



B-CC BANTER

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA NEWSLETTER

**INCLUDED IN THIS
ISSUE:**

**SCHOOL YEAR.
2011-2012
WELCOME ALL
NEW AND
RETURNING
B-CC STUDENTS**



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New Student Orientation
Aug. 25, 7:30-11:15 am

New Student Picnic
Aug. 28, 2-4 pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Aug. 29

Back to School Night
Sept. 8, 7 pm

No School
Sept. 29, Oct. 22, Oct. 31

From the Principal

Karen Lockard

Week One: Innovation to Prep Students

B-CC is a school with years of history and tradition that has served thousands of students well over the years. Occasionally, however, it is time to take a fresh look at standard operating procedures and innovate. This year we are going to do exactly that: start our year in a new way.

We have an exciting first-week schedule where students will celebrate the new year, learn important skills to help them succeed as students and pull together as a group of young people committed to their school and each other.

De la Directora

Karen Lockard

Traducción: Kathleen Wheaton

Primera Semana: Innovación Para Preparar a los Estudiantes

B-CC es una escuela con años de historia y tradición que ha servido a miles de estudiantes a lo largo de los años. Sin embargo, de vez en cuando, es hora de echar un vistazo al procedimiento operativo estándar y innovar. Este año vamos a hacer eso, precisamente--empezar nuestro año de una manera nueva. Tenemos un nuevo horario estupendo para la primera semana en el cual los estudiantes celebrarán el año nuevo, adquirirán habilidades nuevas que les ayudarán a triunfar como estudiantes y a unirse como un grupo de jóvenes comprometidos con la escuela y con sus compañeros. Estoy entusiasmada de contarles cómo será esta primera semana.



I am excited to tell you what this first week will look like.

Monday will start with a homeroom where students will receive schedules, agenda books and all the information they need to get started. Every day students will attend all seven classes as well as a special period each day where we, as a school, learn skills needed to manage the rigorous academic work our students embrace throughout the year. Subjects explored with ALL students will be organization and time management, developing strategic read-

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El lunes empezara con una aula en la cual los estudiantes recibirán los horarios, los libros de agenda, y toda la información necesaria para comenzar. Cada día los estudiantes asistirán a los siete clases, y en adición, a un período especial diario cuando toda la escuela aprenderá las habilidades necesarias para manejar el trabajo académico riguroso que nuestros estudiantes abrazan durante todo el año. Entre los asuntos explorados con todos los estudiantes se incluyen la organización, el manejo del tiempo, el desarrollo de habilidades de lectura estratégica, las estrategias para tomar notas, estilos de aprendizaje, y el beneficio de esfuerzo efectivo y la resolución de conflictos. Los estudiantes recibirán instrucción diaria con uno de sus profesores. También habrá reuniones de clase para abordar las preocupaciones

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ing skills, note-taking strategies, learning styles and the benefit of effective effort and conflict resolution. Students will receive instruction each day with one of their teachers. Class meetings will also be held to address concerns specific to age groups. The week will end with an all-school pep rally to launch a new sports season.

Lessons are in development right now to provide skills that we can ALL refer to in classes throughout the year. Our students take rigorous courses and love to learn. We want to do a better job of supporting them in their studies, teaching content and process. You can be part of the support process as well. Lessons will be posted on Edline, B-CC Net and our web page for all to see and refer to when needed. For example, if a student struggles with taking notes on homework reading, it will be easy to refer to the lessons learned in week one.

Summer is a quiet time of reflection and organization. I love the chance we have each year to do it better. We are a strong academic presence, a world-class school that serves its students well. We continue to work to improve the lives of ALL our students.

We will welcome ninth graders and new upper classmen at New Student Orientation Aug. 25. They will tour the school, meet their teachers and get acquainted with their new surroundings. Sunday, Aug. 28, we will gather again in a New Student Picnic on the front lawn. Please join us.

I have had the chance to speak to the incoming ninth graders and their families at their promotion ceremony and love the enthusiasm they will bring. Parents, I know you have many choices and can send your children to any number of fine schools in our area. I thank you for trusting your children with us. We will not fail them.

Tours of B-CC*By Lisa Nevans Locke*

B-CC may be a top-ranked school locally and nationally, but parents of prospective students want to know details: Do students have to test in to AP or IB classes? How big is the school's music program? What does "open lunch" mean? If you have friends or neighbors who are parents of prospective students, tell them about the monthly tours, held at 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month and beginning in October. Parents and students who want to attend a tour should call the front office at 240-497-6300 to sign up in advance. Questions? Contact tour co-chairs Lisa Nevans Locke at 301-961-8420, Catherine McCann at 301-656-3322, or Robbin Slocum at 301-657-7657.

Meet Jan Gallagher:
Ms. Gallagher has joined her husband, Dan, on the B-CC faculty. She'll be teaching math.



Where did you attend high school?

I went to Huntington High School on Long Island, N.Y. That is where I grew up!

Why did you become a teacher?

Because I love math and working with lots of different people. This will be my 11th year of teaching.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I have been to 46 of the states in the U.S., but only one European country (Ireland).

What was the last book you read?

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. I also recently re-read "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" because I can't wait to see the movie!

What are your favorite extracurricular activities?

Depending on the day, my favorite extracurricular activities are reading, running, baking, and eating what I just baked.

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to have?

I'd like to be a park ranger and live in a cabin in Yosemite National Park with my husband and one-year-old daughter. More realistically, I would be a CPA.

ATTENTION**"WELCOME PICNIC"****B-CC NEWCOMERS****INCOMING 9TH GRADERS,****NEW UPPERCLASSMEN AND****THEIR PARENTS****ARE INVITED TO A****WELCOME PICNIC AT B-CC****ON SUNDAY, AUG. 28,****FROM 2 TO 4 P.M.****COME ENJOY FREE HOT DOGS AND SODA****AND MEET OTHER****PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF.****PICK UP SOME NEW BARONS WEAR OR A****MAGNET FOR YOUR CAR.****LEARN ABOUT WAYS FOR****STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED, AND****HAVE SOME FUN!**

**Welcome Sean Tracy:
Math and Special
Education Teacher**



Mr. Tracy spent his first three years of high school at B-CC. We're happy to have him back to teach .

