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A May Message from the PPO Board

Dear Parents,

During this home stretch, we are reminded of all the new beginnings that are celebrated: our incoming freshman (Class of 2018) at the PPO Picnic, and our graduating seniors (Class of 2014) who will start an exciting chapter in their continuing journey. We wish a warm welcome to all the our new parents. For our senior students and their families, congratulations as your children move on to new opportunities and challenges! We look forward to hearing updates.

This past Saturday, our annual PPO picnic was held on the field; it was a beautiful afternoon. Great turnout, amazing people, fabulous food and fun activities made this a memorable day. An especially heartfelt thanks to our extraordinary picnic committee, headed by Monica Rome, along with her stellar team: Julia Chiang, Kevin Duerr, Connie Fong, Tal Millet and Heidi Mannik-Springsteen! Their attention to detail and the countless hours spent coordinating and arranging resulted in one fun-filled picnic. Special thanks to all the parents, students, musicians, teachers and Mr. Lemma for leading the band on Saturday. This is a wonderful event to meet and work with fellow parent volunteers. We hope you will consider helping out at upcoming events if you haven't already. Field Day will be here before you know it and this is another parent opportunity in June (see notice on page 7).

This June, we wish Ms. Mary Rooney and Mr. Frank Oleksy all the best as they retire from BCA. Our students have experienced their commitment to education and we thank them kindly for their generosity and dedication to our students and the entire BCA community. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

We are so grateful to all of you for your commitment and the countless amount of time you have given the PPO. We are looking forward to working with you in the fall and wish you and your families a summer filled with wonderful experiences!

The PPO Board
Cathy, Ruth, Sasha, Susan, May and Sue



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Calendar Highlights

May 21 st May 21 st	Half Day – All Students Class of 2018 Induction Ceremony 7:00p.m.- BCA Auditorium
May 26 th	Memorial Day – School Closed
May 29 th May 29 th	Half Day – All Students AAST Career Day ATCS Career Day Spring Play -Macbeth 2:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. Auditorium
May 31 st	Spring Play – Macbeth 2:30p.m. Auditorium
June 1 st	
June 2 nd	AMST Career Day – 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.
June 3 rd	Spring Instrumental Concert – 7:00p.m. Auditorium
June 4 th	Senior Experience Luncheon – Seniors and Mentors 11:00a.m. BCA Gym
June 6 th June 7 th - 8 th June 9 th	Sophomore Scenes – 7:30p.m. RELAY for LIFE – BCA Field Annual Groove Out – Van Saun Park
June 10 th	Choir Banquet – 6:30 p.m. Seasons
June 10 th	PAPA End of Year Dinner - Emerson Hotel
June 11 th	Senior Yearbook Signing Luncheon - Seasons
June 12 th	Senior Prom – Rockleigh County Club
June 13 th	Third Trimester Ends
June 16 th June 17 th - 19 th	Field Day – BCA Lower lot College Exploration Experience (CEE) for Juniors - Lehigh University
June 18 th June 19 th	Senior Trip to Six Flags Graduation Rehearsal and Luncheon
June 20 th June 23 rd June 23 rd	Field Day Rain Date Half Day - Last Day of School Class of 2014 Graduation 7:00p.m. BCA Auditorium



From the Principal's Desk

“A magnificent telescope from out of the blue”

Just a few weeks ago I was in Washington D.C. attending the USA Sciences & Engineering Festival, the largest festival of its kind in the country. I was fascinated with the latest technology that was on display. Lockheed Martin, Chevron, The National Science Foundation, Northrop Grumman and NASA were just some of the major corporations on hand to display their latest developments. Since we are making some headway into optics research on the BCA campus, I spent time discussing optics and planetary sciences with representatives from the University of Rochester, as well as NASA. Upon my return to BCA I had a wonderful conversation with one of our Physics teachers, Mr. Eric Paul, whose passion for astronomy is legendary here at the school. We discussed possible electives and projects regarding planetary sciences and discussed several ideas. Unbelievably, the very next day, I received an email from the parent of a 2004 BCA graduate who wanted to know if we would be interested in a high power telescope that they wanted to donate to the school. According to the mom “It would give all of us great pleasure to know that the telescope would be at BCA,

where our son received such a wonderful high school education.” Her son graduated from Cornell’s School of Engineering and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation at the University of Maryland. I replied back to her that her timing could not have been better and discussed our recent conversations regarding optics. Today, the parent dropped off the telescope to its new home at BCA where I’m sure Mr. Paul and his students will put it to good use. It’s wonderful when parents and alumni reconnect with us and give back to the school so that we can continue to provide amazing opportunities for our current and future students!

