

PPO CONNECTIONS

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

As I write this, the snow is once again falling outside. It seems like this has been the longest, cold winter. Being originally from Texas, I have a hard time dealing with the cold and snow. Will winter ever end? Do I really have to shovel again? I so want to see the sun and feel warm again!

I imagine our students are feeling some of the same type of feelings – perhaps not about the endless snow and cold but about the never-ending pressures of school and associated activities. This is such a busy time for our students with myriad of exams on the horizon (end of trimester exams, AP exams, SAT, ACT) as well as other activities that demand many hours of time (competitions, the musical, research, etc.). It is easy for them to feel overwhelmed and to not see “the light at the end of the tunnel”. Our guest speaker at the last PPO meeting addressed some of these pressures and concerns with a presentation entitled “Balance and Thrive”. Ms. Rosato addressed four essential needs of our students: to be understood, to feel safe, to be valued, and to feel wanted. She gave some excellent suggestions on how we as families can help meet these needs for our children. It helped me as a mother to recognize some changes that my family can make to help our children establish a balance in their lives and thus thrive. Ms. Rosato will be continuing her presentation at our March 19th meeting. I encourage everyone to come to the second part, even if you missed the first part of her presentation.

Each year the PPO provides funding to BCA clubs and activities to enrich our students' academic and extra-curricular experiences. Grant requests are solicited from faculty members and the PPO executive board considers each request and allocates about 12% of our total budget to these grants. This year your PPO funds have helped such student organizations such as Skills USA, Science Olympiad, Model UN (AMUN), National Honor Society, Chamber Choir, BCA Science Challenge, and we also provided funding for our Winter Musical and special assembly programs.

Finally as I resign as PPO president and begin my “dream job” teaching AP Statistics at BCA, I would like to express my gratitude to the PPO board and the many parent volunteers who work so hard to make BCA the exceptional school that it is. I would also like to announce that the Executive Board has voted to appoint Sue Katz as an auxiliary board member for the remainder of this school year. Sue has been a dedicated volunteer for many years and will provide much needed assistance to the board during the extremely busy last trimester of the school year.

Looking forward to spring,

Christine Ogden, PPO President



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Calendar Highlights

February 25 th	MedSci Meeting: AMST Guidance and Panel 7:00p.m. - 2nd Flr. Cafeteria
February 27 th	PAPA Meeting – Following 4:00p.m. Rehearsal Dinner in 2 nd Floor Cafeteria
February 28 th	Winter Musical: Bat Boy 7:30p.m. - Auditorium
March 1 st	Winter Musical: Bat Boy 2:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. - Auditorium
March 2 nd	Snow Date for Winter Musical 2:30p.m. - Auditorium
March 3 rd	Teen Depression Presentation 7:30p.m. - BCA Auditorium
March 4 th	Half Day – All Students Admissions – Incoming Class Interviews
March 5 th	HSPA Testing for Students
March 5 th	Public vs. Private Colleges: Is Bigger Better? College Panel – 7:00p.m. Auditorium
March 6 th	Half Day – All Students Admissions – Incoming Class Interviews
March 11 th	BCA Instrumental Concert – 7:00p.m. Auditorium
March 12 th	End of Trimester 2
March 19 th	PPO Meeting – Student Wellness Presentation 7:00p.m. - Auditorium
March 25 th	BCA Fashion Show: The Great Gatsby 7:00p.m. - BCA Auditorium
March 26 th	PPO Newsletter to be sent

Our next issue will be published on March 19th. Please submit all March calendar entries and all articles to Ruth Walsh at ireny110@yahoo.com by March 26th, 2014. Thank You.



From the Principal's Desk

“Taking time to listen to all sides...”

The International Day of Tolerance has always been a hallmark of our school in which we celebrate our diverse community. For weeks leading up to the event, students stay late to practice and perfect their acts which showcase the talent and diversity of our school. On occasion, an act may stir up emotions based on its message.

Following my return to campus from the recent NCSSSMST Board meeting, I was made aware that some members of our community reached out to our campus administration regarding their concerns about the appropriateness of one of the acts. Our job as school administrators is to follow up on concerns we receive and to take time to listen to all sides.

Unfortunately in today's day and age of social media, a concern becomes a hot topic even before those involved get a chance to sit down and talk. It didn't take long for current and former students to take to social media and pass judgment on the situation.

Thankfully, Eddie Kim, one of our alumni, stopped by the school to offer his assistance. Eddie, by the way, made a memorable Tolerance Day speech when he was a student at

BCA that left a positive impression on those who heard it. During Eddie's recent visit, he spoke with students, teachers and administrators in an effort to facilitate a resolution to the matter. Recently a meeting between students and our administration took place in which several positive initiatives regarding diversity were discussed. Hopefully, the results of this meeting will have a positive impact on BCA in the future!

