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## PPO CONNECTIONS

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### **PPO Board Message**

Happy Spring! As we move into a very busy time of year filled with proms, picnics and performances, we remind you to mark your calendars with the abundance of events ahead. Two big events that were already fabulously planned and beautifully executed were the Senior Fashion Show and the Junior Cabaret. We would like to extend a special thank you to Laina DeRose and Maria Jasionowski, Class of 2016 Parent Liaisons and also Allison Orecchio and D'Arcy Natale, Class of 2017 Parent Liaisons and all of the volunteers who came out to help them. Our Class Parents put many hours of their time and lots of hard work into planning these events to support our students! We appreciate everything they do. Please help them out in any way you can.

Acceptances for the BCA Class of 2020 were mailed out in early April. One of our BCA traditions is to welcome the new class at our annual PPO Picnic, which will be held on Saturday, May 21st. All PPO families are invited to attend and the picnic is a great opportunity to mingle with our BCA community. Please make sure to RSVP for this fun event as it will greatly assist our planning committee in ensuring that there is enough food for everyone. As always we are in need of volunteers to grill, set up and clean up, so please email if you are able to help. It's a wonderful day for all and a great way to showcase the best of BCA to our new families.

The annual BCTS College Fair was held last week with over 100 college representatives in attendance. We'd like to thank Jennifer Redlitz for organizing and hope that many of you were able to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to gather useful information on many colleges. The college fair is always a great way to kickoff your child's college exploration journey.

Speaking of colleges, the last PPO meeting of the year will be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and will include elections for next year's PPO Board and our always popular parent panel "How to Do What I Just Did – Survive the College Application Process". This panel provides an honest perspective and helpful insight from senior parents who have just completed the process with their child. We hope to see you there!

The PPO Board Susan, Sasha, Julia, May, Sue, Conne

### Academy Parent Partnership Organization A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

### **Calendar Highlights**

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May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SAT Testing</b> – Off Site
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	PPO General Meeting – The College Process: How To Do What I Just Did – 7:00 pm
	Auditorium
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Class Prom – 7:00-11:00 pm Old Tappan Manor
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Choir Concert</b> – 7:30 pm Auditorium
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Half Day – All Students
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class of 2020 Induction Ceremony – 7:00 pm Auditorium
May 21st	<b>Annual PPO Picnic</b> – 12:00 – 4:00 pm Athletic Field
May 21st	Freshman Car Wash – 12:00 – 4:00 pm BCA Parking Lot
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	PPO Newsletter Available
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Half Day – All Students
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closed</b> – Memorial Day
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Senior Experience Luncheon</b> – Seniors & Mentors
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	One-Act Play Festival (A) – 7:00 pm
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	One-Act Play Festival (B) – 7:00 pm
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	One-Act Play Festival (A) – 2:00 & 7:00 pm
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	One-Act Play Festival (B) –
	2:00 & 7:00 pm
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	SAT Testing – Off Site
June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Relay for Life – BCA Field

Our next issue will be published on May 25th. Please submit all May calendar entries and all articles to Sue Katz at SueLKatz@gmail.com by May 18, 2016.

### "Collaboration among schools is the key to success"

### From the Principal's Desk



### Meeting on education initiatives at the White House

I recently returned from Washington, D.C. where I attended the board meeting of NCSSS (The National Coalition of Secondary STEM Schools). Upon my arrival to Washington, I visited with Evan Glazer, Principal of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Evan

had visited BCA years ago and we often talk about various topics including curriculum, scheduling and new technologies. The Board of NCSSS was also invited to meet with Senior Advisors to President Obama at the White House to discuss several education initiatives. To be able to meet and collaborate with school leaders from across the country to discuss new initiatives and the challenges we face is an incredible opportunity. To quote White House Senior Advisor Seth Andrew "You are fortunate as school leaders to work in the schools you work in, and your students are fortunate to have schools like yours to attend."

