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BHHS NEWSLETTER

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Important Regents and Final Exam Information

- ✓ Regents exams and school final exams are required parts of the academic program and make up a part of the final course grade. Students who are seriously ill may make up a school final exam on the next day with a note from a doctor explaining their absence. Unfortunately, there are no make up dates for Regents Exams. Students may not be exempt from an exam or allowed to make up an exam due to summer plans. Further details can be found in the Academic Policy section of the Community Handbook.
- ✓ Please be aware that morning exams start at 8 AM and afternoon exams begin at noon, unless you are told alternate times due to approved testing modifications. Students should arrive 15 minutes before their exam.
- ✓ From June 13 to June 22 there will be **no breakfast or lunch served in the cafeteria**. Please make sure that students bring their own breakfast and lunch when there is more than one exam scheduled during the day. Bus schedules will run the same as a regular school day with the addition of a pickup at the high school at 11:30 following morning exams.
- ✓ The exam schedule is attached.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3:
Spring Athletic Banquet @
Tarrytown Marriott 10 AM
- June 4:
Pre-Season Meeting for Fall
Sports 7:00 PM
- June 5:
Junior College Night 7:00 PM
- June 6:
Science Symposium 7:00 PM
- June 9:
Senior Prom
- June 13 - 22:
Regents Exams (see attached
schedule)
- June 14:
Graduation Rehearsal for
Seniors—9:30 a.m.
- June 19:
Graduation at SUNY Purchase
5pm
- June 22:
Last Day of School



Locker room clean out will begin **June 4th**. All locks and clothing must be removed from the locker rooms by **June 12th**. Please sign out with your Physical Education Teacher.

LOOK FOR THESE ATTACHED FLYERS:

- ◆ June Calendar
- ◆ Regents Exam Schedule
- ◆ Spring Sports Banquet
- ◆ Summer Reading Info and Permission Slip
- ◆ BHHS Counseling Center—
June
- ◆ College Night for Juniors
- ◆ Yearbook Order Form
- ◆ Interact Assignment Pad Order Form
- ◆ On Board—May 1 & May 15
- ◆ School Supply Order Form
- ◆ NCPL—Teen Program: Astronomy
- ◆ NCPL—Teen Program: Talons

Warm Weather Dress Code Reminder

The school building should be one that is distraction-free, which ensures an appropriate learning and working environment. Keeping this in mind, we are asking you to join with us in reminding students of the schools dress code. The dress code is published in the Byram Hills High School Community Handbook, which each student receives upon entering BHHS. The policy fulfills the guidelines set forth by the New York State School Boards Association, as well as the New York State Center for Student Safety and the SAVE legislation. For your information, the BHHS dress code is printed below.

A students dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
- Not include clothing and other articles, which are distracting or revealing. These might include, but are not limited to, clothing that does not cover the midriff, and clothing that contains inappropriate sayings or graphics. Specific items that are not acceptable in a school setting include short articles of clothing (shorts, dresses, skirts), mesh shirts (excluding school athletic uniforms), shirts/dresses with low-cut necklines, tank strapped shirts, sunglasses, hoods, and gang-related articles.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances or illegal drugs, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Hats may be worn in the school building. However, teachers have the authority to request that students remove hats in the classroom.

As stated in the dress code, students who violate the policy shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to disciplinary action.

It is understood that personal choice and style varies, as do opinions concerning clothing. Following the districts mission, enforcing a code of appropriate dress promotes a safe school environment, academic achievement, and good citizenship. Any article(s) of clothing that may distract from the learning environment or that may create a safety issue may be deemed inappropriate by the school administration. Please note that we have made every effort to provide students with freedom to make clothing choices that allow them to express their individuality within our dress guidelines.

The administration reserves the right to amend the dress code policy as the need arises. The BHHS dress code serves only to illustrate guidelines to be used when deciding upon school attire. It does not include every item that may be deemed inappropriate. We ask that it be used as a basis for forming good decisions about the suitability of school attire.

The BHHS school administration thanks you for your cooperation in this matter, and appreciates your support throughout the school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school dress code or other matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Importance of Spanish in International Law

Mr. Eagle's Spanish IV Commerce class recently listened to a presentation by guest speakers Richard Chassin and Maria Tamayo, who discussed the importance of Spanish in international law. Since part of the presentation was given in Spanish, it provided students the opportunity to develop their listening skills and to see the legal terminology they learned applied in real life situations. The presentation was designed to further support the pragmatic approach to learning Spanish that the Spanish IV Commerce course emphasizes.

College Night for Juniors
Juniors: Sign up online for this exciting event!
June 5th 6:45—8:30 PM in the BHHS Cafeteria

Byram Hills alumni, who are current college students, will speak about their school and their college experience to small groups of Byram Hills High School juniors. Choice of colleges will be on a first-come, first-served basis so all juniors need to arrive on time and **sign up online** at: www.bhpts.org/bhhs/college-night-for-juniors/

Also, we are still registering BHHS graduates to be College Night volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to come back to BHHS and talk about their college, you can also find the alumni registration at: www.bhpts.org/bhhs/college-night-for-juniors/

**SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

A Mosaic of Minds:

The 23rd Annual BH Science Research Symposium

The Dr. Robert Pavlica Authentic Science Research Program is proud to announce the 23rd Annual Science Research Symposium on Wednesday, June 6th at Byram Hills High School in Armonk, New York.