Where did you attend high school?
B-CC (9th, 10th, 11th) and The Bullis School (11th, 12th).

Why did you become a teacher?
I love working with youth! I feel that it is my calling in life to give back by motivating and inspiring young minds to be world-changers.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?
That I am extremely organized and neat (borderline OCD).

What was the last book you read?
"Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle" by Chris Hedges.

What's your favorite extracurricular activity?
Playing chess, reading biographies, writing poetry, and listening to music

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to have?
Full-time executive director of the non-profit organization Rosemary Academic-Arts-Athletic Community Inc., which I co-founded along with some childhood friends. You can check out the website at www.ra3c.org.

**Crystal Dovman
joins the B-CC faculty as a Special
Education Resource Teacher.**

Where did you attend high school?
Neshaminy High School, outside of Philadelphia in Bucks County

Why did you become a teacher?
I volunteered a lot during high school and found that I enjoyed helping others succeed

What would people be surprised to learn about you?
I have traveled through four continents and have visited 48 U.S. states.

What was the last book you read?
Too Big to Fail...it's about the money crisis

What are your favorite extracurricular activities?
Watching my Philly teams on TV and lounging in the sunshine.

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to have?
I would be a travel writer so I could travel all around the world and share all my info with other travelers.

**Adam J. Graham will be teaching
English and Directing Theater
Productions**

Where did you attend high school?
I attended Moline High School in Moline, Ill. (not a local!)

Why did you become a teacher?
Obviously, to get filthy rich. Or because I wanted to share my knowledge of, and passion for, theatre and literature with students.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?
The only state that I have not visited is Alaska.

What was the last book you read?
"Devil in The White City" by Erik Larson

What are your favorite extracurricular activities?
Going out on a date with my wife! Anyone who has kids knows how rare those can be.

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to have?
I'm still a member of the professional actor's union and will probably go back to the stage at some point.

Please see an additional article about Adam Graham in the Theater Section of this Banter issue.

More New Faces this Year:	
Spanish	Joanna Gidrewicz
French	Amanda Arnoult
Math	Sarah Milstein
Special Ed Resource	Crystal Dovman
Art	Isabella Grimann
Science	Nurgul Balimatas
Science	Katherine Lin
Chemistry & Astronomy	Mandy Ewing
MYP	Merideth Mirkow
Alain Perron	Building Service Manager
Joan Black	Administrative
Secretary	

Lab Results: New Classrooms, More Courses

By Meg Baker

If your student has had trouble scheduling required science coursework with his or her other courses and electives, here's a bit of good news: B-CC's science department's facilities grew by 10 percent this summer. The school underwent renovations resulting in an additional science lab.

The new lab, created from a classroom and an underutilized computer lab, will enable the science department to expand its offerings from 70 sections of science to up to 77 each semester. The space also offers tremendous versatility in meeting the educational needs of the B-CC community.

"We can teach an English class in a science lab, but not a science lab in an English class," said Principal Karen Lockard.

"Now we will have more capability to offer more science classes as students request them."

Construction began immediately after school ended in June and is expected to be completed before the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

"We were limited with the classroom because we could not conduct lab experiments," said Assistant Principal Chris Nardi regarding the space before renovations.

While the Tech department lost a computer lab in the process, it still boasts two well-equipped labs through which computer skills classes are made available to B-CC students.

New Minority Scholars Program

By Sharif Robinson, Department Chairperson,
Tech Ed and Computer Science

B-CC will introduce the Minority Scholars Program, a new enrichment program for the coming school year. The Minority Scholars Program (MSP) is designed to encourage academic achievement among B-CC's minority students.

The program will foster relationships among students across a wide range of demographic and academic backgrounds in hopes of creating a unified group that will push one another to reach their highest academic potential.

MSP will also include activities to promote academic success, including community service, mentoring and tutoring, and participating in college tours and cultural field trips. The goal is to increase the GPA of minority students and the number of minority students enrolled in high-level classes (AP, honors, and IB) at B-CC high school.

There will be an open sign-up at the beginning of the year. Details will be in the morning announcements. To be eligible to join, a student must have above a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least one AP or honors class. MSP activities will be held during and after school.



Sign Up for Two ListSers

The B-CC Community now has two listservs to share information and opportunities.

- **BCCnet** is now strictly for school-related messages only to keep everyone up to date on school happenings. To sign up, follow the link on the B-CC website - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/parents/list-serves.aspx>.
- **BCCcommunity** was created last year for all non-school items. This is the place to sell your car, find a reference for a plumber, rent your beach house, let the community know about an event and more. To sign-up, send an email to bcccommunity-subscribe@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your full name and address. The BCC Community listserv is privately maintained and is not affiliated with B-CC or the PTSA.

College Visits at the College and Career Center

By Patty Parmelee, College & Career Coordinator

Every fall B-CC hosts more than 200 college-admission representatives from schools all across the country, Canada and Europe. Students attending these visits will meet the college's admission officer for the Maryland area, who will likely be the first person to review your application. Your participation signals your interest in their school and establishes a personal connection before your application is reviewed.

A list of college representatives who will be visiting B-CC's juniors and seniors this fall is on the Family Connection web site. Go to <http://connection.naviance/com/bcc>. Key in the personal password you received from the counseling department or key in the guest password: barons. Go to "visit schedule." Clicking on the school's name will lead you to the college's web site, an email address, B-CC's admission's history, and lots of facts and figures about the school.

If you are a junior or a senior interested in participating in a visit, bring your handbook ahead of time to pre-register at the College/Career Center. You will sign up in a book by the front door and then write the appointment in your B-CC handbook, which will be stamped and signed by Mrs. Parmelee or Mrs. Goltz. You are then responsible for obtaining the signature of the teacher whose class you will be missing, indicating that your absence is excused. Upon your arrival in the College/Career Center for the visit, Mrs. Parmelee will check your handbook to be sure that this process has been followed. Remember, attendance at any college visit is always at the discretion of your teacher and all missed class work is expected to be made up. Attendance will be taken for every visit and the Attendance Office will be given a daily account of all students who attend these sessions.

Grade Level Tweets!

By Patty Parmelee, College & Career Coordinator

I'm a novice about Twitter, so I had to look it up:

The idea is to express your message in 140 characters or less. I'll try (with apologies to parallel structure) but visit <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/starting-points/index.html> for more detailed guidance.