### Visit our Global Exchange Homestays Website

Thank you to those families who responded and expressed interest in our Homestays program. I encourage all families to visit our new Homestays website and register as a BCA Host family for upcoming global exchanges.

https://www.bergen.org/bcahostfamily

#### Thanks to all who helped HACKBCAIII

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HackBCA was a tremendous success. Hosting almost 500 student hackers for this overnight event was made possible by great student planning and outreach, lots of adult volunteers, teacher chaperones, and terrific cooperation from our technology and custodial staff. With a theme of "Lighting the Torch", HackBCAlll welcomed new coders as well as the more experienced. The event featured guest speakers, sponsor give-a-ways, individual and team coding, and an enormous amount of donated food and drink to nourish our hackers. Under the guidance of Mr. Bryan

Respass and Mr. Ben Isecke all participants and sponsors had a rewarding and memorable experience.

### BCA Makerspace and 3D printing Club Hosts Enable Community Foundation

A recent visit from the e-NABLE Community Foundation opened our eyes to amazing possibilities using the 3D printer. After a heart-warming presentation on the origin of this initiative, students were given the opportunity to work together to assemble 3D printed prosthetic hands. These functional prosthetics allow wearers to perform tasks that were previously impossible. The program sends hands to adults and children in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries and depends on volunteers to assemble the units. Read more about this at: <a href="http://enablingthefuture.org/">http://enablingthefuture.org/</a>

#### **BCA to HOST NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

Schools from across the country are planning to attend the NCSSS Student Research Conference being held here at Stevens Institute of Technology and BCA June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We encourage our 10-11<sup>th</sup> grade research students to get involved. Limited space is available. Please visit the website at <a href="http://www.ncsssstudentcon.org/">http://www.ncsssstudentcon.org/</a>



Stem Cell Research Lab acquires Gene Chip Suite BCA recently acquired a new Affymetrix Gene Chip Suite that significantly increases our students' ability to perform high end research. According to Dr. Robert Pergolizzi, Director of our Stem Cell Research Lab, "this new system looks at the impact of treatment not on one or a few genes, but on every gene in our DNA!"

Dr. Pergolizzi added "The new biology, based on genomics and bioinformatics, will demand knowledge of database design, algorithmic development to query those databases, and pursuit of unexpected targets. Other schools will have to follow our lead if they plan to prepare students for the way biology is evolving."

Russell Davis Principal

Please view our Superintendent Dr. Howard Lerner's Message by using this link: <a href="http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/11170958/superintendent\_letter\_4-2016.pdf">http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/11170958/superintendent\_letter\_4-2016.pdf</a>

### PPO Board Candidates and Committee Chairs Wanted

The PPO Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill positions for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in a Board position, Committee Liaison position or would like more information, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee by May 2, 2016. Please note that serving on the board would require some daytime flexibility.

Nominating Committee:

Mary Deegan: <a href="mailto:deegan68@gmail.com">deegan68@gmail.com</a>

Lisa Leiva: lisaleiva1@aol.com

May Ragukonis: mmtjoa@aol.com

### NEWS FROM THE LABORATORY OF CELL BIOLOGY...

The students working in the Cell Biology Research Lab have been engaged in some very remarkable activities this year. As a research mentor, I am honored to facilitate their creativity. Since September, their research projects have brought them much recognition including a provisional patent, a publication in the journal of Biomedicine and Pharmacotherapy, recognition as INTEL Science Talent Search Semifinalists, Siemens Competition Semifinalists, iSWEEEP International Finalists, International Science and Engineering Finalists, Junior Science and Humanities National Finalists, as well as 18 National HOSA Finalists. It is always so heartwarming to see these young innovators spread their dedication to the scientific endeavor, and I am as proud of our young adults as you are! In addition, in light of their passion for STEM, the research students and the Do Somethina Club is once again facilitating the Bergen SciChallenge Middle School Science Fair affiliated with the Society for Science and the Public. The date of the fair is Saturday, June 4, 2016, and adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to help in any capacity, please email me at <a href="mailto:donleo@bergen.org">donleo@bergen.org</a>. It is a very exciting day! Also, please quickly spread the word to any 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student who may want to enter, as we are limiting participation to 100 young innovators. Please see our website at http:// sciencechallenge.bergen.org/.

