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President's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a tradition at BCA for the past 22 years to welcome our incoming freshmen class at our annual PPO Picnic and this year was one of the finest picnics we have ever held! The rain held out, we had a record turnout, the food was amazing, the entertainment was topnotch and most of all the students, parents and teachers who attended reminded us all of why our community at BCA is so special. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredibly dedicated and brave picnic committee: Julia Chiang, Connie Fong, Tal Millet and Kevin Duerr! Their hard work, dedication and attention to every detail resulted in a fabulous and memorable day! We are also very thankful for the musical entertainment directed by Mr. Lemma and the enthusiasm displayed by our SPARK club students under the guidance of Mrs. Sytsma.

On Wednesday, May 27th, the PPO will host our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon where we take the time to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication and talents that nurture our children every day. We would especially like to wish Mr. Michael Contente all the best as he retires from BCA. He will be missed by all and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

During our PPO general meeting on May 12th we voted and installed our new board for the 2015-2016 school year. Please join us in thanking our nominating committee, Monica Rome and Allison Orecchio for their dedication to the selection process. The new board members are as follows: Susan Serrao - President, Sasha Conte - 1st Vice President, Julia Chiang - 2nd Vice President, May Ragukonis - Treasurer, Sue Katz - Corresponding Secretary and Connie Fong - Recording Secretary. We will all greatly miss our friend and teammate, Cathy Hornyak, who served on the board for six years and gave so much of her time to our school!

During this home stretch, we are reminded of all the new beginnings that are celebrated: our incoming freshman (Class of 2019) and our graduating seniors (Class of 2015) who will start an exciting chapter in their continuing journey. We warmly welcome all of the incoming freshmen families and would like to wish our graduating seniors the best of luck! 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

Susan, Sasha, Julia, May, Sue and Connie



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Calendar Highlights

May 20 th	Half Day – All Students
May 20 th	Class of 2019 Induction Ceremony – 7:00 pm Auditorium
May 25 th	School Closed – Memorial Day
May 28 th	Half Day – All Students
May 30 th	Spring Play – 2:30 & 7:30 pm Auditorium
May 31 st	Spring Play - 2:30 pm Auditorium
June 2 nd	Spring Instrumental Concert – 7:00-9:00 pm Auditorium
June 3 rd	Senior Experience Luncheon – Seniors & Mentors
June 5 th	Annual Groove Out – Van Saun Park
June 6 th	SAT Testing – Off Site
June 6 th -7 th	Relay for Life – BCA Field
June 9 th	Choir Banquet – 6:30 pm Seasons
June 10 th	Senior Yearbook Signing Luncheon – Seasons
June 10 th	PAPA End of Year Dinner – Emerson Hotel
June 11 th	Senior Prom – Rockleigh Country Club
June 13 th	ACT Testing – Off Site
June 16 th -18 th	College Exploration Experience (CEE) for Juniors – Lehigh University
June 17 th	Half Day – All Students
June 17 th	Senior Class Trip – Six Flags
June 18 th	Graduation Rehearsal and Luncheon
June 19 th	School Closed – All Students
June 22 nd	Field Day
June 23 rd	Field Day Rain Date
June 24 th	Half Day – Last Day of School
June 24 th	Class of 2015 Graduation – 7:30 pm BCA Auditorium



From the Principal's Desk

"Now...it's your turn"

Now, it's Your Turn: Class of 2019 Induction

On May 20, 2015 the Academies will induct the Class of 2019. The theme of this year's induction is "It's Your Turn," in which we highlight some of the

amazing accomplishments of our current students and encourage our inductees to make the most of their time at BCA. Congratulations to our inductees and their families. Welcome to BCA!

BCA offers Summer Coding Class taught by the Flatiron School

We're excited to announce that Flatiron Pre-College Academy will be offering an Introduction to Software Engineering course at Bergen County Academies this summer. This class (for high school students, including rising 9th graders and just graduated seniors) starts on July 6th and will meet Monday-Friday from 9am to 3pm for two weeks. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of the technologies used to build web applications. The course focuses on object-oriented programming with Ruby, front-end development and design using HTML and CSS, and web integration with Sinatra. Students will be receiving an email on how to sign up for this course.