Our English Department Welcomes a New Member

Please join us in welcoming Danielle Kouefati, a new addition to the BCA English faculty. Ms. Kouefati is an energetic and driven teacher who graduated magna cum laude from Montclair State University and believes passionately in individualizing instruction to enhance her students' skills in writing, reading for comprehension as well as insight. These are qualities that we feel make her an ideal fit for the BCA learning community. Also, by bringing in a new faculty member, the English department as a whole will be able to offer more high quality electives and projects to the entire student body as well as increase access to IB Literature courses in future years. We are happy to welcome Danielle Kouefati to our English Department.

A New Addition to our Math Department

Due to the recent retirement of Mr. DeLeonardis, we were in search of a qualified teacher and found one who is very familiar with our BCA Community. Mrs. Christine Ogden comes to us with many years of teaching experience as well as an overall appreciation for everything that is the Bergen County Academies. I am sure you will agree that Mrs. Ogden will bring much to her new position. Unfortunately, Mrs. Ogden will be stepping down from her

position as PPO President as she transitions to becoming a member of our faculty. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Ogden much success in her new role.

Remembering T.J. - A Story of Teen Depression, Lessons and Hope
Please join us for a presentation by Wendy and Steve Sefcik, T. J.'s parents, as they discuss their experiences and help families to recognize signs of teen depression. It is estimated that 20% of teens will suffer at least one depressive episode before reaching adulthood. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 5,000 middle school, high school, and college-age students kill themselves each year in America, making suicide the third-leading cause of death for young adults ages 15–24. Wendy and Steve's story will assist family members to gain a better understanding of their teens and enable them to recognize the red flags that are often dismissed as typical teenage behavior. We look forward to seeing all of you at this important meeting on March 3, 2014 at 7:30p.m. in our auditorium.

Another Snow Day?

As I write this article we are on the verge of yet another winter storm. The school calendar includes three emergency days. In the event more days are needed, additional days will be added in the month of June. If more days are required, adjustments will be made from the April break. Accordingly, the final day of school may be changed depending upon the number of emergency days used. In the meantime keep thinking warm thoughts.

Sincerely,
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_2-2014.pdf

Bergen County Academies presents the winter musical

Bat Boy

THE MUSICAL

The second production of our 2013-2014 season is the winter musical **Bat Boy**, February 28th at 7:30pm. and March 1st at 2:30 and 7:30p.m. Straight from the front pages of the tabloid Weekly World News comes this hilarious cult off-Broadway rock musical filled with laughs, tears and blood that tells the story of what happens when a young man – half boy, half bat – arrives in a small rural community in West Virginia. Originally produced off-Broadway in 2001 with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe, writer of the Broadway musical version of *Legally Blonde* and the upcoming musical version of the 1980s movie *Heathers*, **Bat Boy** has romance, spectacle, tons of laughs and even more blood (please note that while there is nothing scary in the show, some of the subject matter may not be fully suitable for audience members age 7 and younger).

Over 150 students are involved from every Academy – onstage as performers, in the pit as musicians, backstage as technicians and crew, in the workshop as builders and designers with the Stage Crew elective and Design For Theatre Projects, and in the costume shop as designers with the Costume Design elective.

Order your tickets now online from the school website – you don't want to miss out on a very fun and different kind of musical.

Stephen Kaplan
Director

Attention: JUNIORS!!!

COLLEGE EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE

is June 17-19th at
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

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To Enroll: Bring a \$100 Deposit Check made out to
“Student Activities Fund” with “CEE” in the Memo to Ms.
Pat Loughlin in the Main Office.

Deadline to Enroll is MARCH 21st
Additional Payment of \$400 Due May 1st
Contact Mr. Kaser With Any Questions at
PAUKAS@BERGEN.ORG

An Added Note:

*One goal of our monthly PPO
meetings is to feature
presentations
from relevant outside
resources available to the
community.*