Donna Leonardi Biology Teacher & Research Mentor

## Doctor Finley's farewell choral concert

Doctor Finley's farewell choral concert will take place Tuesday, May 17, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5. Featured will be the works of Anton Bruckner, Allesandro Scarlatti, Felix, Mendelssohn, and others.

Dr. Patrick Finley Music Department

### ACAHA's Sweet Success



The Bergen County Academies 18th Annual Chocolate Competition was once again a huge success for not only the ACAHA juniors and seniors, but also the entire Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration. Over the past few weeks, ACAHA juniors and seniors were faced with the task of constructing their chocolate creations and seeing their projects come to life from start to finish. The students were then judged by various industry professionals and county representatives. Each judge was provided with an iPad and rubric in which they scored the edible masterpieces on their complexity, taste, creativity, and overall appearance.

The upperclassmen had been preparing for this

The upperclassmen had been preparing for this competition for weeks and, as expected, did not

disappoint. Students partnered with an engineering student to help with the design and architectural aspects of their project. After many hours of hard work and preparation, each student's creation was finally displayed. All the cakes were vastly different; the juniors and seniors drew ideas from pop culture, sports teams, television shows, and even children's literature and films. Following the judging, the ACAHA students celebrated having completed weeks of Chocolate Competition preparation by watching a video showcasing their efforts, and listening to inspirational speeches. Soon after, the moment they had all been waiting for had finally arrived: the revealing of the winning students and their masterpieces. Awards were given for first, second, and third place for each of the junior and senior classes and also for Extraordinary Effort and Best in Taste.

In addition, there were Special Recognition Certificates awarded to the winners by the Bergen County Executive and the Bergen County Freeholders.

At the end of the day, the Bergen Country Academies' culinary upperclassmen proudly and joyfully presented their chocolate masterpieces. Even those who had not received an award had accomplished a grand feat: they carried out their creative vision and brought an idea to life!

Special thanks to our incredible ACAHA-PA for helping us make this event a resounding success! Thank you to Dawn Schildhorn-Williams, Marta Khanlian, and Denise Magriples.

Mary Beth Brace and John Branda Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration

### **Academy After Hours**

Registration for the BCA Academy After Hours Summer Program is now open! Courses cost \$300 each and will run from June 27th to July 8th.

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.

In addition, please note that BCA students can earn off-campus community service hours by volunteering to assist with classes; students with volunteer experience are then eligible to apply for positions as paid interns during future AAH summer programs.

Dr. Ken Mayers Director

## Spring = Wins for BCA Writers!!!!

'Tis the season when award announcements come in, and of course BCA writers find themselves on these lists.

So here's what's come in over the Break:

- an ABF sophomore won 2nd place in the Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay competition from Seton Hall University
- an AEDT junior and an AMST senior were both selected as Topical winners in the American High School Poets Just Poetry competition
- And 2 BCA students won Honorable Mention in the 2016 Sejong Writing competition:

an ABF junior in the Sijo category an AAST freshman in the Senior Essay division More news still to come, no doubt...

Richard Weems and Stephen Kaplan, advisors Literature and Creative Writing





## BCA Summer Writing Program Seats still available in the Poetry Course

The BCA Summer Writing program Fiction course is full, but there are still seats in the Poetry course. The class will run August 1 - 11, Monday-Thursday, at BCA.

The Poetry course offers high school students the chance to work with award-winning poets and teachers in a small setting to create new work and explore the intricacies of revision.

Registration is open at <a href="mailto:sw.bergen.org">sw.bergen.org</a>. Act quickly to get your spot!