There will be no school on June 19, 2015

Despite the harsh winter, we did not use all of our snow days this year. The District has determined that there will be no school for BCA on Friday June 19, 2015. While efforts were made to place the day off near Memorial Day, the AP & IB testing schedules proved problematic. Enjoy the time off!

NCSSS Student Research Conference at Missouri University of Science & Technology

Missouri University of Science and Technology is thrilled to host the 2015 NCSSS Student Summer Research Conference July 12-15th. This is a great opportunity for students in 9th or 10th grade who are interested in research. BCA will consider

sending a group if enough students demonstrate an interest in the program. Any interested students should contact Ms. Alyssa Calabro in the BCA Microscopy lab.

BCA awarded Gold Medal by U.S. News & World Report

We were recently notified by U.S. News & World Report that we had received a Gold Medal in their latest High School rankings. While we were proud to be recognized, we could not help but wonder why BCA did not place higher in their rankings. According to their methodology, US News only calculated our students' IB exams and not their AP exams which, unfortunately, excluded half of our test results. We have reached out to their organization in an effort to correct their data. We remain proud of the hard work that our students and staff put forth on a daily basis. We believe the unique opportunities available here at BCA sometimes makes it difficult for others to reflect the work we do accurately. You can be assured that BCA continues to be one of the best high schools in the nation.

A word of thanks to our PPO

A round of applause for our Parent Partnership Organization who support us in so many ways. At the recent May PPO meeting, Dr. Bath honored the PPO Executive Board members Cathy Hornyak, Susan Serrao, Sasha Conte, May Ragukonis, Sue Katz and Julia Chiang 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 Ruth Walsh as well as Tom and Carol Monahan who have volunteered countless hours over the past few years. Thank you for giving so much to our community!

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_5-2015.pdf

DoXXeD by The Company

The spring play company of actors, directors, designers, video artists, stage managers, musicians and crew have added the title of "playwright" to their skill-set. This is the first time the spring play will be a devised theatre piece, dreamed up entirely by the company. With the subject of Teens and Social Media as their starting place, this daring group of students has spent the trimester researching, debating, improvising, writing, rewriting, cutting, adding, trying things out and moving into unknown territory in a collaborative process. Risky, intimidating and ultimately experimental, the young artists have created a 90-minute thought-provoking romp through today's complex culture of internet saturated existence and the rare moments of just being ourselves.

Darlene sent a racist tweet. She thought it was funny. Then she got shamed.

Seeking refuge in an attic off-the-grid, little does Darlene know she's sharing a house with a Doxxer, a Catfisher, three App-obsessed girlboys, a mom living through the surface web and another mom way down in the Deep Web. Connections are made and secrets are blown open when a flamewar of no return threatens to tear the house apart.

Please join us for BCA's first devised theatre piece conceived and written by The Company Saturday, May 30th at 2:30 and 7:30 and Sunday, May 31st at 2:30. Tickets are \$10 for Seniors/Students and \$12 for adults and can be purchased on line by visiting the BCA homepage or at the door an hour before performances.

Victoria Pero
Performing Arts

WINNER OF THE POSTER CONTEST!

A Junior in Visual Arts has been selected the winner of the 11th grade category in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office "Choose Not to Use" poster contest. She received her award at the SNAP conference luncheon on April 27. Mr. Lynch was also invited to the ceremony. Her success was due, in part, to all of the community support and those who voted daily for her poster on-line. I personally want to thank all BCA staff, students, and PPO members who voted six days consecutively including weekends. This student's artwork can be viewed on the following website: http://www.bcpo.net/2015%20Poster%20Contest/choose_not_to_use_winners.pdf

Miyoungh Min
Visual Arts teacher

On April 30th, 85 members of the BCA concert and chamber choirs left BCA for Boston to compete in the Heritage Festivals Choral Competition. The students practiced on the bus, in the hotel, and stopped their Boston tour twice to practice in two open parks. The practicing paid off. The choirs performed amazingly well, and won highest scoring combined ensembles and highest scoring choir. (Our concert choir got a better score than the chamber choir!) The judges' comments were all in the superlatives, and the kids were really excited.

There was time for fun as well: an historical tour of Boston, a DJ dinner cruise and the Salem Witch Museum added to the fun. The kids got back at 1:30AM Sunday, exhausted but happy.

