



B-CC BANTER

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Karen Lockard



Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School is located in the center of the Bethesda community, situated in a vibrant urban neighborhood with parks, shops and restaurants within easy

walking distance. Every day our students have the privilege that few high school students are granted, the privilege of an open lunch period where they can venture into the town to dine in the local establishments. Not only does this provide students with a welcome break in the day, it also enables them to learn responsibility as they must monitor their time and return to school promptly. I heartily believe in our open lunch policy.

I do, however, have a concern about the behavior of some of our students in the community. I have received reports from neighboring businesses that some students are acting in an inappropriate manner by loitering, using profanity, interfering with other customers, smoking and, in one case, shoplifting. Educational Facilities Officer Witherspoon and I visited Safeway one day during lunch and actually witnessed shoplifting by B-CC students. This is not who we are at B-CC.

Please know that I realize this is NOT the behavior of most of our students. I am proud that our students are responsible, honest and respectful. I also

know that a few can give the whole group a bad name, and I will not have the school disparaged for the actions of a few. So I ask that you help me address a “good neighbor” concept with all our children.

The Student Government Association has produced a series of TV spots to be aired on “Wake-Up B-CC” highlighting issues that have arisen with our neighbors. I also will speak to the students about the need for them to behave properly in the community. We appreciate the continued support of the local police department as well as our B-CC administrators and security team who work hard to ensure that our students are appropriate and safe both at

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school and in the town. Our students respond well to clear expectations. I expect that an awareness of the problem will lead to a solution. Thank you for your help.

Karen Lockard

CARTA DE LA DIRECTORA

Karen Lockard

La escuela B-CC esta ubicada en el centro de la comunidad de Bethesda, en un vibrante vecindario con parques, tiendas y restaurantes ubicados a distancias caminables. Todos los días nuestros estudiantes tienen el privilegio, al que solamente tienen acceso muy pocos alumnos, de un periodo de lunch abierto, en donde pueden adentrarse en el vecindario para comer en los establecimientos locales. Esta práctica además de proporcionar a los estudiantes un descanso muy bienvenido durante el día, les permite también aprender a responsabilizarse, ya que ellos mismos deben monitorear su tiempo y regresar a la escuela puntualmente. Estoy verdaderamente convencida de nuestra política de lunch a puertas abiertas.

Sin embargo, me preocupa el comportamiento de algunos de nuestros jóvenes en la comunidad. He recibido reportes de negocios vecinos con respecto a la conducta inapropiada de algunos estudiantes

que tiran basura en las calles, se expresan con malas palabras, interfieren con otros clientes, fuman e incluso han robado. En una ocasión, durante el lunch, el oficial de la escuela Whitherspoon y yo visitamos el supermercado Safeway y fuimos testigos de un robo por parte de estudiantes de BCC. Esto NO es lo que somos nosotros en BCC.

Por favor, sepan que me doy cuenta de que éste NO es el comportamiento de la mayoría de nuestros estudiantes. Estoy orgullosa de que nuestros alumnos son responsables, honestos y respetuosos. También sé que la mala conducta de algunos puede arruinar la reputación de un grupo y no voy a permitir el descrédito de la escuela por el inadecuado comportamiento de unos cuantos. Por ello, les

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Interim reports mailed
March 2

End of Third Marking Period
March 27

No School
March 30
April 6 - 13

Report Cards Distributed
April 16

MARCH

- 2Interim Reports Mailed
- 6International Night and Art Show
- 12B-CC Foundation Fundraiser
- 13 - 21 ...Spring Play: White Liars/Black Comedy
- 17PTSA Monthly Meeting
- 20 - 27Dropoff for Book Sale
- 28 - 29Book Sale, B-CC Cafeteria
- 26 - 29Music Dept. Trip to Orlando
- 27End of Third Marking Period
- 30No School

APRIL

- 6 - 13No School; Spring Break
- 14College Admissions Night
- 16Report Cards Distributed
- 17 - 18Macbeth...in the Woods
- 23 - 24B-CC Idol
- 25Sports Booster Plant and Mulch Sale
- 29Interims (Seniors Only)

COMING UP

- May 2Interim Reports Mailed (grades 9 - 11)
- May 15, 16Student One Act Festival
- 22 .Senior Exams begin
- 25No School

Calendar entries are derived from the B-CC website calendar. Contact Michaela Barnes (mabarnes9@aol.com) to add or update entries. Visit the B-CC website calendar for more details on any of the events listed.

Got
an article idea?
A calendar item?

Banter submissions for the next issue are due Wed. April 8. Please email Kathy McKay, mckayk@verizon.net or Ellen Shearer, shearer@northwestern.edu

PARENT TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
WED. MARCH 4
WED. APRIL 1
WED. MAY 6
TOURS BEGIN AT 8 AM IN THE FRONT LOBBY AND LAST ABOUT AN HOUR. PLEASE CALL 240-497-6300 TO MAKE A RESERVATION

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE OF THE BANTER WILL BE APRIL 8

THE B-CC PTSA NOW HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE! BOOKMARK WWW.BCCPTSA.ORG TODAY!

**The B-CC Book Sale is Back!!!
Give Your Books a New Home!**

**Donate Books to the
B-CC High School PTSA
Used Book Sale March 28 and 29**

Fiction and Nonfiction: Children's, Young Adult, Mystery, Art, Sci-Fi, Travel, Business/Economics, Cooking, Home and Garden, Politics, History, Test Prep, Foreign Language, Science, AND MORE!

Please **NO** encyclopedias, outdated textbooks, or magazines.

Drop Off Dates:

FRI. 3/20 2:30 – 9 pm

SAT. 3/21 8 am – 6 pm

SUN. 3/22 9 am – 5 pm

MON. 3/23 thru THURS. 3/26

2:30pm – 9 pm

FRI. 3/27 2:30pm – 7 pm

**Curbside Drop-Off at the main entrance to B-CC High School (4301 East-West Hwy)
Tax receipts given at drop-off.
Proceeds support B-CC PTSA.**

**EARN \$\$\$ FOR B-CC
FROM YOUR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS' CRUISE
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2% on cruise purchases between

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Plus 3% on cruise purchases

between \$5,000 - \$9,999 = **\$300**

Plus 4% on cruise purchases

between \$10,000 - \$14,999 = **\$600**

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3. Tell the agent or email that you are with the (Safeway-eScrip) program.

4. Done – it's that simple!

Any questions please call Laura Schreiber at 301-656-8533
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Carta de la Directora

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solicito su ayuda para transmitir entre nuestros hijos el concepto de una buena vecindad .

La asociación de gobierno de los alumnos ha producido una serie de spots de television para transmitir en "Wake up BCC", subrayando los conflictos que han surgido con nuestros vecinos. Por mi parte, también voy a hablar con los estudiantes acerca de la necesidad que tienen de comportarse adecuadamente en la comunidad.

Apreciamos el apoyo continuo del departamento de policia asi como de nuestro equipo administrativo y de seguridad, quienes trabajan arduamente para garantizar que nuestros estudiantes estén seguros tanto en la escuela como en la ciudad.

Nuestros estudiantes responden adecuadamente a las expectativas. Confio en que tomar conciencia del problema nos conduzca a una solución. Gracias por su ayuda.

Karen Lockard

**Reasons to sign up for
EDLINE:**

1. It's easy--just go to the B-CC website and sign up.

2. It's important: your child's teachers use Edline for important communications with students and parents.

3. It's a link between school and home: use it as a tool to discuss your student's progress and help them succeed!

DO IT TODAY!!!!

B-CC STAFF: CELEBRATING MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN MCPS SCHOOLS

More than 30 years

Mr. Russell Randolph 42 years in building services
 Mr. Richard Smith 42 years, computer and technology
 Mr. Daniel Alemar 38 years, security
 Ms. Nancy Keller-Klothe 34 years, counseling
 Mr. Ronald Joyner 33 years, security
 Ms. Deborah Lerman 33 years, math
 Mr. Curtis Dark 31 years, building services
 Ms. Evanthia Lambrakopoulos 31 years, English

25-year Anniversary

Mr. Robert Sheridan, social studies

20-year Anniversaries

Mr. Philip Herner, social studies
 Mr. William Howell, building services
 Ms. Donna James, composition assistant
 Ms. Sue McPherson, PE

15-year Anniversaries

Ms. Cheryl Feldsott, college and career counselor
 Mr. Macey Robertson, building services
 Ms. Yara Zubalskyj, ESOL

10-year Anniversaries

Ms. Catherine Beyer, English
 Dr. Carolyn Clark, foreign language
 Mr. Tim Gilmore, social studies
 Mr. Ray Gray, security
 Mr. Freddie Harris, building services
 Ms. Suzanne King, math
 Ms. Laura Reese, cafeteria
 Mrs. Jackie Spear, financial agent
 Ms. Tobi Starin, social studies
 Mr. Donald Walker, science
 Ms. Marianne Zweig, media

5-year Anniversaries

Ms. Maigan Campbell, PE
 Ms. Joy Dawson, foreign language
 Ms. Rachel Gold, English
 Mr. Gregory Greenleaf, English
 Ms. Cindi Kornhaus, music
 Ms. Anne Merrell, science
 Mr. Richard Noland, social studies
 Mr. Michael Richards, science
 Ms. Sophie Vigeant, foreign language

WELCOME TO NEW TEACHER, TIM MARSHALL

Computers/Technology Department

Where were you before B-CC?