Freshman Focus:

Take challenging classes, earn good grades, find/pursue an extra-curricular interest, explore what high school has to offer. (123)

Sophomore Strategy:

Increase course rigor, upward grade trend, commit to extracurricular interest. (78)

Sophomore to Junior Summer:

SAT Prep, engage in meaningful work or community service.

Junior GIST:

Rigorous classes, upward grade trend, extra-curricular leadership, PSAT, SAT Prep, SAT/ACT (early spring), college search using Naviance, tentative list of colleges, visit colleges, think about teacher recommendations.

Junior to Senior Summer:

Fine tune college list, prepare comprehensive resume, B-CC senior reflection, visit colleges, SAT/ACT prep, write a college essay.

Senior Strategy:

Organize deadlines, final SAT/ACT, finalize college list, polish essays, apply to colleges, financial aid/scholarships, enjoy B-CC. (130)

From freshman through senior year, visit the college and career center!

Mrs. Parmelee, Ms McLeod and Miss Jenni are anxious to help you.

Counseling News: Prepping for High School and College

By Colleen Desmond, Resource Counselor

Welcome to a new school year! While you were away on summer vacation, the counselors worked hard to prepare your schedules for the upcoming school year. We anticipate that you will continue to challenge yourself in high school by taking advanced level classes so you will be better prepared for college. We have many resources at B-CC to support you, and it is important that you take advantage of them. Please discuss with your counselor how best to succeed at B-CC and take advantage of the support available.

We are fortunate to have all of the counselors returning, along with Ms. Goltz, our counseling assistant, Ms. Peebles, registrar, and Ms. Jane Bruno, registrar's assistant. Ms. Patricia Parmelee will return as our Counseling and Career Coordinator. She has been scheduling college admissions representatives to visit B-CC during the fall to provide information to juniors and seniors about particular colleges. She is also available to meet with students and families to discuss college and scholarship options.

September and October are busy months. Counselors will meet with students in each grade level in groups and/or individually.

Grade 9: Counselors will present a program to provide the basics about high school and to help familiarize students with B-CC and the services that the Counseling Department provides. This will also allow students to get to know their counselors.

Grade 10: Counselors will introduce students to the "Family Connection" program, which provides a wealth of information about careers and colleges.

Grade 11: During second semester, we have a program for the juniors to kick off the college search process.

Grade 12: We will meet with seniors in September to revisit the college process at B-CC. Seniors should schedule college meetings with their counselors if they have not already done so.

In addition, counselors will run several groups this year, including a Study Skills group, a Coping with Stress group, a Grief/Support group, and I will continue to facilitate the "Safe Place Project", B-CC's anti-bullying group. If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, please talk to your counselor.

Counselor Assignments 2011-2012

Student's Last Name Begins with..

A – Bec	Desmond
Bed – Dox	Palchick
Dr – Hen	DeMunter
Heo – Luo	Gordon
Lup – Pen	Mayo-Blake
Peo – Sprin	Hemmer
Spro – Z	Keller-Klothe

College Tracks:

By Liz McLeod, College Tracks Coordinator

CollegeTracks is a program for juniors and seniors who need help with college access "know-how" and support to navigate the college admissions and financial aid process. CollegeTracks is held in the College/Career Center at B-CC every Monday thru Thursday during lunch, after school Tuesday afternoons, from 2:15 to 4:00 pm and at the Coffield Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m

Save the Date

**Thursday, Aug. 25, New Student Orientation,
7:30 to 11:15 am.**

This is the Thursday before school starts. This is a half day for ninth graders and new upper classmen. They will tour the school, meet their teachers and get acquainted with their new surroundings. School buses will pick up students at the normal time and will drop off students after the program ends at 11:15 am. Orientation for parents of new students will be a 7 pm that same evening at B-CC

Author Talk

Father-Daughter team **Marvin Kalb and B-CC alum Deborah Kalb** will discuss their new book, *Haunting Legacy: Vietnam and the American Presidency from Ford to Obama*. The event is co-sponsored by B-CC Educational Foundation and Friends of the Library, Bethesda. The book will be available for purchase, with a chance for autographs, and refreshments will be served. Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 pm, at the Bethesda Library. Contact Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net with questions.



*From the PTSA President,
Michelle Hainbach*

PTSA: Activities Made Possible by You

A few years ago, I realized that I needed an “academic” calendar for my personal calendar. Like every parent of a school-aged child, my new year starts in late August. This start of the “new year” provides me with an extra opportunity for New Year’s resolutions. And more often than not, these resolutions have to do with guiding my kids and providing balance in my family’s busy weeks. This is not an easy task given the academic demands, multiple extracurricular activities, and social pressures that occupy a high school student’s time.

The B-CC PTSA offers programming and resources to busy parents trying to understand teenagers and fit it all in. We offer monthly evening programs on topics ranging from study skills to the emotional health of teens. Each September we start with a program on adjusting to high school and in May we bring in speakers to talk about “life beyond B-CC.”

Through our Counseling Advisory Committee (CAC), we offer several programs about the college admissions and financial aid processes, as well as practice ACT and SAT tests.

The PTSA publishes this parent newsletter and the annual student directory distributed in the fall to all students and to each parent who joins the PTSA. We provide means for parents to connect informally with other parents at the Welcome Picnic for new families on Aug. 28 and throughout the year at numerous grade level and international parent coffees.

Additionally, the PTSA supports teachers and students with student recognition and staff appreciation activities throughout the school year. Teachers may apply for PTSA grants to cover classroom expenses and academic support. Each year, the PTSA pays for the senior class’ After Prom, a safe post-prom party for all seniors and their guests.

The only way the PTSA can provide all of this programming and support is with your help. Our main sources of revenue are membership dues and donations, proceeds from the annual used Book Sale (held each spring), and the Fall Auction (this year’s date is Dec. 2). You can help by joining the PTSA, coming to our programs, volunteering, and sharing your ideas and suggestions with me and other members of the PTSA Board.

I hope one of your “new year” resolutions will be to become involved or broaden your involvement with the PTSA. Regardless of whether you have much or little time to give, whether you prefer to volunteer from your home or office, or to come to B-CC and help during the day or evening, we have opportunities for you to support our school.

