

# BHS Class of 2017

*September 2013*

## Academics

Welcome to the 2013-2014 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 Wednesday September 18 we held our 4<sup>th</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.

**Homework Zone!** Two locations in the building have been designated as places students can go to complete homework in a quiet environment. On **Mondays and Thursdays, students can report to room 221, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays the library is open.** The Homework Zone is open from 3-4 pm, and no sign ups are necessary.

**Mr. Tanzola and Mr. Murad** are available on **Mondays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm in rooms 225 and 226 for extra help in Physics.** Our retake policy for PSI Physics allows students the opportunity to retake tests and quizzes at anytime to improve their grades. Students are encouraged to attend extra help sessions and complete homework in order to retake tests.

Our **Writing Center** is currently open every **Monday from 3-4 pm in the library** with Mr. Baldwin. The **Writing Center** is a resource for students to get ideas on paper, to revise/edit existing essays and to work on communicating clearly through writing. No sign ups are necessary.

**Mr. Tanglao** reported that **20 freshmen attended the first Model UN meeting.** It's great to see ninth graders already getting involved in activities and clubs!

## Athletics

**Coach Bongo** reports that the freshman football team is determined to have a successful season. In

particular, **Tommy Bencosme** is a hard worker and talented player who contributes all the time.

Soccer **Coach Bautista** reports that **Kevin Ordonez** and **Sebastian Leon**, have been seeing a good amount of playing time in their recent games for the Varsity soccer team. **Kevin Jimenez, Josh Amoaka, Aaron Castrillon, Joe Ng, Kenjy Aranzazu, Marco Ortega, Hassan Kashif, Stephane Lavazais, Sebastian Cerezo, and Sebastian Medina** have been putting a tremendous amount of effort this year for the Junior Varsity soccer team. All freshman players have been making enormous strides since the beginning of preseason back in August.

The Freshmen Volleyball team, under the direction of **Coach Manning**, just improved their record this week by beating Garfield in an exciting game! The team was lead by ace servers **Jazabelle Vargas, Evelyn Visan and Amanda Cheung.**

## From the Guidance Counselor

**Wednesday October 16** all ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students 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. At the freshman level, it will help our teachers identify areas of strengths and weaknesses and how that information can be used to better instruct our students. Freshman group guidance conferences will begin the week of September 30. During this time, the students will activate their Infinite Campus and Naviance accounts. The first progress reports will be mailed at the end of next week. This is a great time to speak to your child about his/her progress and plans to improve where necessary.

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