

BHS CLASS OF 2016

November 2013

Academy Happenings

As we charge into the second marking period of the school year, the freshmen have begun to realize the importance of building a solid academic and extracurricular foundation for their journey through high school and the benefits they will reap as they later prepare for life beyond the walls of BHS. Many students are emerging as diligent, dedicated and conscientious learners and have taken on the responsibilities of high school as active young adults with goals in mind for their futures.

Great Bear Citizens of the Month

Each month of the school year, the Ninth grade academy staff chooses two students, a male and female who have exhibited excellent leadership, respect, and overall integrity among their peers. The Great Bear Citizens of the Month for November are: **Aime Sanchez and Michael Foglio**. Along with exemplary behavior and work ethic, both Aime and Michael are courteous, kind and helpful in and out of class.

Athletics

In girls' soccer news, freshman **Hayley Virone, Katelyn Budhai, and Karen Ramirez** had a great season. **Hayley** played Varsity and excelled greatly. She had some goals and many assists at the Varsity level. **Katelyn and Karen** both excelled as well, they improved their skills and have become very smart and talented soccer players and leaders.

Coach Manning reports that the freshmen girls' Volleyball team had a very successful season this year finishing up 9-7. We had some great wins against powerhouse teams like Paramus, Ridgewood and Indian Hills. The team was led by **Jazabelle Vargas, Delia Harden and Nathalia Naut**. If this group stays together and works hard in the off season they will be very successful for the years to come.

The freshman cheerleaders had a competition this past weekend (December 1st) at FDU in Hackensack. Freshman Cheerleaders **Cassie Dore, Evelin Mendoza, and Brianna DeLeon** all competed in individual events and all received great scores. Freshman **Ciara Jones** competed in the individual dance category and was **overall champion** for that category. As a team the girls won **first place** for their dance.

Freshman Foundations

The ninth grade academy staff is excited to announce the start of Freshman Foundations. This new program has one goal...zero multiple failures for marking period two in the freshman class. Mr. Heede, Mr. Ragasa, Ms. Guttilla, Ms. Sloan and Mrs. Massey are working with groups of students twice a week to support, guide and assist students with improving academics, time management, organization and motivation. Our Foundations staff will meet with students during lunch or before school hours to work with these students in an effort to improve grades. Partnering with parents is a necessity for ALL students. Please contact your child's teachers if you have questions or concerns. Communication is the key to success!

Extra Help

Mr. Tanzola, Mr. Murad, Mrs. Soporowski and Mr. Zoeller continue to be available **EVERY MONDAY** from 3-4 pm for **extra help in Physics**. Please have your child attend if he/she is struggling in this class. **Mrs. Alvarez is available 4 times a week for after school extra help in room 127B from 3-4 pm.**

Upcoming Dates

School will be closed from December 23 - January 1 for winter recess. School reopens January 2.

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