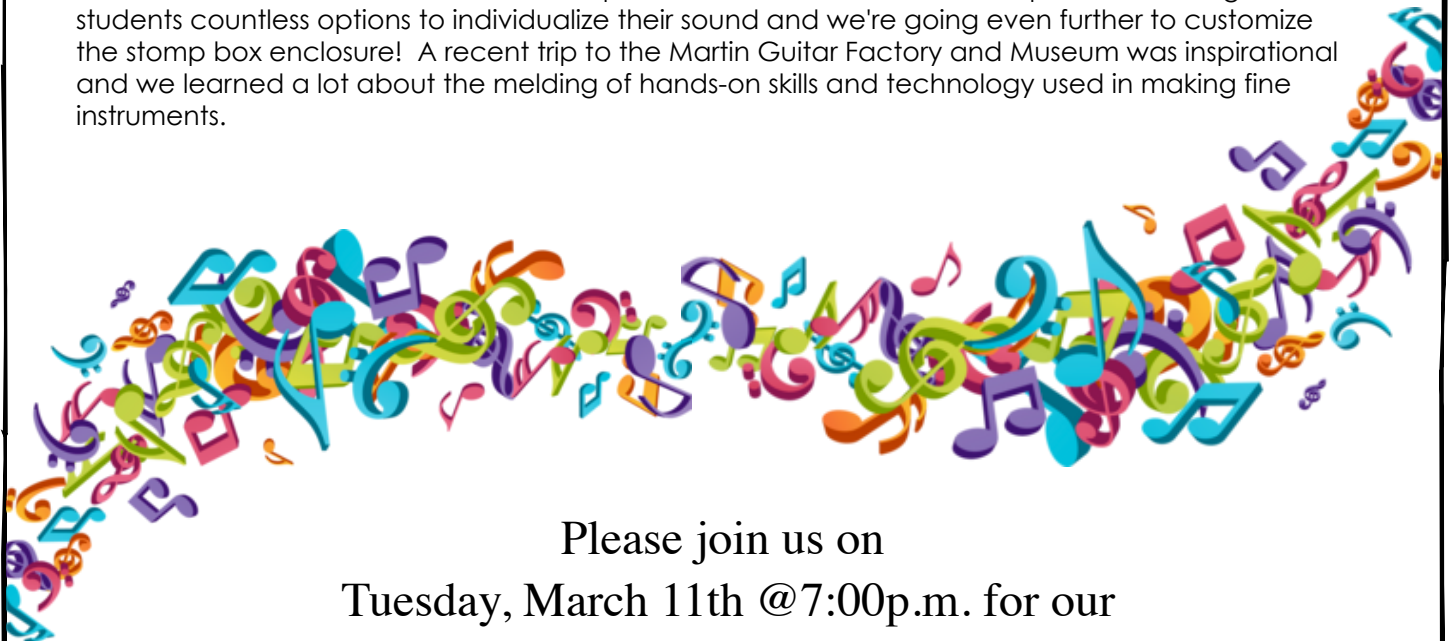
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practice to endorse them for
your own use.*

*We hope you will use your
best judgment deciding
whether you choose to utilize
their services.*

Musical Notes.....

The students have been hard at work this year in the music program. In this banner year, we had over 40 band and orchestra students accepted to county, regional and all-state honors ensembles! I'm impressed with both the talents and perseverance of the students, and appreciate the fact that their discipline and focus carries over to everything else they pursue in life. Way to go kids!

Outside the performing realm, we are completing some impressive mini projects. In Musicians Workshop, students are building drums. Starting with 1x3 planks of wood right down to shaping, finishing and stretching on authentic skin heads. Another project involves converting an electric guitar body/neck to a fretless instrument and sourcing out the electronics- creating a one-of-a-kind instrument. In clubs, we are building a fuzz tone (effect). Here, we solder PC boards and look at the function of various electronic components. The dual-transistor, trim-pot effect box gives the students countless options to individualize their sound and we're going even further to customize the stomp box enclosure! A recent trip to the Martin Guitar Factory and Museum was inspirational and we learned a lot about the melding of hands-on skills and technology used in making fine instruments.



Please join us on
Tuesday, March 11th @7:00p.m. for our
Annual Winter Concert

Highlights include:

Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue by the BCA Orchestra

The Guitar & Mandolin Orchestra is preparing a medley of favorite Italian tunes

Our String Quartet is busy rehearsing a powerful quartet by Grieg

The Percussion Ensemble will return with a performance worthy of Stomp!

In the area of jazz, the students have lot to offer in both a jazz band setting as well as a unique arrangement for the Flute Ensemble

Finally, the Concert Band's interpretation of a field covered with fireflies!

**As always, this promises to be a celebration of music here at our school,
with a few extras for the audience. look forward to seeing you there!**

Tickets available at the door - \$5 donation

**Michael Lemma
Music Department**



BCA Summer Writing Program

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN For The BCA SUMMER WRITING PROGRAM!

Now in its third year, the BCA Summer Writing Program has proven valuable and enlightening to young writers eager to develop their craft. Students in the program have already gone on to publish their work and win national recognition in contests such as the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards!

The dates for the 2014 Program are as follows:

Poetry: June 30 – July 10

Fiction: July 14 – July 24

Visiting artists will include National Endowment for the Arts fellowship winners Catherine Doty and Robbie Clipper, Binghamton University Creative Writing faculty Joseph Weil and Allen Ginsberg Award winner Svea Barrett. Details at www.bergen.org/summerwriting.