Patrick Finley
Music Department

BCA SkillsUSA Scores in Somerset

Once again, the Bergen County Academies SkillsUSA Chapter has shown that dedication and hard work really pay off in the end. On May 2, 2015, the students in the Bergen County Academies SkillsUSA Chapter participated in the New Jersey SkillsUSA State Championships and brought home 33 medals, proving that they are true champions at work.

The New Jersey SkillsUSA State Championships, held in Somerset, NJ, is an event at which students from all New Jersey SkillsUSA Chapters attend to compete in various technical competitions. Our upperclassmen were fortunate enough to win medals in American Spirit, Community Service, Restaurant Service, CPR, Engineering Design Technology, Related Technical Math, and Culinary Arts. SkillsUSA is an organization for technical schools that fosters leadership and education, with both state level and national level competitions being held for post-secondary and secondary students. Every year, BCA has met with success at both the state and national championships.

This year's state championship was especially memorable since two BCA students were represented as a part of the New Jersey State Leadership Team. These two students proudly represented BCA as the State President and State Parliamentarian.

This year, the freshman and sophomore chapter members certainly made their mark on the competition, with 6 freshmen medaling in Technology Display and Professional Development Plan Portfolio and 12 sophomores medaling in Chapter Business Procedure, Professional Development Plan Portfolio, Wedding Cake Design, Job Skills Demonstration, and Career Pathways Showcase - Hospitality. They truly represent the hard work and determination necessary for success that is inspired in every SkillsUSA member.

The BCA SkillsUSA club could not be more proud of its members and their success in the competition. The success of the chapter members is truly reflective of the diligence and passion in each of the competitors that is inspired in them by BCA and SkillsUSA.

Mary Beth Brace
SkillsUSA



Bergen County Technical Schools THE KNIGHTS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Field Day 2015

The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual Field Day on Monday, June 22nd, 2015. The students will participate in over 80 fun competitive events. These events include everything from traditional athletic sports to pie eating and dance contests, three legged races, gamer competitions, and much more. Teams are split up by four colors.

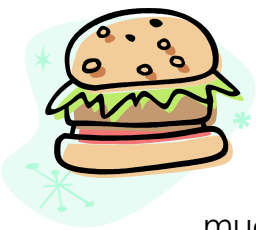
You are also invited to volunteer at the BBQ, which will be held in the BCA lower lot and free to all students and faculty. We will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, tossed salads, watermelon, chips and refreshments. The day will conclude in the BCA auditorium.

In order for this event to be a success, we are seeking volunteers and monetary donations. Volunteers are asked to serve, grill, set up, and clean up. Monetary donations will go towards the purchase of food and refreshments for the event. Cases of water and individually wrapped snacks can also be donated. Please make checks payable to: Field Day and send to the attention of Mr. Will Muller, Supervisor of Athletics. If you would like to volunteer please email me at wilmul@bergen.org or call 201-343-6000 x2277

Please help us make this a memorable and fun day with your gift of time or monetary donation. The rain date will be Tuesday, June 23rd.

Thank You,
Will Muller
Athletic Department

Dear Parents and Guardians,

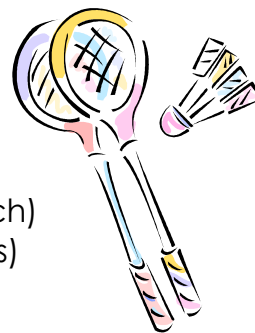


The Bergen County Academies will be hosting their annual Field Day on Monday, June 22, 2015. This event has been a tradition at the Academy for many years and provides the students with a day to have good competitive fun and take a well-deserved break from academics. The students will be participating 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 Tuesday, June 23rd.

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!

Student Name: _____

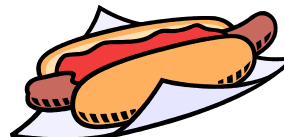
Name of Parent: _____

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



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

Summer Poetry Course

The Poetry course will run August 3-13, Monday through Thursday, on the BCA campus, and will be led by award-winning poets and master teachers Catherine Doty and Svea Barrett. Students interested in poetry will engage in various writing prompts to engage new writing and will receive generous and supportive feedback to develop their ideas.

Please visit www.bergen.org/summerwriting for more details and to register.

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.

