

PPO CONNECTIONS

THE QUICK DETAILS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BCA

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PPO Board Message

Spring is finally here and although the weather is rather chilly, we have a lot to look forward to. The Chocolate Competition, which will be held today, will surely be another amazing event and we would like to recognize Chef B and Chef J for the countless hours of their time that they dedicate to motivate, inspire and nurture the talents of our children. Congratulations to all of the Culinary students!

As we move to the end of the month, our seniors are anxiously awaiting college decisions. We know that their hard work and dedication to the advancement of their educational goals will propel them into a bright future and despite the occasional rejection letter, they will still find the best college that is the perfect fit for them and one in which they will thrive and excel. Best of luck Seniors!!

April is also a busy time for our rising students. On Tuesday, April 4th, the Junior class will have a wonderful opportunity to attend the Senior Experience Internship meeting. Our Junior families will be receiving more information on the meeting from Ms. Heather Lawler. The Senior Internship is an opportunity for students to participate in an area of study they are interested in pursuing, all under the guidance of a professional mentor. The meeting in April will feature mentors sharing information about their internship.

Also in April, we will be holding the much anticipated annual College Fair, April 20th. Ask your seniors and their families, it is never too early to take part in the college exploration process. Students can attend the Fair to meet college representatives, ask questions or pick up brochures. Thank you to Ms Jen Redlitz and the guidance department for organizing this amazing event for our students.

In addition to the Fair, we encourage you to attend the events planned by our class parent liaisons and specialty groups. They are always beautifully executed and are fun opportunities to socialize with other families in the BCA community.

Tickets to the the **Senior Class Fashion Show**, scheduled for next Thursday, March 30th, are still available (email Dnatale66@yahoo.com). We would like to thank: Jenn Backer, Greg Baranovsky, Eileen Camicata, Ruta Fiorino,

Eileen Gabriele, Terri Grosso, Cate Hutchison, Sweta Jain, Erin Kemeys, Min Kim, Joanne Lallo, Michelle Lu, Queenie Ma, Roseann McCarthy, D'Arcy Natale, Allison Orecchio, Sudha Sankaran, Sue Schuck, Nina Sharma, Fatima Sunga, Sue Tramontana, Kathleen Valencia, and Meiyan Wu for their hard work and for what we know will be a truly magical evening. Also, mark your calendars for the much loved **Junior Class Cabaret** on April 19th.

We will not be having a general PPO meeting in April, but look for our May meeting which will be on **Monday, May 23rd** and will feature a parent panel sharing their experiences with the college process. This is an incredibly worthwhile meeting that has been popular over the past few years. And last but not least, mark your calendar for our annual PPO Picnic on May 20th! Hope to see you there!

The PPO Board

Julia, Susan, Sue, Sasha, Connie, Anne

Calendar Highlights

Mar 28th	AVPA - Music Senior Recital 7:00 pm
Mar 30th	Class of 2017 Fashion Show 6:30 pm Old Tappan Manor
Apr 1st & 2nd	Catalyst ACT Bootcamp 9:00 am Room 110
Apr 4th	Senior Experience Meeting, Class of 2018 6:30 pm Auditorium
Apr 8th	ACT Testing - Off-site
Apr 10th-13th	No School - Spring Recess
Apr 14th	No School - Good Friday
Apr 19th	BCA Cabaret 7:00 - 9:30 pm Auditorium
Apr 20th	BCTS College Fair 6:00 - 8:00 pm Gymnasium



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Our next issue will be published on April 26th. Please submit all calendar entries and all articles to Connie Fong at bcappnewsletter@gmail.com by April 21, 2017.



From the Principal's Desk

"Our schedule is based on your choices"

A look at BCA's Course Selection process

Over the years, I have been actively involved in overseeing our scheduling process and marvel at our team's success in accommodating the large majority of our students' requests. Our high success rate in scheduling is based on the fact that each year we start with student requests. We then build the master schedule from the ground up. It is a schedule designed to fit our current students' required classes as well as accommodate their individual interests. While it may be easier to simply enroll students into an existing master schedule year after year, we find that a school schedule based on student choice is a better approach. Once all of the student selections have been made, we build what we consider the "perfect" schedule. Class sizes are equitable, the schedule complies with the teachers' contract, and all core courses are satisfied.

Ideally, we want students to choose courses that will interest and challenge them. Students should have some free time during the week. However, it should be noted that there will be minimum and maximum mod count guidelines for students. The goal is to create a schedule of courses that is appropriate for your child and fits in with their future plans. Their selected courses should reflect their interests. Keep in mind that the course selection process allows students to explore and try new things. We often hear from alumni that a single course or elective sparked an interest that led them to pursue their chosen career. It is also important to note that the mere act of choosing certain courses offers no guarantee of admission to a specific college or university. Students should be able to design their own path by making choices that truly interest them.

