



B-CC BANTER

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Karen Lockard



I am writing this on the first day of April at the end of one of the best days I have had all year here at B-CC. Let me tell you what happened today. Today I was able to look into the future.

The morning started with the annual Career Partnership Breakfast, organized to the very last perfect detail by Diana Kirtley, Internship Coordinator. That meal launched a day of career shadow experiences for more than 160 B-CC juniors and seniors, who went to work at more than 50 different places, including the State Department, NIH, Suburban Hospital, Voice of America, law offices, hotels, banks and architects' studios, to name a few. We take pride in preparing your children for life after high school and, today, our community partners showed these young people what academic success can bring. I saw the future in the faces of these young people, dressed for the event as young professionals. Believe me: We are in good hands when the kids take over. Maybe not all of them found exactly "what they want to be when they grow up," but they got a good look into what the future could

hold.

My own second glimpse into the future occurred when I welcomed B-CC's incoming class of 2013 in the auditorium during an orientation for 8th

graders from Westland Middle School. Weeks ago I spent a day at Westland as a substitute teacher so that others could attend the funeral of a valued colleague, Mr. Ron Hegeudus. I met many students and loved what I saw. On a day that could have been very difficult, I saw cooperation and helpfulness. Today I witnessed the same responsible excitement as the future Barons walked our halls. I commended them as leaders at Westland and future leaders at B-CC. I hear this will be the largest incoming 9th grade in quite some time. I can tell you that I eagerly await their arrival.

I also look forward to greeting parents of the Class of 2013. Please know that we love to see you in the school. Even though some feel that when children reach high school it is time to pull back a bit, I ask you to remain a vital part of the picture. Young people need parental involvement and care even more as they grow. Plan to join us for meetings, sports events and

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concerts, and also to volunteer with the best PTSA ever.

A few last thoughts... Thanks to the Book Sale Committee of Alex Weiner, Wendy Price, Lyndsey Gerber, Laura Long, and Elizabeth Tobey, ninth grade moms who know how to get a job done! Thanks also to Mary Rubino, PTSA president, and to Wanda Brown, of the Council of Excellence for African American

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CARTA DE LA DIRECTORA

Karen Lockard

Estoy escribiendo esto el primero de abril, al final de uno de los mejores días que he vivido en B-CC. Permítanme contarles lo que pasó. Hoy, pude ver el futuro.

La mañana comenzó con el anual Desayuno de Socios de Carreras, organizado a la perfección por Diana Kirtley, la Coordinadora de Internships. Aquel refeción inauguró un día en el que más de 160 juniors y seniors de B-CC tuvieron la experiencia de acompañar a profesionales de más de 50 áreas, incluyendo el Departamento de Estado, NIH, Suburban Hospital, Voice of America, oficinas de abogados, hoteles, bancos, y estudios de arquitectos, por nombrar algunos. Somos orgullosos de preparar a sus hijos para la

vida después de la escuela secundaria, y, hoy, nuestros socios en la comunidad mostraron a estos jóvenes qué les podría proporcionar el éxito académico. Vi el futuro en las caras de estos jóvenes, vestidos para el evento como profesionales jóvenes. Créanme: estaremos en buenas manos cuando asuman el poder. Tal vez no todos encontraron exactamente lo que "quieren ser cuando sean grandes" pero echaron un buen vistazo a lo que el futuro podría ofrecerles.

Mi segunda mirada al futuro ocurrió cuando le di la bienvenida en B-CC a la futura

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PROCTORS NEEDED FOR IB EXAMINATIONS

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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.

Sign up for BCCnet, B-CC High School's email network especially for parents. Use it to request or report information, and to exchange ideas about B-CC High School and education in general. To join, contact co-moderator Mark Paster at bcclist@gmail.com

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

**PARENT TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY 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**

*Letter from the Principal**Continued from page 1*

Students, for bringing families together to work on achievement for all students. Sports Boosters scored in a big way with Michele Brown and Scott Foreman leading the fundraising charge. Sandra and Arnold Stewart re-vamped the school store and brought fashion and fun back to shopping at B-CC. The funds raised by their efforts go directly to the students and we will need this more and more in the coming year. I know that in thanking some, I miss many others.

Please know that all your contributions are valued. We cannot do this big job without our families' support.

I finish this letter already missing those who leave us as seniors graduate and meet their future. I welcome the new families who will soon become fast friends. As always, thank you for trusting us with your children.

*Carta de la Directora**Continuo de la pagina 1*

clase de 2013 en el auditorio durante una orientación para los estudiantes del octavo grado de Westland Middle School. Semanas atrás, pasé un día en Westland como maestra sustituta para que los otros maestros pudieran asistir al funeral de su colega estimado, Mr. Ron Hegedus. Conocí a muchos estudiantes y me gustó lo que vi. En un día que podría haber sido difícil, vi la cooperación y el espíritu de ayuda. Hoy presencié la misma emoción responsable mientras los futuros Barons caminaban nuestros pasillos. Les comendé como líderes en Westland y futuros líderes en B-CC. He oído que esta sería la clase del noveno grado más grande que hayamos tenido desde hace bastante tiempo. Les puedo decir que anticipo su llegada con alegría.

También anticipo el saludar a los padres de la Clase de 2013. Por favor, sepan que nos gusta verlos en la escuela. Aunque algunos sienten que cuando los hijos llegan a high school es hora de retirarse un poco, pido que permanezcan una parte vital del cuadro. Los jóvenes necesitan de la intervención y el cuidado de los padres aún más mientras crecen. Planeen a unirse con nosotros para las reuniones, los eventos de deportes y los conciertos, y también de colaborar como voluntarios con el mejor PTSA nunca.