OUR TALENTED BCA WRITERS

The year is ending on a high note for our talented BCA writers:

- The AMST sophomore who won Gold in poetry in the NJCTE High School Creative Writing contest will be honored with a Governor's Award in the Arts on May 27
- This same AMST sophomore, as well as an AMST junior and an AAST junior, were all Topical winners in the Just Poetry!! National High School Poetry Contest
- An AEDT sophomore won 3rd place, and an AMST won Honorable Mention in the 2015 Sejong Writing Competition Sijo Category
- Another AMST junior and an AVPA senior were both selected to appear in *Aerie*, and international publication of student writing
- FIVE BCA students have won awards in the Bergen County Writing Contest. They will be honored in a reception at Bergen Community College on June 11
- Two of our winners (our Governor's Award recipient and an AMST junior who will be appearing in *Aerie*) are attending the New England Young Writers Conference at Middlebury College the weekend of May 14
- An ABF junior is a winner in the Walt Whitman Birthplace association's 29th Annual Poetry Contest
- And an AAST junior won 3rd Place in Electronic Publishing industry Coalition's 2015 New Voices Young Writers Competition

Richard Weems
Literature and Creative Writing

Students, Friends, and Siblings,

Bergen County Academies is pleased to announce two summer enrichment courses that are open to any high school student who resides in Bergen County. Markets & Trading and College Planning Workshop will meet for eight days from June 29 – July 9 (Monday – Thursday) from 9am to 2pm and tuition is \$550. For questions, email Michelle Pinke at micpin@bergen.org

Registration will open 5/25/2015

Markets & Trading

Immerse yourself in finance in our state of the art financial markets laboratory!

This course will serve as an introduction to financial markets through the use of simulated real-time stock market software and our Bloomberg Terminal. Course content will include discussions about equity markets and the dynamics of stock and bond markets, instruction in equity analysis, and participation in the real-time trading simulation. Students will learn to make informed decisions before entering the stock market. The real-time simulation will focus on returns generated through hands-on trading of public stocks. This course is open to all high school students and no prior business knowledge or experience is required.



College Planning Workshop

Planning and preparing for college can be a daunting and complicated process, but it doesn't have to be! With the right knowledge and determination, **every** student can and should find the perfect collegiate fit. At the Bergen County Academies, we have an incredible track record of helping our students figure out their college plans and assisting our families navigate college planning in a systematic way.

During this fun and interactive two-week class, students will have the exclusive opportunity to get a jump start on their college planning. With the guidance of an experienced College Counselor, students will enjoy learning about the college application process and receive expert individual attention and guidance regarding their personal college lists, essay topics and major interests. Special speakers will also visit class sessions to discuss standardized testing, admission requirements, financial aid and more! Each student can expect to leave this class with a direction regarding their college prospects and an understanding of how best to move forward with their personal college search.

Michelle Pinke
Business

REGISTRATION FOR THE BCA ACADEMY AFTER HOURS SUMMER PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN!

Courses cost \$300 each and will run from June 29th to July 10th.

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

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

Please call Grace Lohsen at [201-343-6000](tel:201-343-6000) ext 2286 if you have any questions.



ACAHA Students Take Home Hospitality Gold!

The Academy for Culinary Arts and Hotel Administration recently completed another successful competition. This past February, six ACAHA students participated in the New Jersey Restaurant Association's Annual ProStart Competition and brought home a gold medal! Each student took home scholarships totaling more than \$18,000.00. After this win they will move onto the National ProStart Competition which takes place at the end of April. This competition is challenging and involves many components. First, the students had to create a restaurant concept that corresponded to the demographic described in the guidelines. After defining this concept, they created a menu, recipe worksheets, interior design, layout, and methods of advertising for their restaurant. For the competition, the students needed to present a binder, PowerPoint presentation, and poster detailing their concept, as well as answer critical thinking questions in relation to possible scenarios that could occur at their restaurant.



Our seniors developed a restaurant called Barnyard Kitchen, which is modeled as a quick-casual diner in a modern-styled atmosphere. Barnyard Kitchen serves healthy, farm-to-table focused, American cuisine in an environment suitable for guests of all ages. The students want this restaurant to modernize the traditional diner experience with a fresh new twist. The students drew much inspiration from the ProStart curriculum that they have been learning in their hospitality classes at BCA, as well as from the students' various food service industry experiences.

The seniors will continue to focus on this project until they reach the National ProStart Competition, which will take place next month in Disneyland, California. With their hard work and assistance from several teachers and mentors, the students will put all of their efforts towards bringing home a second medal.