MISSION POSSIBLE: Class of 2018 Induction Featuring Aakash Shah

On May 21, 2014 the Academies will induct the Class of 2018. The theme of the induction is Mission Possible, which stresses to our incoming students that anything is possible. We are pleased to welcome back Aakash Shah (Class of 2006) as our keynote speaker. Aakash will speak about his decision to attend BCA, life after BCA, and his journey towards being named a 2011 Rhodes Scholar - the first Rhodes Scholar to have graduated from BCA. It will truly be a special night for everyone involved and especially the Shah family as Aakash’s younger brother is inducted along with his classmates into BCA.

BCA Left off the 2014 U.S. News Rankings?

Last year the Bergen County Academies was ranked as #34 in the nation in U.S. News & World Report’s Annual High School Rankings and received a Gold Medal Award for this accomplishment. This year the school was missing from the list. Our inquiry to their research department was met with the following response. “The reason why your school is not on US News.com this year is based on the US Government Data that shows (your) school has less than 15 students in

grade 12.” (We actually had 259 12th Graders in 2010-2011.) We have pointed out this obvious error to U.S. News & World Report, but we have yet to receive any indication that they will adjust their rankings. We will continue to communicate with The State of New Jersey, The National Center for Education Statistics, and US News & World Report to rectify the situation. Moving forward, we commend our faculty, students and parents for their continued pursuit of excellence in education and extend our congratulations to those schools that made this year’s list.

A word of thanks to our PPO

When I speak with administrators from other schools they often ask how we are able to hold so many wonderful events throughout the year. I tell them about our amazing Parent Partnership Organization who support us in so many ways. At the recent May PPO meeting, we honored the PPO Executive Board members: Cathy Hornyak, Ruth Walsh, Sasha Conte, May Ragukonis and Susan Serrao for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the school year. We can’t thank these parents enough for all that they have done for our BCA community! This year we are also saying farewell to Angella Mackenzie who has volunteered countless hours over the past eight years as well as our former PPO Presidents, Kathleen Keating and Christine Ogden, for all they’ve done for BCA - Thank You!

Sincerely,

Russell Davis

Principal

rusdav@bergen.org

Twitter@DavisBCA

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_5-2014.pdf

BCA Presents Theatre In the Round...

Macbeth

Double, double toil and trouble - the cast, crew, creatives and musicians of the spring production of **Macbeth** are cooking up quite a witches brew each day after school in preparation for their upcoming 90-minute version of Shakespeare's darkest masterpiece, played in the round. We are delighted to have commissioned BCA music alum Brian Barone to work with two freshmen musicians on creating an all-new score for our experimental production and thank PAPA heartily for supporting the commission.

An usual production, our actors are working more like a young downtown company of players rather than the more common hierarchical structure one might find in a theatre setting. The company carefully read the play each day, taking on different roles and exhaustively breaking down the text. When we felt, as a company, that we had something of a handle on the piece, the entire group cast the production by vote in a democratic process. Gender considerations were deemed unnecessary and "rightness" for the role became the paramount concern. With a female **Macbeth**, our production takes on a very different feel - perhaps more feminine and certainly new.

Conceptually, we have created our usual tapestry of knitted-up chaos. Zombies, dead confederate soldiers, medieval knights and for some unknowable reason that was absolutely rooted in a careful reading of text (we swear!) yards and yards of fishing net all take up the space of this spooky production. Gorgeous costume splayed across a groundcloth of clotted dirt will intrigue and delight as well. The acting is fabulous, and the entire team committed to excellence. Join us for a fresh rendition of **Macbeth** on Saturday, May 31st at 2:30 pm and 7:30pm and Sunday, June 1st at 2:30pm and please remember that seating for the spring production is limited. Tickets are available on the BCA Homepage.