Algunos pensamientos finales...gracias al Comité de Venta de Libros de Alex Weiner, Wendy Price, Lyndsey Gerber, Laura Long, y Elizabeth Tobey, mamás del noveno grado ¡que saben cumplir! Gracias también a Mary Rubino, Presidente del PTSA, y a Wanda Brown, del Consejo de Excelencia para Estudiantes Afroamericanos, por haber reunido a las familias a trabajar por el éxito de todos los estudiantes. Los Sports Boosters ganó a lo grande con Michele Brown y Scott Foreman en el liderazgo de recaudar fondos. Sandra y Arnold Stewart modernizó la tienda escolar y trajeron nuevamente la moda y la diversión a las compras en B-CC. Los fondos recaudados por sus esfuerzos van directamente a los estudiantes y necesitaremos esto más y más en el año que viene. Sé que al dar las gracias a algunos, faltó en agradecer a otros. Por favor, sepan que valoramos a todas sus colaboraciones. No podemos hacer este trabajo grande sin el apoyo de nuestras familias.

Termino esta carta ya echando de menos los que nos van a dejar cuando los seniors se graduen y se encuentren con sus futuros. Doy la bienvenida a las familias nuevas que pronto serán nuestros amigos. Como siempre, gracias por confiar sus hijos a nuestros cuidados.

EARN \$\$\$ FOR B-CC FROM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS' CRUISE VACATIONS!!

Contributions to B-CC are based upon the value of the cruise purchased:

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**

Plus 5% on cruise purchases above

\$15,000 = **\$750**

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2. Or book on-line at www.clubcruise.com
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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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 RECOMMENDED FOR RE-ACCREDITATION

By Stacy Farrar

In October, a team of educators spent three and a half days evaluating all aspects of our school and recommended that B-CC be awarded full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The visiting team applauded B-CC for the amount of stakeholder input in the school improvement process and for the extent to which we live by the principles expressed in our

school mission statement, “Learn, Think, Serve, Be Responsible.”

The team commended the positive, visionary leadership of our administration, the commitment of our entire staff to educate our diverse population of students, the overwhelming support of our parents, community and the B-CC Foundation, our “wonderful, helpful and friendly students,” and the support programs we

have in place, including TAP, BRAG, and College Tracks.

The visiting educators said B-CC has set rigorous and achievable school objectives. The team also noted that the school has taken positive steps to accomplish the goal of academic achievement for ALL students, as measured by eligibility rate, graduation rate, performance on AP and IB exams, and pass rate on the HSAs, and to increase student respon-

sibility for learning, as measured by academic honesty and work habits.

Please visit the B-CC website and click on “Vision and Mission Statement” to find more information about our objectives and our school improvement action plan.

For the next several years, we will work to meet these objectives, and we are confident that our efforts will result in measurable progress for students.

CAREER PARTNERSHIP DAY

By Diana Kirtley

The 16th annual Career Partnership Day, sponsored by the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Junior Achievement, was held on April 1. This year, **40** organizations hosted **154** students — 18 percent more host sites and 42 percent more students than in 2008. The event was a tremendous success, judging from responses from both hosts and students. Each student had the opportunity to shadow professionals in a career of potential interest during an average day of work.

The day began with a meet-and-greet breakfast in the B-CC Cafeteria. Following a brief program, the 2009 Cynthia Clarke Career Builder’s Awards were presented to two staunch supporters of the Career Partnership Program: Burt Associates, Inc. and GTM Architects. Accepting the awards for Burt Associates and GTM Architects, respectively, were Mr. Larry Attanasio and Ms. Peg Marshall. The Builder’s Award, named after Mrs. Clarke, is given every year in her honor to a business, government agency, and/or an individual(s) who has made an ongoing commitment to the students of B-CC.

After breakfast, each student went to one of the following organizations, each of which made special efforts to accommodate the large number of students and provide events that were both interesting and informative:

A Wider Circle
Amethyst Technology
Bella Bethesda Salon
Benson Animal Hospital
Bethesda Cares, Inc.
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad
Bethesda Elementary School
Bethesda Magazine
Bethesda Urban Partnership
Black’s Bar & Kitchen
Burt Associates, Inc.
Calvert Group, Ltd.

Chevy Chase Veterinary Clinic
Doubletree Hotel – Bethesda
Embassy Suites at Chevy Chase Pavilion
Espirit Rainbow Travel
Folger Shakespeare Library
GTM Architects
Guiding Star Child Development Center
Imagination Stage
Madison Design Group/RGM Graphics
Stanley Mayer, DDS

Students’ experiences were as varied as the organizations that hosted them, and the response in nearly every instance was overwhelmingly positive. Space does not permit the recounting of all students’ experiences, but the following examples should suffice. Lyz Glickman “learned that the **Bethesda Urban Partnership** makes many contributions to the overall quality of the community, including the planting of seasonal flowers, running the Bethesda Trolley, and future planning for the community.” **Westfield Montgomery** offered students the opportunity to learn how a large shopping mall runs “behind the scenes.” Senior Rebecca Marklin said, “[I] learned something about myself through this experience: marketing research is the career I want to pursue.” Students at the **Consumer Product Safety Commission** went on a tour of the Bethesda headquarters and the testing labs in Gaithersburg, where they were given a demonstration of some potentially hazardous products that have been banned by the Commission. Students interested in law witnessed the legal system in action by spending the day at the **Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender**; according to junior Chris Nordan, “having the rare opportunity to observe an actual trial in progress and talking with the Public Defenders made me even more interested in pursuing a career in law.” At

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Montgomery County Police
Dept., 2nd District
National Philharmonic
National Rehabilitation Hospital - Bethesda
Naval Medical Research Ctr
NIA–NOAA Rec & Welfare
Office of Councilmember
George Leventhal
Office of the Public Defender;
Montgomery County
Our Lady of Lourdes
Elementary School

Salon A
Strathmore
Suburban Hospital
The Palisades Apartments
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
U. S. Department of State
Voice of America
Westfield Montgomery
White Flint Medical and
Natural Healing
WUSA Channel 9

B-CC TEACHERS AND STAFF RECEIVE FORMAL RECOGNITION FOR “MISSION WORTHY” EXCELLENCE

By Winnie Holbrook

Each semester the PTSA will be taking note of and rewarding outstanding staff members whose actions best reflect the school's mission through their work and interactions with students and the wider B-CC community.