For the last six months, I was teaching at a private institution in Maryland. Before that I was the network administrator for Carl Freeman Associates for four years.

Why did you want to come to B-CC?

I was excited about the prospect of teaching technology and I heard that B-CC is a great school. I came in for the interview and I was hooked. I could tell that this school was first rate and I feel privileged to be working here.

What do you like most about B-CC so far?

The staff and the student body. The staff has been incredibly supportive during my transition and the students have been hard working.

What would students be surprised to know about you?

I am one of 15 children from the same parents: Sherry, Mikie, Shawn, Denise, Deneen, Kevin, Noel, Terry, Brian, Andy, Tim, Kelly, Erin, Renee, and Monique.

STUDENT TEACHERS AT B-CC

By Stacy Farrar, Staff Development

B-CC is proud to be a Professional Development School. In that role, we partner with several local universities to help train their prospective teachers. This semester we are fortunate to have 10 student teachers from three universities.

From American University, graduate student Sara Nemati is working with Mr. Patrick Bilock in Science, and graduate student Abby Davis joins forces with both Ms. Jasmin Lizarazo and Ms. Maigan Campbell in Health and PE. In English, Emily Hoffman is paired with Ms. Laura Finarelli, Chris Vitale is teamed up with Mr. Gregory Greenleaf and Lauren Volosin is working under the tutelage of Mr. Aaron Taylor and Mr. Dan Engler. In Social Studies, Ben Schein is teamed with Mr. Warren Richard and Mr. Phil Herner, and Ricky Failla is collaborating with Mr. Rich Noland and Mr. Nathan Herchenroeder. In Music, Joel Harris of Howard University is working with Mr. Marshall White. This is the second year in a row the music department has welcomed a student from Howard. Rounding out the list is Tim Pritchard of Towson University, who will arrive in March and team up with Mr. Ricardo Hernandez in the Physical Education department.

While many of the student teachers are learning great things under the tutelage of our master teachers, we are learning from them, too – they were thrilled to see the Promethean boards and immediately got to work learning new tricks and sharing their knowledge with us.

A few of our student teachers have grand plans for next year: One hopes to teach in Spain, another plans to work on a missions ship, and still another wants to teach at a boarding school. But we hope that at least a few of them decide to make B-CC their home.

By Lily Karlin ('09)

It is the first day of review. I sit, confused, staring at the black and white photograph of a flower's innards on the projector in front of me. Listening to my classmates' voices, I identify the words "contrast," "pixels," "angle" and "lens," but I cannot sensibly string them together.

Tomorrow is the same. But next week, words that once swiftly passed through my ears begin to hold meaning. I make connections to the artwork being discussed and find myself participating in a debate over a submitted poem's message.

Working on the staff of "Chips" has always been a learning experience. Since my first fumbling days as a sophomore, nervously taking in a new environment, I have been exposed to unfamiliar media and acquired a set of entirely new vocabulary words to evaluate artwork. I have learned to work with three separate staffs. Slowly, settling into our best dynamic, we discussed and deliberated our way towards the successful production of the magazine at each year's end.

Now, in the final months' focus on the magazine's theme and design, we begin to think toward next year's staff. When I am gone from Bethesda, taking my newly developed knowledge of sestina, scratchboard and Indesign Pro, a new group of students will sit on the second floor of B-CC and continue the 72-year tradition of "Chips."

In the next month, we will embark on the interview process to find these students. Speaking from my own enjoyable experience, I encourage any B-CC student with even a faint feeling of interest in writing or art to interview. Regardless of your prior experience, working on "Chips" will develop your knowledge of writing technique and inspire new avenues for creation; it will provide you with an outlet for artistic discussion and develop your analytical skills.

The class also has its less serious side, involving lots of giggles and brownies and talking about TV shows. If you are interested in joining the staff of next year's magazine or want to learn more about "Chips," please visit Ms. Gold in room C215 or email the staff at submittochips@hotmail.com.

NEW CLASSROOMS AT B-CC

By Susan Kitt

When B-CC reopened in early 2002, approximately 1,350 students filled the halls of the school that was designed to accommodate 1,544 students. Each year since has seen enrollment increase and classroom space become tighter. With this year's student population at 1,785 students, the past semester found B-CC bursting at the seams. Fortunately, the plans for the "new" B-CC included additional space in the lower level of the school.

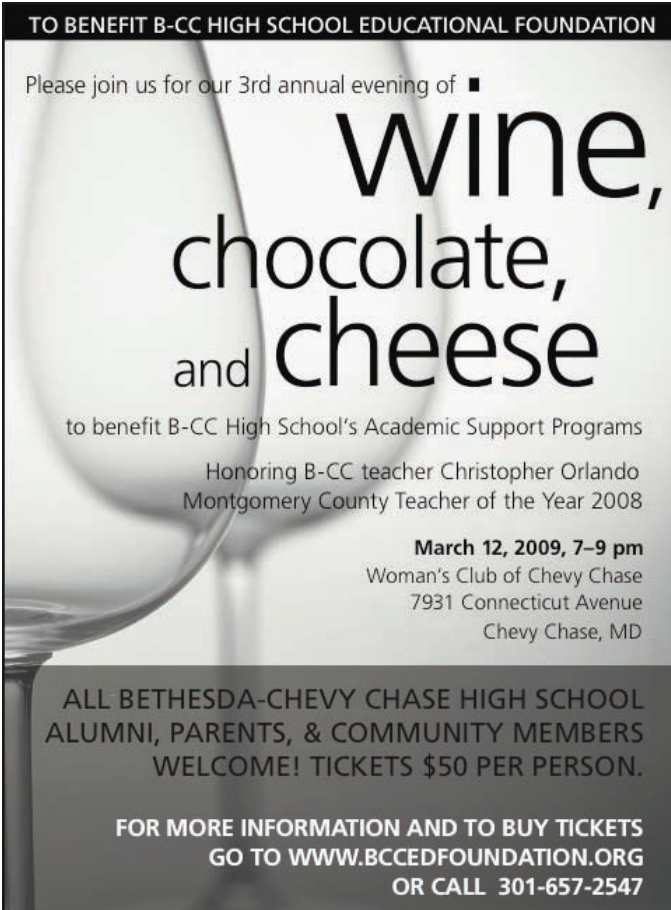
During spring 2007, discussions began with the Division of Construction at MCPS to determine how best to accommodate B-CC's much-needed expansion. Those early meetings helped formulate a plan that would include new classrooms in the lower level of Building E and some alterations to the third floor of Building C. Through an architectural selection process orchestrated by MCPS, Bigwell Watkins Hasser Architects P.C. was selected to design the new space. The area that many in the B-CC community know as the "used book sale" storage space would become five brightly lit classrooms. On the third floor, two existing technology classrooms were redesigned to make them more compatible with current tech-ed curriculum. Fixed workstations were removed and replaced by flexible tables. A small meeting room located between the two tech classrooms was expanded by incorporating an adjacent storage closet. A hallway door was added, producing an additional classroom.

Last winter the project was put out to bid and Tuckman-Barbee Construction Co. was selected. Funding was approved in July and the third floor alterations were completed prior to the start of this school year. Construction on the lower level was completed in mid-January and second semester began with classes assigned to the new rooms.

The five new classrooms — with large windows, new desks, computers, printers, phones and promethium boards — are now being used for English, social studies, drama, health and calculus classes.

Seventy-two full-size lockers line the hall. In addition, a movable partition separates two of the classrooms, offering another option for larger meetings.

Thanks to the additional 35 room options available throughout the day, classroom scheduling has become easier.