Space is limited—classes are kept small to provide individual attention to each student's work. If you think you might be interested in another section of the Fiction course in August, please email the director of the program, Richard K. Weems, at ricwee@bergen.org.

Richard Weems
English Department

SCHOLASTIC Writing Awards at BCA

Fifty Bergen County Academies students raked in 98 writing distinctions in the 2013-2014 Regional round of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards – 20 Gold Keys, 32 Silver Keys and 46 Honorable Mentions in Senior Portfolio, Poetry, Science, Fiction, Person Essay, Dramatic Script, Flash Fiction, Short Story, Persuasive Writing and Journalism. Sixteen students now go on the National competition.

Congratulations to all, and thanks go to the teachers who worked with these students to inspire and encourage their writing!

Richard Weems
English Department



SCHOLASTIC Art Awards Announcement

Its that time of year.....

I am most pleased to announce the highly acclaimed Scholastic ART & Writing Regional Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention Awards for 2014! Another banner year (in a very tough competition) has produced a total of **76 Awards** of which **12 individual Gold Keys** and **2 Senior Gold Key Portfolios** will advance to the National Level. The Regional Gold Key winners will have their works exhibited at Montclair Art Museum and The Visceglia Gallery at Caldwell College for the month of February so, if you are in the area... please stop in and see the remarkable works by these young people.

Our amazing BCA artists and their categories are listed below:

GOLD KEY

AVPA/V 2015 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2015 - Photography
AVPA/V 2015 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AEDT 2016 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2015 - 2 Photographs
AVPA/V 2016 - 4 Drawings
AVPA/V 2016 - Drawing

SILVER KEY

AEDT 2016 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2015 - Photography
AVPA/V 2016 - 2 Drawings

HONORABLE MENTION

AVPA/V 2015 - 5 Drawings
AVPA/V 2015 - Photography
AEDT 2016 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2015 - 2 Drawings
AVPA/V 2014 - 4 Drawings
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - 2 Drawings
AVPA/V 2014 - Painting
AVPA/V 2016 - 2 Drawing
AVPA/V 2016 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2016 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2015 - Photography
AVPA/V 2016 - 3 Drawings

SENIOR PORTFOLIOS (10 WORKS EACH)

Gold:

AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing/
Painting

Silver:

AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing

Honorable Mention:

AVPA/V 2014 - Drawing
ATCS 2014 - Painting

Additional Accolades

NJPAC Victoria Theatre Fall Exhibitors: AVPA/V 2015

NJPAC Winter Exhibitors: AVPA/V 2015 and AVPA/V 2016

NJPAC Late Winter Exhibitors: AVPA/V 2016 and AVPA/V 2016

AENJ Advocacy Calendar 2014 Winner: AVPA/V 2015

Bergen County Youth Art Month Exhibitors: AVPA/V 2015, AVPA/V 2015, AVPA/V 2015, AVPA/V 2016, AVPA/V 2016, AVPA/V 2016, **Location:** One River School, 49 N. Dean Street, Englewood -- April 3rd (6:00-7:30pm)

STATE Youth Art Month Design Competition

High School Invitation Design: AVPA/V 2016

Button Design: AVPA/V 2016

Exhibitors: AVPA/V 2016, AVPA/V 2016

Artworks in national publication of the National Art Honor Society: AVPA/V 2014, AVPA/V 2014, ATCS 2014, AVPA/V 2014, AVPA/V 2014

Note to Senior AVPA Visuals: AENJ Scholarship deadline is February 20th - go to www.aenj.org for details.

Please join me in extending a hearty Congratulations to our young, masterful artists who continue to make our world a more beautiful place and who represent BCA in an exemplary manner. They are, indeed, some of tomorrow's brightest stars!

March is Youth Art Month. . . .

Please support, patronize and advocate for the Visual Arts and Arts Education!

JoAnn Onnembo
Visual Academy



Is Bigger Better?

Public vs. Private Universities

Large Public Universities offer many benefits to students including a wide selection of classes, famous faculty, national-level sports, and unmatched school spirit for tuition that is often less than private colleges, even for out-of-state students. Most also offer smaller "honors colleges" with additional perks within their university.

Come learn more at the 2014 College Panel presented by the Guidance Department, this year focusing on large public universities.

Representatives from some of the nation's top public universities will be on hand to speak about the large university experience and take questions from the audience.

Learn more: *Wednesday, March 5th
7:00p.m.-8:15p.m. -- BCA Auditorium*

Paul Kaser
Guidance Department

Hold the Date for BCA's Upcoming College Fair!

*Great Evening to Meet Reps and Collect
Information*

April 24th, 2013

6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

BCA Gymnasium

**All students and families in the
district are encouraged to
attend!**

Jennifer Redlitz, M.Ed
School Counselor

HOLD THE DATE FOR THE 2014 PPO ANNUAL PICNIC

May 17, 2014

12:00 noon - 4:00p.m.