On a more personal note, in June, my husband and I attended our first B-CC graduation. I felt proud, not just of my daughter, but of the entire senior class and B-CC community. It was wonderful to see the teachers and staff participate in the processional and to hear the poised senior class leadership introduce one

another, the administrators and the guest speakers. The B-CC Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Choir, and Senior Vocal Ensemble provided beautiful music throughout the evening. Yes, the seniors glowed that evening, but the larger B-CC family of teachers and families also share the credit for our students’ many accomplishments.

Look for the PTSA table at Back to School Night on Sept. 8

B-CC Educations Foundation: Supports Critical Academic Programs

By Ronna Borenstein-Levy

The B-CC Educational Foundation is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization that supports many programs to help all students succeed in high school and find a pathway to college and life-long success. Goals include raising academic achievement, attracting and retaining the highest-quality teachers and staff, supporting a school environment where every student matters and is encouraged to do his/her best, and strengthening the bond between the high school and the community.

The foundation supports three signature programs:

- *Summer Academy* consists of a three-week long program to help prepare incoming 9th graders who have struggled at Westland Middle School for a successful transition into B-CC. The program includes a day dedicated to community service.
- *CollegeTracks* provides workshops and trained mentors to help with the college application and financial-aid process for students who, although qualified, may be at risk of not going to college.
- *TAP (Time for Academic Progress)* offers after-school academic support in Math, English and Science to students at all ability levels. More than half of B-CC students use TAP. There is no money in the school budget for this program.

In addition, the foundation provides scholarships, technology support and grants to many other B-CC programs, including ESOL, the award-winning Tattler newspaper, the Writer’s Workshop, the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program and the IB Program.

As school budgets continue to be scaled back in response to reduced revenue, the foundation is working closely with Principal Karen Lockard to ensure that critical academic support programs for B-CC students are not jeopardized. All of the foundation’s funding comes from the generosity of parents, alumni, faculty, community members and local towns and businesses.

Stop by the foundation’s table at Back to School Night this fall to learn more or visit www.bccedfoundation.org to make an online donation. Keep up with the foundation’s initiatives and fund-raising events by “liking” the foundation on Facebook.

B-CC Welcomes the World: International Connections Committee (ICC)

By Vivian Stavrou

Because of its proximity to Washington D.C., B-CC attracts many international families as well as U.S. families returning home after living in another country.

The school's International Connections Committee (ICC) is made up of volunteer parents who have also come to the school from abroad. Our goal is to help incoming international families feel more connected and settle into the B-CC school and community more quickly. We know it isn't easy being new because we've been through it ourselves. We look forward to helping you with information, experiences and advice.



The ICC, a part of B-CC's PTSA, holds events for new families and students. We hope you will take the opportunity to participate in these events. For those keen to get more involved, join the ICC and assist in strengthening our school.

Events and Dates to Remember:

Welcome Picnic:

Sun., Aug. 28, 2 to 4 p.m. (the day before school starts)

The ICC and PTSA will host the annual Welcome Picnic for all families new to B-CC. This relaxed get-together on the front lawn of the school is a way for new parents and children to meet other parents, students and the staff.

New and International Parent Coffees:

Coffee mornings are held during the year to share information and experiences to help both parents and students settle into school. Look out for announcements this Oct. and in Jan. and May, 2012.

B-CC International Night: March or April 2012

International Night celebrates the many nationalities that make up B-CC and is one of the biggest events of the school year. You can taste foods from around the world and see fascinating country displays. International Club students usually organize a fashion show and musical performances.

ICC Book Club:

The club meets about every six weeks in members' houses to discuss books written by international authors. It's a great opportunity to read and discuss good books and get to know other parents around a snack and a drink or two.

School Tours:

Ongoing activities include school tours for prospective students and families throughout the year.

Please go to the PTSA Parents section of the B-CC website. Click on B-CC 101, A Parent's Course. Or contact ICC co-chairs Caren Danies (danies@verizon.net) and Vivi Stavrou (vivistavrou@rcn.com).

HELP WANTED!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE PTSA. NO MATTER WHAT YOUR INTEREST OR AVAILABILITY, WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU. SEVERAL OF OUR LOYAL VOLUNTEERS HAD GRADUATING SENIORS AND WE WILL NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE OVER SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES. WE ARE TRYING TO BROADEN SOME OF THE POSITIONS INTO COMMITTEES SO THAT THE BULK OF THE WORKLOAD DOESN'T ALWAYS FALL ON ONE PERSON. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WORK ON MEMBERSHIP, THE FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT, AFTERPROM, STUDENT RECOGNITION, STAFF APPRECIATION AND THE BOOK SALE.

THERE IS A FULL LIST OF PTSA COMMITTEES AT THE FRONT OF THE STUDENT DIRECTORY AND ON THE WEBSITE (BCCPTSA.ORG). IF SOMETHING PIQUES YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE HAINBACH AT M.HAINBACH@GMAIL.COM

INCOMING FRESHMAN PARENTS ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO GET INVOLVED!

**JOIN THE B-CC PTSA
TODAY**

Parents, Teachers, and Students:

All of the activities we support – the student handbook and directory, the parent newsletter and other communication tools, the peer parent network, student recognition and academic support activities, staff appreciation efforts, and so much more – would not be possible without your membership and tax-deductible donations. In addition, we anticipate new needs will arise in the face of county budget cuts facing the school system.

Joining the PTSA has never been easier! No more checks to write or envelope to mail. Just go to www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com. Select “Click here to create a new account,” and sign up your student(s) as indicated. Follow the prompts and select B-CC High School from the list (if you already have an account, you still must register your B-CC student.) Or, if you prefer, you can fill out the form below.

Adult Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Adult membership: _____ x \$30 (includes 1 copy of the Student Directory)

Student membership: _____ x \$10

Staff membership: _____ x \$10

Tax-deductible donation: \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ other \$ ___

Total included: \$ _____

___ I'd like to register my Giant Bonus Card, 12-digit #: _____

___ I'd like to register my Safeway Card, 11-digit #: _____

Please send membership form and check, payable to B-CC PTSA to:

B-CC High School
P.T.S.A. Membership Chair
4301 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

Questions? Contact membership@bccptsa.org

NEW2BCC

NEW2BCC is sponsored by the PTSA and run by the Welcome and the International Connections Committees for those who are new to the area and dealing with a new school system, a new state or even new country. The listserv is for those who are interested in exchanging information and mutual support in the transition process. The listserv also welcomes others who have arrived to the area in the past few years and who would like to share their insight and experience with newer arrivals.