TO BENEFIT B-CC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Please join us for our 3rd annual evening of

wine, chocolate, and cheese

to benefit B-CC High School's Academic Support Programs

Honoring B-CC teacher Christopher Orlando
Montgomery County Teacher of the Year 2008

March 12, 2009, 7-9 pm
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A NEW TREE AT B-CC

By Judy Gilbert Levey
B-CC Grounds Volunteer

There's a new tree on the grounds of B-CC, planted to honor B-CC Class of 1939 alum Greydon Tolson, who passed away in fall 2007. The autumn-flowering cherry tree (*prunus autumnalis*) was donated and planted by the Montgomery Forestry Board, an organization dedicated to serving and preserving forests and educating the public about the benefits of trees. An arborist, Tolson served as the first president of the Montgomery Forestry Board upon its formation in 1952.

Tolson came back to B-CC in 2006 for a meeting of the Montgomery Forestry Board, where the group voted to assist B-CC in the renovation of its front lawn trees, including tree removal and pruning. B-CC also will be among the recipients of new trees to be planted this spring, which will be donated by a developer in Bethesda and planted by the Bethesda Urban Partnership.

These new trees will include popular trees such as American elms and will complete the replacement of trees lost a few years ago due to summer droughts.



B-CC RATED AS "EXCELLENT"

By Sharon Libby, B-CC Business Manager

On Dec. 15, Division of School Plant Operation Supervisor Howard Thompson conducted a surprise inspection at B-CC. His extensive report listed almost 1,700 items that he inspected and evaluated against an established county standard for safety, cleanliness, and appearance. He found that 96.7 percent of the items he evaluated surpassed the requirements to meet the standard.

The rating of "excellent" that he gave B-CC reflects the outstanding efforts on the part of both the day and the evening building services teams. They are truly the unsung heroes who work daily behind the scenes, taking care of staff, students, and building needs.

Building Services Manager Curits Dark oversees his staff of 13. William Howell, the night leader, supervises eight employees who work on the evening shift. Both men have worked to implement a new systematic team cleaning program. The county now requires compliance by all schools with this new program. In this case, it appears that the efforts have not been in vain, and that this new team approach works well.

A rating of excellent is quite an achievement for any school. However considering B-CC's size – five floors and 296,000 square feet; the shortage of building services staff due to the hiring freeze – one unfilled full-time position; and construction that has been ongoing for seven to eight months, the effort on the part of the building services team has been nothing

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MORE MURALS MAKING A COMEBACK!

By Carole Brand and Julie Pounds

Could the wonderful wall murals painted by B-CC students from the 1940s through the 1990s be displayed on the walls of B-CC once again? They could not be saved during B-CC's modernization because the walls on which they were painted were lined with asbestos. Fortunately, the PTSA had them photographed before the demolition, and the B-CC Educational Foundation is leading the effort to have the murals recreated.

The class of 1975 started the ball rolling with a generous gift at their 30th reunion to recreate the "Elvis" mural that now graces the wall across from the new B-CC auditorium. This summer, B-CC alumnus Philip Hutinet ('88) offered to repaint "Youthquake," the mural he created in 1988, and he is now putting it on canvas. Once complete, his donation of this recreated piece of B-CC history will hang in the Art hallway, adjacent to the atrium highlighting the 1934 "C" building.

The class of 1956 is now a part of our most exciting historic murals recreation. Their generous 50th reunion gift is bringing back the "B-CC Mural." This mural, originally painted in the 1940s, represents everything B-CC, including sports teams, cheerleaders, graduation, the bonfire, the

glee club and more. B-CC parent, artist and muralist Katie Freeman Vita has duplicated the mural on canvas with acrylics on four panels, which soon will be mounted on the curved wall in the school's entrance lobby above the trophy case. At the same time, Ms. Vita is working with students to create an updated companion piece, which will highlight B-CC life now.

This exciting project is possible only with the support of interested B-CC HS fans. You can see the photos of the original murals and the progress of the mural recreation project on the Foundation website: www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni/bcc_photogallery/murals/index.htm.

GRADUATION SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

By Chris Orlando, Math Teacher and adviser, Class of 2009

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, a 1984 B-CC graduate, will give the commencement address to the 2009 graduating class on June 2 at 10 a.m. at DAR Constitution Hall. Gov. Culver played on the B-CC basketball team that won a state tournament in his senior year; he received a full scholarship to play football at Virginia Tech.

As a reminder to parents of seniors, a packet of detailed information regarding prom and graduation were to be mailed at the end of February.

2009 – 2010 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

Diana Kirtley, Internship Coordinator

The Internship Program at B-CC is an integral part of the academic curriculum for juniors and seniors. In early February, as they prepared to select courses for next year, rising eleventh and twelfth graders learned about the Internship Program through in-class presentations. Students receive both academic credit and grades for participating in the Internship Program. Interns spend part of each week off-campus working under the combined supervision of both B-CC and an outside sponsor at a workplace that has been mutually agreed upon by the student, B-CC and the sponsor.

Participants in Internship Develop Life-long, Transferable Skills:

- written and oral communication, including resumes and cover letters
- interviews, follow-up and thank you letters
- responsible and productive habits working with adults in a professional environment
- promptness, accuracy, and reliability
- management and discipline of setting priorities, planning the productive use of time, and adhering to schedules
- leadership, including project development
- recognition of, and appreciation for, workplace dress and etiquette
- technical expertise
- self-discovery and evaluation
- preparation for college internships
- preparation for summer and other jobs
- networking

Sample Internship Possibilities

The B-CC Internship Program offers our students an amazing array of well-supervised career opportunities to make connections between the classroom and the workplace. A partial list of recent and current internship sponsors includes: NIH, Sibley and Suburban Hospitals, NIST, AFI, *Bethesda Magazine*, Folger Shakespeare Library, USDA – Beltsville Research Center, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, the Consumer Safety Product Commission, Hillwood Museum and Gardens, Round House Theatre, the Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender, *The Gazette*, Chevy Chase Bank Headquarters, National Building Museum, Library of Congress, Shakespeare Theatre, The Calvert Group as well as area veterinarians, medical doctors, physical therapists, elementary and middle schools, realtors, architects, dentists, lawyers, investment bankers and managers, accountants, and advertising and marketing firms.

Enrollment Is Easy--Students and parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Kirtley to discuss Internship possibilities by coming to Room B306, the Internship Office, or by calling 240-497-6328. Application packets are available in the Internship Office.

Additional information and enrollment forms are also available online at the B-CC website. Go to the Academics page and click on Internships. The application deadline for the 2009-2010 B-CC Internship Program is March 6, 2009.

B-CC'S "EXCELLENT" GRADES

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short of herculean.

In addition to Mr. Dark and Mr. Howell, much credit for our excellent rating goes to our newly promoted plant equipment operator, Freddie Harris. Mr. Harris took over this new position in July, and within two weeks he was also made acting building service manager, taking over for Mr. Dark, who was on leave due to a back injury. As the building PEO, Mr. Harris is responsible for servicing and maintaining

all the physical equipment in the school.

Others that share credit include Aaron Askew, Neris Bonilla, Duane Chase new this year, Rommel Cruz, Ophelia Dansoah, Lillian Flores, Rudolph Henderson, Lascells Samuels, Meeja Lee, Sharon Pei and Russell Randolph.

Be sure to give them a "congratulations" when you next see them.

COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010

By Nancy Klothe, Guidance Counselor

On Feb. 2 and 3, B-CC guidance counselors met with students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 in social studies classes to distribute MCPS course guides and registration cards. The due date for cards to be signed by parents and returned to teachers was Feb.11. Each student will also meet individually with his or her guidance counselor to discuss progress toward graduation and course selections. B-CC counselors have also distributed registration materials at Westland and met individually with eighth graders to discuss their course choices for next year.

When selecting a schedule, keep in mind that the following courses are required for graduation:

- 4 credits English
- 3 credits Social Studies (US History, NSL Government, World History)
- 4 credits Math (including Algebra and Geometry)
- 3 credits Science (including Biology and one physical science)
- 1 credit PE
- ½ credit Health
- 1credit Fine Arts
- 1 credit Technology
- 2 credits Foreign Language or Advanced Technology, or a multi-credit Career Program
- At least 22 credits total

In Grades 9 and 10, students generally try to complete their PE, Health, Fine Arts and Technology requirements. This allows them more choice in Grades 11 and 12 from B-CC's long list of fine elective courses.

Students who are interested in government and who did well in 9th grade US History may want to take AP NSL Government in 10th grade. In 11th and 12th grades there are many AP Social Studies course choices.