The Course Selection Timeline

From the time the course selection site opens until it closes in early May, students and parents can make all of the changes they desire. This is a great time to discuss with your child what interests they may have and what options are available to them on the site. When the site closes, the Math department will review Math placements. Students can then follow up with their counselor in instances such as "since I'm not approved for this course - I would like to take another course" In May & June the site is closed as we process the student requests and build the master schedule.

We ask that parents and students take the course selection process very seriously. We encourage students and parents to discuss their course options and make a real commitment to their choices. Why? – Because our goal is to build an efficient schedule with student preferences in mind. We can only do that if their course selection choices are meaningful. There will be no Add/Drop period in June. Add/Drop will take place on several dates in late July/early August. It is important to note that while a student has an excellent chance of getting courses they request during the course selection process, there are no guarantees during the Add/Drop process. Once the Add/Drop process is complete, final schedules will be available through PowerSchool in late August. Following the release of final schedules, only certain administrative changes may be made in September.

Why is PARCC important to BCA?

There is continuing debate as to the need for PARCC testing. You may wonder why we are encouraging our students to sit for the assessments. Think back to when you attended our Open House events as you and your child were choosing which high school experience was best for your child. Students and parents often remember their first visit to our campus and being impressed with our facilities. We are a nationally recognized school for our rigorous academics as well as our high-level career and technical offerings. As a career and technical school, we rely heavily on federal funds to provide our students with specialized equipment and labs to support instruction in each of our academy programs. Although the media reports that state funding cannot be withheld from schools due to large numbers of opt outs, please be aware that federal funding may be in jeopardy. This could have a detrimental impact on the amazing opportunities we would be able to provide students in the future.

Spring is just around the corner!

Sincerely,

Russell Davis
Principal

Please view our Superintendent Dr. Howard Lerner's Message by using this link:

[Superintendent Letter March 2017](#)

Class News Updates

Class of 2017

Greetings Class of 2017,

Happy spring!!! We look forward to celebrating the new season at the Senior Fashion Show next week at the Old Tappan Manor. The response has been wonderful! There are over 100 student models & 90+ wonderful raffle baskets! We look forward to watching our students walk the cat walk wearing our local retailers beautiful fashions! A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped make this event possible. We appreciate your time and your many talents!

Next up is the senior class trip to Great Adventure on Wednesday, June 6th and the Senior Prom at the Rockleigh Country Club on Thursday, June 15th! Look out for details to follow shortly.

Lastly, we've extended the deadline to purchase BCA Lawn Signs to **Monday, May 1st** (please see the flyer attached in this newsletter). Lawn signs can be purchased for \$30 each and are a great way to show your pride in your soon to be BCA graduate!

All the best,

D'Arcy & Allison
bcaclassof2017@gmail.com

Class of 2018

Hello Class of 2018!

Our spring continues to be busy. Here are the highlights of our upcoming events:

Senior Experience Night - Tuesday April 4, 6:30-8:30pm in the BCA Auditorium: The application process will start in April, beginning with this comprehensive meeting. The evening is not mandatory, but is always well attended by both students and parents. Numerous mentors and current seniors will attend to answer your questions.

Cabaret - Wednesday, April 19, 7:00pm in the BCA Auditorium: Our school-wide talent show is coming soon! We are still in need of raffle items and journal ads. Thank you to those who have made so many wonderful donations! Our student council and teachers advisors have completed the auditions and we will have a tremendous amount of talent that night from all 4 classes. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and **PRE ORDER YOUR TICKETS AND RAFFLES** as there will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. Additionally, please see the information in this newsletter if you are interested in taking out a journal ad.

We are still looking for empty baskets. Still wondering what to do with the holiday gift baskets you received in December? We will gladly take them off your hands. Please contact us at the email address below for any of these donations.

Junior Prom - Friday May 12, Old Tappan Manor: Mark your calendars for this special class event. The student council has been working hard and is planning a wonderful evening.

And finally, **BCA Hats are on sale for 15.00 during lunch.** Help support the Junior Class!

Thank you in advance for your time and generosity as we work with our student council to host these special events.

Warm regards,

Jordana, Rena and Christine
BCAClassof2018@gmail.com

Class News Continued.....

Class of 2019

Greetings class of 2019 parents!

Happy Spring Class of 2019! Due to the weather we had to reschedule the Froshmore Dance, the new date is Friday, April 28th. Please do your best to encourage your child to attend as this is a fundraiser event for our class but ultimately a great opportunity for our children to have fun!