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



Spring has been busy in the BCA Music Department. The BCA Jazz Band just performed a full evening program at Trumpets Jazz Club. The event included dinner, door prizes and a full evening of our student jazz band! Although not as visible, the New Jersey Guitar & Music Society is based here on campus (all regular sessions on campus are free to BCA families). We recently received 2 awards from our County Freeholders for the work we do in education and my 8th grant from NJ State Council on the Arts. Having founded the organization 13 years ago, I'm glad the mission of the society continues to promote the arts for all!

Having just performed at the PPO Picnic, students in Concert Band are looking forward to the annual Teen Arts Festival. Please join us at the Spring Concert on June 2. This evening, we will not only perform excellent music but highlight the seniors in all the bands, orchestras and ensembles. There will also be a raffle for some of the student made guitars and ukuleles! I'm also looking forward to working again with PAPA in running the annual Groove Out- our music awards and fun day on June 5. PAPA contributes much to make the program fun and accessible to all our students!

Michael Lemma
Music Department

Class News Updates

Class of 2015

As we pen our last Class of 2015 update, we are mixed with joy, hope and sadness. Looking back at the journey that we have shared with our wonderful children as they met the challenges and embraced the opportunities that make up BCA it is with overwhelming pride we look back and forward! In this last month there are still so many opportunities to share & celebrate; we hope that you and your senior will embrace each one of them.

June kicks off with the Senior Exhibitions on 6/3 where each senior will get to share their internship experience with their peers and celebrate with their mentor. Then, be sure to have your camera ready the following week as your child heads off to the Yearbook Luncheon on 6/10 and Senior Prom on 6/11. The fun continues on 6/17 as the kids head to Six Flags! Then on the 18th we wrap things up with our required day-long graduation rehearsal. Complete details for all of these events can be found in the Class of 2015 June schedule you recently received. And, if you can help at any of these events, please let us know! If you are not receiving our emails, please contact us ASAP.

As we prepare to say goodbye to BCA we want to share our sincere gratitude to the many people who make BCA the unique and special place it is. Thank you to all of our wonderful Class of 2015 parents for sharing your time and talents over these past 4 years! We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community of parents and families. We also want to thank the administration, staff and faculty for their undying support of our children. We appreciate that you haven't just led our kids down the path, but encouraged them to go where there is no path and to create their own way. A special thank you to the continued support from the PPO, our fellow class parents and the custodial staff...the group that continues to make the impossible possible.

Wishing you all the best! And, as Winnie the Pooh said, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Lisa & Donna

Class of 2016

It is hard to believe this is our final newsletter for Junior Year! The Junior Prom was a wonderful event. The weather was magnificent and all of the students looked beautiful! We would like to thank those families who donated their time to wrap favors, make chocolate place cards and help design the centerpieces and decorate the Manor. We would also like to thank those families who generously donated to help underwrite the cost of the flowers and the teachers' tickets.

Our class events are finished for this year, but we still have more to do. We now need to help make the end of senior year memorable for the Class of 2015! We are responsible for refreshments at the Senior Awards and Graduation. We will be sending emails out shortly with more information. Please consider volunteering your time to help the students and parents of the Class of 2015 enjoy these events.

One final reminder....June is the last month to pay class dues. If you have not paid your dues, please reach out to us. We will be planning many senior year activities over the summer and do not want to exclude anyone.

Thank you for all of your support this year. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September at our first Senior Year Coffee.

Warmest regards,

Maria Jasionowski and Laina DeRose

Class News Updates Continued...

Class of 2017

We hope you're all enjoying the spring and starting to think about your family plans this summer! A few reminders, Field Day will be held on Monday, June 22nd (rain date is on the 23rd). This event is a school tradition and provides students with good competitive fun while taking a break from academics. We are looking for monetary and other donations as well as volunteers so please log onto the academyppo.com website for details. This is always a favorite for all of our BCA students! While you're visiting the academyppo.com website, you can send in your Class of 2017 dues if you haven't done so already! If you prefer to mail in a check, please make your \$200 payable to BCA Class of 2017.