Rising juniors may enroll in the full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program or receive IB Certificates in specific subjects. Those students who may be interested in IB courses should see Beth Groeneman, the IB Coordinator, to make a plan for junior and senior year.

Although course selection cards have been submitted to counselors, changes can be made until early July.

WHAT INSPIRES YOUR DREAMS?

By Cheryl Feldsott, College/Career Coordinator

What inspires your dreams? What do you see in your future? Use the list of possibilities below to connect your interests and dreams to college degree programs that will prepare you for success in your future career.

My dreams: Make a lasting impact on the environment. Create settings that solve problems, add beauty and enhance our environment.

Academic area: Architecture, Construction, Design
Possible majors: Architecture, Building, Environmental, Graphic, Industrial and Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Real Estate Development

My dreams: Touch the human spirit through talent and creativity in the arts; perform, create, and build understanding.

Academic area: Art, Humanities, Culture
Possible majors: African-American, American Indian, Global and Hispanic Studies, Anthropology, Arts, Dance, Film, Music, Philosophy, Religion

My dreams: Become an entrepreneur or a business executive. Envision the future and manage the details.

Academic area: Business, Management, Economics
Possible majors: Accounting, Agribusiness, Food Service and Retail Management, Business Administration, Computer Information Systems, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Hospitality and Tourism, International Business, Marketing

My dreams: Write a proposal. Translate a conversation. Communicate effectively. Deliver information via the media.

Academic area: Communication, Languages
Possible majors: Audiology, Communication Disorders, Creative and Technical Writing, English, Foreign Languages, Journalism, Communication

My dreams: Make policy to improve society. Provide safe, beautiful environments. Manage recreation and tourism.

Influence public health.

Academic area: Community Planning, Policy, Services
Possible majors: Environmental Planning and Studies, Geography, Housing and Urban Development, Public Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, Recreation Management, Urban Planning and Studies

My dreams: Web technology and databases. Use math to improve technology and solve social problems.

Academic area: Computers, Mathematics
Possible majors: Applied Science, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Mathematics, Software Engineering, Statistics

My dreams: Shape the future through education. Live your passion by teaching.

Academic area: Education
Possible majors: Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood, Educational Administration, Elementary, Physical, Secondary, Special Education, Teaching English as a Foreign Language

My dreams: Create new technologies. Solve practical problems through engineering.

Academic area: Engineering, Technology
Possible majors: Biotechnology, Cyber Security, Engineering, Internet and Web Development

My dreams: Explore the universe. Care for the sick. Use science to improve health and enhance performance.

Academic area: Health, Life, Natural Science
Possible majors: Astrophysics, Biology, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Exercise and Wellness, Health Care Management, Kinesiology, Meteorology, Microbiology, Nursing, Nutrition, Occupational, Physical and Recreation Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physics, Speech and Hearing Science

My dreams: Solve problems by building connections. Apply multiple interests toward a single goal.

Academic area: Interdisciplinary Studies
Possible majors: Communication and Rhetoric, Diversity, Environmental, Ethnic, Leadership, Leisure, Liberal, Medieval and Renaissance, Museum, Urban Studies

My dreams: Help create a just society. Engage in law enforcement.

Academic area: Law, Justice
Possible majors: Criminal Justice, Criminology, Forensic Chemistry, Justice and Legal Studies, Law Enforcement, Legal Studies

My dreams: Understand the human mind. Help people resolve personal issues. Participate in political life.

Academic area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Possible majors: Counseling, Gender Studies, Family and Human Development, Psychology, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Science, Social Work, Sociology, Women's Studies

TIME FOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS (TAP)

TAP at B-CC runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm.

If your child needs help in the evenings, he or she can attend TAP at the Coffield Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. For those new to B-CC,

TAP provides students with a structured place to work after school. B-CC teachers are available to help students with homework, studying, projects, papers, etc. If you ever have any questions regarding your child's TAP attendance, email Sarah Straus: Sarah_E_Straus@mcpsmd.org.

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH ECUADOR

By Thomas Korenchuk ('09) and Sarah Korenchuk ('12)
11th Annual Service Trip, June 19-28, 2009

We need your help! Support your classmates, their families and your community this summer in their volunteer service work in the impoverished Andes of Ecuador, South America. You can help in this humanitarian effort by donating any of the following (new or gently-used).

Leave the items in the designated box in the main office:

craft materials * art supplies * beads and
jewelry-making supplies * markers and drawing
supplies * yarn and fabric * puzzles, games and cards *
Legos and building blocks * soccer balls * jump ropes *
children's chewable vitamins * sunglasses * Chapsticks *
toothbrushes

Questions? Email Thomas at TKorenchuk@Yahoo.com or
Sarah at Sarah.TrandelKorenchuk@Gmail.com

B-CC Pre-School



MCPS Child Development 2009-2010 School Year
Visit us and apply NOW!

SOME OPENINGS THIS YEAR TOO- Spring '09

Now enrolling 3 and 4 year olds

Monday through Thursday, 9:10-11:00

BCC High School

Fee: tba MCPS lab fee
(sliding/ aprox. \$300 next year)

Info./Application: Carolyn_C_Breen@mcpsmd.org

Dr. Clark at 301-951-6664

Designate Bethesda-Chevy Chase High
School (School ID:58098) at
Target.com's "Take Charge of Education"
link. Target will donate 1% of your purchases
with your REDcard or Target Visa at Target
and Target.com, and 1/2% of purchases made
elsewhere with your Target Visa to the PTSA.

Be sure this date is on your calendar:
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7:30 pm,
for an evening to benefit the
B-CC HS Educational Foundation!
Your invitation was mailed 2 weeks
ago, so pull it out, fill out the enclosed
RSVP card and return it.
Or, to pay and donate online, go to
www.bccedfoundation.org.
Delicious food, great conversation,
& cool jazz at the Woman's Club of
Chevy Chase, where we will honor
B-CC Math Teacher Chris Orlando,
Montgomery County
Teacher of the Year 2008.
All faculty, parents, B-CC alums,
& community friends are welcome to
our third annual "Wine, Chocolate, and
Cheese" community event.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH FOR PARENTS OF ESOL STUDENTS AND LATINO PARENTS IN THE B-CC CLUSTER AREA

Cyber Café 7 – 9 pm., 4301 East-West
Highway, Bethesda, MD. 20814

Parents of ESOL students and Latino parents
are invited to register for this computer course.
Registration and classes will begin March 4, at 6 pm.
Space is limited and

registrations will be accepted on a first come
basis. Each class will consist of a variety of
topics about computer literacy; and at the end
of the course parents will be presented a Certificate.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn
more about: Introduction to PC, Keyboarding,
Create an Email Account, Correspond through Emails,
Access Edline, How To Electronically Check Your
Children's School Grades, Word.

Classes will be offered during the following
Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm:
March: 4, 11, 18, 25, April: 1, 15, and 22.

Questions: call Mrs. Sylvia Marañón at
(240) 497.6300 or email at
Sylvia_Y_Maranon@mcpsmd.org

Montgomery County Public Schools, B-CC High School and
B-CC High School Education Foundation



FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Mary Rubino

TELL US ABOUT IT!

Have you ever had one of those moments when you think, "Wow, I am *so glad* my kids go to B-CC?" Maybe it was when you attended a theater production, sports event, concert, art show, International Night, or Back to School Night. But more likely it was when your child told you about an encounter with a staff member who cared, who took the time to explain something, helped them out of a jam, or inspired them in some way. The PTSA heard many stories of such caring moments when we conducted surveys of the community last year. We heard about examples of teachers, administrators and staff who fulfill our school's goals in big and small ways, supporting our students in and out of the classroom, over and above

their required duties. These actions impact many students and often make a lasting impression – sometimes literally changing a student's life path. This has inspired us to create a new program to shine a light on the unsung heroes who fulfill the letter and the spirit of our school mission:

B-CC's school mission is to develop lifelong learners; independent, critical thinkers; and responsible, compassionate global citizens. B-CC empowers its diverse student body by offering a rigorous instructional program as well as a wide range of extracurricular activities, supported and enriched by the surrounding community.

We would like to hear about, recognize, and thank B-CC staff who give of themselves to make B-CC a vibrant learning community. We ask you to

share *your* stories, to tell us about the B-CC people who have made a difference in your child's life, and by their actions fulfilled our school mission.

Here are ways to get involved:

1. Send your stories to Mary Cobbett. A committee of parents, students and staff will select one individual from the submitted stories to receive special recognition each quarter. 2. Volunteer to be on the review committee. 3. Join in recognizing the selected staff member who will receive a token of our appreciation, a plaque in the main office, and a write-up in the Banter.