The Symposium consists of seniors presenting their completed formal research projects, the presentation of research awards, a commencement, as well as a poster session where projects will be on display.

The Symposium begins at 7:00 pm at 12 Tripp Lane, Armonk, NY 10504. All are welcome and there is no fee to attend. Proper attire please.

For more information on the Science Research program, please go to:

<http://www.byramhills.org/curriculum.cfmsubpage=468>

THE SENIOR PROM WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY JUNE 9TH, 2012, ON
THE PRINCESS OF WORLD YACHT,
FROM 8:00 TO 11:00 PM. BOARDING
TIME IS 7:30 AT PIER 81, OFF THE WEST
SIDE HIGHWAY..

TICKETS COST \$124 EACH (CHECKS
PAYABLE TO BYRAM HILLS HIGH
SCHOOL).

ORDER FORMS HAVE BEEN MAILED
HOME TO ALL SENIORS, AND SHOULD
HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO DR. ABT BY
NOW. STUDENTS MAY PICK UP THEIR
INVITATIONS AND FAVORS IN ROOM
201.

**Please claim your lost clothing items at the
lost and found area which is located in the
high school library. All clothing remaining
after school closes for the year will be
donated to charity.**

**LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR
YEARBOOK!**

We have ordered a limited number of extra yearbooks available for sale. Books will be sold on a 'first come first served basis.' To be placed on our waiting list, please email arch12@byramhills.org Then on pick-up day (TBA), submit a check payable to BHHS for \$90

PS: 2011 year books also available for the discounted price of \$80.00 and 2009 for \$60.00

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

All files in your 'h' drive will be deleted on or around June 30th. This is done each year as part of our summer network cleanup. For any work you wish to save, please bring in a flash drive prior to the end of the year to make a copy of those files. Seniors, please make sure to copy any work, such as Art Portfolios or papers you would like to keep onto prior to June 30th.

Additionally, seniors will no longer have access to school email after June 30. If you have information in your school email you wish to keep, please make sure to forward it to your home email address.

As we approach the end of the school year, the library requests all books to be returned before the last day of classes. Library books can be returned directly to the library during school hours or dropped off at the main office. The library is still accepting book donations. We are interested in fiction titles that no more than seven years old and in very good condition. Classic titles as well as *New York Times* bestsellers are always welcomed. Contact the librarian, Letty Nardone, with any concerns at lnardone@byramhills.org or 273-9200 x4960.



New BobcatTV Shows!!

[Click Here](#)

Messages from the Health Office

Attention Ninth Grade Parents

New York State requires a physical examination (health appraisal) for children entering tenth grade. In addition to the physical exam, New York State Education Law (Section 903) requires a supplement for body mass index and weight class status. The physical exam must be dated after September 2011. Forms can be found on the district website at: <http://www.byramhills.org/files/filesystem/ByramHills-Health-Appraisal.pdf>



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE NURSE' S OFFICE REGARDING PICKING UP YOUR CHILD' S MEDICATION:

We do not store medication over the summer (this includes inhalers and epi-pens). The school nursing personnel will be available during the following dates and times for the pick-up of medication:

6/20/12 - 7:45 - 2:00

6/21/12 — 7:45 — 2:00

6/22/12 — 7:45 — 11:30

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. All medications left at school will be disposed of as of June 22, 2012 at 11:30 am.

Have a safe and happy summer!

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SAT Reasoning and
Subject Tests

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Spring Athletic Banquet
@ Tarrytown Marriott
10 am

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Pre Season Meeting for
Fall HS Sports 7 pm
Bobcat Boosters @ BHHS
7 pm

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Junior College Night
7pm

6-4

Science Symposium,
7pm

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8-6

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ACT Test
Prom

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Regents Exams

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Regents Exams

Graduation Rehearsal
for Seniors 9:30am

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Regents Exams
Last Day of School

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BHHS Graduation 5pm

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Regents and Final EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2012

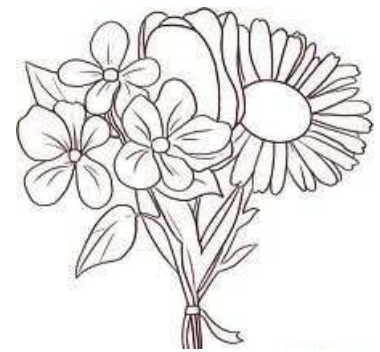
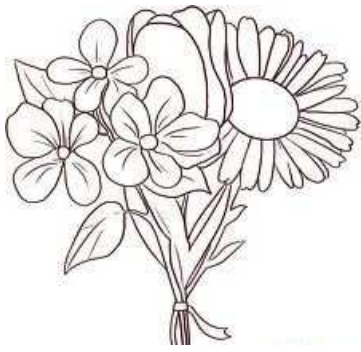
Byram Hills High School