“The mission of B-CC HS 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.”

“Learn, Think, Serve, Be Responsible”

B-CC teachers and staff can, and do, represent the best in instructional teaching,

showing compassion in their interactions with students and supporting the many extracurricular and community activities that enrich our lives. The “Golden Moment” awards will honor those who go beyond the norm and provide the extra effort and time to impact a student's life. These actions may, in the best possible examples, transform a child from a failing disconnected student to one who is motivated and recognizes a path to success.

The award will be given every semester, with one award for teachers and one for a non-teaching staff including administration, building services or other support staff.

Parents, students and teachers are encouraged to send in their “golden moments” -

stories or accounts of some outstanding act, describing how their nominee has made a significant impact on a student's life. The committee (which currently has a parent and staff rep and is looking for more volunteers) will collect the stories and announce the winners in the Banter and online. The PTSA will fund the plaques and gift certificates.

The first award will be made at the end of May. We still want nominations as well as members for the award committee. Please forward nominations and stories to PTSA Vice President Mary Cobbett mary.cobbett@starpower.net

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www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs

Career Partnership Day

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the **B-CC Rescue Squad**, nine students met with the Chief and rode on calls with the Squad, thus seeing rescue in action. Emily O'Connor spoke for the student group when she said, “Words can't describe how awesome it was to be on the inside of the giant squad truck as it passed cars on the street with its sirens screaming.” After two students observed a dog being prepped for and undergoing exploratory surgery at the **Benson Animal Hospital**, one of the students, Jennifer Martinez, commented that watching this surgery was like watching “Animal Planet live.” **The Madison Design Group/RGM Graphics** provided students with insights into graphic design and the types of jobs within the field, showing them the variety of products the company creates for its clients. Lauren Real, who hopes to pursue a career in hotel management, had the opportunity to meet with the general manager of the **Doubletree Hotel** and learn about the industry through rotations from the front desk, kitchen, sales, concierge and human resources. Rama Mwenesi, one of the students interested in careers in finance, visited the **Calvert Group, Ltd.**, where he “learned how to read graphs on four different computer screens, some of the important things to look for when identifying a company's credit worthiness, as well as the fundamentals of managing one's own money.” Students enthusiastic about future careers in the arts visited **Strathmore**, where they learned about business and management aspects of performing arts, as well as the many diverse areas of experience needed to run a center for the arts. For Kate Jackson, having the opportunity to actually stand on the Strathmore stage was the highlight of her day. Students who visited the **Naval Medical Research Center** saw the experimental blast tube being used to test the effects of blast injuries the Navy hopes will be effective in saving human lives. Students at **Voice of America** were interviewed for an Indonesian radio program and were dispersed to a variety of departments throughout the organization; Margarita Lazo said of her experience, “I was very impressed with the iconic status of VOA and the Career Partnership Day experience has inspired me to pursue seriously a career in broadcast journalism.” Yet another group of students visited the **State Department** where they attended a press briefing, toured the Exhibit Hall, met with Foreign Services officers who answered questions about careers with the Department of State, the Foreign Service exam, and what it is like working for Secretary Clinton; according to Andrew Kragie, the experience “sparked [my] interest in an internship or a career at the Department of State.” Students who spent the day at **A Wider Circle** met with Dr. Marc Bergel and his staff, learned how the charity is run, and enjoyed the “hands on” experience of riding in the truck to collect donations. Ella Kampelman considered the best part of her day to be meeting some of the families and helping them select furniture and other household items from the Wider Circle warehouse.

Overwhelmingly, sponsors were enthusiastic about the event and commented on the B-CC students' professionalism, knowledge, willingness to learn, and genuine appreciation for the opportunity to spend a day in the workplace. Lauren Lefkowitz, Human Resources Director for the Calvert Group, Ltd., spoke for all sponsors when she said, “What a fabulous program this is!”

Again, heartfelt thanks to the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement and all the generous sponsors who made this year's Career Partnership Day possible.

IB AMERICAS TO RELOCATE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

On Feb. 24, the International Baccalaureate Organization announced the selection of Montgomery County as the new location of a global center for the IB Americas region, which includes almost 1,500 IB schools in 28 countries and territories in the Western Hemisphere. Approximately 100 employees will work at the center, which will serve as both an administrative office and, eventually, as an assessment hub for IB schools in North and South America. Reports in The Washington Post indicate that the organization is seeking office space on the west side of Metro's Red Line between Gaithersburg and Bethesda.

B-CC's IB Diploma and Middle Years Program staff members are excited about the move and welcome opportunities for close collaboration with the new center. "The relocation surely will bring B-CC some interesting possibilities to work on pilot projects with IB Americas, and there will be some great cross-pollination between our local programs and the global center," said Beth Groeneman, IB Diploma Coordinator at B-CC.

B-CC IB Middle Years Program Coordinator Susan Rojas, enthusiastically agreed. "It is thrilling that the administrative core of IB Americas will be at our doorstep," Ms. Rojas said. "We look forward to the resources, collaborative projects and professional development that the move will provide for our teachers and program coordinators."

To see IB's press release on the move, go to ibo.org/announcements/ibannouncementsnewamericasglobalcentre.cfm.

WELCOMING THE B-CC YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO ANNAPOLIS

By Delegate Bill Frick, District 16 Montgomery County ('93)

Student volunteers were integral to last year's presidential campaign throughout the primary contests and during the general election. It is essential that we political leaders try to keep this generation engaged in the political process for years into the future.