Please send your thoughts, stories, and nominations to Mary Cobbett at mary.cobbett@starpower.net and look for the first award winner in the next issue of the Banter.

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EMPTY OUT THOSE SHELVES--AND MAKE ROOM FOR MORE THE BOOK SALE IS BACK!

By Alex Weiner

Back by popular demand from parents and the community, the B-CC Used Book Sale will be held on March 28th and 29th! The new classrooms that were gained by the basement expansion of B-CC meant a loss of the storage/sorting space used in previous book sales. That means that this year, we're starting from scratch. The sale will consist of all books donated in the one-week drop/sort period — Friday, March 20, through Friday, March 27. The organizers anticipate a sale smaller in scope, but just as well-organized and of the same high caliber as in years' past.

All new for this year — the

week-long "drop and sort" before the sale will take place after school and over the weekend in B-CC's two atriums. We will need plenty of help at the two drop-off locations and sorting the books into categories. Students, parents and book sale alums — We Need You!

All that's required are a few hours of your time and a love of books! Peggy Hsieh, one of last year's co-chairs, said that she joined the planning committee as a freshman parent to meet people and was hooked.

Please email Elizabeth Tobey at wetobey@comcast.net to get on the volunteer list.

DROP-OFF DATES:

Friday 3/20	2:30 pm till 9 pm
Saturday 3/21	8 am till 6 pm
Sunday 3/22	9 am till 5 pm
Monday 3/23 - Thursday 3/26	2:30 pm till 9 pm
Friday 3/27	2:30 pm till 5 pm

SALE DATES:

Saturday 3/28	10 am till 6 pm
Sunday 3/29	10 am till 3 pm

CURBSIDE DROP-OFF LOCATION:

In the circle drive at the main entrance (4301 East-West Hwy) and at the Chelton Street entrance
You deliver. — We unload!
Tax receipts given at drop-off.
All proceeds support B-CC PTSA!

Book Sale Co-Chairs

Lyndsey Gerber	lgerber@covad.net
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Alex Weiner	markalexweiner@verizon.net

***RENEW YOUR GIANT BONUSCARD
AND ESCRIP/SAFEWAY GROCERY
CARDS NOW!***

Please remember to register your Giant BonusBucks and eScrip Safeway cards again this fall. Parents, faculty, staff and other supporters must register every year to ensure that the supporter's points are credited to the correct school(s). If you are new to B-CC you also must register every year.

Last year B-CC earned over \$6,500 from Giant BonusBucks and \$4,000 from eScrip Safeway cards. You may renew online by following the directions below. Or contact Laura Schreiber. She will be happy to register for you. You will need your 12-digit Giant BonusCard number. Your Safeway/eScrip card number has 11-digits.

Giant A+Bonus Bucks Program
B-CC ID =00636

To register go to the following site and follow the directions:

http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus_totals.htm . You will need your 12-digit Giant BonusCard number and the ID number for B-CC - 00636.

Escrip/Safeway
B-CC ID= 1563784

Go to www.escrip.com and reregister your card for this program or to sign up for the first time if you haven't done so in the past. You will need the 11-digit number from your red Safeway card and the B-CC ID - 1563784.

For more information please *contact: Laura Schreiber, 301-656-8533, lauraandrich18@gmail.com.*

Thanks for your support!

B-CC'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT and ART SHOW

March 6, 6:30-9:30 pm

Did you know that the B-CC school community includes students from more than 40 countries?

The B-CC International Club is sponsoring an International Night and Art Show on Friday, March 6, from 6:30-9:30 pm.

Come, have fun and enjoy delicious food, fabulous fashion and a showcase of talent from around the world. The dinner will be held in the cafeteria. Students who bring a dish that serves eight to ten people will earn SSL or CAS hours. Students may also earn hours by participating in the fashion show, performing in the talent show or displaying items from a particular country or region of the world. Sign up in the "C" hallway. Also at this year's event, the Art Department will sponsor an Art Show displaying work by B-CC's talented art students.

Visit the atrium for this spectacular showcase. Save the date!

¡HA VUELTO LA VENTA DE LIBROS USADOS!

Por Alex Weiner

Debida a la demanda popular por parte de los padres y de la comunidad, La Venta de Libros Usados de B-CC tendrá lugar el 28 y 29 de marzo. Las nuevas aulas de clase ganadas por la expansión del sótano de B-CC significaban que ya no hubo espacio para almacenar y ordenar los libros donados de los años anteriores. Así que este año estamos empezando desde cero. La Venta consistirá sólo de los libros donados durante los ocho días entre el viernes, 20 de marzo y el viernes, 27 de marzo. Los organizadores anticipan un cuadro menor de ventas, pero que el evento sea tan bien organizado y de una calidad igual a las ventas de los años pasados.

Nuevamente este año, la semana de “entregar y ordenar” antes de la venta

tendrá lugar después de las clases y durante el fin de semana del 21 y el 22 de marzo, en los dos atrios de B-CC. Necesitaremos mucha ayuda en los dos puntos de entrega de libros donados y también en el trabajo de colocar los libros en categorías, que se incluye libros en español. Estudiantes, padres, y alumni de las ventas de otros años—¡necesitamos a todos Ustedes!

¡Solo se requiere algunas horas suyas y un amor a los libros! Una de los coordinadores de la venta del año pasado, Peggy Hsieh, dice que se juntó al comité de planificación cuando era madre de un estudiante del 9th grado, con el fin de conocer a más gente, y se quedó porque le picaba el proyecto. Para ser

FECHAS PARA ENTREGAR LIBROS:

Viernes 3/20	2:30 pm hasta 9 pm
Sábado 3/21	8 am hasta 6 pm
Domingo 3/22	9 am hasta 5 pm
Lunes 3/23 - Jueves 3/26	2:30 pm hasta 9 pm
Viernes 3/27	2:30 pm hasta 5 pm

FECHAS DE LA VENTA:

Sábado 3/28	10 am hasta 6 pm
Domingo 3/29	10 am hasta 3 pm

DONDE SE ENTREGAN LOS LIBROS DONADOS:

Frente a la entrada principal de B-CC High School (4301 East-West Hwy, Bethesda) y también en la entrada de Chelton Street
 ¡Ud. entrega—nosotros descargamos!
 Recibos para los impuestos disponibles en el punto de entrega.
 ¡Todos los fondos recaudados apoyan al PTSA de B-CC!

Coordinadores de la Venta de Libros Usados

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¡REGRESAN LOS MURALES!

Por Carole Brand y Julie Pounds

¿Será posible que los maravillosos murales que pintaron los estudiantes de B-CC entre los años 40 y los 90 de nuevo formen parte del paisaje de nuestra escuela? Estas obras no pudieron conservarse con la modernización de B-CC porque las paredes en las que se pintaron estaban recubiertas con asbesto. Por suerte, la PTSA las fotografió antes de la demolición y, hoy, la Fundación Educativa de B-CC está encabezando el esfuerzo para pintarlos de nuevo.

Todo comenzó con la reunión de la generación de 1975 con motivo de sus 30 años de graduación, y su generoso donativo para recrear “Elvis” que ahora adorna el muro frente al nuevo auditorio de B-CC.

Este verano, Philip Hutinet, alumno de la generación '88 ofreció pintar de nuevo “Youthquake”, el mural que creó en 1988 y que ahora pintará sobre tela. Una vez terminado, su donativo de esta pieza de la historia de B-CC se exhibirá en el pasillo de Arte, adyacente al atrio que ilumina el edificio “C”, que data de 1934.

La generación de 1956 ya forma parte de nuestra más emocionante recreación de murales históricos, pues gracias a su generosa contribución con motivo de su reunión número 50, regresará el “Mural de B-CC”. Este mural se pintó originalmente en los años 40 y representa todo lo que significa

B-CC incluyendo a los equipos deportivos, las porristas, la graduación, la fogata, el grupo coral y más. Katie Freeman Vita, artista y muralista y madre de un alumno de la escuela copió el mural, dividido en cuatro paneles, en acrílico sobre tela. La obra se exhibirá en el muro curvo del vestíbulo principal de la escuela, sobre la vitrina de trofeos. Al mismo tiempo, Katie está trabajando con estudiantes para crear una obra actualizada que acompañe a esta primera, destacando cómo es hoy la vida de B-CC.

