

PPO CONNECTIONS

THE QUICK DETAILS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BCA
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President's Message

October is a beautiful time of year with all the vibrant colors of the leaves as they turn from green to yellow, orange, red, and shades between. All of these colors make for spectacular scenery. The diversity of trees and leaf colors in autumn reminds me of the great diversity we have here at BCA. Our students (families) live in many townships that make up Bergen County. Diverse interests are in evidence from our seven Academies and the wide variety of clubs and other extracurricular activities. Our BCA community also has origins from many different cultural backgrounds, evident at the spectacular International Dinner. Like the autumn leaves, I believe our lives are made beautiful through the diversity of families here at BCA.

Speaking of the International Dinner, thank you to all those who helped make this evening such a success – the student performers, the excellent cooks who were so generous, those who wore festive attire and all our gracious volunteers. We also want to thank the staff who were involved with recruiting our musicians and helping with the sound system. We are also appreciative of the faculty who assisted with culinary supplies and lent us equipment for the day. Special thanks to our outstanding custodial staff for their hard work and attentiveness with this PPO event. **Around the World in One Evening** was indeed a highlight of the year.

The BCA Open Houses are coming up quickly – October 27th, November 2nd, and November 17th. This is our time to shine and share with prospective students and their families what a wonderful school we have. The Open House committee is still looking for volunteers to help with outside traffic control. Volunteers are needed from 10:00am – 11:00am and 1:00pm – 2:00pm for each open house. No special skills are needed – just stand and point! If you can give an hour of your time during one of those open house dates, please send an email to bcaopenhouses@gmail.com.

Our well-attended October meeting featured Ian Welham with *Complete College Planning Solutions*. His presentation enlightened us on ways to help make college more affordable. Ian and his team remarked what a nice group of parents we had – one of the best audiences ever. For our November 20th PPO meeting, we have Alan Katzman with *Social Assurity* discussing student's online identity and the college admissions process. It should be a very informative meeting! Students are welcome to attend.

As of right now, we have 729 families who have joined the PPO (goal 800). If you haven't joined yet, it is not too late! Membership applications can be found online at www.academyppo.com. After joining, we will deliver a directory to your family.

I hope you enjoy these beautiful autumn days!

Christine Ogden, PPO President



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Calendar Highlights

- Oct. 25th **HALF DAY** – Staff Development
- Oct. 25th **Choir Coffeehouse** – 4:30p.m. - BCA Stage
- Oct. 26th **ACT Testing** – Off site
- Oct. 27th **Open House and Senior Class Bake Sale** 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30th **Soph. Class Fundraisers: Boston Market and Fright Night Movie** 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.
- Nov. 2nd **SAT Testing** – Off site
- Nov. 2nd **BCA Open House – Junior Class Bake Sale** 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. sessions
- Nov. 7th - 8th **NO SCHOOL – NJEA Convention**
- Nov. 15th **Antigone – Fall Play** 7:30p.m. Auditorium
- Nov. 16th **Antigone – Fall Play** 2:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. Auditorium
- Nov. 17th **BCA Open House – Sophomore Class Bake Sale** 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20th **PPO General Meeting: Social Media and Student Identity** - 7:00p.m. Auditorium
- Nov. 20th **PPO Nov. Newsletter Issue Available**
- Nov. 21st **Tri-Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony and reception.** 11:00a.m.
- Nov. 21st **Music Student Presentation** 4:30p.m. - Room 5
- Nov. 21st **National Honor Society Ceremony** Auditorium
- Nov. 26th **Autumn Instrumental Concert** 7:00p.m. Auditorium
- Nov. 27th **HALF DAY** – Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov. 28th - 29th **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 3rd **End of Trimester One**

Our next issue will be published on November 20th. Please submit all December calendar entries and all articles to Ruth Walsh at ireny110@yahoo.com by November 14, 2013. Thank You.