In that spirit, I was pleased to host the B-CC Young Democrats for a day in Annapolis on March 6. I previously met several of the Young Dems when I spoke at B-CC last year, and I am glad to report that these Barons are enthusiastic as ever.

Accompanied by Social Studies teacher Nathan Herchenroeder, the B-CC contingent watched House and Senate proceedings and participated in a question-and-



answer session on the House floor. Based on their political and policy acumen, I am convinced it is only a matter of time before a few more B-CC alumni will be joining me as members of the Maryland legislature.

B-CC AT THE MARYLAND SCIENCE BOWL

For the first time in many years, B-CC entered the Maryland regional competition for the National Science Bowl, held Jan. 17 at the Montgomery College Rockville campus. Led by team captain Max Valenstein, members Soren Scott, Peter Muller, Abby Klein and Simon Kamerow easily answered difficult questions about physics, biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics, astronomy and general science. Formed late in the year, the B-CC team had little time to review or strategize. Yet the five-member team performed exceptionally well, beating Wootton and Whitman on its way to the state quarter-finals, before the team was eliminated by Blair, which went on to win the Maryland regionals.

B-CC's coach, Mike Richards, said he was extremely pleased with the team's performance. "I'm very proud of these kids. They came together well as a team and it showed when they knocked off some of the county's strongest teams." B-CC's next science competition is the Physics Olympics at the University of Maryland on April 18.

WINNING SEASON FOR CHESS TEAM

By Kristen Theiss

The B-CC chess team competed in the Metro Area Chess League this season, playing matches each week against other public and private schools in the area. This was a rebuilding year for the Barons, as they lost three of their top five players to graduation last year. Despite this, the team had a record of 4-2 during the regular season, qualified for the playoff tournament at the US Chess Center on March 8 and finished third in the league.

The chess team was led by senior captain Nikolas Theiss on board one, followed by seniors Thomas Erickson and Luke Patterson on boards two and three and sophomore Robert Hagerty on board four. The team/chess club members would like to recognize their sponsor, Dr. Kenneth Halperin, and thank him for his support this year.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT B-CC

By Richard Gordon

Every few years, MCPS rotates the location of its high school regional summer school classes. This summer, B-CC will be a host school. Four high schools around the county were selected so that all residents will have relatively equal access to summer classes.

Students enroll in summer school for a variety of reasons. Some students need to earn credit in a class or classes in which they were unsuccessful during the school year. Other students earn core credit in classes like NSL Government, which they might have missed if they transferred to B-CC from another school system, another state, or, as often happens, from another country. Many students opt to take the one-semester Health class during the summer in order to open up their school-year schedules to full-year electives like Photography. There are also students unhappy with passing grades they received during the year, who decide to repeat classes during the summer. In this case, the grades from both classes are averaged. Finally, a number of students take classes such as Algebra 1 for review and to strengthen their math skills for the upcoming school year.

Summer school primarily provides classes which help students earn the required number of credits in each core subject. Classes are offered in English 9, 10, 11, 12, Technology Education, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Business Math, Bridge to Algebra 2, Geometry, Consumer Math, Pre-calculus, Health, Matter and Energy, Biology, Earth/Space Systems, Chemistry, U.S. History, National/State/Local Government, Modern World History, and ESOL. Please see the locations and schedules below. Transportation is not provided to the summer school sites, but public transportation may be available.

Registration begins in May 2009. Enrollment forms will be available in the Guidance Department starting in late April and must be signed by your student's counselor. If you have any questions about graduation requirements, please see your counselor before registration begins. Detailed information about summer learning opportunities is available on the MCPS website.

Contact Information

MCPS Summer School Office 301-279-3202.

MCPS Student eLearning Office (for online classes) 240-632-6940.

MCPS Regional Summer School Locations

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS, Richard Montgomery HS, Seneca Valley HS, Springbrook HS

Session 1

June 25: First Day of Classes

July 15: Final Exams and Last Day of Session 1

Session 2

July 20: First Day of Classes

Aug. 6: Final Exams and Last Day of Session 2

All classes meet from 8AM – 12 PM

Please watch for updated information about summer classes and schedules on the B-CC school website, the B-CC-net email list, and the MCPS website.

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WESTLAND EXCHANGE

By Elizabeth Kontos

"Firsts" tend to be disconcerting. Exciting. Informative. On Jan.7, I stepped out of my B-CC comfort zone and traveled to Westland for the first teaching exchange between our high school and its feeder middle school. Ms. Michelle Lawthers, a Westland 8th grade English teacher, joined our wonderful students and staff to teach my 9th grade English classes. Ms. Lawthers is also the JV cheerleading coach at B-CC. Our teaching exchange lasted three full school days.

The initiative was supported by administration from both schools, and it was undertaken not only as a means to strengthen communication between the schools but also to facilitate articulation for up-and-coming high school students. It was a fruitful exchange.

As much as I enjoyed teaching and familiarizing myself with the middle school students and curriculum, it was learning about the environment from which so many of our students emerge that I found most fulfilling. Photographs of current B-CC students still hang on the walls outside Westland's main office, and it was great to see how those students' faces had changed. I also appreciated the opportunity to exchange teaching practices with Westland teachers, administration and counselors. Asst. Principal Ben Costa was especially welcoming. I was pleased he had the chance to observe class discussions during my time there.

Ms. Stacy Farrar, B-CC's staff development teacher, also visited Westland during the exchange to spend time with middle school staff and classes. Her insights into ways to strengthen our high school program through these types of exchanges just may be the driving force which leads other teachers from our school to Westland's front entrance.

Knowing our past can certainly help us understand who we are and what we need. I now feel as if I know more about my students than I had previously. I am grateful to have had the chance to meet so many staff members and to learn so much about Westland's program. I also know where I want to be...back at home at B-CC!