To join, send a blank email to: new2bcc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive instructions on how to join by reply email. It is highly advised that all new families also sign up for BCCnet for a more complete view of B-CC and the community

Support B-CC's Grocery Fundraising Programs

Giant A+ School Rewards and Safeway E-scrip provided B-CC and the PTSA with needed funds during 2010-2011, and you have the opportunity to help us once again. Once you've registered, it's easy ... the contributions are made directly to the school!

GIANT A+ School Rewards:

Please go to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register your Giant Bonus card. The school's A+ school rewards ID code is 00636. Contact Drena Valentine, Giant bonus bucks coordinator, at drena321@verizon.net, if you need assistance. You can also register your card at Back to School Night.

Safeway E-Scrip:

New and renewal registrations: go to <https://secure.escrrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp> and put in the B-CC group ID of 1563784. You will be prompted for your new or renewal registration. If you have been using your phone number at Safeway, relax! You can call 1-877-723-3929 and after answering your identifying questions, they will give you your Safeway club card number. Contact Jane Rosenquist if you have any questions at 301-652-4269, or e-mail her at conquist@verizon.net.

Sniders Super Foods and Chevy Chase Lake Supermarket:

Both supermarkets will donate to B-CC 1 percent of the total sales receipts that we collect by the end of the school year. Send your receipts periodically or save them for the year-end collection. Email Isabelle Melese-D'Hospital at ismdh@gmail.com for more information.

GIANT Gift Card Sales:

If you shop at Giant, please buy Giant Gift Cards at face value from PTSA volunteers and the Giant will give 5 percent of the sales directly to the PTSA. You can use the gift card to pay for purchases in the store or online through Pea Pod. And you can buy any of the other gift cards that Giant sells using the Giant card. Please contact us and we will set you up with a parent volunteer in your neighborhood who can sell you the gift cards. The gift card program is a strong fundraiser for the PTSA, bringing in over \$6,000 last year. Contact Chris Lawrence at chrislawrence@verizon.net, phone 301-229-0615 or Mary Catherine O'Donnell at personnells@verizon.net, phone 301-933-4844, for further information.

Banter Co-Editor Needed!

Please contact Jan Schaffer at jans@j-lab.org

Support Ellen's Run

What: Ellen's Run 2011,
5K Run/3K Walk
When: Sunday, Oct. 16, 9 am
Where: Candy Cane Pavilion,
Chevy Chase, MD
How: www.EllensRunOnline.org

Why: Ellen's Run is held each year in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a B-CC and area volunteer and mother of two B-CC graduates, Matt and John Jacobs. A long-time resident of Chevy Chase Section V, Schneider was a tireless community volunteer. She chaired the B-CC Community Scholarship Fund, served on the board of the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County and was active in many other community groups. With Bruce Adams, she created and coordinated the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program.

In October 2006, friends, neighbors and colleagues initiated Ellen's Run to raise money in Schneider's memory for the Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association. Monies raised are distributed through the Ellen Vala Schneider Fund at the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, a 501(c)(3) organization. Education, Volunteer, Serve, the motto of Ellen's Run, reflects her life perfectly. Each member of the B-CC community is invited to participate by walking or running, volunteering, and/or donating to the fund. Sign up at www.EllensRunOnline.org or make a tax-deductible donation by sending a check, payable to Ellen's Run 2011, to Ellen's Run, c/o Carole Brand, 7011 Fulton St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Mark Your Calendars for the Autumn Auction

Come enjoy the food, drinks and fun of bidding for wonderful items at the *Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase on Friday, December 2*. Get a jump on your holiday shopping by picking up a unique gift and supporting the PTSA at the same time.

Watch for your invitation and more information about the array of weekend getaways, restaurant certificates and special experiences that will be up for auction. This is our major fundraiser. The money we raise will be used for all the regular PTSA activities; in addition we anticipate greater needs from the school in the face of harsh budget cuts. But most of all, it's a chance to socialize and have fun!

We still need people to help solicit auction items. Please contact Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net if you are interested.

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específicas de cada grupo de edad. La semana terminará con una manifestación de entusiasmo por parte de toda la escuela para celebrar el comienzo de la nueva temporada de deportes.

Se están desarrollando las lecciones ahora para proporcionar las habilidades a que TODOS podremos referir durante todo el año. Nuestros estudiantes toman clases rigurosas y les encanta aprender. Queremos mejorar nuestro apoyo a ellos en cuanto a los estudios, el contenido de las lecciones, y el proceso. Uds. también pueden ser parte del proceso de apoyo. Las lecciones estarán enviadas a Edline, B-CC Net, y a nuestra página de Web para que todos puedan verlas y referir a ellas en cuanto sea necesario. Por ejemplo, si un estudiante tuviera dificultades tomando notas para una tarea de lectura, sería fácil referir a las lecciones aprendidas durante la primera semana.

El verano es un tiempo sosegado, de reflexión y de organización. Me encanta la oportunidad que tenemos, cada año, de hacerlo mejor. Somos una presencia académica fuerte, una escuela de categoría mundial, que sirve bien a todos nuestros estudiantes. Continuaremos el trabajo de mejorar las vidas de TODOS nuestros estudiantes.

Daremos la bienvenida a los estudiantes del noveno grado y también a los nuevos estudiantes de los grados superiores en la Orientación Para Estudiantes Nuevos, el día 25 de agosto. Harán un tour de la escuela, presentarse a sus profesores y conocer a su ambiente nuevo. El domingo, el 28 de agosto, nos juntaremos para un Picnic de Estudiantes Nuevos en el jardín de enfrente de la escuela. Por favor, vengan.

He tenido la oportunidad de hablar con los estudiantes entrantes del noveno grado en la ceremonia de promoción, y me encanta el entusiasmo que traerán a la escuela. Padres, sé que Uds. tienen la posibilidad de matricular a sus hijos en las varias escuelas buenas de nuestra area. Les agradezco que hayan confiado sus hijos a nosotros. No les vamos a fallar.