Victoria Pero

Director

Spring Concert

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

7:00p.m. ~~~ BCA Auditorium

\$5 donation at the door

In this final concert of the year we honor our graduates.

Come see them perform and also be featured as ensemble directors and soloists.

Performances from the six of the BCA ensembles with works by

Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Ray Charles and Lady Gaga!

We hope to see you there at 7:00p.m.!

Michael Lemma
Music Department



BCA Summer Writing Program

Registration is now open for the BCA summer writing program.

AS OF 4/16, ONLY THREE SEATS REMAIN IN THE FICTION COURSE, SO ACT NOW!!!

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!

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 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, Douglas Goetsch and Robbie Clipper. 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

BCA Writing Accolades Continue...

The latest news of our talented BCA writers:

- ☑ An ABF senior had three poems accepted into *The Apprentice Writer*, a national publication of high school student writing.
- ☑ Another ABF senior took 2nd place in Fiction in Rider University's 34th Annual High School Writing Contest.
- ☑ An AAST senior won for Personal Essay in the 2014 Bergen County High School Writing Contest and took Honorable Mention in Fiction in Rider University's 34th Annual High School Writing Contest. She also had a short story accepted into *Aerie International*, an international journal of high school student writing.
- ☑ Another AAST senior also had a poem accepted into *Aerie International* and three poems in *The Apprentice Writer*.
- ☑ An AVPA junior received a Certificate for Superior Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English.
- ☑ An ACAHA junior won for Short Story in the 2014 Bergen County High School Writing Contest.
- ☑ Another AVPA junior also took Honorable Mention in Fiction in Rider University's 34th Annual High School Writing Contest and had a personal essay accepted into *The Apprentice Writer*.
- ☑ An ABF junior will be attending the Middlebury New England Young Writers' Conference at Bread Loaf.
- ☑ And our 5 Scholastic Writing Awards national medal winners will be honored at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall on June 5.

A fine list to cap off a year of stunning achievements in the written word!

Continued congratulations to all!

Richard Weems
English Department

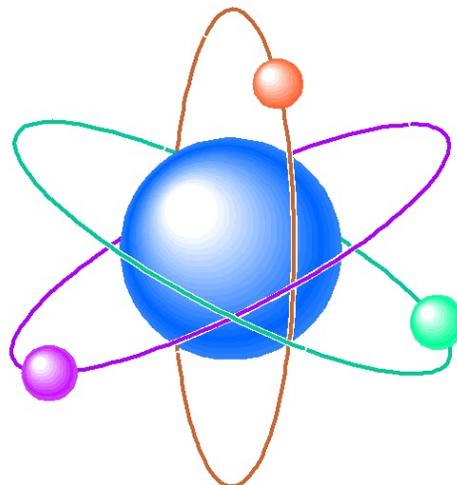
News from the Laboratory of Cell Biology and Medical Science

Students from the lab have been very busy this year presenting their research around the country. One student traveled to Washington, DC., where she was honored as one of only forty INTEL Science Talent Search (STS) young innovators for her work on the tumor microenvironment. Earlier this year, three other students were named STS Semifinalists and one other was named a Siemens Semifinalist. Still another published his research on angiogenin and Alzheimer's disease in a peer reviewed journal.

Last fall at the Academy of Sciences in Chicago, one student presented her research on the mechanism of valeryl salicylate in inducing apoptosis in cancer cells. She was just invited to join Sigma Xi honor society. Just recently, two other students returned from presenting their research at the national level of the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium after placing in the top three in the state of NJ. Currently, one student is presenting his research on a novel protein at the International Science and Engineering Fair in LA. He has found a way to increase plant biomass which is significant in agriculture and biofuel production. Another student will be presenting her work on miR-145 at the YSAP symposium in June.