Richard Weems Literature and Creative Writing

### 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.

## BCA CELEBRATES NATIONAL DANCE WEEK

BCA celebrates National Dance Week. Dance-A-Thon - Thursday, April 28 4:30-5:30 Music, Dance, Prizes in the Upper Cafe

National Dance Week will culminate with an AVPA-T Dance Concert (FREE) on May 10th at 7pm.

Ms. Laurie Crochet

Dance Teacher
Bergen County Academies

"Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired." Martha Graham

### **BCA SKILLSUSA SUCCESS!**

On April 16th, students of the BCA Chapter of SkillsUSA traveled to Somerset, New Jersey, eager to compete in the NJ SkillsUSA state competition. The students have worked hard throughout the year to prepare for their challenging competitions. The competitions varied from culinary arts and hospitality to engineering, video production and technology display. Each student displayed hard work and effort in their respective competitions.

BCA received <u>21 medals</u> with 10 students qualifying for the National Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Gold medal winners included three juniors in the competition for Community Service, four juniors in the competition for Health Knowledge Bowl, and one sophomore in the competition for PDP Portfolio. A team of three students won a silver medal for American Spirit. One junior won a silver medal for Customer Service. Two sophomores also won a silver medal for Promotional Bulletin Board. Two silver medals were won in the category Television Video Production. Three juniors received bronze medals in engineering design along with one freshman earning third in the competition for SkillsUSA safety display.

In addition to the 21 medals, two ACAHA juniors represented BCA as NJ SkillsUSA officers. They both did an outstanding job facilitating the event.

The BCA students demonstrated hard work, leadership, and extraordinary effort.

Also, I am proud to announce that <a href="mailto:the-BCA">the BCA</a>
<a href="Chapter of SkillsUSA">Chapter of SkillsUSA</a> was recognized on stage as a <a href="Chapter of Distinction-">Chapter of Distinction-</a> a model of excellence at the <a href="mailto:Gold level">Gold level</a>. Our chapter was selected to represent New Jersey at Nationals and will be recognized in Louisville, <a href="mailto:Kentucky">Kentucky</a>. One junior chapter officer was instrumental in preparing the documentation for this award.

Now on to Kentucky!

Mary Beth Brace SkillsUSA Advisor





## Congratulations to the BCA Titanium Knights Robotics for their Huge Success at the 2016 FIRST Robotics Competition!!

The Titanium Knights competed at three events, and were recognized at each one, returning home as: Two-Time Finalists and Rookie Champs, winning both the Rookie All Star Award and the Rookie Inspiration Award!

The Titanium Knights *FIRST* Robotics Team #6203 is comprised of 27 students, representing six academies, and mentored by Mr. DeFalco and Mr. Liva along with three parent-mentors.



### Class News Updates....

### Class of 2016

Hello Class of 2016! A big thank you for all who helped make the Senior Fashion Show a huge success. The models looked absolutely amazing as they walked the runway. We sold 275 tickets and had over 100 beautiful baskets, thanks to the generous donations from over 90 businesses and many Class of 2016 families. We would like to especially thank the Fashion Show Committee members who volunteered hours of their time to help out with this event and also the Junior class parents who helped backstage throughout the evening. "No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another" ~Author Unknown.

We are now planning all of the June festivities! Please send in your permission slips for the Yearbook Signing Luncheon on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Old Tappan Manor by the end of this month. Great Adventure tickets are purchased and buses ordered for a fun filled day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are now finalizing all Senior Prom plans with the Student Council. The Senior Prom will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rockleigh Country Club. We will

be sending out complete details for every event happening in June including ticket information for graduation and requests for help, so watch your inbox.

Wishing everyone the best during this exciting time.

As always, any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Best, Laina and Maria

Maria Jasionowski <u>mariajasionowski@yahoo.com</u> Laina DeRose msdr21@yahoo.com

### Class of 2017

Greetings Class of 2017!