From the Principal's Desk

Open Houses at BCA

With our Open House season quickly upon us, we search for new and innovative ways in which to describe our school to thousands of guests who attend the BCA Open Houses. As I look at many of the highlights over the past few years I am happy to talk about the amazing opportunities that we continue to provide to our students. No matter which Academy students choose, we have been able to provide them with unique opportunities. In this year's Open House presentation we highlight our Global Exchanges to South Korea and Greece for our Engineering and Performing Arts Academies, Culinary's own Emma Scher's appearance on "Teen Chopped",

our continued success in the Intel Competition, our Surgical Techniques course at Englewood Hospital and of Charles Gleason's distinction as number one in the world in the International Biology Olympiad. Each of these accomplishments started with an idea, a discussion and a plan. Did we know that Charlie would win an international biology competition? No but it all started because he sat for a preliminary round test for the International Biology Olympiad right

here at BCA. So while we can't tell an 8th grader where they will wind up, we can tell them that BCA is full of opportunities and you never know where it will lead...

BCA International Dinner

Our annual PPO International Dinner was a huge success. The PPO did a stellar job of coordinating this event which had an amazing turnout. The food was, as always, wonderful and representative of the diverse cultures that make up our Academy community. Student performances and a slide show highlighting BCA's Global Exchanges were featured.

Siemens Competition

The Bergen County Academies is proud to have 3 students who are semifinalists as well as 5 students who are among the 100 regional finalists in the 2013 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. As finalists in the nation's premier high school research competition, students are invited to advance to the next round of the competition, where they will vie for the highest science honor awarded to high school students.

Global Exchange to India

Due to current circumstances in India, we have decided to postpone or cancel our anticipated Global Exchange at this time. While we are thrilled to have our students participate in these wonderful exchanges, our primary concern is their safety. Our trip facilitators in India suggested that we reschedule the trip and we will look to reschedule the trip at a later date.

New Fitness Center Opens!

Our new and well-appointed Fitness Center is now open to students throughout the day. Located in the former Student Center, the Fitness Center features state of the art cardio equipment as well as weights and other fitness activities. Students can take a break from their studies to socialize and get some exercise during their free mods. Look for a ribbon cutting ceremony in the near future!

BCA Physical Education Teacher Inducted into Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Mr. Bob Symons of the Bergen County Academies Physical Education Department, who was recently inducted into the Felician College Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob was the college's first Director of Athletics and an integral part of the college gaining national affiliation into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Bob is a caring person who is well deserving of this prestigious award. Congratulations Bob and thank you for showing us all how important P.E, health and wellness are to students of all ages.

Commons Area Update

The Commons Area update is completed and thanks to student input The Commons is now even better equipped to accommodate our students. Dual Boot computers and study carrels increase the functionality and provide an excellent study environment for students.

Russell Davis, Principal

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

http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/11170958/superintendent_letter_10_2013.pdf

Theatre Arts News... BCA Fall Play *Antigone*

Adapted by Jean Anouilh

We have never tackled a full production of a Greek drama at BCA. Last April when I was fortunate to stand (along with 2 other teachers and 13 students) in what remains of the Theatre of Dionysus, the birthplace of Western Drama, I do believe that ancient voices spoke to me and told me that our time had come!

When I thought about our world today, with civil war tearing apart so many societies and fresh examples of individuals standing up against powerful states, it seemed that Sophocles' *Antigone* would be the timely choice for the BCA community to explore together. In my search for the best, most performable translation, I decided to read again, 20th Century playwright, Jean Anouilh's modern adaptation. Anouilh wrote his adaptation during WWII in a France occupied by the German army. In

order for the adaptation to pass the German censor he set his production in an unspecified era. We have decided to set our production of Anouilh's adaption of *Antigone* in HIS time and place: Paris, France, 1944. Our new set designer, Schuyler Burks has designed a wonderfully symbolic set with the cross of Lorraine (symbol of the French Resistance movement) front and center. Our 'Greek chorus' is composed of French Resistance fighters.