Wednesday June 13	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	Monday June 18	Tuesday June 19	Wednesday June 20	Thursday June 21
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Global History Regents <i>Upper Gym</i> English 9 Final <i>Lower Gym</i>	US History Regents <i>Upper</i>	English Regents <i>Classrooms</i>	Spanish Final Greenspan- <i>Upper Gym</i> Spanish Final <i>Young-207</i> Spanish Final <i>Stahl-108</i> French Final <i>Lecture Hall</i> Italian Final <i>Cafeteria</i> RCT in Global	Biology Regents <i>Upper Gym</i>	Geometry Regents <i>Upper Gym</i>	RCT in Writing
Wednesday June 13	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	Monday June 18	Tuesday June 19	Wednesday June 20	
12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	
Alg2/ Trig Final <i>Upper Gym</i> Earth Science Lab Practical <i>Classrooms</i> RCT in Science	Integrated Algebra Regents <i>Upper Gym</i> Integrated Algebra Part 1 Final <i>Classroom TBD</i>	Earth Science Regents <i>Upper Gym</i>	Global 1 Final <i>Upper Gym</i> RCT in Reading	Algebra 2/Trig Regents <i>Upper Gym</i> RCT in US History and Government	Chemistry Regents <i>Upper Gym</i> RCT in Mathematics	

Uniform Admission Deadlines:

Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.



Spring Sports Banquet

Dear Parents and Athletes,

May 4, 2012

Please join the Bobcat Boosters, Byram Hills Athletic Department, and Coaches at the Spring Sports Banquet as we honor our athletes who have participated in and contributed to a very successful spring season.

Where: Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY.

Date: June 3, 2012

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

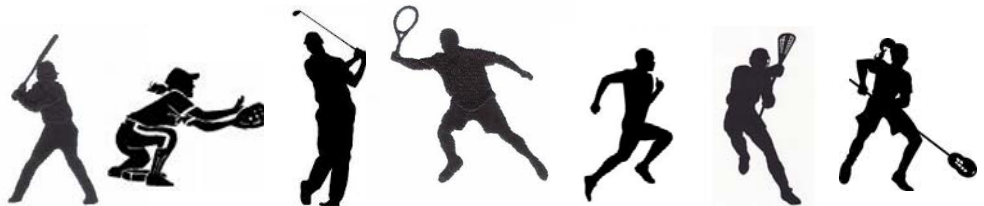
Registration will be required to participate in **any** part of this event. We will not be accepting any same day registrations. The cost for the student athlete is \$28.00 and the cost for all other attendees is \$45.00. In support of our athletes, the Bobcat Boosters subsidize the cost for the participants so that all are able to attend.

Costs for the entire event include the main reception as well as the break-out rooms. Please respect the **deadline of May 25, 2012**, so that we can plan appropriately. In order to accommodate everyone, any registration received after May 25, 2012 will be charged a \$5 late fee (**per ticket**). We are grateful to the Bobcat Boosters for their help in funding and organizing this event.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Health,

Mike Gulino
Athletic Director



Please tear off and mail to: Bonnie Roston, 25 Brett Lane, Bedford, NY 10506

Any questions, E-Mail Susan Pollack susanlpollack@aol.com

Deadline: May 25, 2012

Student name: _____ Sport played: _____

Number of Athletes ____ x \$28.00 = _____ Number of Other Attendees ____ x \$45.00 = _____

Total amount \$ _____ Make checks payable to **Bobcat Boosters**- Thank you.

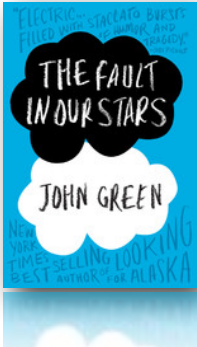


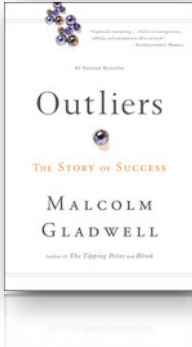
Please remember to add the \$5.00 late fee **per ticket** if you are submitting your response after May 25, 2012.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED

Summer Reading 2012

At Byram Hills, we endeavor to make reading a lifelong habit that functions as an intellectual pursuit, a catalyst for self-exploration, and a form of entertainment. Operating under the principle that reading improves critical thinking skills, facilitates vocabulary acquisition, and results in a greater awareness of the world at large, the English department at Byram Hills High School maintains a summer reading requirement for which students are expected to read a minimum of two works: a required grade-level text and an independent reading selection. The grade-level text* introduces themes and genres that play a larger curricular role. The independent reading selection allows students the freedom—with parental permission—to select high-interest reading material. Like our Independent Reading Initiative, the Summer Reading program seeks to provide students with a choice of reading material and build a community of readers that values cultural literacy.