A BIG thank you for all who helped make Cabaret a huge success. The performances were amazing and we had a wonderful audience! We raffled 80 beautiful baskets, thanks to the generous donations from many

### Class News Continued.....

local businesses and many Class of 2017 families. We would like to especially thank those who volunteered hours of their time to help out with this event.

One event down and onto the next....Junior Prom! JProm is now just a few weeks away! It will be held at the Old Tappan Manor, Friday, May 13th, 7:00-11:00 pm. Please encourage your child to attend. Tickets are \$85 and are being sold during lunch mods at school by our student council and a separate communication will be coming. The last day to purchase tickets is Monday, May 2nd as we have to give a final headcount.

We are still attempting to collect class dues. **Dues need to be finalized by June of Junior year**. If you have not done so, kindly mail your check payable to Student Activities Fund Class of 2017 to BCA, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

As always, any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Best, D'Arcy & Allison bcaclassof2017@gmail.com

### Class of 2018

### Soph/Frosh Semi-Formal

The Soph/Frosh Semi-Formal was a big success!
Thank you to our Council and Class Advisors
Danielle Kouefati and Suzanne Halligan for all their
hard work! We had a great turnout and everyone
had a fantastic time!

#### **Coffee Hour**

Stay tuned for details on our spring coffee hour! We look forward to sharing information on next year's events and getting your feedback on this year! We will send an e-mail soon with all the details!

#### College Fair Dinner

Thank you to the volunteers who helped us set-up, serve food and clean-up for the BCA College Fair Dinner on Thursday, April 21st. This was a very big event where the Sophomore class parents provided the dinner for all of the college representatives and your help was greatly appreciated!

#### Class of 2018 dues

If you haven't already, please be sure to send in your \$200.00 class dues. This is a one-time payment to help us offset some of the costs that our students will have in Senior year.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Class Parents -Rena, Christine and Cathy

### Class of 2019

Hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! As the academic year winds down, our class has one fundraising event left on the calendar: a car wash which will take place during the PPO picnic on Saturday, May 21st. We will be sending out a signup for parent volunteers and supplies- save your old towels!

On June 1st, elections will be held for student council positions for sophomore year. Also coming up in June, on the 15th the students will have a chance to celebrate the end of the trimester with ices served outside.

The letter requesting the one time class dues payment will be sent out this month; please keep an eye out for it in your email. The dues are used to offset the cost of senior year expenses and are a one-time payment.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out by providing desserts for the college fair; as always your generosity is so appreciated!

Warm regards,
Pam, Amy and Kirstie
bcaclassof2019@gmail.com

## E-PA's Trip to NYC was a Huge Success!!

32 students representing six academies attended E-PA's (Engineering Parent Association) exciting and educational trip during spring break.

The students attended the conjoined RoboUniverse - Virtual Reality - Inside 3D Printing Conference and Expo at the Javits Center in NYC. The students had the incredible opportunity to explore the three exhibit halls and attend multiple keynote speeches that took place throughout the day.



The trip was chaperoned by Mr. Sam along with three E-PA Board members.

For more information about E-PA please contact Tal Millet at <a href="mailto:talmillet@hotmail.com">talmillet@hotmail.com</a> and visit our Facebook page <a href="mailto:https://www.facebook.com/groups/1649612991978796/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1649612991978796/</a>

Want to become an E-PA member? It's never too late: http://www.academyppo.com/e-pa.html

### Chocolate Competition 2016!!!!

ACAHA senior and junior students presented their cake masterpiece creations at the annual BCA Chocolate Competition held on March 24. We are very proud of all the students for their efforts and creativity. Please enjoy the pictures showcasing these amazing cakes. Additional pictures available on <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BCAalumni/photos">https://www.facebook.com/BCAalumni/photos</a>.

Also, a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful instructors and mentors, Chefs B and J, whose guidance and direction helped to make this event a tremendous achievement showcasing the culinary talents of the ACAHA students.

