and students who do not turn in a JRP for Q3 will be given an INCOMPLETE. Teachers will be available to students and will continue to work with students and families to get those papers submitted through April 15th.
- Work begun on-line after March 13th through and including April 15th, may be used to support a student's average but cannot be used to penalize a student's average;
- Students will have until Wednesday April 15th to submit any work from before March 13th;
- The minimum score for a student will be a 65%.
- **Grades will be posted on the Parent Student Portal on Friday, April 24, 2020.**