Don't forget the National Honor Society online application will be available in June. Be sure to have your student apply if s/he would like to be considered for the NHS. Check out the NHS website in June for more details <http://bcanhsherokuapp.com/>. Usually, juniors apply in the fall of junior year and after they are accepted, they no longer have to apply the fall of their senior year. If juniors do not apply this fall, they can also apply the fall of their senior year. FYI, the NHS application will be available in June and the induction ceremony is held in November. Here's a quick peek at what Junior year will bring: Class Ring Ceremony, National Honor Society Student Induction Ceremony, Cabaret & the Junior Prom. Mark your calendars as our Junior Prom has been set for Friday, May 13th at the Colonial Manor in Old Tappan, NJ. As you can see, we have much to look forward to and we welcome your participation!

As always, if you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out to us at bcaclassof2017@gmail.com.

Warm regards,
D'Arcy Natale & Allison Orecchio

Class of 2018

Greetings and thank you Parents of the Class of 2018. It has been wonderful getting to know so many of you. We have been so appreciative of your generosity over the course of the year, a year that has gone by so quickly. By the time this newsletter comes out we would have already had our last coffee and participated in the Freshman Car Wash. Thank you to the students and parents who helped in making the car wash possible. For those of you who were able to attend the coffee, you got a chance to meet our new co-student advisor Suzanne Halligan. While Christine Ogden is recovering from her illness, Suzanne and Danielle Kouefati will be working with the sophomore student council on events for the 2015/16 school year. We are so lucky to have three such lovely and committed advisors. As a preview for what lies ahead, in past years the sophomore class has held a card party, Open House Bake Sale, Halloween Fright Night Movie, Soph/Frosh semi-formal, the College Fair dinner and the National Honor Society reception.

Remember if you have not done so already, the one-time class dues need to be paid by the end of the year. So please go online to academyppo.com where you can click on the PayPal link or send your checks for \$200 (made out to "Academy Class Dues 2018") to the main office and mark the envelope "class dues 2018." Dues forms can be found on the PPO website. Keep in mind this payment will be used to offset some of the cost associated with senior year expenses.

Please reach out with any suggestions or concerns and wishing each and every family a safe, restful and fun-filled summer.

Rena Moy-Chang, Christine Nicholas and Gwen Sullivan



Congratulations!

Class of 2015...June

Senior Experience Luncheon - June 3rd @ BCA

The seniors will spend the morning presenting information about their Senior Experience to small groups of students & faculty. Following presentations, they will share a lovely luncheon with their mentors & faculty.

What we need... Volunteers are needed between 9 am – 2:30 pm (for whatever amount of time you have to share ☺). We are also in need of desserts. If you are interested in supplying a sweet something or sharing your time please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4BAAA72CA2F85-senior.

Yearbook Luncheon....June 10th at Seasons

All seniors will board busses at BCA and travel to Seasons for a lovely afternoon of memories and friendship. Yearbooks will be distributed at this special event; students will have time to sign yearbooks, take photos and to see a special video montage☺. Please note that all students must take the provided school busses to and from this event.

What we need... **Shhh...it's a surprise!!! We need a baby/toddler photo of your senior.** Please send print copies (with your students name on the back) to Lisa Caron 145 West Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood NJ 07450 or drop it off in the PPO mailbox in the main office, labeled 2015 photos **by June 1st**. *Please note we will not be returning these photos and are not be able to accept digital photos.* We will also need 6 – 8 helpers to set the room from 9 am – 10:30 am...we will set up and leave before the kids arrive.

Senior Prom – June 11th @ The Rockleigh 7 pm – 11 pm

The seniors will celebrate with “A Night Under the Stars” at the Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, NJ. Tickets are \$20 for BCA seniors and \$40 for guests (non-BCA Class of 2015)...with such an affordable evening, we encourage all seniors to go with or without a date!

What you need to know.... Following a mandatory assembly on Prom Day June 11th, students may sign-out at 12:30 pm to get ready for the evening. Please take a minute to read over school policy about this event in the forthcoming email from Dr. Bath.

What we need.....We will be decorating for the Prom on Thursday, June 11th at ???? at the Rockleigh, and will need 5-7 people to help with tablescape, etc. We don't have a lot to do, but if we have a few extra hands we can get done and out of there. To help, please contact Lisa at lisa.caron3@verizon.net.

Class Trip....June 17th to Six Flags

All seniors who signed up to attend will board coach busses to head to Six Flags for a fun-filled day. Busses are schedule to depart at 8 am and return around 6 pm. Students must ride the provided busses to and from Six Flags.