**Noche de
Regreso a la
Escuela el
8 de septiembre**

Carta De La Presidenta Del PTSA

Escrito por Michelle Hainbach

Traducción: Maria Vazquez

PTSA: Actividades que usted hace posible

Hace unos años, me di cuenta que necesitaba una agenda escolar para llevar mi agenda personal. Como cualquier madre con un hijo de edad escolar, mi nuevo año comienza a finales de agosto. Este comienzo del “año nuevo” me brinda una oportunidad adicional para hacer resoluciones de Año Nuevo. Y casi siempre, dichas resoluciones tienen que ver con guiar a mis hijos y proveer balance en las semanas tan ocupadas de mi familia. Esta no es una tarea fácil dadas las exigencias académicas, las múltiples actividades fuera de horario escolar, y las presiones sociales que ocupan el tiempo de un estudiante de escuela superior.

La PTSA de B-CC ofrece programación y recursos para aquellos padres ocupados que tratan de entender a los adolescentes y de lograr encontrar tiempo para todo. Ofrecemos programas nocturnos mensuales sobre temas que abarcan desde las habilidades de estudio hasta la salud emocional de los adolescentes. Cada septiembre comenzamos con un programa sobre como ajustarse a la escuela superior y en mayo traemos oradores que nos hablan sobre la “vida después de B-CC.”

Por medio de nuestro Comité Asesor de Consejería (CAC), ofrecemos varios programas sobre los procesos de solicitud a universidades y ayuda financiera, así también como exámenes de práctica para los exámenes ACT y SAT.

La PTSA publica este boletín para padres y el directorio de estudiantes anual que se distribuye en otoño a todos los estudiantes y a cada padre que se hace socio de la PTSA. Proporcionamos medios para que los padres se conecten informalmente con otros padres en el Picnic de Bienvenida para familias nuevas el 8 de agosto y a través del año en numerosos cafés organizados por nivel de grado y cafés para padres internacionales.

Además, la PTSA apoya a profesores y estudiantes con reconocimientos estudiantiles y actividades de agradecimiento al personal a través del año escolar. Los profesores pueden solicitar subvenciones de la PSTA para cubrir gastos de su salón de clase y para apoyo académico. Cada año, la PTSA paga por la fiesta After Prom para los estudiantes de último año, una fiesta segura para después del baile de graduación para todos los estudiantes de último año y sus invitados.

Como único la PTSA puede proveer toda esta programación y apoyo es con la ayuda de usted. Nuestra principal fuente de fondos son las cuotas de membresía y contribuciones, las ganancias de la Venta de Libros usados anual (que tiene lugar cada primavera), y la Subasta de Otoño (este año la fecha es el 2 de diciem-

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bre). Usted puede ayudar haciéndose socio de la PTSA, asistiendo a nuestros programas, participando como voluntario, y compartiendo sus ideas y sugerencias conmigo y con otros miembros del Consejo de la PTSA.

Espero que este agosto una de sus resoluciones de “año nuevo” sea el involucrarse o el extender su participación en la PTSA. Tenga usted mucho o poco tiempo que ofrecer, prefiera participar como voluntario desde su casa u oficina, o venir a B-CC y ayudar durante el día o la noche, tenemos oportunidades para que usted pueda apoyar a nuestra escuela.

Una nota personal: en junio mi esposo y yo asistimos a nuestra primera graduación de B-CC. Me sentí orgullosa, no sólo de mi hija, sino de todos los estudiantes de último año y de la comunidad de B-CC. Fue maravilloso ver que los profesores y el personal participaran en la procesión y oír a los bien desenvueltos líderes de último año presentarse los unos a los otros, a la administración escolar y a los oradores invitados. La Orquesta de B-CC, el Conjunto de Jazz, el Coro de Cámara, y el Conjunto Vocal de Último Año brindaron bella música durante toda la noche. Sí, los estudiantes de último año brillaron esa noche, pero la familia más amplia de profesores y familias de B-CC también comparten el crédito por los muchos

B-CC le da la Bienvenida al Mundo

Traducción: Gonzalo C. Pastor
por Vivian Stavrou

Debido a su proximidad a Washington D.C., B-CC atrae muchas familias internacionales, además de familias americanas que regresan a América luego de vivir en otros países.

El colegio consta del Comité de Conexiones Internacionales (International Connections Committee; ICC) compuesto de padres de familia (voluntarios) que también han regresado del exterior. Nuestro objetivo es ayudar a las familias internacionales a sentirse más conectados y asentarse más rápidamente en el colegio y la comunidad. Sabemos que difícil es sentirse nuevo por experiencia propia. Esperamos ayudarlos con información, experiencias, y consejos.

El Comité de Conexiones internacionales es parte de la Asociación de Padres-profesores-estudiantes del colegio (Parent Teacher Student Association; PTSA) y realiza eventos para familias y estudiantes nuevos. Esperamos que Ud. tenga la oportunidad de participar en esos eventos. Aquellos interesados en una mayor participación, los invitamos a hacerse miembros del ICC y ayudar a fortalecer el colegio.

Eventos y fechas a recordar:

. *Picnic de bienvenida (Welcome picnic):*

Domingo, 28 de agosto de 2 a 4 de la tarde (un día antes de que comience el colegio). El ICC y el PTSA ofrecerán un picnic de bienvenida a todas las familias nuevas al colegio. Es un momento relajado en el campo del colegio para que los padres e hijos recién llegados conozcan otros padres, estudiantes y profesionales.

. *Café para padres recién llegados e internacionales:*

Manténgase atento a los anuncios este octubre 2011 y enero y mayo de 2012. Estos eventos de mañana se hacen durante el año para compartir información y experiencias a fin de ayudar a los padres y alumnos a asentarse en el colegio.

. *Noche Internacional (B-CC International Night): marzo o abril de 2012*

Esta Noche Internacional celebra la multitud de nacionalidades que conforman el colegio y es uno de los eventos más importantes durante el año académico. Usted podrá probar comida de diversos lugares alrededor del mundo, además de apreciar muestras autóctonas por país. Generalmente, el club de estudiantes internacionales (International Club) organiza un desfile de modas y eventos musicales.

. *Club del libro (ICC Book Club):*

El club se reúne cada 6 semanas en casa de los miembros para discutir libros escritos por autores internacionales. Es una gran oportunidad para leer y discutir obras y conocer otros padres de familia en compañía de un bocado y refresco.