Este gran proyecto ha sido posible gracias al apoyo de fanáticos interesados de B-CC. Si desea ver las fotografías de los murales originales y el avance del proyecto para revivirlos, visite el sitio de la Fundación: www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni/bcc_photogallery/murals/index.htm

B-CC STUDENTS MEET WITH GREAT SUCCESS AT THE 2009 MD STATE THEATER FESTIVAL

Now in its 14th year, the Maryland High School State Theater Festival gives high school students across the state the opportunity to perform in judged competitions, attend workshops and present student-directed one-act plays. Held at Blake High School, the two-day event has been a great experience for B-CC students – and they have won many prizes.

This year, the following students were honored at the festival, held Jan. 23-24:

Juniors Anthony Pape-Calabrese, Alyssa Picard and Zach Weinberg were recognized as All-State Theater Artists. Pape-Calabrese and Weinberg also won Outstanding Acting Awards for their work throughout the festival.

Alex Donesky, Anthony Pape-Calabrese, Alyssa Picard, Zach Weinberg and sophomore Caroline Borders were inducted into the Maryland High School Theatre Honor Society.

B-CC students also performed in a one-act play, “Common Ground,” directed by Zach Weinberg; stage manager was David Sottile. Cast included Greg Atkin, Ian Brown-Gorrell, Lucy Chin, Caroline Diehl, Bhenn Houde-Hostland, Kate Jackson, Scy Krogh, Catty Leipold, Ezra Lewis, Alyssa Picard, Jon Miot, Hallie Zolkower-Kutz and Susannah Wilson.

Picard won an Award of Excellence for her monologue from “A Winter’s Tale” in the Classical Fest and sophomore Spence Weinreich also was recognized with an Award for Excellence for his recitation of the “Teller of Tales” monologue by Yates and Shakespeare’s *Sonnet 21*.

Pape-Calabrese and Weinreich received an Award for Excellence for their performance in “The International Stud” by Harvey Feinstein at the Scene Fest. Pape-Calabrese also won an Award of Excellence in Playwriting for his play “Off the Hinges.”

Another original work, “I Am My Mind,” which was submitted as a film, won three awards: Best Cast (former B-CC students Amanda Bester-Siegel, Spencer Johnson and current seniors Emmi Stern and Lizzie Parmenter, juniors Kate Davis, Donesky, Pape-Calabrese and Weinberg, and sophomore Weinrich), Best Script and Best Editing. The film, a story of a teenage boy with autism, is posted on the Dan Marino Foundation for autism’s web site at <http://www.childnett.tv/videos/stories>.

Aaron Taylor, English teacher and B-CC artistic director, sponsors the event for B-CC students.

B-CC BACKSTAGE

Something evil this way comes

Macbeth is on its way to B-CC. Sponsored by B-CC teacher and artistic director Aaron Taylor and directed by Anthony Pape-Calabrese, this version of Macbeth will be staged outside. The cast has been selected and rehearsals underway. Stay tuned for more information on the show, which will be performed on April 17 and 18.

Celebrate Good Times

Plans for the end-of-year Theater Banquet are underway. A great time to honor the hard work and good times had by B-CC theater seniors, the banquet this year is scheduled for Friday, May 22, from 6:30 to 9, in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 and seniors are free. Theater parents – mark it on your calendar!

B-CC Theater Calendar

White Liars/Black Comedy	March 13, 14, 20, 21 @7:30
Macbeth. . . in the woods	April 17, 18
B-CC Idol	April 23, 24
Student One-Act Festival	May 15, 16

A CLEVER EVENING FILLED WITH LAUGHS FOR WHITE LIES/BLACK COMEDY IN MARCH

A wide-ranging cast of comical characters awaits audiences for B-CC’s spring play, “The White Liars and Black Comedy.” which will run March 13-14 and 20-21, in the B-CC Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The two one-act plays by Peter Shaffer will be staged “Black Box” theater-style with the audience sitting in chairs on stage surrounding the action, creating a unique and intimate experience for all.

With two casts of talented actors over two weekends, the play shows what happens when a fortune teller meets a rock musician and his agent. The agent bribes Baroness Lemberg to fake some magic over a crystal ball, ostensibly to discourage the musician from pursuing his girlfriend. Recently revived at The Roundabout Theatre in New York, “White Liars” is a sharply etched study of characters steeped in deception. “Farce with a capital F,” wrote Christian Science Monitor; “a tour de force,” said New York Newsday; “a lot of fun,” chimed in the New Yorker.

“Black Comedy” depicts the lovesick and desperate sculptor Brindsley Miller, who has embellished his apartment with furniture and objects d’arte “borrowed” from the absent antique collector next door. The fussy neighbor, Harold Gorringer, returns just as a blown fuse plunges the apartment into darkness, and Brindsley is revealed teetering on the verge of very ripe farce. Unexpected guests, aging spinsters, errant phone cords and other snares impede his frantic attempts to return the purloined items before the light comes back on. Artistic Director and drama teacher Aaron Taylor, Technical Director Jeff Kenton and a talented student cast and crew have created an intimate set and put together a compelling show.

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MUSIC DEPT NEWS

By Julie Heaney and Debbie Jaffe



Cabaret Fundraiser a Huge Success — A huge thank you goes out to cabaret chair Bonnie Norman and her team of over 100 volunteers for a wildly successful event. This was the most well attended Cabaret in its 13-year history. The near sell-out crowd enjoyed a pasta feast and fabulous desserts donated by local businesses and parent volunteers. Thank you to the student musicians who provided the audience with beautiful music and to the student servers who graciously took care of our guests. The evening ended on a high note as guests danced to tunes played by Marshall White and Friends.

Spring Trip to Orlando - Our trip to Orlando Florida is just about a month away (March 25 – 29)! We have approximately 230 students signed up to go, which is more than we have ever had. Questions about the final balance or

fundraising credit should be directed to Debbie Jaffe at dmjaffe@comcast.net.

Performances in the Community – The Jazz Band and String Ensemble performed at Rock Creek Forest and Bethesda Elementary Schools on Feb. 25. Many of our ensembles, including the Barbershop and Beauty Shop Quartets, Cello Quartet, Brass Quintet and the Woodwind Quintet also performed at the Bethesda Library on Feb. 28. They will perform at North-Chevy Chase and Chevy Chase Elementary Schools on April 17.

Music Department t-shirts are on sale for \$16. To purchase a shirt contact Cindi Kornhaus in the music office.

Congratulations to the Jazz Band for earning straight ones

and a superior rating at the Montgomery County Jazz Festival on December 13. Congratulations also to Caroline Diehl and Winston

Kelly, who made All-State Chorus.

Thanks to Chris Addis ('10) for his help in compiling our Music Notes this issue.

MUSIC FESTIVAL DATES AND REHEARSALS

Choral Groups

Treble Choir Rehearsal – Monday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 – 8 at B-CC
 Concert Choir Rehearsal – Monday, March 2 from 6:30 – 8 at B-CC
 Chamber Choir Rehearsal – Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 – 8 at B-CC
 Concert Choir and Treble Choir – Wednesday, March 18 at Walt Whitman High School
 Chamber Choir – Wednesday, March 25 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church

Instrumental Groups

Symphonic Orchestra Rehearsal – Monday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 – 8 at B-CC
 Symphonic Band Rehearsal – Monday, March 2 from 6:30 – 8 at B-CC
 Orchestra Festival – Tuesday, March 24 at Quince Orchard High School
 Symphonic Band Festival – Thursday, April 2 (location TBA)
 Concert Band Festival - Tuesday, April 21 (location TBA)

Recording Sessions

The Jazz Band will have a recording session on Saturday, April 18 in the B-CC auditorium from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Chamber Singers will have a recording session on Saturday, April 18 at the University of Maryland Chapel from 8 am – 12 pm

Spring Concerts

Instrumental Concert – Tuesday, May 5 at 7 pm
 Choral Concert – Wednesday, May 13 at 7 pm

IB STUDENTS GO TO THE KENNEDY CENTER

By Chris Addis ('10)

IB Music students' eyes and ears were in for a treat on Jan. 9, as we went to the Kennedy Center to experience a performance of Schumann's "Cello Concerto in A Minor" (played by Lynn Harrell), Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4." The National Symphony Orchestra performed these works under the direction of Phillippe Jordan. The Prokofiev, although modern, held true to many classical idioms. There was not a bland moment as the music provided pleasant surprises around every corner. The Beethoven, thick and powerful, was spiced by the mood of the players. The students and music teachers were in for another delight, as we had the opportunity to tour the backstage area following the performance.