These are the required summer reading texts for students entering the following grades:

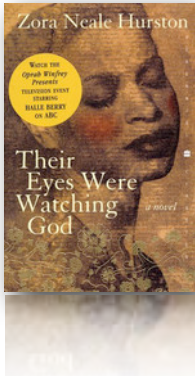
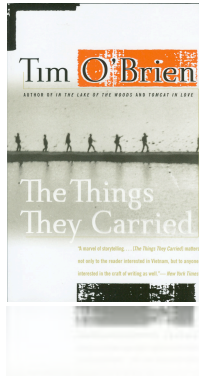

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11*	Grade 12*
			
<i>The Fault in our Stars</i>	<i>The Glass Castle</i>	<i>Zeitoun</i>	<i>Outliers</i>
John Green	Jeannette Walls	Dave Eggers	Malcolm Gladwell

* Students entering English 11AP, English 12 AP, or Perspectives in Literature have an alternate required text.

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These are the required texts for students entering English 11 AP, English 12 AP, or Perspectives in Literature:

English 11 AP	English 12 AP	Perspectives in Literature
		
<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	<i>The Things They Carried</i>	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>
Zora Neale Hurston	Tim O'Brien	Franz Kafka

Possible Selections for Independent Reading

For the independent reading selection, students may wish to consider books from the list below. These works represent past summer reading favorites or are popular selections with students in our Independent Reading Initiative. Of course, students are welcome to choose books that are not on this list. As with all independent reading selections, we ask that students discuss their choices with parents, teachers, and librarians.

The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho

The Art of Racing in the Rain, Garth Stein

Big Mouth and Ugly Girl, Joyce Carol Oates

Blink, Malcolm Gladwell

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, John Boyne

A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking

Bringing Down the House, Ben Mezrich

The Color of Water, James McBride

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

The Devil in the White City, Erik Larson

The Element: How Finding your Passion Changes Everything, Sir Ken Robinson

Endurance, Alfred Lansing

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer

Freakonomics, Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner

The Help, Kathryn Stockett

Hot Zone, Richard Preston

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford

House Rules, Jodi Piccolt

Possible Selections for Independent Reading

In the Time of Butterflies, Julia Alvarez

Into thin Air, John Krakauer

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

The Last Shot, Darcy Frey

Life of Pi, Yann Martel

The Little Giant of Aberdeen County, Tiffany Baker

Lone Survivor, Marcus Lutrell

The Magicians, Lev Grossman

Maus: A Survivor's Tale, Art Spiegelman

My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Piccoult

The Namesake, Jhumpa Lahiri

Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro

On the Road, Jack Kerouac

The Once and Future King, T.H. White

The Overachievers, Alexandra Robbins

The Paris Wife, Paula McClain

Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi

The Road, Cormac McCarthy

Room, Emma Donoghue

Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosiny

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Sold, Patricia McCormick

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

State of Fear, Michael Crichton

Possible Selections for Independent Reading

Unbroken, Laura Hillenbrand

Understanding Comics, Scott McCloud

A Visit from the Goon Squad, Jennifer Egan

The Wal-mart Effect, Charles Fishman

Watchmen, Alan Moore & Dave Gibbons

Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen

What is the What?, Dave Eggers

Independent Reading Permission Slip

Throughout the year students will be asked to select books to read independently. These units enable students to explore areas of personal interest, to develop close reading and critical thinking skills, and perhaps most importantly, to foster a love of reading.

The Byram Hills English Department wants to ensure that parents are involved in the process of selecting books with their children. We envision reading as a communal exercise, one that is most rewarding when families share meaningful reading experiences and authenticate reading as a valuable tool for learning and self discovery. We also seek parents' help in determining whether a book is an appropriate choice for their child.

Signing this form indicates that you approve of your child's book choice and support his or her goals for independent reading.

Book title: _____

Author: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Counseling Center

Phone (914) 273-9200 -- Ext. 4930

MAY/JUNE NEWS

COUNSELING STAFF

- *Chairperson—Dr. Michael McGrath*
- *Counselors—Susan Buchman, Anne Kaplan, Gary McCarthy, Robert Sammon, and Kristina Wilson*
- *Secretaries—Victoria Coachman, Margherita Nordstrom, and Kathy Triolo*

COURSE REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Parents should have already received a list of the courses that your child is registered in for next year. Please be aware that there are some cases where courses conflict and a student may not be able to take every course that they requested. Schedules will be mailed out at the end of the summer and the school counselors will be available the week before school opens to deal with any problems or change of course requests.

Congratulations seniors on your upcoming graduation from Byram Hills High School. Please be sure to let your school counselor know your college decisions and where you are enrolling next year. We will need to forward a final transcript to that school. The School Counseling staff would like to wish you good luck in your post high school plans and look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Members of the junior class are reminded to return your profiles and/or resumes to your counselor as soon as possible. Parents should complete the parent's information form and return it to their child's counselor. All BHHS college forms are available on the school e-board located at www.byramhills.org. Juniors are also reminded that during the summer they should keep current with SAT and ACT test dates for June and early next year. Also, continue to research and visit colleges.