In Anouilh's version, tragedy is determined not by individual will that upsets the established social order, but rather due to the limitations of individual will. Anouilh places his version of *Antigone* not in the strictly ordered Greek world of the original, but in the modern world where heads of state are the forces that can determine and manipulate the fates of individuals. The world inhabited by the modern *Antigone* is one filled with deception and clashes of interest such as the gods ordained in works by the ancient Greeks; the power, corruption and lies which lead inexorably to tragedy for those living today are cultivated by living, breathing human beings.

Please join us on **November 15 or 16** for the culmination of countless hours of research, rehearsal and design execution on the part of students, faculty, guest-artists, and parents. Explore with us the timeless theme of individual responsibility.

Rebecca Strum, Director



Musical Notes ...

Please hold the date for these upcoming music performances next month:

November 21 Tri-Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony and 11:00am Reception

November 21 Music Student Presentations in Room 5, 4:30pm

November 26 Autumn Concert in BCA Auditorium 7:00pm

We are all looking forward to seeing you at the concert!

**Michael Lemma
Music Department**

FITNESSGRAM IS HERE ... BCA AWARDED GRANT!

We are proud to announce that Bergen County Academies is the recipient of a **Fitnessgram** grant awarded by New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJASPERD) with funding from the New Jersey Council of Physical Fitness and Sports (NJCPFS). **Fitnessgram** is a fitness assessment and reporting program which will be incorporated into select ninth grade physical education classes this year. By performing various health-related fitness tests (i.e., tests focusing on cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition) and comparing the results of these tests to Health-Fitness Zone standards, we will assess our students' overall physical fitness. The beauty of the **Fitnessgram** assessment is that it "supports students as they pursue goals for lifelong health".

The disheartening statistics from The Alliance for a Healthier Generation are that 1 in 3 kids are overweight or obese and, therefore, are more at risk for diabetes, asthma and heart failure. In addition, research has shown that obese kids are more likely to become overweight or obese adults. We would like to try to reverse this trend.

The data collected from the fitness testing will be communicated to the students and their parents/guardians in an effort to change or reinforce behavior. The testing and the results will not be shared amongst the students, is not used for competitive purposes and is not a component in a child's grade or a teacher's evaluation.

We hope to begin collecting data in the coming weeks. This data will serve as a baseline from which we will determine each student's initial fitness level. With this information, the student in conjunction with his or her teacher can set fitness goals and work to achieve them.



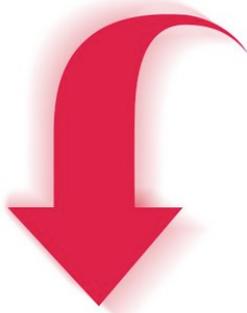
**Liz Fuentes
Physical Education Department**

TRAFFIC CONTROL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BCA 2013 OPEN HOUSES



Traffic control volunteers are needed to help at the 2013 Bergen Academies Open Houses on Sunday, October 27th; Saturday, November 2nd; and Sunday November 17th for the morning and afternoon sessions. Please consider assisting in the parking lot from either 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. or from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. on any of these dates. This is a great way to meet other parents and find out what's happening at the Academies with a relatively short time commitment! Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail Carol Monahan at bcaopenhouses@gmail.com or call (201) 930-9187 indicating the day(s) and time(s) you are available to help. Thanks again for volunteering your time!

Carol Monahan
Open House Chairperson



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.

The November PPO Meeting will Feature an Important and Timely Topic:

Social Media and Digital Identity

Alan Katzman will be discussing the growth and evolution of social media from a casual and seemingly private outlet for youthful self-expression to the very public mainstream media platform it has become. The adolescents who fueled this growth are now facing the unprecedented dilemma of being judged by colleges and employers based on a "digital identity" created by social media activities intended to impress friends rather than academic and career interests.