ACAHAP would also like to thank all of the families and businesses who generously donated prizes to help make Chocolate Competition a huge success. We appreciate all your support.

Dawn, Denise and Marta ACAHAPA







We're now moving full speed ahead into our busiest time of the year. Buckle up.

Please mark your calendars for the **May PAPA meeting**, which will follow the PPO meeting on **Monday**, **May 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will feature breakout sessions for each AVPA concentration with a panel of seniors talking about "**How to do What I Just Did**" – namely, to get accepted to college in their various concentrations. We'll have a panel of students going to college for *Visual Arts*, a panel for *Music* and a panel for *Theatre*.

You will never get a better, more honest perspective on the college application/audition/interview/portfolio process.

This year's **One Act Play Festival** will be held from Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5. There will be more performances of each of the plays and they will be performed on the stage. Tickets are available online now at

https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?event=.&domain=bergen

Saturday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>** is the **Rehearsal Lunch** for the One Act Play Festival. Please sign up on the Perfect Potluck to contribute.

http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=JORV0466

Here's a quick glance of all upcoming activities:

#### May 2016

- Monday, May 9 @ 7:00 pm Following PPO meeting PAPA meeting "How To Do What I Just Did" Student panels from Music, Theatre and Visual
- > Tuesday, May 10 @ 7:00 pm Auditorium BCA Dance Concert
- > Tuesday, May 17 @ 7:30 pm Auditorium Spring Choir Concert
- > Saturday, May 21 @ 12:00 4:00 pm Field Annual PPO Picnic
- Saturday, May 28 @ 12:30 pm Upper Caf One Act rehearsal 'lunch' NEW TIME

### June 2016

- > Thursday, June 2 @ 7:00 pm Stage One Act Group A Performances
- Friday, June 3 @ 7:00 pm Stage One Act Group B Performances
- > Saturday, June 4 @ 2:00 and 7:00 pm One Act Group A Performances
- ➤ Sunday, June 5 @ 2:00 and 7:00 pm One Act Group B Performances
- > Tuesday, June 7 @ 7:00 pm Auditorium Spring Instrumental Concert
- Wednesday, June 8 @ 7:00 pm Upper Caf Dr. Strum Retirement Reception
- > Thursday, June 16 @ 4:30 p.m. Music Awards & Dinner Cruise
- Friday, June 17 @ 7:00 pm Room 216 Senior Recognition Night
- Monday, June 20 @ 7:00pm Seasons Choir Banquet NEW DATE

Watch your email and the PAPA Facebook page for more information on the **PAPA End-of-Year Dinner** where we thank our graduating senior parents and welcome the incoming parents. It's always a good time.

Eileen Gabriele <u>eileen@gabrielegroup.com</u>

Remember to LIKE us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/PAPAatBCA

You are cordially invited to the 23rd

## **Annual Bergen County Academies PPO Picnic**

Admission is free to all Paid PPO families & families of the Class of 2020

On the Athletic field Behind the school (Rain or Shine)\*

\* in the event of rain, the picnic will be in the Gym.

RSVP online at <a href="http://bit.ly/22pJ1tC">http://bit.ly/22pJ1tC</a>

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



Saturday, May 21, 2016

12:00 - 4:00 pm

Questions? Contact us at bcappopicnic@gmail.com

We hope that you will join us in welcoming the Class of 2020. Lots of fun activities and Live Music!



### Relay for Life

The Relay for Life event will be held at BCA on June 4th and 5th. BCA hosts the Relay fundraiser each year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. We are very excited about this year's event! A committee of BCA students plans the event, and works in tandem with representatives from the American Cancer Society. Many BCA students have already registered for the fundraiser, and are currently raising money for their teams. In addition to student participation, we encourage BCA families to come and join the fun! Relay will be located on the field behind BCA, and throughout Saturday night there will be ceremonies, activities, walking, and music.

