

# BHS Class of 2016

September 2012

## Academics

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! The freshmen class is off to an excellent start academically and socially. The students are adjusting to our building and establishing routines that will lead to success.

On Thursday September 27 we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “**Freshman Parent Orientation**”. The evening was a great success and I want to thank all of the parents that attended. We hope that you found the information worthwhile and useful as you begin this journey with your child into his/her future.

Our academic curriculum is in full swing. Some of the events occurring in the classrooms are highlighted below.

Under the leadership of **Mr. Hayden and Mr. Heede**, **English** classes have done the following:

- Written autobiographical "Where I'm From" poems that explore their heritage and fond memories
- Completed Accelerated Reader Assessment
- Are currently discussing the summer reading novel *The Book Thief* and working on an essay related to the novel

With **Mr. Tanglao and Ms. Guttilla** at the helm, the freshmen in **Personal Finance** are beginning to research possible career choices as they get ready to start their Real World Projects.

**Ms. Froehlich and Mrs. Hilburn** report that in **Research and Writing** Classes, students are learning how to read informational text for main idea, to choose specific quotes to support the main idea, to paraphrase quotes, and to relate the main idea to personal experience through anecdote. This is part of their first informational process essay, which explores a chapter of Sean Covey's book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, and fulfills the Common Core Standards for Writing, W.9-10.2.

## Athletics

The Freshmen **Girls Volleyball** team is off to a great start with a 5-2-1 record. The team has been working hard and their skills continue to get better every day. The Lady Bears are lead by **Haleigh Martin, Kim Souffront, Isabel DeLeon and Daniela Hoyos**. Haleigh and Kim are also contributing to the success of the JV team. We have several home games coming up, so come out and support the Lady Bears!!

**Jorge Montoya** is quarterbacking the freshman football team. He has a great work ethic and is showing tremendous leadership qualities. He threw for 215 yards in a game against Pascack Valley and has a very bright future for the Bears.

## From the Guidance Counselor

Please mark your calendars, **Thursday October 11 from 7-9 p.m. we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences**. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about how they are doing in class. I will begin group conferences with the freshmen the week of October 8. During this time, the students will activate their Infinite Campus and Naviance accounts. They will also complete two activities on Naviance: one is a freshman survey and the other is related to career exploration. On October 17 all ninth grade students along with tenth and eleventh graders will take the PSAT in school. The results of this assessment will give us an indication on how the student can improve on the SAT. More importantly at the freshman level, it will help our teachers identify areas of strengths and weaknesses and how we can use that information to better instruct our students.

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