For these young adults, the goal must be to enhance their "online persona" by incorporating the same activities, character traits and interests highlighted on their college applications and job resumes to effectively stand out among their peers in today's competitive world

November 20th, 7:00pm Auditorium

Class News Updates....

Class of 2014

This is a busy month for seniors and parents of seniors. I wish the college admissions faerie would take her magic wand, tap our children on the shoulder, match them to the perfect college, and give them all full scholarships!

*** Our class has only one special event in the near future. It is a bake sale during the first BCA Open House to be held on Sunday, October 27th. This is one of our last big fundraisers. If you could drop off your wrapped, non-perishable baked goods by Friday, October 25th in the main office that would be great! Please sign up for the bake sale using: <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=FWEH5541&welcome=1>. Thanks so much, and good luck with all the applications! **Nieves Martino, Dawn Williams and Pat Zuber** bcaclass2014@gmail.com

Class of 2015

Class Parents Report - What a gorgeous Fall its been...and plenty of activity on the school front. Firstly let me just say thank you to all those who attended the first planning meeting for Cabaret, it was great to see you and a great way to socialize and organize something fun and worthwhile for our kids. If you missed it, it's not too late to sign up to help, contact any one of us and we'll certainly involve you. *** Thank you also to those who attended the first social coffee of the year last Friday. It's always fun to mingle with fellow parents and compare notes! *** The next event our class is responsible for is the bake sale at the BCA Open House on November 2nd. Attached is the link for a Perfect Potluck sign up to donate items for the bake sale, the password is 3582. <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=TRVS4519&v=30a4a78dfe> On the sign up page is also an opportunity to volunteer to help - come for an hour or the day! It is a great way to help out and meet other parents. Any problems or questions, please contact one of us. *** The class dues have been flooding in, many thanks to all of you who have paid (you only need to pay once!) And to those who have yet to do it, please consider paying soon, just so we know how many students will be attending the various fun activities and events planned for senior year. *** We are still selling lovely things to raise money for our class. We currently have very handsome looking magnets depicting the school logo in black and gold. To acquire one of these discs of gorgeousness (only \$5 each) please fill in the form (on PPO website) or email any one of us, sometimes we have a supply on us (which is sad but true). In addition to the magnets we have a fresh supply of Pathfinder College Maps to help you with all those college visits, why drive blindly? Buy them for your friends and relatives too, they will love you for it, even if their college days are long over. The maps are priced at \$10 each and depict all the four year colleges in the US along with helpful data and contact information, just drop us an email and we'll get

one to you. **Long may this weather last and Happy Halloween!**

Lizzie Trimm, Donna Tiffensor and Lisa Caron, Class Parents 2015 bcaclass2015@gmail.com.

Class of 2016

Save the date: Wednesday, October 30th... Sophomore Fundraiser Day and Fright Night! The Sophomore Class Council is hosting Fright Night in the 2nd Floor Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30p.m.; tickets are \$5 for movie and ice cream. Be sure to stop at Boston Market for dinner before dessert. The Class Council has partnered with Boston Market for additional fundraising. Please see enclosed flyer. Print and copy the event ticket and share with family and friends. Boston Market will donate 15% of all proceeds raised that day to our class. *** Hopefully, all of you received our class update via email. If you did not, please reach out to us so we can verify your contact information. As previously mentioned, November will be a busy month for us. We have our first bake sale at the BCA Open House on November 17th and the National Honor Society Reception on November 21st. Please consider volunteering for one of these events. Your help is greatly needed and truly appreciated.