MAKE THIS A PRODUCTIVE SUMMER

Some of the programs for high school students are housed on college campuses. Traditional summer schools for remediation (if a student fails a course) or for enrichment (if a student wishes to take a course for the first time) are offered at neighboring high schools. Students who choose to take these courses for advancement **must receive prior approval** from their counselor and the department chairperson in order to receive credit. Forms are available in the Counseling Center.

Summer is an ideal time to experience volunteer or paid work. Parents are in a position to help their children reach their goals and dreams. Encourage your child to compile a resume that includes: name of schools attended, activities in and out of school (inclusive of both paid and voluntary employment), skills, abilities, leadership responsibilities and references.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2 - SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests

June 5 - Junior College Night 7:00 pm

June 9 - ACT Test

Prom

June 13-22 - Regents Exams

June 14 - Graduation rehearsal 9:30 am

June 19 - Graduation 5 pm

June 22 - Last day of School

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The School Counseling Center would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a rewarding and restful summer. We have had a wonderful year with the students and their families, and look forward to another productive and fulfilling school year.





College Night for Juniors June 5th

The Byram Hills Counseling Department and PTSA will offer its second College Night for Juniors, where current college students speak informally about their school and their college experience to Byram Hills High School juniors.

Please spread the word to our alumni. The event's success depends on offering information on a broad variety of colleges. Dinner will be served to the alumni volunteers, so in addition to providing a valuable service to their high school, the evening will be a nice time to see former classmates.

Alumni and Juniors can sign up at:

www.bhptsa.org/bhhs/college-night-for-juniors/

Miss the order deadline for 2012 yearbooks?

Extra books are on the way. Reserve yours today! Quantities are limited.

Student First Name Last Name 9 10 11 12
Grade (circle one)

Student First Name Last Name 9 10 11 12
Grade (circle one)

Purchaser Name

Email address (Area Code) Phone number

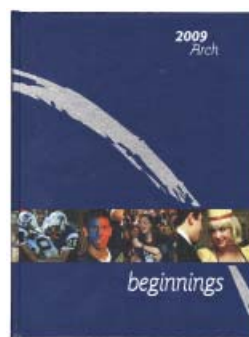
ALSO Available—Yearbook back issues:



2011 Arch \$80



2010 Arch \$70



2009 Arch \$60

Item	Quantity	Price	Extension
2012 Arch		\$90	
2011 Arch		\$80	
2009 Arch		\$60	
		TOTAL	

Submit this page with your check or money order payable to **Byram Hills High School**

Drop off in main office, or mail to:

Byram Hills Arch Yearbook
c/o Amy Menasche, Adviser
12 Tripp Lane
Armonk, NY 10504

Questions?
email: arch12@byramhills.org

BHHS Assignment Pads

Order your **2012-2013 Assignment Pads** for **\$10**.
Proceeds will be donated to **help end child labor**.



Students can purchase one at
lunch May 29-June 8

Assignment pads will be distributed on the first day of
school next year.

Sponsored by the 2012-2013 INTERACT Club



Byram Hills School District
Board of Education Meeting Newsletter

On board



Volume 15, Issue 18

May 23, 2012

May 1, 2012 BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: Budget Hearing V~ School Breakfast Program ~ Board of Education Calendar 2012-13 ~ Staff Reports / Board Reports

Called to Order / Comments from the Public

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ira Schulman. Mr. Schulman indicated it was a very special night for the District celebrating student accomplishments and administrative appointments. Mr. Schulman also reminded everyone to vote on May 15, 2012 at HCC from 6:30 a.m.- 9 p.m..

Mr. Schulman asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Dr. Donohue announced two administrative appointments that was approved at the evening's meeting. Dr. Donohue announced the new principal of the Coman Hill School, Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) McInerney, who is currently the Assistant Principal of the Coman Hill School. Dr. Donohue indicated that Mrs. McInerney has the qualities that Byram Hills desires. She

is knowledgeable, a great communicator, she thinks clearly, acts decisively, as well as being skilled and compassionate. Dr. Donohue indicated that Mrs. McInerney inspires a great amount of confidence. Many of her Coman Hill colleagues were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Schulman, on behalf of the Board of Education, also welcomed Mrs. McInerney to her new position.

Dr. Donohue also announced the appointment of Mr. James Yap as Director of Technology. Mr. Yap comes to Byram Hills from a neighboring school district. Dr. Donohue is confident in Mr. Yap's leadership skills which are necessary for this position. Dr. Donohue noted that Mr. Yap has been recognized with national awards and has done consulting at the regional and federal government level. Dr. Donohue indicated that one of the five most difficult jobs to fill is the Director of Technology. Dr. Donohue shared many of the responsibilities of the Director of Technology for Byram Hills. Mr. Yap comes to Byram Hills with excellent experiences and skills.

Mr. Schulman welcomed Mr. Yap to the Byram Hills School District and to his position as Director of Technology.