While there are others, our mission in this lab is to promote STEM and have as many students as possible share their work in a professional venue. Please check out the NJRSF.org, NJAS.org, and MJSS livestream for the research of other BCA students. The lab will also be hosting the third annual Bergen SCICHALLENGE for students in and around Bergen County. This is a science fair for middle school students and is a Broadcom Masters event. Winners are eligible to compete for \$25,000. The fair is Saturday, June 7th and current 6th-8th graders are encouraged to enter at <http://sciencechallenge.bergen.org/>. If any parent would like to be a judge or just help out, please email me at scichallenge@bergen.org. We have also just held our annual blood drive and food drive and we look forward to an equally exciting 2014-2015 school year!

Donna Leonardi
Biology Department





Autism Awareness

Puzzle Pieces! Happy! Spectrum! Education! Understand! Spread the Word to End the Word! These were just some of the words and phrases that were spoken on April 2nd, during the Autism Awareness Assembly. The Easy A Club (Education, Awareness, Support for Youth with Autism) engaged the student body in a club time assembly focusing on educating the BCA community about Autism to kick off Autism Awareness Month. The members of the EASY A club participated in the assembly. Special guest speaker Jill Naddison from Reed Academy in Oakland was kind enough to join us and discuss the importance of spreading awareness about this disorder. Students on this day were able to pass out Autism Awareness stickers to the faculty and students, they also raised money by supporting a dress down day for teachers. In the month of April Easy A sponsored "Light it Blue" by encouraging all students and faculty to wear blue in support of this great cause. The latest statistics released by the "Centers for Disease Control announced that overall autism prevalence rates in the US have increased, indicating that 1 in 68 American children are on the autism spectrum." The Easy A club's purpose is to continue to raise awareness and funds to help support Autism Speaks NJ. A small organization founded by former alumni, Easy A this year was able to gain tremendous support towards spreading Autism Awareness. Members helped to arrange visits to several schools including the Reed Academy, and Slocum Skewes in Ridgefield Park. Another Easy A member is working on visiting one more school in Fair Lawn at the end of May. The purpose of these visits was to allow our BCA students the opportunity to interact with the students at those respective schools and to help engage them in social activities. The club was also able to run several fundraisers to include Zumba for Autism and they took part in Glow Zumba sponsored by the Girl Up Club and their advisor Danielle Kouefati. A special thank you goes out to Silvana Forne-Neves and her partner Chrissy Matos for being awesome Zumba instructors! Our culminating event is on May 18th, the Autism Speaks NJ Walk held at Met Life Stadium. We have a 15 member team assembled and it appears that we will be able to donate at least a \$600 to the cause. It has been a wonderful Autism Awareness month for the EASY A club and I am so proud to work with such amazing students and to be part of such a great cause.

Andrea Buccino
Club Advisor





Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual Field Day on June 16, 2014. 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.

Aside from the monetary contributions the following is needed for Field Day:



Water (large volume)

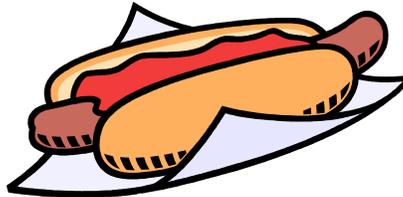
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Nerf Balls

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: _____

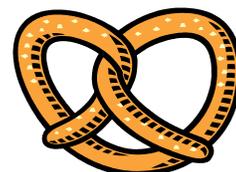
Name of Parent: _____

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



BCA Students Visit Cornell School of Hotel Administration

For two days in April, BCA's Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration visited Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration. The high school students were able to meet up with twelve ACAHA alumni who are currently attending Cornell at a welcoming reception. Students also attended an information session hosted by admission officers for the School of Hotel Administration, as well as an educational tour of the school. Also, our students were able to have the unique experience of sitting in on and participating in a class at the school. Overall, the BCA students enjoyed this trip very much and were able to gain insight about the college application process. Special thanks to Ms. Fuentes for chaperoning the trip!

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



New Jersey Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Scholarship Awards



The New Jersey Restaurant Association Educational Foundation awarded three of our ACAHA seniors outstanding scholarship awards at Culinary Student Day this May. Two seniors won the N.J.R.A. Educational Foundation Silver Plate Award. To qualify for the scholarship, these students had to demonstrate their interest in culinary arts and the hospitality industry. Within the application process, they had to write an essay detailing their passion to convey their interest in the field. In addition, one of our seniors was awarded the "Oneiro" Dream Hospitality Management Scholarship. In order to qualify for this award, this student had to demonstrate both leadership and academic success. Because "oneiro" stands for the word "dream", the essay for this scholarship asked the applicant to describe his or her dream in detail.