Our best, Maria and Laina

Maria Jasionowski: marijasionowski@yahoo.com **Laina DeRose:** msdr21@yahoo.com

Class of 2017

The Fall is officially here and we're hoping that our Freshman class is feeling at home at BCA! Elections were recently held and we'd like to congratulate and welcome our new Freshman class officers! Our class officers will be leading the way for the Freshman class under the guidance of our teacher advisors, Mrs. Karen Marain and Mr. Joe Marmora. *** Many thanks to all who contributed to our bake sale, which was held on October 16th. *** We hope that you will also join us for the Nutcracker production from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. on December 6th. This is one of our Class of 2017 major fundraisers. Details to follow shortly on obtaining tickets. *We have a few members from our very own class who will be in the show so please come out and show your support!* *** If you haven't done so already, please send in your \$200 class dues with a check made payable to **"BCA Class of 2017", and mail to: BCA Class of 2017 Class Dues, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack, NJ 07601.** Thank you! *** We will be reaching out to you shortly with a date for our parent coffee social and, as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Best regards, D'Arcy Natale & Allison Orecchio **Email:** BCAClassof2017@gmail.com

To All Parents/Guardians:

Questions have come up regarding which payments are one-time versus annual. We hope this clears up any confusion.
Please Note. . . .

CLASS DUES Class of 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017

This one-time fee assists your class parents and advisors plan upcoming activities both short-term and long-term. For optimal success, your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

PPO Annual Dues

This payment is collected each school year starting at the PPO Picnic.

Project Graduation

This all inclusive evening celebration following graduation for students is a single payment fee collected in junior year. (Deposit can be made in junior year with full cost completed beginning of senior year.)

Writing Accolades at BCA.....

An update for you of some more fine accolades that came in over the summer regarding our astounding BCA writers.

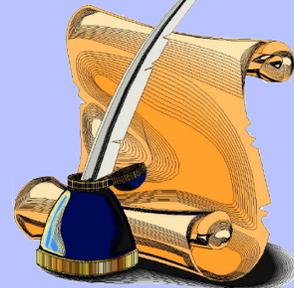
An AVPA/Theatre Class of 2014 student was the “Best of Issue” winner for the Summer issue of American High School Poets “Just Poetry!”, the National Poetry Quarterly.

An ABF Class of 2014 student not only got a poem he wrote during the this summer’s BCA Summer Writing Program Poetry Course published in *Leaves of Ink*, but he was also a finalist for Michelle Obama’s National Student Poets Program. This student was on a short list, culled from student poets all over the country.

Great work from tremendous talents!

Richard K. Weems

English Department





PROJECT GRADUATION 2014

We are extremely EXCITED about the Project Graduation plans. We have booked a location, and our graduates are in for a chaperoned, fun-filled, substance free celebration. We have over 200 students confirmed.

If you have not yet reserved a spot for your child and would like your graduate to participate, it is not too late. Simply mail your payment of \$200 to the address below. If you have already made a deposit, the balance of \$100 is due on October 31st, 2013. If your child will not participate or is still undecided please send us an email to inform us so we may plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, please email one of us. We thank you for your cooperation.
Angella McKenzie gatchair@gmail.com Juany (Janet) King lorek28@juno.com

Make Check payable to: Project Graduation 2014

Please write your child's name, academy, and phone # on your check

Mail payment to:

Janet Morales
553 Duke Court
New Milford, NJ 07646

The last day for a refund is December 1, 2013.

Detach and send with payment

.....
Student's Name _____ Academy _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed _____ Check # _____

We look forward to a fabulous graduation celebration for our children!



Parents And Patrons of the Arts

**Friday, Oct. 25-9:00am-noon- Theatre Day and
7:30pm - Choir Coffeehouse**

Sunday, Oct. 27-10:00am-5:00pm - Sewing Day for *Antigone*

There may be more sewing days; there will definitely be hair and makeup days for ***Antigone*** and we are still filling up our "committees" with parents interested in helping out with the Backstage (hair/makeup/costumes) Brigade. Please contact Marianne Kaplan (KWK.SUBS@VERIZON.NET) if you want to help with hair design or Adi Green (adigreen@gmail.com) if you can help with makeup. For sewing, please contact Diane Whiteley (diwhiteley@optonline.net). Hair and makeup volunteers are needed mostly starting during Tech Week (November 9-16)

You do not have to have a student in the play to participate in any of PAPA's volunteer activities. You do not have to have an AVPA student to join PAPA.