PLAYERS AND THEIR ROLES IN THE COLLEGE PROCESS

By Cheryl Feldsott, College/Career Coordinator

The college search and application process can be both challenging and rewarding. Students are charged with determining their own futures with a greater degree of responsibility than they may have been used to assuming. Parents are likely torn between providing advice and direction to their children and letting their children assume ownership of the process. B-CC's counseling staff often serves as a mediator between the two, trying to provide unbiased perspectives while encouraging students and parents to hear as well as listen to each other. Here are a few thoughts on the role each participant must play in this process.

Students

This is your future, and it is time for you to take control and get organized. Ask yourself what makes you tick, what is important to you, and which colleges offer these things. Be sure to ask for help when you need it. Listen to your school counselor, who has successfully steered hundreds of students before you through the process. Listen to your parents, for no one in the world cares more about you, and they actually know you better than you might think. Once you decide on your direction, keep your parents informed, so they know where you are headed. Remember above all that your college choice does not change who you are nor determine your destiny: it simply affects where you start your journey.

Parents

You want the best for your children and realize the need for them to become more independent but you want to help them make good choices at this important juncture. You have to trust in the guidance

you have provided over the years. Allow the exploration of different options, even those that will lead to inevitable mistakes, without lots of "I told you so." Above all, remind your students that you love them for who they are and not for which college they are admitted to. Despite outward words or gestures, your children crave your approval. Create a way of communicating with them that allows them to ask you questions, inform you of decisions, and provide status checks without your nagging. Do your part when it comes to financial matters, and

UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS: ACT vs. SAT

By Cheryl Feldsott, College/Career Coordinator

All About the ACT:

All major four-year colleges and universities in the US now accept the ACT.

The ACT is made up of four sections, English, Math, Reading, and Science, plus an optional Writing section. It is highly recommended that you include the optional Writing section when you sit for this test, since so many schools require this section for admission. Taking the ACT with Writing will make the ACT exam comparable with the SAT.

Unique Characteristics of the ACT
You have total control over which test scores you release to schools. For example: if you like your June scores more than your October ones, just release the June ones to the schools you are applying to. This is what is meant by "score choice".

Many competitive schools will use the individual section scores as a substitute for SAT Subject Test scores. This may allow you to complete all of

be open and honest about any financial parameters early in the search.

Counseling Staff

The college search and application process is a family matter, as unique as each student's needs. B-CC's entire counseling staff cares about its students and is here as a resource, but does not "own" the process. Counselors provide timelines, answer questions, and suggest options for exploration and decision-making. They demonstrate how "The Passport to Success" binder can supply the answers to most

career and college search questions. Counselors may suggest colleges that meet a student's specific criteria and give a rough idea of their admission chances. They support their students' applications to schools by providing all the necessary paperwork, such as recommendations, secondary school reports, school profiles, and official transcripts. More than anything, they help to make the college search and application process a positive one that will hopefully yield results everyone will be pleased with.

your college testing with just one exam. However, be sure to check the requirements of the specific schools you are applying to.

Colleges will use ACT test results from each test date and will not "mix and match" section scores from different dates.

There is no penalty for wrong answers so "intelligent guessing" is encouraged.

The English, Math, Reading, and Science sections are each scored on a scale of 1 – 36.

The Composite Score is a numerical average of the four test scores above.

The Writing Test score does not affect your scores on the individual test scores or the Composite Score. If you take the Writing Test, you will receive two additional scores with your ACT results, plus a narrative interpretation of the sub scores. The additional scores include Combined English/Writing, scored on a scale of 1 – 36, and the Essay,

scored on a scale of 2 – 12.

All about the SAT:

The SAT is made up of three sections, Math, Critical Reading, and Writing. The SAT is sometimes referred to as the SAT 1, while the SAT Subject Tests are separate, shorter tests in content areas like Literature, Biology or Spanish. Not all colleges and universities require the SAT or SAT Subject Tests for admission. Some very selective colleges require both an SAT and two SAT Subject Tests. Only a handful of schools require three Subject Tests.

Unique Characteristics of the SAT
Beginning with the March 2009 SAT, you will be able to select which scores are sent to colleges. You can choose to send scores by test date for the SAT, and by individual subject for SAT Subject Tests. This new score-reporting feature is optional. If you do not use it, all scores from all test dates will be sent automatically to

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B-CC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION EVENING A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

By Julie Heaney

Thank you to the more than 230 parents, alumni, staff and community supporters who came together on March 12 at the Chevy Chase Women's Club to enjoy a stellar evening of wine, cheese and chocolate hosted by the B-CC High School Educational Foundation. The purpose of the evening, which was hosted by the B-CC High School Educational Foundation, was to raise funds to support College Tracks and the other programs that support academic excellence for all at B-CC.

B-CC's Jazz Combo set the mood of sophistication and fun as old friends greeted each other, caught up on news and learned the latest about the school. Many were surprised to hear that the academic support programs offered at B-CC — TAP, College Tracks, and The Summer Academy — are underwritten not by MCPS but by local towns, and B-CC area businesses through generous donations to the Foundation. It is the Foundation — your Foundation — that has piloted, funded, and sustained these important programs.

If you were not able to attend the event, it's not too late to donate at www.bccedfoundation.org. Your tax-deductible contribution will directly benefit all students at B-CC. Be sure to look for the Foundation's ad in "Bethesda Magazine" and "The Montgomery Gazette" thanking our community and business partners.

B-CC Preschool

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

SOME OPENINGS THIS YEAR TOO- Spring '09
Info./Application: Carolyn_C_Breen@mcpsmd.org
Dr. Clark at 301-951-6664

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.

B-CC AT BIG TRAIN GAMES

Saturday, May 30

B-CC High School Educational Foundation's night at Big Train Baseball!

Gates open at 6 pm; first pitch is at 7:30 pm at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda. Join students, alumni, parents, faculty and neighbors.

Tickets may be purchased at the game.