Due to the strong influence of ACAHA, this scholarship application process came naturally to our three students. These seniors have come a long way since their freshmen year and we are confident that they will all succeed in the hospitality industry. The New Jersey Restaurant Association Silver Plate Award and the "Oneiro" Dream Hospitality Management Scholarship are both symbols of the determination that these three students have for pursuing a career in the hospitality industry. All three ACAHA seniors were honored at Culinary Student Day in The Stone Terrace by John Henry on May 13th, attended by industry professionals, educators and N.J.R.A. officials.

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

Class News Updates...

Class of 2014

It seems like yesterday that our kids were taking placement tests and we were meeting at our first Potluck Dinner. Flash forward four years and somehow graduation is right around the corner. Now it is time to celebrate their accomplishments and all that they have achieved. *** What follows on the flyer included in this issue is an overview of the June activities. Included are details you should put on your calendar and some requests for help. We hope you can help whenever you can. So, take out those calendars or open the iCals. This will be the last time you actually KNOW what your children will be doing on a day to day basis! Looking forward to a great end ...and to new beginnings! Please contact us with any questions at bcaaclass2014@gmail.com Dawn, Nieves & Pat

There will be a live stream for Graduation on June 23rd at 7:00p.m.

Visit www.bergen.org to view live broadcast of the Class of 2014 Graduation"

Class of 2015

Class Parents Report Well it's all downhill from here . . .We seem to have leapt from snow to summer in about 5 minutes. Congratulations to all those parents who have completed the AP/IB exam period with some semblance of sanity left, personally I think we all need a big round of applause or a MAGNET for our cars (see flyer!). *** Talking of big rounds of applause, Graduation is just around the corner for class of 2014 (23rd June). It's a tradition that the junior class host the graduation reception for the seniors, so that next year we can all attend the event as fancy free guests skipping into the sunset, fruit cup in hand, without a thought to food or beverage provision. This being the case, we will need a ton of help on graduation day starting in the second floor café at midday, watch out for the email sign up lists coming out shortly. *** In the meantime, please don't forget to pay your class dues by June 20th. The \$200 dues will cover, one copy of the yearbook, yearbook signing luncheon, graduation cap and gown, graduation rehearsal activities and a drastically reduced price on the senior class trip, plus exciting bonus stuff if the budget permits. In planning these events we will have no choice but to base the numbers on the amount of students who have paid. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee non payers spaces on these activities. If there are a few spaces available they will be sold at the full price rate. *** BCA magnets are back in stock and selling like hot things, speaking of which they make great coasters, if like me you lose things in the car wash or you just lose them. If you can think of additional (printable) uses for the magnets I would be glad to hear from you. In addition

we have planners available for next year priced at \$10 each they can be ordered now (see the flyer in the newsletter) they will be delivered in plenty of time for the start of the next school year. Presumably you'd know the date of that, if only you'd written it in your planner....*** It only remains for me to say, thank you to all of you who have helped us so much this year, the kids have had some fun and so have we. Have a fabulous summer; I'm going to miss you all. **Lizzie Trimm, Donna Tiffensor, Lisa Caron Class parents 2015** bcaaclass2015@gmail.com.

Class of 2016

It is hard to believe this is our final newsletter for our Sophomore Year! Thank you for all of your support this year. Our class events were successful and we are extremely grateful for everyone's time and donations. Junior year promises to be very busy with the planning of the Junior Prom, to be held at the Old Tappan Manor and our major fundraiser, Cabaret. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September at our first Junior year coffee. Take care! **Maria Jasionowski and Laina DeRose** msdr21@yahoo.com and mariajasionowski@yahoo.com