In the next couple of weeks, we'll be looking for volunteers to work at the ***Antigone*** rehearsal dinner (November 14th), and to sell refreshments, flowers, kisses for the cast and work the box office during the 3-performance run of the show on November 15th and 16th.

Our Playbill committee (led by freshmen moms Julia Chiang and Ruta Fiorino) is working hard already to make it easier for all of us to buy/sell/design ads this year and we'll have forms ready for everyone to get started very soon... even though ***Batboy*** seems far away.

Speaking of ***Batboy***, we'll feature the show at our November meeting on Monday, November 18th at 7:00pm in ThArts (Room 216). Join us to hear some of the music from the show and hear the director, Stephen Kaplan explain what it's all about.

Still not a member of PAPA? You can print a membership form by [clicking here](#). Dues are still only \$10 and if you are the parent of a BCA senior, your student will automatically be entered into a drawing for a scholarship at the end of this school year. Also, we try to keep our Facebook page current, so please check it out and/or "like" us at: www.facebook.com/PAPAatBCA.

Karen Sacks
(kssacks@optonline.net)

and

Gloria Ling Chau
(pcgl7@optonline.net)

Co-Presidents

**GOTTA LOVE IT.
It's about you!
BCA Yearbooks are on sale today!
Reflections 2014**

Purchasing a copy of the Academy Yearbook is a great way to preserve your memories. The yearbook will include individual portraits of students in all grades. In order to purchase your copy of a yearbook online 24/7 go to:

Http://www.balfour.com

Or send in a full payment of \$85.00 with this form accompanied by cash or check payable to: Academy Yearbook

Please send all payments to:

ATTENTION: Mrs. Evelyn Rios

Bergen County Academies, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Grade: _____ **Academy:** _____ **IGS:** _____

of books ordered: _____ x \$85.00 \$ _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

There will be NO extra books this year. You must place an order!

Place an Ad in this year's Reflections 2014 using this link:

http://users.bergen.org/dondew/Bio/YB/ADS/Ad_For_Ads_2013pg1.html

BCA Arts Events

FALL
BCA COMING ATTRACTIONS 2013

BCA Choir Coffeehouse

One of the hottest ticketed events at BCA. Tickets sell out within minutes, and feature the best musicians at BCA performing music in all styles from classical to rock. Soloists, poets and comedians combine with the beautiful ambience of the stage set like a 60's coffeehouse, and the result is magical. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 22, 10:49 AM sharp, in the upstairs cafeteria. Enter show at the BCA Stage door.

Oct. 25 Fri.
7:00 pm

Antigone

Jean Anouilh, one of the foremost French playwrights of the twentieth century adapted the classic Greek tragedy by Sophocles, Antigone, in 1944 in Nazi-controlled Paris. In his allegorical tale, Antigone defies the tyrant Creon and is sent to her death. Antigone conveyed to Anouilh's compatriots a covert message of heroic resistance to Nazi occupation. Anouilh used Greek myth to explore the disturbing moral dilemmas of our times. \$12/adult, \$10/student and seniors. Advance tickets on sale on-line only at <https://tix6.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=bergen&event>. BCA Auditorium.

Nov. 15 Fri.
7:30 pm
Nov. 16 Sat.
2:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Tri-M Induction Ceremony

BCA music students who apply to the honor society will have their formal induction. In addition, new members perform brief solos and duets. Afterward, there will be a reception in Room 5 for parents and new Tri-M members. BCA Auditorium.

Nov. 21 Thur.
11:00am–1:30 pm

Music Recitals and Presentations

Seniors in the AVPA-Music program present formal lectures on various music topics. Students in Guitar 1 give a short recital and students in Musicians Workshop prepare a presentation about the instrument they are building in class. Free. Room 5.