For information contact Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net

Monday, June 22

Ellen's Run night at Big Train Baseball!

Gates open at 6 pm; first pitch is at 7:30 pm at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda. Join the B-CC community!

Tickets may be purchased at the game.

For information contact Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net

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the colleges you list on the latest answer sheet.

A heavy majority of schools will "mix and match" your highest scores on the three parts of the exam to your benefit. This is the new "default" test reporting feature of the College Board, beginning in March 2009. There are, however, some exceptions to this practice so be sure to check with the individual schools you are applying to. Every time you take the SAT, the schools you list will receive that test's results and all of your prior test scores as well. If, however, you list a school for only one test, and never enter it again on any future tests, that school will never get your new scores.

There is a ¼ -point penalty for each wrong answer on multiple-choice questions, so you need to refrain from "random guessing." No deductions are made for unanswered questions.

The Math, Critical Reading, and Writing are each scored on a scale of 200 – 800 points.

The overall SAT test score is the sum of the Math, Critical Reading and Writing sections, for a total of 600 – 2400 points.

The Writing section includes two sub scores: a multiple choice section, scored 20-80, which counts for 2/3 of the total Writing Score. The Essay section is scored 2-12 and counts for 1/3 of the total Writing Score.



FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Mary Rubino

This year we've enjoyed the support of over 800 members of the PTSA and countless hours of help from volunteers – the unheralded folks who work behind the scenes to enhance and complement the remarkable work of our teachers and administration. We witnessed the Phoenix-like return of the B-CC Used Book Sale to the benefit of B-CC students and area neighbors. We've seen wide success in new and established academic, athletic, artistic and community service activities. Many of these activities depend on parent volunteers to coordinate, advertise and support the efforts. Many of these activities depend on you.

Parents help extend the academic community beyond B-CC's walls and introduce future B-CC families to this great place of learning. When we eat new foods at International Night and cheer together at sporting events, attend school concerts and plays, share soup and bowls to support the homeless, we create community for ourselves and our children. We contribute to showcasing all our students, encouraging their creative expression and building them up to go out into the larger world. But more than that, by participating in the life of the school we tell our children that education is important, that it takes many forms, and that it is continuing and central to our lives. These are messages that reflect the school's mission and the expectations we share for all our children. Parent participation empowers students.

It's not too late to get involved this year or too early to think about next year. No special skills are required and there

are so many ways to participate. You can take in a show at the student-directed One Act plays; help proctor an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam (contact Ms. Gauthier for AP exams or Ms. Groeneman for IB exams); vote for next year's leadership team at the May PTSA meeting; play golf with the sports boosters; check coats at the After Prom party for all seniors; attend the year-end choral or instrumental music concerts; or follow the crowds to the bleachers for one of our home games.

Our children are growing up, but they're not there yet and they still need our support. Think about how you can connect next year by becoming a peer parent, volunteering with College Tracks, helping in the main office or the guidance area, welcoming new families, showing our faculty how much we value their skill and dedication, recognizing hard working and successful students, delivering Giant cards, sorting books, coordinating community outreach, mentoring students, vetting science projects and more. All PTSA activities welcome your participation!

BCCAnnounce

BCCnet, one of the great communication tools of our school, just got even better. For many, BCCnet is an indispensable part of our school neighborhood. For others, there's too much email traffic about things they're not interested in. Now there's a new option to help busy families manage the information flow. Introducing **BCCAnnounce**, available only to B-CC students and their parents or guardians and school staff. **BCCAnnounce** will communicate ONLY

SCHOOL-RELATED information. There will be no dialogue on **BCCAnnounce**, just important one-way school announcements from B-CC high school and the PTSA.

Now you can choose what kinds of information you want to receive and how frequently. You can sign up for **BCCAnnounce** and/or **BCCnet** at www.tinyurl.com/bccannounce. BCCnet will continue unchanged, a great place to share and discuss information about school and other community activities, but now you can choose to get important school-related announcements through a separate email directly from B-CC. Sign up is quick and easy at www.tinyurl.com/bcc

THANK YOU FROM THE PTSA USED BOOK SALE CO-CHAIRS

By Wendy Price

The 2009 B-CC Book Sale, held on March 28 and 29, almost didn't happen. Due to lost basement storage space, there was a question as to whether B-CC could host the book sale this year. As freshman parents, we wanted to continue the book sale tradition and B-CC Principal Karen Lockard agreed.

"The Book Sale is a community event that many eagerly await each year," Lockard confirms. "The hard work of the parents and the response from the community is heart-warming and greatly appreciated." The two-day event raised \$20,014.52.

"Every kid at B-CC — yours, mine, and others — will benefit from the funds raised and the community spirit promoted through all of the hard work of the volunteers before and during the book sale," says Mary Rubino, PTSA president.

In addition to profiting the PTSA, the book sale also benefits several non-profit organizations. At the end of the sale, non-profit organizations were allowed to "help themselves" to the books. The organizations who took advantage of this opportunity were A Wider Circle, Capital Book Share, Women's Microfinance Initiative and various MCPS schools. A student collected books to send to Rwanda and for the B-CC Club Read. We also loaded up 12 boxes of assorted fiction and non-fiction books and delivered them to the Red Cross for patients at the Naval Hospital and Walter Reed. They were very happy and appreciative to receive so many good books for recovering service men and women!

We are extremely grateful for the help and support received from more than 200 students, parents, alumni book chairs and alumni

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THE B-CC BANTER
announce.

B-CC will be an MCPS SUMMER SCHOOL Site.

Sad to leave B-CC for the summer? Maybe you don't have to. Want to get a jump start on Algebra II? Need to fulfill Maryland requirements to graduate? Summer school classes will be offered at B-CC in English 9, 10, 11, 12; Technology Education; Algebra 1; Algebra 2; Bridge to Algebra 2; Geometry; Consumer Math; Pre-calculus; Health; Matter and Energy; Biology; Earth/Space Systems; Chemistry; U.S. History; National/State/Local Government; Modern World History; and ESOL. Dates and details about costs and registration are available at 301-279-3202 and on the MCPS website www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/.