Class of 2017

Greetings Class of 2017! A BIG THANK YOU to those who volunteered to participate in our car wash and to the many who volunteered resources! As another fundraiser, our Freshman students have created a BCA Class of 2017 hoodie. The cost is \$30 - please see the attached flyer for details and be sure to order yours today while supplies last! *** Students, mark your calendars: Class of 2017 elections for 2014-2015 Sophomore Class Council will take place on **Wednesday, June 11th**. We are looking forward to seeing what these candidates have in store for next year's council! *** We can't believe our children are closing out their Freshman year, how time flies! We are grateful for your generosity throughout this past year and we look forward to sharing many more special memories together as we move ahead. Our sincere gratitude goes out to our dedicated teacher advisors, Mrs. Karen Marain and Mr. Joe Marmora, and to our fabulous Freshman Class Council for all of their hard work throughout 2013-2014. *** We plan on holding one last coffee social, details will be forthcoming. Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer! **Warm regards, D'Arcy Natale and Allison Orecchio** bcaaclassof2017@gmail.com

AMST Career Day Is Coming!

(June 2nd, 2014 8:30a.m. -- 12:30p.m.)

Calling All AMST Families
Please Help Make this Career Day a Huge Success!

MedSci is planning Career Day and request donations from you. Participation by all AMST families is greatly appreciated! We are asking for help in the following areas:

Parent Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I would like to donate the following.

- Cookies
- Muffins
- Cup Cakes
- Brownies
- Other – Please specify. _____



I would like to donate bottles of water (~8 oz.).

I would like to volunteer for Career Day, June 02nd (8:30am – 12:30pm).

Please specify hours. _____

Send your responses/questions to: Sudha Sankaran - Sudha.sankaran92@gmail.com. We ask that all baked goods/water donations be dropped off in the main office **on the morning of Monday, June 2nd**. If you are donating water, you can drop it in the main office by Friday, May 30th. All donations should be clearly marked "AMST Career Day".

In order to plan for AMST Career Day, we would appreciate your response by **Thursday, May 23rd**. Thank you for your support.

BCA MedSci Committee



AAST Career Day

will take place the

Morning of Thursday, May 29th

Our students will be exposed to mentors in a wide variety of fields

Volunteers needed!

Please send an email to:

asapatbca@gmail.com

if you can help out on the day of the event



Last Chance. . .

Project Graduation 2014

Immediately following Graduation. . .

Plans for Project Graduation 2014 are complete. We are all set for a Fun-filled Chaperoned event.

If your child has not signed up for PG2014 and would like to participate - this is your LAST CHANCE.

If you are interested please contact Janet King (lorek28@jun0.com).

Bergen SciChallenge



Sponsored by the Bergen County Academies

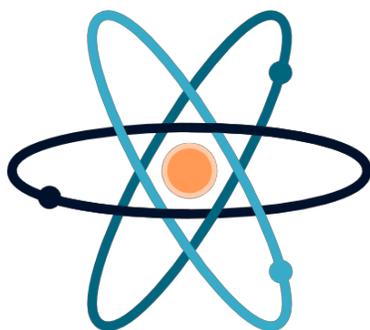
BCA **DO SOMETHING**

CATEGORIES:

- ▶ CompSci
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Earth Science
- ▶ Environmental Studies
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Mathematics

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

EXPLORE. WIN. SHARE.
BERGEN SCICHALLENGE 2014



JUNE 7, 2014

9 AM - 12 PM; AWARDS 2 PM

BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES GYMNASIUM
200 HACKENSACK AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

Application fee: \$25

Deadline: [May 15, 2014](#)

Only the first 100 qualified applications will be accepted!

The [Bergen SciChallenge](#) is a competitive science fair open to all middle school students (grades 6-8) in Bergen County. It is held at the [Bergen County Academies](#), one of the nation's top high schools and centers of student research. The SciChallenge is facilitated by the [BCA Do Something](#) club. Projects may be selected to advance to the the national [Broadcom Masters Competition](#).

For personal inquiries or for other requests, email SciChallenge@bergen.org
Visit <http://sciencechallenge.bergen.org/> for full details

OVERVIEW of June Events for Class of 2014

Senior Experience Luncheon – Wednesday, June 4th ~ BCA

The seniors will spend the morning presenting information about their Senior Experience (internship) to small groups of students and faculty. Following their presentations, they will share a lovely luncheon with their mentors and faculty. The PPO will be emailing a sign up for desserts so be on the lookout for that request.