Help us welcome the Class of 2018!

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This is a wonderful day of great food, fun, music
and BCA friends - old and new!*

**More information to follow next month and
many fun ways to volunteer.**

***We look forward to seeing you there!*
The 2014 PPO Picnic Committee**

Monica Rome, Tal Millet, Connie Fong,
Julia Chiang, and Kevin Duerr

Class News Updates....

Class of 2014

We are all looking forward to the **Senior Fashion Show** on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 6:30-9:30pm. in the BCA Auditorium. If you would like to volunteer please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F48ABAE2AA5F94-2014. If you have possible donations for raffle baskets please notify Nvair Beylerian at nvair@beylerian.com. The theme is The Great Gatsby and we will be asking for food donations as well, so if you have any extra beluga caviar we could use it! A sign-up genius for food will be emailed to senior families soon. **You'll be able to buy raffle tickets at a reduced price in advance.** The ticket/raffle order form is available on the academyppo.com website.

Nieves, Dawn and Pat
bcaclass2014@gmail.com

Class of 2015

Class Parents Report Well to all those of you who love the snow, this has been your winter! Still gives us all plenty of time to read this smashing newsletter....So without further ado, up and coming we have:

--**ABF & AEDT Career Days:** February 20th, 2014

--**Cabaret Night hosted by Class of 2015! SAVE THE DATE !**

April 9th, 2014...The auditions are arranged, the kids are signing up to perform, now all WE NEED IS YOU (and your empty baskets, generous donations, small donations, unwanted gifts etc). All welcome, don't hold back, we will make your humble or otherwise donation into a sumptuous basket! Simply take your items plus any empty baskets that all your sumptuous holiday goodies were packed in, mark them "Class of 2015 Cabaret" and leave them in the main office or if you'd like to drop them off at Monica Rome's house, she's collecting items at 740 Smoke Hollow Trail, Franklin Lakes. We are also organizing "Town Baskets" with all donations due by March 28th. Meanwhile, come to the show, enjoy the fabulous acts, eat a little light dessert, socialize with your fellow BCA parents and try your luck at winning a raffle basket. It's sure to be a great fun night out! Thank you for your support!

--**BCA College Fair:** April 24, 2014 You don't want to miss this opportunity to chat with college representatives from around the country.

--**Class of 2015 Junior Prom:** Friday, April 25th at the Old Tappan Manor...I understand from the grapevine that the "asking" ceremonies are ongoing BUT YOU DON'T NEED A DATE to enjoy a great night out with friends, go alone, go as a pack, go as a pair, but please encourage your kids to go, eat, dance and socialize with their wonderful BCA friends. Tickets go on sale in March.

--**AAST Career Day:** May 29th, 2014

--**CEE:** June 17 – 19th, 2014...An opportunity for your student to travel to Lehigh University and receive some personal college application coaching. Complete details from the guidance department will be coming soon.

The class dues continue to come in, many thanks to all of you who have paid it (you only need to do it once) and to those who have yet to do it, please consider paying soon, just so that we know how many kids will be attending the various fun activities and events planned for senior year. *** You'll be relieved (though not as much as I am!) that the Pathfinder College Maps have all found their way to loving homes where their usefulness will render them legendary, I hope. There's nothing else for it, you'll have to buy a fine BCA magnet now! Well, back to digging in the snow,...

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

Class of 2016

Hi Class of 2016, the Frosh/Soph Semi-Formal was a great success! Thank You to all those who helped make it a success. It was nice to catch up with those moms that made it to Panera on Wednesday. Our agenda for March will be sending out letters to collect the balance of our dues. We will also be getting together with our Advisers and student council to work on fund raising. We will continue to keep you updated via email.

Laina DeRose, msdr21@yahoo.com and Maria Jasionowski, marijasionowski@yahoo.com

Class of 2017

A HUGE thank you to those who donated the fabulous desserts for our recent semi-formal! We'd also like to thank the sophomore class and parents who devoted so much of their time putting it together! We had 175 students in attendance and everyone seemed to have a great time. We look forward to hearing from you with any suggestions for next year. *** Also, a friendly reminder that our next coffee social is scheduled for Monday evening, **February 24th at 7:00pm at Panera located on Rt. 4W**. We hope to see you there! *** Please remember to send in your class dues of \$200, if you haven't already. Dues are being collected to support all the class events and activities your students will be a part of as they go through their BCA experience, especially in their Junior and Senior years. Your dues will be needed to ensure your student's participation in these coming events. Checks should be made payable to **"BCA Class of 2017", to the address: BCA Class of 2017 Class Dues, 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack, NJ 07601**. Thank you for your cooperation! Feel free to contact us with any questions at bcaclassof2017@gmail.com.