Nov. 21 Thur.
4:30–6:15 pm

Autumn Instrumental Concert

This is the showcase of all instrumental ensembles for Trimester 1. During this concert each band, orchestra and ensemble performs a set of music that highlights their musicianship and various styles of music they have been exploring. This concert will feature music from Carmen, Halo, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and Thelonious Monk. Tickets available at the door. \$5 for all. BCA Auditorium.

Nov. 26 Tue.
7:00 pm

The Holiday Choral Concert

Under the direction of Dr. Patrick D. Finley, the BCA choir has taken top honors in every competition it has entered for the last ten years in a row. In the BCA Auditorium. \$5 for all.

Dec. 17 Tue.
7:30 pm
(Snow Date:
Thursday, Dec 20)

Happy Fall from ACAHAPA!

We are excited to host a casual **Pizza Social** for parents and students of all academies. We hope that you can join us on **January 19th** at 5:00p.m. in the BCA Grill. There is no agenda, other than to get together and chat. If you have any questions about anything BCA related, bring them. If we can't answer them, we will be sure to find out who can. Here is the link to the invite:

<http://www.evite.com/event/01DEDMIVFFOLZMARAEPDGXIBKYJOGM>

In other exciting news, many families have signed up to earn BCA students a percentage of their internet purchases, for free! If you shop online, it only takes a few seconds to register, and it never costs you anything. Over 1,000 participating online retailers will donate a portion of your purchase amount to benefit BCA/ACAHAPA once you join at:

<http://www.igive.com/doa8CPY>

Finally, thanks to all of the families who have joined our parent group. We are striving for 100% participation from our academy so that we can best support our students in their activities this year. All funds raised directly support the students. Only paid members (as of January 1, 2013) are eligible to compete for the annual ACAHAPA Scholarship for a graduating ACAHA senior. If you have not yet joined us, it is not too late. This is the link to membership form:

http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/11170958/acahapa_membership_form_jun2013.pdf

Thanks for all of your support!

ACAHAPA Board

TECHPA MEETING NEXT MONTH!

TECHPA WILL BE HAVING A MEETING AT BCA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, AT 7:00P.M. ALL PARENTS INTERESTED IN THE ATCS CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. CLASS OF 2017 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT IN THE UPCOMING YEARS. WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE TRIPS AND COMPETITIONS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

BRETT KUEHNER, BVK@POBOX.COM OR CHRIS CLAUSS, CHRIS@CLAUSS.ORG
CO-CHAIRS, TECHPA

TechPA

The BCA Parent Association for Computer Science and Technology

TechPA activity plans include:

- Computer Science Students' Day
- Presentations by technology professionals
- Networking opportunities with technology organizations
- Social and fundraising events for students and families

Membership is open to all BCA families who are interested in computers and technology.

Membership fees and donations will help underwrite the group's activities.

Questions?

Contact us: Brett Kuehner: bvk@pobox.com 201-768-6065 OR Chris Clauss: chris@clauss.org 201-478-1260

Please mail this form with a check payable to Academy PPO/TechPA to:

Brett Kuehner - 114 Orangeburgh Road - Old Tappan, NJ 07675

TechPA Membership Form

- _____ Yes, we would like to join TechPA; enclosed is our membership fee of \$10
- _____ Enclosed is our donation of \$_____ for TechPA activities and events
- _____ We have professional contacts in the computer science/technology industry who could serve as potential resources and/or speakers; please contact me for more information
- _____ We are interested in helping with TechPA activities and events

Student Name _____

Academy: _____ **Graduation year:** _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student email address: _____

Parent(s) email address(es) _____

Date Received _____ Check # _____ Cash _____



CLASS of 2016 Sophomore Fundraiser Day
Join us at our Fright Night: Horror Movie + Ice Cream!
\$5 per student
Wednesday, October 30
2nd Floor Cafeteria – 6:30 – 8:30p.m.

**You can enjoy your dinner at Boston Market
with Event Ticket***

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