We met Mr. Jordan and as we continued backstage, we were greeted with signed pictures of past performers and conductors on the walls. Simply standing there in the place where it all happened was an experience that will never be forgotten. I can say the same for being on the stage of the hall. It was truly a wonderful supplement to our IB music education. Our deepest thanks are extended to the Maclary family for their generosity.

White Lies/Black Comedy

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Seating is limited to 120 for each performance. There will be no overflow seating in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each (general admission, no reserved seating) and can be purchased from the B-CC Theater website at www.bcctheater.com. Each one act play is double-cast with B-CC students. Check

the B-CC Theater website for the cast list and performance dates. Content is appropriate for audiences ages 10 years and up.

For more information, contact Leslie Atkin, B-CC Drama Boosters co-chair; phone is 301-933-0014.

ATHLETIC NEWS B-CC ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

By Tim Gilmore, B-CC Athletic Director

Over the past few months, the Athletic Department, All-Sports Boosters Club and many student athletes have worked very hard to improve the look and feel of our athletic facilities. We have provided two new storage sheds — one at Lynnbrook Park for field hockey and softball, and one at the school for the track & field and other teams. Last August, the Sports Boosters sponsored the first “clean up the campus” day, where hundreds of athletes helped to beautify the campus. We continue to invest in our stadium field, making our playing surface one of the best fields in Montgomery County. Finally, through the generous support of the Booster Club, the stadium wall and shed have been freshly painted “Bethesda Blue” and a huge banner (donated by the Boys’ Lacrosse Team) now welcomes visitors to the stadium.

During the 2007-2008 sports year, we added six division titles, six regional titles, and four state titles to our already impressive championship banners hanging in the gym. We also finished third in the MCPS Sportsmanship Champion program, thanks to the positive behavior displayed by our teams and our fans.

SPONSOR A BARONS’ CHAIR ~

To build on our visible improvements, we are looking to add to

the ambiance of the gym with forty logoed chairs for use by our indoor teams and for major school functions. We are seeking individuals, groups or teams to support this effort by donating the cost of one chair. Each chair sponsor will be recognized with a plaque on the back of their chair, letting everyone know who made the donation. At only \$100 per chair, we hope you will consider this a worthy investment in the B-CC athletic community and a great way to receive recognition for your family, team or group.

I want to thank everyone in the B-CC community for their continued support of B-CC athletics. If you are interested or know of an individual or group that wishes to contribute to the cost of a chair, please contact me by email: timothy_c_gilmore@mcpsmd.org or phone: 240-497-6344.

SPORTS BOOSTERS NEEDS YOU!

By Michelle Brown

The Barons have wrapped up two terrific fall sports seasons. B-CC has so many great coaches, teams, athletes, and parents to make us proud. We have state champions — the girls soccer team and senior cross country runner Addie Tousley; amazing boys soccer and girls volleyball; two teams of state XC runners; and swimmers headed to the Metros competition. B-CC All Sports Boosters was there every step of the way — from making sure the Barons Café (concession stand) was open — to getting the wall painted and the field cleaned up and looking good for our guests.

Sports Boosters helps support all the teams through fund raising efforts like concessions and the school store. Team fundraisers also contribute a percentage to Boosters so we can do things like provide buses and additional equipment for teams when they are needed.

As we prepare for the Spring Sports Season, we need your help.

Help is desperately needed for:

Concession volunteers

School store volunteers

Administrative help

Money request coordinator

Fundraising and outreach volunteers

Media Coordinator (write articles for Banter/Tattler/Gazette)

Everyone is welcome to do something. Don’t worry about your skill level – these are tasks that can be easily learned.

To volunteer, please contact:

Michelle Brown - Mishfromdc@gmail.com (Concessions, outreach, public relations, & fundraising)

Sandra Stewart - Sstewart@cbmove.com (School Store and Barons Spirit Wear)

Gary Zinkgraf - GZinkgraf@foley.com (Requests for team funds, offers of administrative support, etc.)

All Sports Boosters Annual Mulch Sale April 2009

*High Quality Shredded Hardwood
3 Cubic Feet Bags*

\$5.25 per bag includes

*****FREE CURBSIDE DELIVERY*****

\$6.25 per bag

for delivery orders of less than 10 bags

Delivery Dates: Saturday, April 11 after 9 am

Saturday, April 18 after 9 am

Walk-Up Sales:

Saturday, April 25 during the

Sports Booster Plant Sale

**Come out and buy some beautiful plants and
pick up your mulch.**

**We will also have Montgomery County Master
Gardeners on hand to answer any questions on
your planting and mulching needs.**

*Mulching is one of the most important ways to
maintain a healthy landscape!*

Questions? Call

Michelle Brown or email Mishfromdc@gmail.com

MR. SLATKIN NAMED VARSITY BASEBALL COACH - JV BASEBALL COACH RETURNS

By Susan Bank

We welcome as new coach of the Barons Varsity Baseball team, Mr. Philip Slatkin. Coach Slatkin has been a teacher at B-CC for 28 years, and he currently teaches English. He grew up in Burtonsville and attended Paint Branch High School, where he played various positions on the baseball team, including pitcher and third base, as well as first and second base. In 1976, he knocked in the winning run to bring Paint Branch the State Championship! Coach Slatkin continued his involvement with baseball after graduating from the University of Maryland, helping to organize the Montgomery County

Baseball Association (MCBA) Senior League, where he coached for many years. He also returned to Paint Branch HS as the JV baseball coach and coached at Richard Montgomery HS as well. In addition to baseball coaching experience, Phil Slatkin coached JV football here at B-CC for several years and at Walter Johnson HS for three years.

Coach Slatkin looks forward to working with JV Coach Dave Joseph and with all the players in his premiere season as Varsity Coach. The first practice will be Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Players are asked to be on the field at 10:00 AM, and should bring lunch and drinks with them.

By Jeannie Engel

B-CC welcomes back Junior Varsity Coach David Joseph for a third season. Coach Joseph also coaches youth select travel baseball. In high school, he played two years for B-CC and then finished at St. Andrew's Episcopal School where he was captain and All-League for two years, playing shortstop and pitcher. In college, Coach Joseph played as an infielder for Denison University and still plays competitively in a D.C. area wood bat league. We congratulate Coach Joseph on his recent tournament championship in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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BARONS SWIMMERS & DIVERS REMAIN IN DIVISION I; BOYS BREAK MULTIPLE TEAM RECORDS

By Cinda Davey

The Barons' Swim & Dive team held their own in Division I this season, and will remain in the highest division of MCPS swimming again next year. Their successes have been a true team effort. Heading into the County Championship meet, the Barons' boys have gone 5-2 (3-2 in the division) and the girls have gone 3-4 (1-4 in division). The competition in Division I has been ferocious this year, with Churchill and WJ dominating the season. Under the leadership of 1st year coach, Jason Blanken, B-CC has hung in there and had been highly motivated, achieving best times and touch-outs to stay in the game and win in unexpected races. During the Division I relay carnival, the 200 butterfly team of junior Michael Center, senior Donzen Urubshurow, sophomore Bobby Witkop, and senior Erik Klontz shattered the previous school record by almost 3 seconds with a time of 1:39.84. At Divisionals, senior captain Erik Klontz and junior captain Michael Center both took 1st place wins in the 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard freestyle, respectively. B-CC divers placed 5th out of 21 teams at the County Dive Championship, thanks to high marks from Alex Rigaux, Paul Brou, Lydia Marks, and Lauren Beck. Another 3 boys' team records were broken at the Montgomery County Swim Championships including the 400 freestyle relay record that had stood for 30 years! The new record holders, Michael Center, Matt Davey-Karlson, Erik Klontz, & Zach Zinkgraf, went a 3:23.25. Michael Center set a new individual record in the 200 freestyle (going 1:45.20) and the 200 freestyle relay team (Center, Klontz, Patrick



SWIM TEAM SENIORS

Hearle, & Fred Tjonneland) set a new record of 1:33.88.

There will be no shortage of Barons swimmers and divers at the highly competitive Metros Championship in Germantown, as 15 athletes have earned qualifying times and will represent B-CC in nearly every event

of the meet. Metros qualifiers include Center, Stefania D'Ambrosio, Davey-Karlson, Chris Garrity, Hearle, Kinsey Hoffman, Klontz, Thomas Pritchard, Michelle Szymczak, Fred Tjonneland, Ida Tjonneland, Emma Tobey, Urubshurow, Witkop, and Zinkgraf.

