

AIR HUGS!



Hall's Corner

Special Closure Edition #7

MAY 1, 2020

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
☹️ For the Rest of the Year! ☹️

3rd QT GRADES ARE NOW ON the Student Parent PORTAL!

Dear Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

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 Subject Line – “Students in the News.” Thank you to **Junior Juliana Barry** for this great idea to honor our student essential workers! **Check out Students in the News for this week! SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!**

From Governor Cuomo's nightly, “Tonight's ‘Deep Breath Moment’: There are no words to show enough love to our **essential workers** — so we say it simply — Good Job. Watch the [newly released video tribute](#) to essential workers.”

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

ZOOM LINKS will come out as the dates get closer.

9th Grade Students – 5/11 at 4:00 PM

BHS Faculty Meeting – 5/12 – 2:30 PM

10th Grade Students – 5/12 at 4:00 PM

11th Grade Students – 5/13 at 4:00 PM

PTSA – 5/13 7:00 PM

12th Grade Students – 5/14 at 4:00 PM

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**

- <https://youtu.be/tl8CctjWJgk>

- **FROM CNN 4-28-2020 – 5things@newsletters.cnn.com**

- **Some lizards evolved to survive hurricanes through bigger toe pads**
Congratulations, you will now spend a portion of your day wondering about lizard toe pads.
- **Eine Kleine piggy painting**
Because, why NOT watch an artist paint a royal portrait of a guinea pig named Cesario?
(Click here to view.)

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Thank you!

T. Hall

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COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

Click here for great information!

<https://www.smore.com/usjm4>

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

- **T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week**
 - <https://youtu.be/tl8CctjWJgk>
- **Students in the News – Check this out! We have so many incredible students!**

- **FOOD SERVICE for FAMILIES in NEED**
- **School Counselor Contact Information and Emergency and Mental Health Information – Safe Schools Helpline**
- **CLASS of 2020 Virtual Decision Day!**
- **Technology Helpline/Assistance with Technology – Do you have tech questions?**
- **Library Media Resources**
- **The CollegeBoard and AP EXAMS – NEW UPDATES!!!!**
 - **See Updates below!**
 - https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-testing-guide-2020.pdf?SFMC_cid=EM305178-&rid=47583463
- **The SAT on May 2nd and the SAT on June 6th are canceled – See below for on-line help!**
- **FREE SAT and ACT Exams and Feedback – check this out!**
- **Attention Juniors – Writing your college essay summer classes! SIGN UP NOW!**
 - This course will be offered in person or online!
- **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!**

Seniors Olivia Rosen and Sasha Kiniova

- Servers at Jewish Senior Life senior living facility

Juniors Braydon Mand, Harrison Winter, Jake Miller, Charlie Covert, Avery Garratt,

- Checkout clerks at Wegmans

Senior Isabel Einbinder

- The Highlands in Pittsford for senior citizens, food service.

Senior Miles Travis

- Tom Wahls, food service industry

Senior Isaiah Welch-Novels

- Rochester Regional Health on the St. Mary's Campus delivering food to seniors

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FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

We are going to begin offering breakfast and lunch together for children and adults starting on **Wednesday, March 18th**. 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!

<https://www.smore.com/usjm4>

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 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.**

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.bcsd.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>

COLLEGE BOARD and AP EXAMS – Where are we?

AP Updates for Students and Families

This link will cover everything you need to know about AP EXAMS.

https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-testing-guide-2020.pdf?SFMC_cid=EM305178-&rid=47583463

Ms. Balling & Mr. Allen will be holding three separate Zoom meetings next week that will hone in on what we believe are some of the most important aspects of the AP information. We will then answer any questions you might have about the exams and even walk you through an exercise on how to submit a response.

The Zoom meetings will be as follows:

***Seniors taking AP's - Zoom at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5
Juniors taking AP's - Zoom at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6
Freshmen and Sophomores taking AP's - Zoom on Thursday, May 7***

Ms. Balling will provide you with a Zoom link 15 minutes before the meeting is to begin.

We are hopeful that you will leave with a better understanding of what to expect this year when taking the exam and hopeful ease your minds.

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
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	Music 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 Music 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 2nd and SAT on June 6th 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. Here's the link to the 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."

ATTENTION JUNIORS – Writing your COLLEGE ESSAY!

Multiple one-week sessions offered, beginning the week of July 13th, 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 South OR through Distance Learning on-line

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 11th, 3:00 PM.**
 - **You can start submitting videos or pictures any time now through May 11th!**
 - Submit via One Drive address.
 - E-mail District Videographer/creator of the Decision Day montage, Eric Gruner at eric_gruner@bcisd.org to let him know the video or picture was uploaded.

- **Decision Day Video/Picture Montage will be released on May 18th, 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/g/personal/eric_gruner_bcisd_org/EtE47PC6t11AsSRKGMTrLa8BFczqBz-5Qj8T1OV_F-aurQ

- **E-Mail District Videographer/montage creator, Eric Gruner at eric_gruner@bcisd.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@bcasd.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.

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.**
 - 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.**