Warm regards, D'Arcy Natale and Allison Orecchio

REMEMBERING T.J.

A Story of Teen Depression, Lessons and Hope

On December 1, 2010, 16-year-old T. J. Sefcik died by suicide. What led a cherished son, brother, friend, varsity athlete, and honor student, with so much love and potential, to make that choice?

Please join us for a presentation by Wendy and Steve Sefcik, T. J.'s parents, as they discuss their experiences and help families to recognize signs of teen depression. It is estimated that 20% of teens will suffer at least one depressive episode before reaching adulthood. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 5,000 middle school, high school, and college-age students kill themselves each year in America, making suicide the third-leading cause of death for young adults ages 15–24.

Wendy and Steve's story will assist family members to gain a better understanding of their teens and enable them to recognize the red flags that are often dismissed as typical teenage behavior.

We Value Your Input

Please send us your questions in advance to ensure that we address your concerns relative to this topic.

Send your questions, or suggest a topic (anonymously if you prefer) via email to andshe@bergen.org.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this important Parent Meeting on March 3.

Date: March 3, 2014
Time: 7:30–9:00 P.M.
Location: Bergen County Academies
Dr. John Grieco Auditorium
200 Hackensack Avenue,
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601



Bergen County Technical Schools

BALANCE & THRIVE

A two-part lecture series designed to assist parents in understanding aspects that influence children's growth and development

Part One will focus on helping parents understand the key factors that influence their child's development, and provide insight on how parents' understanding and guidance can encourage strong and healthy development.

Part Two will begin with a presentation on developmental milestones through the years with an emphasis on self-esteem. There will also be a presentation on effective communication and fair and necessary limits.

A 1/2 hour question-and-answer session for parents will follow each lecture.

Presented by Rose Celia Rosato, MA, LPC
Balance & Thrive, LLC, Mental Health Counseling and Academic Services

We Value Your Input

As parents, you may have questions about guiding your child in the development of healthy self-esteem, as well as maintaining effective and open communication.

Please send us your questions in advance to ensure that we are able to address your concerns.

Send your questions, or suggest a topic (anonymously if you prefer) via email to andshe@bergen.org.

We look forward to seeing all of you at these lectures on February 11 and March 19.

Date: Tuesday, February 11 and Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Time: 7:00–9:00 P.M. for both events
Location: Bergen County Academies Auditorium
200 Hackensack Avenue,
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601



Bergen County Technical Schools

YEARBOOK PORTRAITS

For The CLASS of 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of **BCA** Senior Class of 2015,

The time has come to plan for the 2015 yearbook at **BCA**. Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch is our official yearbook photographer and will be capturing the Senior Portraits. JUNIORS will be sent an **appointment card through the mail**. It will state a specific day, time and location that each student may be photographed. This is a suggested appointment time and it is the responsibility of each JUNIOR to confirm or reschedule his/her appointment.

To confirm or modify your senior portrait session, please utilize the company's online scheduling website located at: <http://www.photoappointment.com> LOGIN using the unique code printed on your appointment card.

SAVE THE DATES

Date(s)	Time	Location
March 19-21, March 24-28	9am-3pm	Room 19

In the interest of uniformity and quality, all senior portraits that will appear in the 2015 yearbook must be taken by Prestige Portraits.

The yearbook-required poses will be taken at the portrait session. Additional portraits in various poses may be purchased at the session for a nominal fee. You will also have the opportunity to purchase portrait packages, but are under no obligation to do so.

After the portraits are taken, proofs will be mailed to you from Prestige Portraits and you will be asked to select which pose you would like submitted to the yearbook. The required yearbook pose is a vertical head and shoulder pose, just above the waist, with a blue background. Boys will wear a tuxedo and girls will wear a drape. These items are provided for your use. A pose with hands, rose, hats, close ups or one showing unusual attire is not acceptable as formal yearbook portraits.

There will be an additional portrait session on April 29-30 and May. All students must attend the March portrait session in order to sit for the retakes. All students will sign off on their yearbook pose by the end of May.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Evelyn Rios
Yearbook Advisor



MedSci Association Meeting

*Tuesday, February 25th
7:00pm – 8:30pm ~ 2nd Floor Cafeteria*

*An Evening with our AMST Guidance Counselors:
Mr. Natelli & Ms. Redlitz*

“Ask Me” Session

*Student Panel of Juniors and Seniors answer questions about their experiences.
Topics include: SAT, ACT, AP's and/or IB's, Electives, Research and College
Acceptances.*

This meeting is open to All Interested BCA Parents & Students

SEE OUR MEMBERSHIP FLYER ON THE PPO WEBSITE: www.academyppo.com

Questions? Email us at bcamedsci@gmail.com

*MedSci is dedicated to build and advance student opportunities in
the medical and healthcare fields*



Happy February! As you are online shopping during this cold and snowy winter, please remember to register for ACAHAPA's iGive fundraiser. If you shop online, it's an easy way to help BCA students. It costs you nothing, only takes a few minutes to register, and a percentage of your internet purchases benefits ACAHA. Over 1,000 online retailers participate in this program. To register, please go to: <http://www.igive.com/doa8CPY>

Join ACAHAPA Today!