By Diana García '09

One of the most important events of the year in the B-CC community is International Night. This year it took place on March 6, from 6 - 10 pm, and it was one of the best in years.

Throughout the day, students from different parts of the world joined forces to organize an international dinner, bringing traditional foods and desserts from their respective cultures. Many other students helped with the physical set up by hanging flags and posters in the cafeteria, arranging tables for the food and decorating the school for a tremendous international feel. During the event many students, parents and teachers worked behind the scenes in the kitchen, warming up dishes, helping with the

ongoing clean up of the cafeteria, while others continuously brought food out while running the dirty dishes back to the kitchen to be washed. The dinner is one of the most popular parts of the evening as families come together to socialize, enjoy the food and listen to the wonderful music.

After dinner, everyone was interacting with various cultures. Hispanics enjoyed African dishes, Japanese students were learning French and American parents were requesting recipes for Indonesian dishes. With excitement building, everyone headed to the auditorium for a great show.

While the audience was seated, the performers were

becoming more nervous, and there was a clear sense that continents had united to share culture and celebrate diversity. The show began with a group of models wearing costumes of different cultures from around the world. They paraded through the auditorium so everyone could appreciate the dresses, pants and shirts - some very colorful and bright - all ultimately representing the creativity of each culture, and in a whole representing us as human beings. It was a special moment, one in which the boundaries between countries were erased. The audience clapped and cheered enthusiastically as the models strolled by.

The first musical group was dressed for the occasion in tra-

ditional Scottish attire. They performed a selection of Scottish music, and won the applause of the audience. One after another Indian, Hispanic, European and Asian performers displayed their skills through traditional dances and folklore from the countries they represented. It was clear that many of these students had rehearsed for countless hours in the weeks preceding the show. For a short while, the B-CC international community gathered in our auditorium felt as if the world had shrunk to within those walls and they could travel from country to country in just a few minutes. The experience was amazing and everyone left B-CC that night praising the event and looking forward to the following year's activities.

PTSA HOLDS RISKY BUSINESS SESSION ON "TRANSITIONS"

The PTSA hosted a Risky Business session on April 22, exploring the "smaller" kinds of transitions high school students face (new schools, new peer groups, changes in daily routines, exposure to alcohol and drug use and other risky behaviors) as they make the larger transition to adulthood. The session featured parents with college-aged and older children, as well as experts from the University of Maryland, to talk who talked about the various changes young people face in their high school and college years. Highlights and a resource list from the session are available from Winnie Frable; please Please e-mail her at Winnie.mitchell@gmail.com for more information.

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parents. We thank Building Services and the Administration for supporting us, allowing us to sort and store books in the atrium areas and ensuring that the school was kept clean. We also want to thank the book sale veterans who offered advice and hands-on help, from sorting to processing the proceeds. Last of

all, we thank the community of readers who donated the books, returned to buy more books, and supported the sale through contributions of time, money, and energy.

The 2009 PTSA Used Book Sale Co-Chairs are Lyndsey Gerber, Laura Long, Wendy Price, Elizabeth Tobey and Alex Weiner.

STUDENT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Carrie Bazyluk, Meg Owen, Juleria Smith, Fern Shepard, Diana Ditto, Cynthia Chan and Debbie Jaffe

The Student Recognition Committee has been busy all year arranging breakfasts to honor the students who are named to the Principal's Honor Roll each quarter by achieving a 4.0 Grade Point Average and monthly lunches honoring the Students of the Month. Every month, each department may nominate a student who does something special, puts forth his/her best effort or consistently has a great attitude in class. Those students join Principal Lockard and their nominating teachers for a delicious lunch in the Blue and Gold Room. Many thanks to Chipotle in Bethesda for donating the burritos for two of the lunches this year. Congratulations to all the students that were honored this year!

The Student Recognition Committee is looking for new members for next year. If you might be interested in joining our team, please contact Meg Owen at megowen19@hotmail.com.

To view the lists of the students named Students of the Month or to the Principal's Honor Roll, please visit the school website and click on "Awards" on the right hand side of the home page.

CARTA DE LA PRESIDENTA DEL PTSA, Mary Rubino



Este año hemos contado con el apoyo de más de 800 miembros en el PTSA, y de innumerables horas de ayuda por parte de voluntarios – aquellos que trabajan a escondidas para resaltar y perfeccionar el trabajo extraordinario de nuestros profesores y de nuestra administración. Hemos sido testigos del regreso casi tipo Fénix de la Venta de Libros Usados de B-CC, el cual beneficia a los estudiantes y al vecindario. Hemos visto grandes éxitos en actividades académicas, atléticas, artísticas, y en servicios comunitarios tanto nuevos como ya establecidos. El éxito de muchas de estas actividades depende de la coordinación, publicidad y apoyo de padres voluntarios. Muchas de estas actividades no podrían llevarse a cabo sin tu ayuda.

Los padres ayudan a extender la comunidad académica más allá de las paredes de B-CC y muestran el camino a futuras familias de BCC hacia este gran centro de enseñanza. Cuando compartimos alimentos nuevos en la Noche Internacional y aplaudimos alegres durante los eventos deportivos, asistimos a los conciertos y a las obras teatrales, compartimos sopas y un plato de alimento para ayudar a los que no tienen un techo donde alojarse, creamos una comunidad para nosotros y para nuestros hijos. Cuando hacemos esto, ayudamos a nuestros hijos a experimentar el mundo que les rodea, los animamos a expresarse de una manera creativa, y los preparamos para formar parte de un mundo mejor y mayor. Pero más aún, al participar en la vida de nuestra escuela le decimos a nuestros hijos que la educación es importante, que toma muchas formas y que es una actividad imperecedera y central en nuestras vidas. Estos mensajes, los mismos que reflejan la misión y las expectativas de nuestra escuela, son los que transmitimos a nuestros hijos. La participación de los padres les proyecta poder a nuestros estudiantes.