As the season ends, the Barons will graduate swimmers and divers who have been on the team for years. Congratulations to seniors Lauren Beck, Emily Becker, Lauren Becker, Paul-Marie Brou, Eric Brumburgh, Alex Cole, Matt Davey-Karlson, Deborah Detchon, Becca Dozier, Erik Klontz, Trey LaFranchi, Patty Lora, Charlotte Steiner, Donzen Urubshurow, Leah Walpuck, Ben Welna, and Zach Zinkgraf.

B-CC CREW'S 15TH SEASON OF ROWING GETS OFF TO STRONG START

By Bridget Hartman

Celebrating its 15th year of rowing excellence and a decade of dedicated coaching under Head Coach Chris Graves, B-CC Crew is off to an awesome start for the 2009 Spring Season. This year, land training is at B-CC and the nearby Bethesda Sport & Health Club. Thompson Boat Center opens in late February and the team moves to on-water practices by early March. B-CC Crew's first race of the season is March 28 against Gonzaga & Georgetown Visitation on the Anacostia River, adjacent to the U.S. Navy Yards.

The 2009 varsity squad include: Jamal Anderson, Gwynedd Arbury, Ander Beckham, Marc Bernstein, Blair Bradley, Keith Geddings, Alex Guhin, Gerhard Hafstrom, Sam Hartman, Michael James, Ella Kampelman, Isadora Kratchman, Anna Krist, Kate La Franchi, Jabril Lam-Coleman, Ellie Levey, Amanda Litty, Caroline Mansueti, Gregory Mariuzza, George Michopoulos, Samantha Miller, Zoe Newell, Emily O'Connor, Kira Richards, Hannah Schreiber, Soraya Shehata, Chris Schulz, Soren Scott, Lucien Tessier, Laura Valenstein, Nick van der Vink, Alessio Villanacci, and Alex Zellner.

Joining B-CC Crew for their first season is the largest group of freshman and novice members in the team's history! Coaches for the 2008-2009 rowing season are Chris Graves, Dan Engler, Nancy Faigen, Chad Fleschner, Megan Gordon, and Hank McEntee.

B-CC CREW 2009 SPRING SEASON

March 28	Gonzaga and Georgetown Visitation, Anacostia, DC
April 04	St. Andrews Invitational Regatta, Middletown, DE
05	Manny Flick, Philadelphia, PA
18	B-CC v Washington & Lee, Westfield, Georgetown, DC
19	Maryland Sprints (including the Montgomery Cup), Baltimore, MD
25	Al Urquia Regatta, Occoquan, VA
May 09	Washington Metropolitan Rowing Association Championships, Anacostia, DC
15&16	Stotesbury Cup Regatta, Philadelphia, PA (selected boats)
22-23	SRAA Nationals, Mercer Lake, NJ (selected boats)

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BOYS' LACROSSE IS FIRED UP

By Alan Pohoryles, Head Coach

Coming off the best year in Barons Boys' Varsity Lacrosse history, the guys are ready to make another run to the Regional Championship. Last year's loss in the regional final was difficult for us, but it confirmed that the team is moving in the right direction. We managed three monumental achievements last season by defeating Walt Whitman, Walter Johnson and Churchill, all for the first time. Actually, the Barons beat Whitman and Churchill twice. The only team to beat the 2008 Barons in Montgomery County was Wootton, a long-standing boys' lacrosse powerhouse. The team lost a few very valuable seniors last season, but the remaining players are poised to show everyone that this team has the ability to be even more special than last year.

The 2009 Barons will be led by senior captains Augustin Vita and Chris Pappalardo at the midfield, and senior John Tschiderer and Thomas Krogh at attack. Brendan Casey will lead a young defense, and a healthy goalie competition begins on February 28th as we attempt to replace last year's All-American keeper, Jon Goldberg. Other players that the Barons will depend on include senior midfielder/attackman Peter Henderer, senior midfielder Kerry Goebel, junior midfielder Harrison Pratt, sophomore defensive midfielder Sam Eury, senior attackman Chris Lawson, sophomore attackman Matt Evans, and sophomore midfielder Matt Bookman.

With one of the toughest schedules in Montgomery County lacrosse again this year, including two out-of-conference games against The Heights and St. Johns, the 2009 team is looking forward to another good and challenging season. Although we have lost both of our terrific assistant coaches from last year, Chris "Tattoo" Rimorin and Nick Hemans, Coach Poho (in his 8th year at B-CC) has recruited some young superstar college lacrosse players to help with coaching. Kip Turner, two-time college All-American goalie from UVA, and James Hsaio, midfielder/attackman from powerhouse Division I Syracuse, will both bring

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BASKETBALL'S NEW LOOK

By Nick Sevilla ('09)

Barons' basketball has a new look: No more Austin Cooley electrifying the crowd with his high flying dunks and his ability to take over a game, and no more Jordan Wheeler or Tyler Henry providing senior leadership to a team who reached the Maryland 3A State Semifinals last year. The Barons and Coach Steve Thompson are a new-look team coming into the 2008-09 season and they've set the bar high for themselves from the outset. Before the season had even started the team underwent player changes. Junior Zaid Hearst transferred to Springbrook HS and, in turn, Jerome Seagers arrived at B-CC from Northwood. Since the Barons lack the height of some previous years, the emphasis of this year's squad is on running a smooth offense, playing shutdown defense, and controlling the rebounding aspect of each game.

Early on in the season, the Barons set a dominant tone, sweeping their 3-game series against Division 4A opponents Walter Johnson, Walt Whitman and Sherwood. Then they opened up official 3A play against Damascus with a victory. B-CC then dropped their next three games, to Springbrook, Paint Branch, and Penwood (PA) High Schools. But, a solid third place finish in the Williamsport Holiday Tournament got the Barons moving in the right direction and helped them figure out who they were as a team. Their chemistry became evident with a run of division wins against Albert Einstein, Kennedy, Northwood, and an

exciting double overtime victory against Wheaton. However, the Barons faced another set back when they failed to show up against an energetic Poolesville squad and then dropped the next game when Paint Branch came and stole a victory from them. Fortunately, the Barons rebounded with second-round victories over Albert Einstein and Northwood HS.

The remainder of the season looks promising for the Barons with two games against teams they've already beaten this season. However, the last two games before playoffs will really test the Barons and measure their championship potential, with games against Seneca Valley and Churchill High School. Depending on where the Barons are seeded in the playoffs, they have the potential to duplicate their results from last year, and potentially go even further. In the 3A West playoffs, teams such as Urbana, Tuscarora, and Paint Branch could potentially pose threats for the Barons. However, if the Barons can stick to what Coach Steve Thompson preaches every day, "The offense will always fall into place. Defense and rebounding is what wins championships," then they have the chance to be front and center in the championship playoffs.

NEW FOOTBALL STAFF READY TO KICK OFF IN THE FALL

By Tim Gilmore, B-CC Athletic Director

After the departure of Coach Joe Allen, B-CC Athletic Director Tim Gilmore did not have to look far to find a replacement; he shares a room with the new coach. Social Studies teacher Rich Noland will take over as head coach for the Barons. Coach Noland grew up in Montgomery County and played high school football at Richard Montgomery. He previously coached at High Point HS in Prince George's County, as well as at Walter Johnson and B-CC.

The Barons coaching staff will include three other B-CC staff members including former head coach John Zehner, Josh Singer, and Sean Tracy. B-CC parent and alum, Scott Foreman, will also continue to coach the team.

Students interested in playing for the 2009 squad should contact Coach Noland for more information. Parent information meetings for current players and incoming players will be held in the next few weeks.

WARM UP WITH NEW B-CC GEAR!

Need extra layers to stay warm this winter? Show your BARONS pride with B-CC logo hoodies, sweatpants, pajama pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and jackets? Or, wake up to hot chocolate in a B-CC mug. If you have questions about Barons merchandise, or your team needs B-CC logo spirit wear, contact Sandra Stewart, sstewart@cbmove.com



Boys Lacrosse

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a new flavor to an already solid team. Kip Turner is also a member of the Professional Lacrosse Boston Cannons, and both coaches are excited about the upcoming season. We will see you this spring. Please come support us in what promises to be an exciting season!!

Congratulations to the **B-CC Poms Squad**

for winning first place in their division at the Northwest Poms Invitational on February 7. Participants included Captains Lara Magill and Oluseyi Segun, plus team members Juliet Anderson, Dana Coen, Lorelei Dinger, Ariel Gewirtz, Lauren Govern, Jessica Long, Julia McKay, Kristen Polk, Shayna Queen, Cristina Sanchez, Ingrid Schulz, and Hannah Westfall.

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