ACAHA annual membership dues of \$20 per family help support our students in BCA programs such as Hospitality Day and Chocolate Competition as well as national competitions including SkillsUSA. We are continuing to strive for 100% participation from our academy this year. To join, please go to:

http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/1170958/acadhapa_membership_form_jun2013.pdf

Thanks for all of your support!

**Barbara, Carol, Heidi, and Dawn
ACAHA Board**





Parents And Patrons of the Arts

PAPA is going BATTY . . . and we're not alone!



Tickets for the Winter Musical, **BAT BOY**, are available online at [this link](#). This is the only way you'll be able to reserve your ticket in advance and pick your own seat. Tickets will be available at the box office ahead of each performance. **BAT BOY** performances are Friday, February 28th at 8pm and Saturday, March 1st at 2:30 and 8pm. Online ticket sales close the Thursday before the performance... which coincidentally is our rehearsal dinner.

Speaking of ... If you have not signed up for the dinner, please do so [here](#). We would love to have full participation from the cast and crew families. All PAPA members are invited as well because.... Our February meeting will follow the **Bat Boy** rehearsal dinner - with its outdoor barbecue theme (by the way, it's Thursday, February 27th -- dinner for cast/crew at 4:30, followed by dinner for us and the meeting). If you are interested in joining the nominating committee to come up with a slate of officers for next year, step right up and email Gloria or Karen! This is a wonderful organization to lead.

We have also sent out ONE Perfect Potluck sign-up for all concessions. If you are able to work before the show, during intermission and/or after, please sign up for a shift ... it's a long document, so you're sure to find something to do and something to donate to refreshment sales. [Here's the link](#) for that one. By the way, it's FUN!



Getting Ready for Bat Boy (Photo by James Huelbig) From Print Week Exhibit-January 15-16 (Photo by Don DeWitt)

But wait! There's more! *Tuesday, March 11th* is the Winter Music Concert , featuring all seven of BCA's instrumental ensembles. From unique arrangements for small ensembles to large-scale orchestra works, the students present a top quality performance! Your \$5 donation at the door supports music at BCA.

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kssacks@optonline.net

and

Gloria Ling Chau
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Co-Presidents

P.S. It's not too late to join 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 the school year. Also, keep track of what's going on via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PAPAtBCA.

BAT BOY

THE MUSICAL

STORY AND BOOK BY

KEYTHE FARLEY AND BRIAN FLEMMING

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

LAURENCE O'KEEFE

LICENSED UNDER AGREEMENT WITH
WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Friday, February 28th at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 1st at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Bergen County Academies

200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack NJ

Reserve Tickets Online: BCA Homepage Under Special Announcements

TRICKY TRAY BASKET WISH LIST

For the FASHION SHOW

March 25, 2014

**You want to support the Fashion Show but need some inspiration...
Below is a wish list of Tricky Tray basket items to get you started!**

Just for Kids:

Birthday party package at local YMCA, gym, arts & crafts center, etc.
Gift Certificate to Sports Camps, Art Camps, etc.
Family Fun Night - Basket of Board Games
Fun in the Sun – kid-size beach chair, beach toys, towels
Video Game Systems – Wii, Xbox, PlayStation
Movie night – popcorn, DVD's

Just for Her:

Spa packages – manicure, pedicure, facial, etc.
Jewelry
Fun in the Sun – flip flops, bestsellers, tote bag
Designer sunglasses

Just for Him:

Golf Packages
Tickets to Sporting Events
Car wash gift certificates

For Everyone:

Electronics – Ipods, cameras, laptops, Kindles,
Taste of Bergen County – gift certificates to local restaurants
Tickets to Broadway Shows
College Survival Kits

Once in a Lifetime Opportunities:

Backstage Passes to an event
VIP Tours

Please drop off your donation at the main office clearly marked:

Fashion Show/Attn. Mr. Madden...or drop them at 82 Fairmount Rd. in Ridgewood, NJ

Click on the link below if you wish to donate an item:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAEAA2BAA8-baskets>

**Don't feel like going out in the cold to shop for one of the above items but want to support the
Class of 2014 – here is the solution for you!**

The Class of 2014 has registered at Bed Bath & Beyond!