Executive Session/Comments from the Public

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss one Negotiations Matter, one Legal Matter, two Personnel Matters, two

Byram Hills School District

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School Board 2011-2012

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Brett Summers -Vice President

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Joyce Meiklejohn
Ann Tedesco

Superintendent

Dr. Jacquelyn L. Taylor

Deputy Superintendent

Dr. William Donohue

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Business and Management
Services, District Clerk
Gregory Carlson

Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Tim Kaltenecker

Records Access Officer
Susan Palamarczuk

Website

www.byramhills.org
Board meetings on BobcatTV
Sundays 8 a.m.
Tuesdays Midnight
Wednesdays 5 a.m.

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Contract Matters and one Board of Education Matter.

Revision and Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the May 1, 2012 Board Agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was accepted as written.

Special Report: Budget Hearing V

I. 2012-2013 Budget Overview

II. Comments from the Public

Dr. Taylor noted that the May 1, 2012 meeting was Budget Hearing V which is a required budget meeting. She noted that this is the community's final opportunity to ask questions about the budget. It was noted that there can be no changes to the budget at this time. All Board meetings can be viewed on BobcatTV, as well as logging onto the district website, click on Board of Education, click (on left side) Budget Information 2012-2013. It was mentioned that the Budget brochure will be mailed out to the community in early May.

Budget / Communications Steps from Here:

- Public Information: Budget Brochure
- School District Budget Notice
- BobcatTV Budget Special
- May 15: Budget Vote, H.C. Critten-den M.S., 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Schulman noted the above dates.

Unfinished Business

Revisions to Current Policies: First Read: 5300 (*Code of Conduct*)

The above mentioned policy was accepted as a first read as presented.

Dr. Taylor noted that this policy has had extensive review and was reviewed by a committee that included district administrators, building administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students. Dr. Taylor noted that once the revised Code of Conduct policy is adopted by the Board, a notice will be placed on the district website under Board of Education, Policies.

Mr. Summers also noted the extensive effort placed on reviewing the Code of Conduct Policy.

Dr. Kaltenecker shared that the Assistant Principals have been trained throughout the year regarding the revisions in the Code of Conduct and there will be extensive training for faculty in the fall.

Mr. Schulman thanked the committees and the administration for their good work.

New Business

School Breakfast Program-Public Hearing to Discuss Continuation of Exemption in 2012-13

Mr. Gregory Carlson reviewed the required survey sent home to parents, as required by state regulations, and the requirement to have a public hearing prior to continuing the exemption of the K-6 breakfast program. Historically, Byram Hills has had survey results that indicated an exemption was appropriate. There were no questions or comments about the program or the exemption.

Board of Education Calendar Draft for 2012-2013

The Board Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year was reviewed and adopted as presented. The Board's first meeting of the 2012-2013 school year, noted as the Board of Education Organization meeting, is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Staff Reports Superintendent

Dr. Taylor made note of the audit report conducted by the New York State Comptroller's Office covering the period from July 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011. Dr. Taylor noted that an extensive audit report was conducted by the State auditors reviewing almost one million dollars worth of purchasing and the state auditors found no irregu-

larities. It was noted by Dr. Taylor that during the exit interview with the state auditors, the auditors congratulated the district. It was mentioned that the audit was very extensive and the district met a very high standard set by the State Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Summers offered information regarding a policy that the State Comptrollers' Office is recommending to school districts. Dr. Taylor noted that this policy is not required by the State, only recommended. The Policy Committee will be reviewing their suggestion at a future policy meeting.

Dr. Taylor announced an award that will be offered by the Lower Hudson Council for Social Studies to Ms. Kim Lapple, Social Studies Chairperson, as Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Award. Ms. Lapple was nominated by the Byram Hills Social Studies Department.

Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Donohue offered an update on the district's hiring process. He noted that a recruitment process will begin for the assistant principal positions at the Coman Hill School and H.C. Critten-den Middle School. Dr. Donohue also commented on teacher openings, some based on budget and others based on teachers not returning in September.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Management Services, District Clerk

Mr. Carlson offered information on absentee ballots noting that applications are available on the district website and need to be returned to the District Office by May 8, 2012. Mr. Carlson also reported that the District has tried to place as much budget information as possible on the district website for the community to become an informed voter. He noted that the Board meetings are viewable online under BobcatTV. Also, on the district web site, under the Board of

Education, Budget, Budget Information 2012-2013, different links are available to view the budget, Budget Hearing presentations, as well as a section entitled FAQ's - Frequently Asked Questions. Additionally, a complete budget book is available for viewing in each school building's library, as well as the District Office.

Board Reports

President

Mr. Schulman recently met with other Board of Education presidents and discussed leadership positions. Mr. Schulman shared that Byram Hills has been extremely fortunate in the district's leadership appointments of Superintendents and principals.

Committee/Board Members

- May 16, 2012: Policy Committee Meeting, District Office, 12 p.m.
- May 31, 2012: Town Liaison Meeting, Town Hall, 7:45 a.m.

Ms. Joyce Meiklejohn shared that the Byram Hills Education Foundation Spring Gala is May 11.

Mr. Summers reported that he recently attended a WPSBA Legislative Advocacy meeting. Legislators may address, before the end of this legislative session, the disclosure of teacher evaluations under the new Annual Professional Performance Review regulation.