On another note, please submit your Class of 2019 dues of \$200 as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you have or have not sent them in, please e-mail kirstieforcellati@msn.com and we can let you know. Lastly, the College Fair will be Thursday, April 20th, please attend.

Thank you and enjoy the spring weather!

Best regards,

Pam, Amy and Kirstie

bcaclassof2019@gmail.com

Class of 2020

To the parents of the Class of 2020,

We hope you enjoyed your snow days and are ready for a nice spring. I am sure your sons and daughters enjoyed their two days off which will probably be the last snow days this year.

As you all know our sophomore/freshmen dance has been postponed to **April 28th**. Please encourage your kids to attend and remind them to buy tickets.

We are looking to have another parents coffee meeting very soon and will inform you shortly with the date and time. We hope most of you can make it especially now when the weather is nicer to go out. We are sure there is a lot to discuss and share and hope to be able to address your concerns and questions. Hope to see you all soon.

Renata Ayob and Roxann Castelli

bcaclassof2020@gmail.com

An Added Note:

One goal of our monthly PPO meetings is to feature presentations from relevant outside resources available to the community. It is not, however, a PPO practice to endorse them for your own use. We hope you will use your best judgment deciding whether you choose to utilize their services.



Notable Creative Writing

Here are the latest writing accolades awarded to our fine BCA writers:

- An AVPA Senior took 1st place in the 15th Annual Young Playwrights Competition and received a performance by the professional actors of The Theater Project at the awards ceremony. This same student is also currently a finalist for the 2017 New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival (which is a different program).
- An ABF junior took 2nd place in the YCteen essay contest in examining the impact of discrimination.
- An AMST junior took 3rd place in the 2017 OdysseyCon Odd Contest, Youth Division, a national contest that looks for intriguing flash fiction with a sci-fi or speculative bend.
- An ABF senior won a Gold Medal with Scholastic and also won the Gedenk Award for Tolerance for a work that attempts to "raise awareness of the importance of increasing tolerance to safeguard a peaceful society."

Thanks,
Richard Weems

The 2017 BCA Summer Writing Fiction course is currently full, but seats still remain for the Poetry course!!

Please go to sw.bergen.org for more details.

Attendees of this program in past years have won the following accolades:

- Finalist in Michelle Obama's Poetry Ambassadors program (x2)
- National medals in the Scholastic Writing Awards
- NJ Governor's Award in the Arts
- Gold medal, NJCTE High School Writing contest
- The Patricia Grodd Poetry Prize for Young Writers
- Bergen High School Writing Contest in short story



Registration for the BCA Academy After Hours Spring Program is still open!

Courses cost \$300 each and will run from March 13th to May 23rd.

The brochure and information about registration are available on the website:

<http://www.bergen.org/aah>.

Please call Grace Lohsen at 201-343-6000 ext 2286 if you have any questions.

BizPA News!

-Save the date of Tuesday, April 25th for a ABF Potluck Parent Social from 7-10 p.m. BizPa board member Roni Greer has graciously offered to host our BYOB/ Appetizer/Dessert evening. You will get a link with the details and a sign-up sheet.

-On Friday, May 19th after the seniors have taken their final IB exam, ABF will host an annual luncheon at school catered by Chipotle to celebrate their hard work. It's a great way for our seniors to unwind after a week of test taking.

-If anyone from the freshman class of 2020 wants to join Beth Rea on our BizPa Board, please contact us. We promise the commitment is minimal and a strong BizPa board is essential.

Lastly, congratulations to all the DECA participants and good luck to those going to nationals!

Any questions or comments, please contact any of the BizPa board members at abfbizpa@gmail.com.



Ace the ACT

Learn A Strategy For Every Question You'll Face On The ACT

The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp is a momentum-boosting seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include how to:

- Spot hidden clues that instantly reveal the main idea in long ACT Reading passages
- Highlight key information in seemingly confusing ACT Science passages
- Shortcut ACT Math questions that stump more than 90% of test-takers
- Crack the 10 types of English questions guaranteed to be on the ACT

OUR UNIQUE GUARANTEE

The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp is not a “mock” ACT or an infomercial for our services. The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp is a strategy-packed two-day seminar that teaches students techniques for cracking every single question they'll face on the day of the test. Catalyst is uniquely poised to help students maximize their score because we take the real ACT every time the test is offered to make sure our strategies are effective. We use our insider knowledge of the ACT to help students turn the ACT's predictability to their utmost advantage.

LOCATION

Bergen County Academies Hackensack

COST

Just \$175 to enroll by Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm. We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Saturday, April 1st, 9am – 1pm

Day 2: Sunday, April 2nd, 9am – 1pm

Students attend both days.