Our Registry number is 10869557

[http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/view_registry_guest.jsp?
pwsToken=&eventType=Other®istryId=10869557&pwsurl=](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/view_registry_guest.jsp?pwsToken=&eventType=Other®istryId=10869557&pwsurl=)

On behalf of the Class of 2014, thank you for your support!



THE CLASS OF 2014 PRESENTS
THE ANNUAL BCA SENIOR
FASHION SHOW

Fashions presented by Lord & Taylor of The Fashion Center

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

BCA Auditorium

light refreshments will be available for purchase

Name _____ Academy/Year _____
Phone _____ email _____

_____ # of GENERAL ADMISSION* Tickets @ \$15

_____ # of STUDENT/FACULTY ADMISSION Tickets @ \$10

_____ # of Raffle Ticket Bonus Gatsby Packages: 15 silver and 2 gold for \$30 **(\$40 value)**

_____ # of Raffle Ticket Bonus Darcy Packages: 20 silver and 5 gold for \$50 **(\$65 Value)**

*by pre-ordering raffle ticket bonus packages, not only will you receive bonus tickets, but also
preprinted labels for your raffle tickets – all tickets will be held at door*

TOTAL \$ _____

Kindly enclose with check made payable to: **Student Activity Fund 2014**

Mail to: Sharon Jureller • 118 Harrison Street • Haworth, NJ 07641

for questions email: nvair@beylerian.com

* general admission ticket includes a Lord & Taylor 'shop smart. do good' savings pass in support of BCA Class of 2014. It includes 25% bonus coupon with limited exclusions plus a 15% savings pass to be used throughout a pre-determined day in April on almost everything including cosmetics and fragrances.

Project Graduation 2014

Frequently Asked Questions

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

What is Project Graduation? Project Graduation is a post graduation event designed to provide Bergen Academies graduates with a safe, fun, drug and alcohol-free venue to celebrate with their classmates at this most exciting time in their lives.

When will this take place? Immediately following the Graduation ceremony on June 23rd

Where will it take place? The location is kept secret for the security and safety of our students.

Who can participate? All students in the BCA Class of 2014

How much will it cost? \$200 Cost of Project Graduation is separate fee not covered by Class Dues

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If you have not yet reserved a spot for your child and would like your graduate to participate, please mail your payment of \$200 to the address below. If you have already made a deposit, the balance of \$100 is due. If you are unsure whether you made the initial deposit (\$100) please contact Janet at [lorek28@juno.com](mailto:lorek28@juno.com).

If your child doesn't plan to participate or is still undecided, please send us an email and inform us so we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please email one of us. We thank you for your cooperation.

Juany (Janet) King [lorek28@juno.com](mailto:lorek28@juno.com) Angella McKenzie [gatchair@gmail.com](mailto:gatchair@gmail.com)

Make Check payable to: **Project Graduation 2014**

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

**Mail payment in attached envelope to:**

Janet Morales  
553 Duke Court  
New Milford, NJ 07646

.....Detach and send with payment.....

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Academy \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

The Class of 2015  
presents...



**April 9, 2014**

**6:30 pm**

**BCA Auditorium**

**Students/Faculty: \$10**

**General Admission: \$12**

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

**Pre-Order Tricky Tray**

**Raffle Tickets Today**

**Pre-printed labels included for ease!**

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

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

**Questions: Contact Lisa Caron @ [lisa.caron3@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.caron3@verizon.net)**

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**Name of Purchaser:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student/faculty Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gen. Admission Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20 Value Package(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$40 Value Package(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Checks : Class of 2015 Student Activity Fund**

**Mail to: Lisa Caron, 145 West Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

**All preordered Value Packages will be available for pick-up the day of the event! Orders must  
be received by 4/4/14.**

# CLASS OF 2014

## SENIOR APPAREL ORDER FORM

T-Shirt: \$12

Crew Neck: \$20



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

IGS (teacher/room) \_\_\_\_\_

Quantities: **sizes (adult S to XL):**

|                                       |      |         |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------|
| T-shirt : <b>size</b> _____           | x 12 | = _____ |
| Crew Neck : <b>size</b> _____         | x 20 | = _____ |
| T-shirt w/ name : <b>size</b> _____   | x 17 | = _____ |
| Crew Neck w/ name : <b>size</b> _____ | x 25 | = _____ |
| Total \$                              |      | = _____ |

Please return these forms to Mr.  
Madden (Room 134) by Monday,  
February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Cash or Check

\*Checks made payable to BCA  
Student Activity Fund Class of  
2014

Memo: Class of 2014 Shirts\*

Name on back (if buying more than one item please specify  
which one/if all are getting the name)

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(Nicknames are OK- please keep them appropriate)