Topics for Future Agendas/Requests for Information

- Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Members: May 15, HCC, 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The above date was noted.

Communications to the Board

Mr. Schulman mentioned there were some e-mails regarding an athletic issue that were circulated to the Board.

Approval of Board of Education Minutes for March 27, April 3, and April 24, 2012

With some minor revisions to the minutes of April 3, the Board minutes for the above mentioned meetings were approved.

Calendar of Events

(Always refer to the District-wide calendar for a complete listing of events)

(www.byramhills.org, District Links, Calendar)

May 29

Board of Education Meeting, D.O., 7:30 p.m.

May 31

Byram Hills High School Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m.

June 4

Budget Information Committee, HCC, 7-8 p.m.

June 6

Science Symposium, BHHS, 7 p.m.

June 12

Board of Education Meeting, D.O., 7:30 p.m.

June 19

Byram Hills High School Graduation, Purchase College, 5 p.m.

June 21

Grade 5 Moving-Up Ceremony, WA, 9:30 a.m.
Grade 8 Moving-Up Ceremony, HCC, 7 p.m.

June 22

Last Day of School

Summary of Action Items - Meeting of May 1, 2012

- 6. Consent Agenda** - The use of a consent agenda permits the Board of Education to make more effective use of its time by adopting a single motion to cover those relatively routine matters which are included. Any member of the Board who wishes to discuss a particular piece of business on the consent agenda may request that item to be transferred to the regular agenda for consideration and a separate vote.
- 6.1 Administrative Resignation:**
 - 6.1.1 Lori-Anne Brogdon, Assistant Principal, HCC, effective 6/30/12**
 - 6.2 Administrator Appointments:**
 - 6.2.1 Margaret McInerney, Principal, CH, 3-year probationary, effective 7/01/12-6/30/15**
 - 6.2.2 James Yap, Director of Technology, 3-year probationary, effective 7/01/12-6/30/15**
 - 6.3 Teacher Resignations:**
 - 6.3.1 Tracey Greenspan, World Languages, BHHS, effective 6/30/12**
 - 6.3.2 Ryan Marcus, Physical Education, BHHS, effective 6/30/12**
 - 6.4 Teacher Leaves:**
 - 6.4.1 Christine Faughnan, Special Education, WA, Childcare, effective 8/28/12-1/25/13**
 - 6.4.2 Elizabeth Courtney, Elementary (Grade 2), CH, FMLA, effective 4/24/12**
 - 6.5 Teacher Leave Replacement:**
 - 6.5.1 Santhea Ogden, Elementary (Grade 2), CH, effective 4/24/12**
 - 6.6 CSEA Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement:**
 - 6.6.1 Anna Pavone, Teacher Aide, CH, effective 6/22/12**
 - 6.7 CSEA Resignation:**
 - 6.7.1 Hannah Fitzgibbons, P/T Monitor, WA, effective 4/04/12**
 - 6.8 Spring Coach Rescission:**
 - 6.8.1 Kimberly LeDone, Asst. Modified Softball Coach**
 - 6.9 Spring Coach Appointment:**
 - 6.9.1 Kimberly LeDone, Head Modified Softball Coach**
 - 6.10 Appoint Kimberly Karoglanian as the Teacher for the Special Education Summer Program**
 - 6.11 Appoint Angela Yearwood as a Teacher Aide for the Special Education Summer Program**
 - 6.12 Appoint Julie Gallagher as a Nurse/Teacher Aide for the Special Education Summer Program**
 - 6.13 CSE/SubCSE/CPSE Recommendations, Initial Referral and Status Chart (11/1/11-3/30/12)**
 - 6.14 Resolution for a Medical Assessment Employee #11120512**
 - 6.15 Award of Bid for the 2011-12 School Year: Byram Hills High School - Phase 2 Energy Related Upgrades**
 - 6.16 Approval to Participate in BOCES Installment Purchase Agreement**
 - 6.17 Authorization to Execute Services Agreement with Interscholastic Trading Company, LLC (a.k.a. Interschola)**

- 6.18 Authorization to Sell Identified Obsolete Items Through A Public Bidding Process**
- 6.19 Authorization to Execute Instructional Service Agreement with the White Plains City School District for the 2011-12 School Year**
- 6.20 Approval of Health & Welfare Services Contract with Greenburgh Central School District No. 7 for 2011-12 School Year**
- 6.21 Approval of Cooperative Bidding Blanket Resolution with Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for Commodities for the 2012-13 School Year**
- 6.22 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for March 2012**



Byram Hills School District
Board of Education Meeting Newsletter

On board



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MAY 15 BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: School Budget Vote / Board of Education Election

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ira Schulman, Board President.

Revision / Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to accept the Agenda for May 15, 2012 as written.

Recording of Voting Results

The vote results were recorded as follows:

Budget Vote:

Yes: 805 No: 267

Board Member Election:

Dr. Ann Tedesco: 881

Dr. Leslie Blum (Cziner): 865

A motion was made by Board members to accept the results of the May 15, 2012 Budget Vote and the school board elections.