TO ENROLL

Visit www.CatalystPrep.com and click on

“Bootcamp Sign-Up” on the website menu bar.

For more information email info@CatalystPrep.com or call **800.235.0056**.



Private Tutoring / Weekend Bootcamps / Small In-Home Classes
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BCA CLASS OF 2018
PRESENTS

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*Junior
Cabaret:
The Classics*

April 19, 2017

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7PM TO 9:30PM

\$10 STUDENT/ STAFF, \$12 ADULT

BCA AUDITORIUM

BCA Class of 2018 presents...
Cabaret - The Classics

Wednesday April 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm

BCA Auditorium

General Admission: \$12 Students/Faculty: \$10

*Join us for an evening of amazing entertainment provided
by our incredibly talented students & staff, light desserts,
and exciting raffle baskets!*

**Pre-Order Show Tickets & Raffle Value
Packages Today**

*You'll receive pre-printed labels to use during the raffle on
Cabaret Night.*

*All pre-ordered Value Packages will be available for pick-up the day of
the event.*

Orders must be received by March 30th for all pre-printed labels.

\$20 Value Package (\$24 in tickets... 15 white & 3 red!)

\$40 Super Value Package (\$50 in tickets...25 white, 5 red & 1 gold!)

Questions: Jordana, Christine or Rena at BCAClassof2018@gmail.com

Name of Purchaser:

Cell #: _____ **Email:** _____

General Admission Tickets @\$12 each: _____

Student/faculty Tickets @\$10 each: _____

Raffle Value Package(s) @\$20 each: _____

Super Value Package(s) @\$40 each: _____

Total \$ enclosed: _____

Make Checks out to BCA Class of 2018 Student Activity Fund

Mail checks to: Jordana Engler 4 Mae Court, Park Ridge, NJ 07656



BCA Class of 2018 – Cabaret Night at BCA!

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Cabaret Advertising / Special Message Agreement Form

Donor/Contact Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Company Name: _____ Work/Home #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Advertising in Cabaret Night Program. Please check off desired ad / message size with rates below.

____ Full Page (7.5"W x 10"H) \$100

____ Half Page (7.5"W x 4.5"H) \$50

____ Quarter Page (3.5"W x 4.5"H) \$25

Please include how you would like your special ad or message to read. Enclose a copy of a business card, logo or any available graphics. The ads will be typeset before printing.

***Return this form no later than March 30, 2017. Please make checks payable to: BCA Class of 2018 Student Activity Fund with "Cabaret Night" in the memo line.**

Once you have completed this form, please mail it along with your check and any materials relevant to creating your ad to the address below.

Donor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete all sections of this form and mail to:

Christine Nicholas 24 Demarest Ave, Demarest, NJ 07627

Thank you for your support!

With Gratitude,

The BCA Class of 2018



Save the Date
Thursday, April 20th, 2017
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Bergen County Technical School District



**Don't miss out on this great opportunity
to visit with many great colleges and
universities from all over the country!**

College Fair Location:

Bergen County Academies

200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

For more information about this event,
please contact Ms. Redlitz at jenred@bergen.org

BCA musicians are performing at:

Trumpets Jazz Club & Restaurant

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

6:30 - 8:00 pm



**Featuring the BCA Jazz Band and
BCA Songwriter Contest Finalist**

**\$20 music charge (BCA fundraiser)
Dinner and dessert menu available
Limited seating- reservations suggested.**

Trumpets Jazz Club & Restaurant is located at 6 Depot Square in Montclair (973) 744-2600.

Directions: Garden State Parkway, south to Exit 151 (Watchung Avenue).

At end of exit ramp, turn right onto Watchung Avenue.

Proceed to 4th light and turn left onto Grove Street.

Proceed to 2nd light and turn right onto Walnut Street.

Go straight & make first right after train tracks onto Depot.

Parking at train station across the street is ok after 5pm

BERGEN NEW JERSEY *County*



Bergen County Executive
James J. Tedesco
and the
Board of Chosen Freeholders

SAVE THE DATE

Hidden in Plain Sight

**Do you know
where teens hide
their stash?**

**Do you know
what is in this
teen's bedroom?**



**Do you know
about the current
drug trends?**

Tuesday, April 25th

7—9:30pm (doors open at 6:15pm) Westwood Regional Sr./Jr. High school

**Join us for an Interactive Awareness Program designed for Parents,
Caretakers, Educators and Community Members ****

**** Due to the nature of this program no one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend**

**Dynamic Presentation by Tim Shoemaker, Resource Tables, Giveaways,
and more!**

Sponsored by: The Bergen County Office of Drug and Alcohol Dependency's County Municipal Alliance Program,
the Borough of Westwood and the Township of Washington

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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You are cordially invited to the 24th
**Annual Bergen County Academies
PPO Picnic**

Saturday, May 20th, 2017
12:00 - 4:00 pm

Admission is free to all Paid PPO
families and families of the Class of 2021

The picnic is held on the
Athletic Field behind the school
(rain or shine) *

** in the event of rain, the picnic will be in the gym*

We hope you can join us in welcoming
the Class of 2021!