Yearbook Luncheon – Wednesday, June 11th ~ Seasons, Washington Township

The seniors will be transported to and from Seasons by buses. They will receive their yearbooks and have a fun afternoon of signing, eating and picture taking with friends. **We need a few volunteers to decorate the tables from 9:30am – 10:30am. Email Nieves Martino at nievesmartino@hotmail.com if you can meet us at Seasons.**

Senior Prom – Thursday, June 12th ~ Rockleigh Country Club – 7:00pm – 11:00pm

The Senior Prom will take place at the beautiful Rockleigh Country Club. Tickets will be \$45 from May 13–19 and \$50 from May 20–30. Class Council will be selling tickets during lunch mods. All seniors are encourage to attend – no dates needed! Students may leave school at 12:30p.m. on June 12th. Please note that your child will be receiving an email about dismissal from Mr. Will Madden, Class Advisor. We will also share that email with you.

Prom Flowers – if you order your boutonnieres, corsages, etc. from Bill O'Shea's Florist they will donate 10% of the proceeds to the Center for Food Action in Englewood in honor of the BCA Class of 2014. To make your busy day a bit easier, all orders will be delivered to BCA's main office for easy pick-up the morning of the prom. You can order online at – osheasflowers.com or call in your order at 201-288-2300. Remember to mention that you are ordering from the BCA Class of 2014J

We need a few volunteers to decorate the tables from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Email Nieves Martino at nievesmartino@hotmail.com if you can meet us at the Rockleigh.

Steam Day - Wednesday, June 18th 11:30am – 1:00pm

Yes, you read that correctly! It is "Steam Day." Are you good with a steamer? We need volunteers to prepare the academy stoles that our amazing children will wear for Graduation. We are delighted that BCA purchased brand new stoles for our students this year. However, they are a bit wrinkly and need a good steaming to make them look their best.

If you are available please contact Pat Zuber at zuber.flute@verizon.net

BYOS – bring your own steamer, if you have one; the school has some available. We will be meeting in Room 7 in the basement. Also we need a few strong, wooden hangers to hold the beautifully -pressed stoles until Graduation Day!

Class Trips to Six Flags - Wednesday, June 18th

All seniors who signed up to attend (permission slips went home in December) will board Coach buses to Six Flags Great Adventure. Buses are scheduled to depart BCA at 8:00am and return around 6:00pm.

Graduation Rehearsal Luncheon – Thursday June 19th at BCA 10:00am – 3:00pm

All seniors are Required to attend 3 rehearsals for graduation. The first is the most comprehensive and it is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th. Graduation photos (with graduation gown, stoles and cords) will be taken that day. Boys should wear shirts and tie. Girls should make sure their nails are presentable as their hands may appear in some shots.

This is a big day with lots of activity so we need a small army! All students who are not having their picture taken or rehearsing on stage will be in the gym with us. Volunteers will arrive at 8:00am to set up the gym. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00am. Snacks will be available throughout the day. This is a busy day so, if you are available, please sign up using the following link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050D4EACAE22AA8-graduation

GRADUATION – MONDAY, JUNE 23rd

The BIG EVENT for the Class of 2014 and their family & friends. Complete details regarding tickets will be sent home from the school but here is a quick overview. Graduation ceremony begins at 7:00pm – doors to the BCA auditorium open at 6:30pm. The PPO will graciously serve light refreshments following the ceremony. All students who have signed up for Project Graduation will change clothes and board buses around 9:15pm

It will be an exciting month so take a moment to enjoy and remember...

**THERE ARE
TWO GIFTS
WE SHOULD GIVE
OUR CHILDREN
ROOTS
TO KNOW WHERE HOME IS
AND WINGS
SO THAT THEY MAY SOAR**



Parents And Patrons of the Arts

Congratulations to the incoming board!!! Eileen Gabriele and Gloria Ling Chau (co-presidents); Eileen Cimicata and Marie Quarterero (co-VPs); Joung Yun Youn and Ann Petrigliano (co-treasurers); Jeff Trifari and Barbara Shupak (co-secretaries). They will be "installed" at...

