

BHS CLASS OF 2017

March 2014

Spring has finally sprung and the warmer weather is upon us! March was a busy month for all BHS students including freshmen. While juniors were taking their High School Proficiency Assessment otherwise known as their graduation exam and first SAT's, ninth graders were active in the classroom focusing on coursework, beginning spring sports and meeting to discuss schedules for next year.

Academic Happenings

Mr. Tanglao is pleased to report that the Bergenfield Model United Nations team participated in 2014 Change the World Conference in New York City on March 21st - 23rd. This world-class UN simulation challenged students to give speeches, debate topics, and write resolutions about some of the world's most pressing global issues. Freshman students, **Mark Bastidas** and **Evelyn Visan** were selected to represent the Republic of Colombia in the committee discussing economic growth and employment in the Global Development Agenda. In the same committee **Nicholas Garcia** represented Brunei and **Sonia Caton** represented Iceland. **Ciara Jones** was selected for the committee discussing women empowerment and gender equality. With these young leaders gaining this valuable experience so early in their high school careers, we can be sure that the Model UN will have a bright future.

One of our school building goals is for more students to complete a Calculus course before graduation. BHS is happy to announce that it will offer Math courses for credit advancement again this summer in order to increase the number of students on track to take Calculus by their senior year. Freshmen students taking Algebra I may choose to take Geometry over the summer to accelerate their progress. The student may pick up an application from the guidance office and complete the application with his/her parent's signature. The form is then submitted to the student's current Algebra I teacher for a

recommendation. And finally the Math department chairperson will make a final decision.

Athletics

Our spring sports season has begun! Please visit the Bergenfield High School website for a listing of all games for the season. You can find the schedule under the *athletics* tab on the top of the page and follow the links to the sports schedule.

Guidance News

Things in Guidance have been especially busy this month with scheduling appointments for next year. It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents and work together on the future of the students. Although most students are unsure as to what career path they may want to pursue, using Naviance as a guide is a great way for students to begin to explore different pathways that might be of interest to them. The students are excited and enthusiastic about their courses for next year and it is wonderful to see so many students looking to challenge themselves and take honors and AP level classes next year.

The fourth and final marking period is underway and the students working hard to finish the year strong. I have been and will continue to make contact with parents regarding grades and attendance. Please continue use infinite campus in an effort to stay updated on your child's academic progress, attendance and behavior.

Please remember: **School will be in session on Monday April 14.**

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