Graduation Rehearsal Luncheon....June 18th at BCA

All seniors are required to attend this rehearsal for graduation, students will report to IGS as usual and then head to the gym for the rest of the day. Students will have their graduation photo taken this day, so they should be prepared (shirt & tie for boys to be worn under the graduation gown). This will be the only opportunity for a graduation photo. If for any reason your student is unable to attend they need to contact Ms. Redlitz or Mrs. Blake. Please note: Graduation cap, gown & tickets will be distributed at the end of the school day. Each student will receive 4 tickets for graduation at the end of rehearsal. Each student is also eligible to pick up 2 tickets for overflow seating location TBA (ie Gym). For those who would like to enjoy this special event and are not able to attend, the ceremony will be streamed live! Complete details about streaming will be available on the BCA website.

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What we need....This is a big day and we will need a small army of helpers!!! All students who are not having their picture taken or actively working on stage will be in the gym with us. We will arrive at 7:30 am to set up the gym. We will have an area for yearbook signing, board games, etc. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 am; snacks will be available throughout the day. We will need parents to assist the photographer (making sure hair is combed, etc). Please let us know if you can help for any portion of the day. Thank you! Please let Lisa know when you will be helping at

lisa.caron3@verizon.net

Graduation....June 24th

The big event!!!! Complete details will be sent home from the school...here's a quick overview. Students will report to the 2nd floor cafeteria at 6:15 pm (they will receive academy stoles, etc, at this point). Doors to the auditorium open at 7:00 pm. Graduation ceremonies begin promptly at 7:30 pm. Following the ceremony there will be light refreshments served in front of school. All students who have signed up for Project Graduation will change from their cap & gown, and board the busses promptly at 9:15. Then we can all wave goodbye as they depart at 9:30 pm SHARP!

So you can truly enjoy the evening, PAPA has arranged to have the ceremony filmed. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the evening, watch for the upcoming PAPA email with complete details.





Parents And Patrons of the Arts

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make PAPA's "**How To Do What I Just Did**" panels so successful. Thanks, too, to the volunteers who fed our students at the **One Act Play Festival** rehearsal dinner, helped with concessions and manned the PAPA table at the PPO picnic.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of last year's Spring Play ~ **Macbeth**. They were honored at Montclair University's Theatre Night Awards Ceremony for the following:

- **2015 AVPA/Theatre Class**-- Outstanding performance by an Actress in a Leading Role -- Macbeth in Macbeth
- **2015 AVPA/Theatre Class**--- Outstanding performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role -- Lady Macbeth in Macbeth
- **Macbeth Company** -- Best Over-All High School Production!

Be sure to see this year's Spring Play, **DoXXeD**, directed by Ms. Pero on Saturday, **May 30th at 2:30 & 7:30pm** and **Sunday, May 31st at 2:30pm**:

Click below to purchase tickets:

<https://search.seatyourself.biz/search?q=Bergen+County+Academies+Hackensack>

Please join us for the final music concert of the year on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm for the **Spring Instrumental Concert**.

Reserve your spot now at

http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/11170958/papabanquet_invitation_2015.pdf for the **PAPA End-of-Year Dinner** on Wednesday, June 10th at 7pm at the Emerson Hotel. This is a great opportunity to thank our senior parents, welcome incoming freshman parents and kick back. **Please join us.**

And finally, we're still looking to fill a few spots on the PAPA Executive Committee as well as some Committee Chair positions for 2015-2016. Please consider joining the great group of volunteers who are already helping to keep PAPA as vibrant as it is. Call or email Gloria or Eileen if you are interested in learning more.

Have a great summer!!

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eileen@gabrielegroup.com

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Membership

Thank you to all who joined ACAHAPA this year. Your dues helped support Career Day and the Chocolate Competition. Look for the 2015-2016 membership form in the summer PPO mailing.



Thank you to all BCA families who are shopping online using ACAHAPA's iGive fundraiser! We raised over \$400 during our second year using iGive. Please continue to support ACAHAPA 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/dog8CPY>

National ProStart Competition

Congratulations to the BCA ProStart Team for finishing in 7th place at the 14th Annual National ProStart Invitational held in Anaheim, California from April 18-20, 2015.

Carol, Heidi, and Dawn
ACAHA Board