...Our *End of the Year Banquet* at the [Emerson Hotel](#) (same place as last year) on **Tuesday, June 10th**, at 6:30pm, the same night as the Choir Banquet. Drop off your choir members at [Seasons](#) and eat between their drop-off and pickup. If you have not signed up, please clip here and join us for another great night:

\$30/person includes tax and tip

Our menu includes penne with vodka sauce, salad, choice of 3 entrees, beverages, ice cream

YES! We'd/I'd love to come

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Number of people _____ @ \$30 each Total included _____

Please send your check made out to PAPA by Monday, June 2nd to:

Ann Petrigliano/P.O. Box 1204/Paramus, NJ 07653

Thanks to everyone who came out, participated in, and organized another great night of "How to do What I Just Did" discussions. If you are starting to feel overwhelmed by the college process (auditions, tests, forms etc.), remember that many of us have been through the process and we're happy to listen or help. Also, talk to your faculty. They will help you more than you would ever believe.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 30 4:30pm	Rehearsal Dinner for Spring Play	1st or 2nd Floor cafeteria	Volunteers needed for set-up, food donations and cleanup Sign up:
Sat., May 31-Sunday, June 1 2:30pm/7:30pm	Spring Play-Macbeth Click here for tickets	BCA Auditorium (on stage)	Box Office (3 people/shift-1 late) Lobby Sales/Raffle Sales and drawing, Graduation DVD Sales
Tuesday, June 3 7:00pm	Spring Instrumental Concert	BCA Auditorium	2 ticket sellers 2 refreshment sales
Saturday, June 7-Sunday, June 8	Relay for Life	Track/Football Field	Fundraiser/Walkers
Monday, June 9 All Day	Groove Out (Music Department)	Van Saun Park	Volunteers for food/serving/ chaperones
Tuesday, June 10 6:30pm	Choir Banquet PAPA Year End Banquet	Choir at Seasons PAPA at Emerson Hotel	Come and Eat!!!!
Friday, June 20 All Day	Graduation Rehearsals	BCA Theatre Lobby	Sell Graduation DVDs (volunteers needed)
Monday, June 23 7:00pm	Graduation	BCA Theatre Lobby or Outside	Sell Graduation DVDs (volunteers needed)

We are still selling tickets for our Broadway raffle... You can see [Kinky Boots](#) for just \$5. Or better yet, 3 for \$10. We'll have tickets for sale at the rehearsal dinner and all performances of *Macbeth* and choose a winner at the last performance.

Karen Sacks
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and

Gloria Ling Chau
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Co-Presidents

Well, we couldn't have asked for better weather this past Saturday for the PPO picnic. How lucky are we? Thank you to all our parents who volunteered to help set up, cut watermelons & tomatoes, help with sign in, greet students & families, serve food, grill and clean up. Also thank you to the KPPO for serving beverages. This is a huge event at BCA and we really appreciate all your help in making it a wonderful and fun day for the incoming freshmen & their families and for all our BCA families. Thank you to Mr. Lemma and his band for always providing us with outstanding entertainment. Thank you to our incredible custodians and grounds crew! You guys are awesome and work so hard on this event and we really appreciate your hard work and dedication. The PPO picnic is a springtime tradition at BCA and it's so fun to eat, socialize and make new friends. We hope you all had a fun time and thank you for sharing your Saturday with us!

Monica, Tal, Heidi, Connie, Kevin and Julia
The PPO Picnic Committee



Membership

Thank you to all who joined ACAHA this year. Your dues helped support Hospitality Day, Chocolate Competition, and SkillsUSA. Look for the 2014-2105 membership form in the summer PPO mailing.

Thank you to all the BCA families who are shopping online using ACAHA's iGive fundraiser! We raised over \$300 during our inaugural year using iGive. Please continue to support ACAHA and use iGive during the summer months.

If you shop online and have not registered for iGive, 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>

SkillsUSA National Competition

Good luck to the 15 BCA students attending the SkillsUSA national competition in Kansas City June 23-27, 2014. Go for the Gold!

Barbara, Carol, Heidi, and Dawn
ACAHA Board

2014 – 2015

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