. *Excursiones (School tours):*

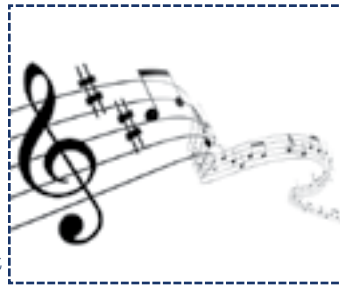
Actividades actuales incluyen excursiones para futuros alumnos y familias a lo largo del año.

Por favor busque la sección sobre PTSA Parents en la página web de B-CC. Haga un “click” en B-CC 101, que es un curso para padres de familia. También puede contactar Caren Danies (danies@verizon.net) y Vivi Stavrou (vivistavrou@rcn.com), quienes son los líderes de ICC

Welcome to Music at B-CC!

By Stephanie Brown, Chair, Music Boosters

The B-CC Music Department is happy to welcome everyone, especially parents of new students, to the world of B-CC music. We urge you to become an enthusiastic supporter of your student's musical life at B-CC.



For many years, our Music Boosters group has been an active community of parents who support our Grammy Award-winning music department and its dedicated staff, Marshall White, Cindi Martin and Amy Vanek.

In these difficult economic times, monetary and volunteer support are needed more than ever. MCPS no longer charges lab fees for music. In the past we used those funds to purchase music, acquire instruments, repair equipment, and hire professional musicians to work with our students. We will be doing a lot of fundraising to make up for that financial loss, and to help support the nearly 500 students at B-CC who are enrolled in music.

Our first fundraiser of the year will be in the form of a letter asking for your tax-deductible donation. In addition, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up to be a volunteer for the music department. There are many ways to volunteer, from organizing Cabaret night to donating baked goods for concert concessions, from watching the band room during concerts to chaperoning the spring trip. We've got something that will fit every parent's schedule! Look for more information about volunteer opportunities on the Music Department website and after school starts.

Fundraising contact information:

A Little Night Music (Oct. 7) : Contact Michele Parsonnet at parsonnetj@aol.com

Citrus Fruit Sale (beginning mid-October) : Contact Rachel Lostumbo at lostumbo5@comcast.net

Cabaret (Saturday, Feb. 11) : Contact us if you're interested in chairing this event!

First Semester Performance Dates:

The Pep Band will perform for all Varsity Football home games. Band members should be at school and ready to warm up by 5:45 pm. Performances begin at 6:30 pm; they end at approximately 8:40 pm.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the choral groups and Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, and Advanced Orchestra will perform at 7 pm; Symphonic

Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band will follow them on Thursday, Dec. 15, also at 7 pm. The in-school winter concerts featuring all ensembles will take place on Friday, Dec. 16, in the morning.

B-CC Music Website and Listserv:

Bookmark the B-CC Music website today: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/academics/music/index.aspx>

Please subscribe to our listserv—you'll find instructions on the music department website—to stay in touch via email. Listserv items will only be posted by music department teachers or by music booster event chairs. As the year gets started, these are two great tools to manage all the information that will come your way.

We look forward to another exciting year in B-CC music!



Music Department's Citrus Fundraiser

By Rachel Lostumbo and Stephanie Brown

Look for information about the B-CC Music Department's annual citrus fruit sale at Back-to-School Night on Sept. 28. We'll have brochures describing the varieties of citrus fruit that will be available for online ordering. Florida Indian River Groves ships fruit fresh the day after it is picked. It will be delivered to the B-CC loading dock the week before the Thanksgiving holiday or you can have it shipped directly to friends and family in time for the holidays.

We're counting on our usual battery of strong music students and helpful parents to see us through another successful fundraiser for the Music Department. Proceeds from the sales help provide instruments, coaching by professional musicians, and scholarships to the annual Festival competition. Stop by the Music Boosters table at Back-to-School night to learn more.



Adam Graham to Direct B-CC's Main Stage Productions

By Leslie Atkin

Adam Graham, an English and Theater teacher and head of the Theater Program at Thomas S. Wootton High School for five years, will join B-CC as an English and Theater teacher and will direct the main stage theater productions at the school.

Graham succeeds Aaron Taylor, who stepped down in May after directing many successful B-CC main stage productions from 2007-2011. Graham's shows at Wootton were nominated for multiple CAPPIE awards and won several. Prior to teaching, Graham acted professionally for 16 years and is still a member of Actor's Equity Association, the professional stage actor's union.

Graham earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting from the University of Illinois and a Masters of Theater Education from the Catholic University of America. His professional resume includes over 60 stage productions, film, radio and television. He has toured the US and Canada, as well as a European tour of "My One and Only," starring Jodi Benson. Locally, Mr. Graham has appeared at The Olney Theatre, Theatre of the First Amendment, Woolly Mammoth, The Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Toby's Dinner Theatre. He also appeared at Ford's Theatre, where he portrayed Jacob Marley in "A Christmas Carol" for four consecutive seasons.

"I am very excited to join the strong tradition of B-CC Theatre," Graham said. "I am very appreciative of the warm welcome I have received from the staff and community, and I look forward to meeting and working with the B-CC students."

Let There Be Lights!

By Leslie Atkin

The B-CC Theater Boosters are undertaking a "Let There Be Lights!" campaign to upgrade the lighting system for the Auditorium stage. We need your support. Currently, we don't have enough lights to allow our students to work creatively and are hampered by our lack of lighting units or instruments for productions. A new lighting console and additional lights will bring our stage lighting system into the 21st Century. Finally, the larger B-CC High School and greater school community will benefit from the expanded capabilities when using our facility.

We are on a roll toward meeting our goal. Last year, we received a state-of-the-art lighting console from Meckley Services, a property management firm in Alexandria, and the Navolio family. The new console enables us to have more lights for the stage and gives us the ability to control automated lighting fixtures that can pan, tilt, change color and display patterns all on their own - things we have not been able to do in the past. Now, we seek to purchase additional lights.

The lights are not inexpensive. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to purchase 30 to 50 new lighting units. Currently, we only have 60 lights and most other MCPS high schools with active music and theater programs have 100 to 150. Here too, we have received several generous donations, but we still need your help to make this happen.