If you want to be involved in donating food to the Relay event, please check out the website, <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aabab2ca1f94-rflpotluck">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aabab2ca1f94-rflpotluck</a>. Relay's cochairs, Megan Pressimone and Meghan Baumbach, are organizing a parent potluck dinner to be available at the event. We would love to have your special recipes! For more information to help out with the Parents Potluck Dinner for Relay, please contact Megan (<a href="megpre@bergen.org">megpre@bergen.org</a>), Meghan (<a href="megbau@bergen.org">megbau@bergen.org</a>), or Mrs. Wallace (<a href="megbau@bergen.org">chrwal@bergen.org</a>).

We would love to have parents and families be part of Relay teams this year. Teams participate by walking the track at the event, into the wee hours of the night. For students, parents, and friends, the registration fee for Relay is \$10. Register at <a href="http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16EA?pg=entry&fr\_id=71564">http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16EA?pg=entry&fr\_id=71564</a> Individuals who pay the registration fee are able to stay until 12 am. Individuals who have fundraised \$100 are eligible to stay the entire night (in tents) on the field in back of BCA. These students will be given wristbands upon registration.

We especially encourage you to bring family members and friends who are cancer survivors, as we honor them at Relay. There is no registration fee for cancer survivors. There is a special ceremony which will honor survivors of cancer at approximately 7 pm on June 4th, and onsite registration is available. A special dinner will also be available to cancer survivors. If someone in your family would like to share a journey with cancer during our Relay ceremony, please let Meghan or Megan know.

In addition to the survivor ceremony and recognition, there is a Luminaria ceremony later in the evening. Luminarias are bags that are lit up around the field the night of Relay, and can be dedicated in honor of individuals. Luminaria forms are attached if you want to dedicate a "light" at the event to someone who has or has had cancer. Completed forms can be sent to Mrs. Wallace at BCA.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Relay!

Chris Wallace BCA Relay Advisor



#### **LUMINARIA FORM**

Relay for Life of BCA June 4-5, 2016

\$10.00 per Luminaria

By completing this form, I am lighting the path of hope by purchasing a Luminaria on someone's behalf. My gift honors the life of: \_\_\_\_ My gift is in memory of: Team Name or Number (Luminaria donation will support this BCA team): \_\_\_\_\_\_ City:\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_ Phone: Email: Relay location where you would like the Luminaria placed: **BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES** Total amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_VISA \_\_MC \_\_DISC. Card number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Please send to Ms. Chris Wallace, BCA Relay Advisor, chrwal@bergen.org, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601 ..... **LUMINARIA FORM** Relay for Life of BCA June 4-5, 2016 \$10.00 per Luminaria By completing this form, I am lighting the path of hope by purchasing a Luminaria on someone's behalf. My gift honors the life of: My gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name or Number (Luminaria donation will support this BCA team): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_ Phone: Email:

Please send to Ms. Chris Wallace, BCA Relay Advisor, chrwal@bergen.org, 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Relay location where you would like the Luminaria placed: **BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES** 

Total amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_VISA \_\_MC \_\_DISC.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual Field Day on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 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. This is where we need your help! In order to accommodate 1,100 students, the estimated expenditure is over \$6,000! The majority of the expenses are paid for by generous donations from our Academy families. Financial contributions of any size are greatly appreciated to make Field Day a success! We also need **many** volunteers to assist with the BBQ and make it our best yet. The rain date is Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Aside from the monetary contributions the following is 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)

Thank you. Let's think Field Day!

P.S. Any items donated can be brought to the school at your convenience. Please email wilmul@bergen.org if you would like to volunteer or call at 201-343-6000 ext. 2277

Student Name:	
Name of Parent: _	
Address:	

Checks should be made payable to: "Field Day"

Please mail your donations to: Will Muller



Bergen Academies 200 Hackensack Avenue Hackensack, N.J. 07601





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