Dr. Taylor expressed her appreciation and thanks to the community for their support of Byram Hills' students and programs.

Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items listed on the May 15 Board Agenda.

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Alban Burke

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Ann Tedesco

Superintendent

Dr. Jacquelyn L. Taylor

Deputy Superintendent

Dr. William Donohue

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Management Services, District Clerk

Gregory Carlson

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Tim Kaltenecker

Records Access Officer

Susan Palamarczuk

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www.byramhills.org

Board meetings on BobcatTV

Sundays 8 a.m.

Tuesdays Midnight

Wednesdays 5 a.m.

2012-2013

Byram Hills School Supply Order Information

Byram Hills PTSA brings back prepackaged school supplies from



SUPPLIES TO PLEASE

Your Armonk-based source for prepackaged school supplies

Order Supplies ONLINE or BY MAIL

May 18 through June 15

SuppliesToPlease.com

WAMPUS:

Grade 3: \$52.00 (plus tax)

Grade 4: \$69.00 (plus tax)

Grade 5: \$67.00 (plus tax)

HCC:

Grade 6: \$62.00 (plus tax)

Grade 7: \$74.00 (plus tax)

Grade 8: \$80.00 (plus tax)

BHHS:

Grade 9: \$80.00 (plus tax)

Grades 10-12: \$76.00 (plus tax)

Science Research Package: \$30.00 (plus tax)

A LA CARTE items:

USB flash drive, foreign language dictionaries, combination locks, scientific calculator and graphing calculator

TO ORDER SUPPLIES:

Visit SuppliesToPlease.com and log in using the following information:

Username: Byram

Password: bhsd2012 (case sensitive)

Once on the Byram Hills School District page, follow the instructions to place your order OR if you prefer to mail in your order, you may download and print an order form.

Click 'Supply lists' to view a complete listing of Byram Hills required school supplies, by grade.

Don't forget about required items, sold separately:

USB flash drives, Combination locks, Foreign language dictionaries, Scientific calculator and Graphing calculator

Some of the many benefits of ordering from SUPPLIES TO PLEASE include:

- Secure and easy online ordering
- Teacher-approved school supplies
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- Special HIGH SCHOOL packages available
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- Many a la carte items available
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**AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL RUSH AND
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Questions? Please contact:

Michelle Honig or Joanne Williams, SuppliesToPlease@gmail.com, 219-5422

2012-2013 BYRAM HILLS PREPACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDER FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ Boy () Girl () Grade (as of Fall/2012) _____

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GRADE	PRICE (Includes tax)	QUANTITY	Optional Home Delivery	TOTAL PRICE
3 rd	\$55.84		\$14.95	
4 th	\$74.09		\$14.95	
5 th	\$71.94		\$14.95	
6 th *	\$66.57		\$14.95	
7 th *	\$79.46		\$14.95	
8 th *	\$85.90		\$14.95	
9 th Grade basic package	\$85.90		\$14.95	
10 th -12 th Grade basic package	\$81.61		\$14.95	
10 th Grade Science Research Package	\$32.21		\$14.95	

Mail completed forms to:

Supplies To Please
5 Anthony Court
Armonk, NY 10504

CONTACT US:

SuppliesToPlease@gmail.com
914-219-5422

ADDITIONAL ITEMS - Required, but available for optional purchase (Home delivery of these items is only available with purchase of grade level supply kit.)

USB flash drive, 2gb + 3 metal "O" rings (req'd for 5th grade)	\$15.57			
USB flash drive, 2gb (req'd for grades 6-12)	\$13.96			
Combination lock, single	\$5.91			
Combination lock, set of two (same combination for both locks)	\$11.01			
French/English Dictionary (req'd for grades 7,8)	\$6.43			
Spanish/English Dictionary (req'd for grades 7,8)	\$6.98			
Italian/English Dictionary (req'd for grades 7,8)	\$7.46			
Scientific Calculator, TI30xiis (req'd for grades 6,7,8)	\$15.03			
Graphing Calculator, TI N'Spire (recommended by BHHS)	\$161.06			
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED				
Payment by check to "Supplies To Please"				

ORDER DEADLINE

Friday, June 15

PLEASE NOTE: All grade level supply lists can be found by logging in to **SuppliesToPlease.com**.
Username: Byram
Password: bhsd2012 (lower case)

Parent's name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address (please print clearly) _____

Pick up instructions for those selecting FREE PICK UP: TBD

An email will be sent during the summer with specific dates and times for pick up.

Special pick up accommodations will be made for vacation conflicts.



Teen Program

Junior Astronomy Club

Kids 8 and over will meet with Alec Guberman from Byram Hills High School to learn about the night sky!

Weather permitting,
view stars, planets and
galaxies through a telescope.

**Tuesdays, June 26,
July 3, 10 and 17
7:00 p.m.**



North Castle Public Library



Teen Program



Talons!

A wild bird experience

For ages 8 and up. All welcome!

Saturday, June 23

5:30 p.m

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