Please consider making a donation today.

Contributors' names will be recognized throughout the school year in the Theater Production programs. Checks should be made payable to the B-CC Theater Department and mailed to :

Jeff Kenton, Theater Arts Technical Director,
B-CC High School,
4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Join Us for the Theater Welcome Picnic Sept. 10.

New and returning students interested in B-CC Theater and their families are invited to the annual B-CC Theater Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 10 at noon, at Lynbrook Park near B-CC. This is a potluck affair. Folks with last names starting with A-L are asked to bring salads or chips, and those starting with M-Z, please bring dessert or fruit. We will provide sandwiches. Meet our new Main Stage Director, Adam Graham, and learn about our plans for the 2011-12 school year!

Drop by on Back-to-School Night!

Parents interested in finding out more about B-CC Theater are invited to drop by our table on Back-to-School night to learn about our shows and other activities planned for the 2011-12 school year.

B-CC Theater Website: Get the latest information year-round by visiting our website at www.bcctheater.com.

All-Gazette, All-Met, B-CC Sports Winners

By Karl Klontz

All-Gazette

Outdoor Track and Field

- **Brittney Wade** (Sophomore) -- Second Team
(Brittney was the 4th fastest 400m runner in the county at 58.2 seconds, and placed second in the county in the 800m at 2:15.81 – a school record – and just shy of a county record.)
- **4x800 relay team. Runners: Ava Farrell** (Junior) and **Caroline Leuba, Laura Nakasaka** and **Brittney Wade** (Sophomores).
The team ran the 2nd fastest B-CC time ever in 9:34.65 to get second-place at the state meet.

Baseball

- **Nico Narel-Aguilar** (Junior; pitcher/utility) -- First Team
"Potent on the mound (6-2, 2.62 ERA) and at plate (.418, 4 home runs, 27 RBIs)
- **Davon Williams** (Junior; outfielder) -- Honorable Mention

All - Met

Rowing

- **Harry Holroyd** (Senior) -- Boys' First Team
- **Nicholas van der Vink** (Senior) -- Boys' First Team

Girls' Tennis

- **Emma Baker** (Sophomore) -- Honorable Mention
- **Taylor Newman** (Senior) -- Honorable Mention
- **Anna Rozenberg** (Sophomore) -- Honorable Mention

Golf

- **Nathan Tenpas** (Freshman) -- Honorable Mention



Barons Rowers Look Forward to Fall

By Jennifer Turner and Lou Balodemas

B-CC Crew began as a club sport in 1993 with 26 rowers and borrowed equipment. Eighteen years later, thanks to the dedication of many parents and the support of the entire B-CC community, the crew team is B-CC's largest co-ed sport, with over 80 athletes, a coaching staff, its own fleet of racing shells, and an impressive record of local, regional and national honors.

B-CC rowers and coxswains have gone on to compete for such colleges as Brown, Bucknell, Boston College, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Delaware, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Lafayette, Middlebury, University of North Carolina, Northeastern, Northwestern, Princeton, Purdue, Stanford, University of Massachusetts, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin and Yale.

Since 2001, 22 B-CC Crew team members have been recognized individually as Washington Post All-Met athletes. This year, seniors Harry Holroyd and Nick van der Vink were honored as first team All-Met. This summer, Harry competed at the U.S. Rowing National Junior Team Selection Camp and won a seat in the first boat. He will be representing the U.S. in the World Championships in England this August. In the fall, he will be rowing for the University of Pennsylvania, and Nick will be rowing for Princeton. Two of our returning rowers, Sofia Arend (Junior) and Michael Colella (Senior), participated in the highly selective U.S. Junior National Development Camp this summer.

Highlights from the 2011 spring rowing season include:

- Boys Varsity Eight's first-place finish in the Petite Final and the Girls Varsity Eight's third-place finish in the semi-finals at the SRAA National Championship Regatta in New Jersey.
- Boys Varsity Eight's fifth-place finish in the finals and the Girls Second Eight and Boys Junior Eight's sixth- and fourth-place finishes, respectively, in the semi-finals of the prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia.
- The Barons also rowed well at the WMIRA Regatta on the Potomac in Georgetown, finishing first, second, or third in every final and petite finals race against 14 area public and private schools.
- In the Maryland State Championships at Chestertown, the Boys Varsity Eight won gold, and the Girls Varsity Eight won silver. Both the Boys and Girls Varsity Second boats won silver, as did the Freshman Boys and Girls.

How to Sign Up

The varsity boats are looking forward to another great year in 2011-12 and to welcoming a new crop of freshmen to B-CC's world of rowing.

Freshman and sophomore boys and girls interested in crew should attend an informational lunch meeting that Head Coach, and B-CC English teacher Dan Engler will be offering the first weeks of school. Listen to the morning announcements and check BCC.net for time and location.

An informational meeting for new rowers and their parents will be held Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the B-CC Chorus Room. Come meet the coaches and athletes and find out everything you need to know. Join crew and you will meet new friends, get great daily workouts and learn teamwork. Your Fall season will be spent in our Intro to Rowing program, held after school from Sept. 26 through Oct. 13. Give it a try; no experience is necessary!

Registration for returning varsity athletes will be held the evening of Aug. 31.

Check the team website for more crew highlights, photos and information, and to join the listserv to stay up to date: www.bccrowing.net.

See photos on following pages.



Boys Varsity 8 victorious at Washington Metropolitan Interscholastic Rowing Association (WMIRA)



Boys Varsity 8 racing on the Potomac



Coxswain Matt Speck, and rowers Erik Holmvik and Michael Collela go for gold at the Maryland Championships



Girls Varsity 8 relax after Nationals



Coxswain Zena Wolf encourages Sofia Arend at Nationals



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Save these Dates:

- **New Student Picnic**
Sunday, Aug. 28,
2 to 4 pm on the front lawn of B-CC.
- **New Student Orientation**
Thursday, Aug. 25, 7:30 to 11:15 am.
- **Back to School Night,**
Sept. 8, 7pm.

A poster for 'Ellen's Run' featuring a silhouette of a runner and a dog. The text includes the event name, distance, date, time, and registration information. Logos for the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute are also present.

Ellen's Run
5k Run / 3k Walk
October 16, 2011 / 9:00 am

To register, go to
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