Lots of fun activities and LIVE MUSIC!

*Each family **MUST** bring a two-liter beverage
and a one gallon bottle of water.*

RSVP Online at <https://goo.gl/1nxcxB>
Questions?
Contact us at bcappopicnic@gmail.com



SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN YOUR BCA GRAD!
PURCHASE A LAWN SIGN TODAY!



100% All Weather Signs are 24" x 28" and come with metal stakes for lawn installation.

Orders must be received by MARCH 15th and will be delivered to BCA in early June.

PARENT NAME_____

PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

Graduate's name as you want it to appear on sign (usually first name only)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Number of signs at \$30/sign_____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$**_____

Checks payable to "BCA Student Activity Fund Class of 2017"

Mail orders to:
Allison Orecchio
129 Willow Drive
Old Tappan, NJ 07675

BCTS HATS



\$15.00

SOLD DURING LUNCH MODS

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual Field Day on Friday, June 16th, 2017. This event has been a tradition at the Academy for many years and provides the students with a day to have good competitive fun and take a well-deserved break from academics. The students will be participating in over 80 events from the traditional sports to three legged races, pie eating, video games, and much more.

On Field Day we also have a free, all school barbeque in the lower lot. The barbeque consists of: hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, cheeseburgers, tossed salad, drinks, and watermelon. The Korean PPO offers a delicious barbeque, as well. This is where we need your help! In order to accommodate 1,100 students, the estimated expenditure is over \$6,000! In addition to donations from the PPO, the majority of the expenses are paid for by generous donations from our Academy families. To make Field Day a success, financial contributions of any size are greatly appreciated! We also need **many** volunteers to assist with the BBQ and make it our best yet. The rain date is Monday, June 19th.

Aside from the monetary contributions the following perishable/non-perishable items are needed for Field Day: Water (large volume), Uno Cards, Nerf Balls, Coolers, Non-carbonated beverages (i.e. ice tea, lemonade, fruit punch), Non-perishable individually wrapped snacks (i.e. chips, pretzels). These items can be dropped off at the school, please label 'Field Day'.

Student Name: _____
Name of Parent: _____
Address: _____



MONETARY DONATION: \$ _____ (enclosed)

PERISHIBLE/NON PERISHILBE DONATION(s) _____

VOLUNTEER (Circle One): BBQ SET-UP CLEAN-UP

Checks should be made payable to: "Field Day"

Please mail your donations to: Will Muller
Bergen Academies
200 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, N.J. 07601



Thank you.
Will Muller, Supervisor of Athletics

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS



FRESHMEN Class of 2020

Field Day T-Shirt Order Form T-Shirt Count is an Event on Field Day

Front: Knight Emblem and "Field Day"

Back: **Class of 2020**

Cost: \$12.00

Cash or make checks payable to: Knight's Athletics

Due Date: **April 21, 2017**

Please return orders and payment to:

Attn: Athletics

Bergen Academies

200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

IGS TEACHER'S LAST NAME: _____ **IGS Rm Number** _____

Quantity: _____ Total Price: _____

Please select:

Color:

- ◇ Red
- ◇ Yellow
- ◇ Green
- ◇ Blue

Size:

- ◇ Small
- ◇ Medium
- ◇ Large
- ◇ X – Large
- ◇ XX – Large (add \$2.00)

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS



Field Day T-Shirts on Sale T-Shirt Count is an Event on Field Day

Front: Knight Emblem and "Field Day"

Cost: \$10.00

Due Date: **April 21, 2017**

Cash or make checks payable to: Knight's Athletics

Please return orders and payment to:

Attn: Athletics

Bergen Academies

200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

IGS TEACHER'S LAST NAME: _____ **IGS Rm Number** _____

Quantity: _____ Total Price: _____

Please select:

Grade:

- ◇ 10th
- ◇ 11th
- ◇ 12th

Color:

- ◇ Red
- ◇ Yellow
- ◇ Green
- ◇ Blue

Size:

- ◇ Small
- ◇ Medium
- ◇ Large
- ◇ X – Large
- ◇ XX – Large (add \$2.00)