No es demasiado tarde para involucrarse este año ni demasiado temprano para pensar en el año próximo. No se necesitan habilidades especiales y existen

tantas formas de participar. Puede hacerse cargo de un espectáculo en uno de las obras de un solo acto dirigidas por estudiantes; ayudar en la supervisión de un examen del programa Avanzado o de Bachillerato Internacional (comuníquese con la Srta. Gauthier para los exámenes de AP o con la Srta. Groeneman para los de IB); vote por el equipo de liderazgo del próximo año escolar en la reunión del PTSA de mayo, juegue golf con el grupo que recauda fondos para los deportes, ayude registrando los abrigos durante la fiesta del día de Graduación, asista a los conciertos de fin de año escolar del coro o de los grupos de música instrumental, o siga a las multitudes a los partidos de juegos deportivos.

Nuestros hijos están creciendo, pero todavía no son adultos y aún necesitan de nuestro apoyo. Piense como acercarse a su hijo el próximo año, como un padre, como voluntario en Collage Traces, ayudando en la oficina principal o en el área de consejería, dándole la bienvenida a nuevas familias, mostrándole a nuestra facultad cuanto valoramos sus talentos y su dedicación, reconociendo el trabajo tan duro y exitoso de nuestros estudiantes, entregando tarjetas del Giant, clasificando libros, coordinando actividades para el beneficio de la comunidad, asesorando a estudiantes, inspeccionando proyectos de ciencias, etc. Todas estas actividades ansían de su participación.

BCCAnnounce

BCCnet, una de las mejores herramientas de comunicación de nuestra escuela ha mejorado más aún. Para muchos, el BCCnet es una forma indispensable de mantenerse en contacto con la comunidad escolar. Para otros, causa inconvenientes por el gran volumen de correos que para ellos son innecesarios. Es por esto que ahora vamos a presentarles

BCCAnnounce, una nueva forma de administrar el flujo de información disponible solamente para los estudiantes y sus padres o guardianes y para el personal de la escuela. **BCCAnnounce** transmitirá comunicaciones RELACIONADAS EXCLUSIVAMENTE CON LA ESCUELA. No habrá oportunidad de diálogo en BCCAnnounce, solo una forma directa de la escuela

comunicarse con el PTSA.

Ahora puede escoger que tipos de informaciones desea recibir y en que frecuencia. Puede registrarse en BCCAnnounce y/o en BCCnet a través de www.tinyurl.com/bccannounce. BCCnet continuará siendo un lugar para compartir y discutir información sobre la escuela y otras actividades de la comunidad, pero ahora también puede escoger solo las comunicaciones que estén relacionadas exclusivamente con la escuela mediante un e-mail por separado directamente de B-CC. El registro es rápido y fácil en www.tinyurl.com/bccannounce.

Durante el verano, B-CC se convertirá en una ESCUELA DE VERANO DEL MCPS. ¿Se siente triste porque tiene que alejarse de B-CC durante el verano? Quizá no tenga que hacerlo. ¿Quiere continuar estudiando Álgebra II? ¿Necesita cumplir con algún requisito adicional para poder graduarse? Las clases de la Escuela de Verano que se van a ofrecer en B-CC van a ser: Inglés 9, 10, 11 & 12; Educación en Tecnología; Álgebra 1 & 2; Puente al Álgebra 2; Geometría; Matemáticas del Consumidor; Pre-cálculo; Salud; Materia y Energía; Biología; Sistemas de Tierra/Espacio; Química; Historia Americana; Gobierno Nacional/Estatal/Local; Historia del Mundo Moderno, y ESOL. Fechas y detalles sobre costos y matriculación están a su disposición llamando al 301-279-3202 y en la página del Internet del MCPS [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/.](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/)



NOCHE INTERNACIONAL

por Diana García

Uno de los eventos más importantes del año para la comunidad de B-CC es la Noche Internacional. Este año, el evento tuvo lugar el 6 de marzo, de 6 a 10 pm y fue uno de los mejores desde hace años.

Durante todo el día, los estudiantes de varias partes del mundo se juntaron para orga-

nizar una cena internacional, con platos tradicionales y postres de sus culturas respectivas. Varios otros estudiantes ayudaron con el escenario: colgaron banderas, arreglaron las mesas de comida y decoraron la escuela para conseguir un ambiente verdaderamente internacional. Durante el evento, muchos estudiantes, padres y maestros ayudaron detrás del

CURSOS DE VERANO EN B-CC

por Richard Gordon

Cada cierto número de años MCPS rota la ubicación de sus cursos de verano regionales para preparatoria. Este verano, B-CC será parte de este esfuerzo, siendo una de las cuatro escuelas preparatorias del condado seleccionadas con el propósito de que todos sus residentes tengan el mismo acceso a los cursos.

Los estudiantes se inscriben en los cursos de verano por diversas razones. Algunos necesitan obtener el crédito en un curso o cursos en los que no tuvieron el desempeño necesario durante el año escolar. Otros buscan obtener créditos para cursos como Gobierno NSL que puede faltarles si se cambiaron a B-CC de otro sistema escolar, otro estado o, como suele suceder, de otro país. Muchos estudiantes eligen tomar la clase de Salud (con duración de un semestre) durante el verano para abrir sus horarios durante el año escolar a las materias optativas con duración de todo un ciclo como Fotografía. también existen casos de estudiantes inconformes con las calificaciones aprobatorias durante el año escolar y deciden llevar la material de nuevo durante el verano, en cuyo caso se promedian las

calificaciones de ambos cursos. Por último, existe un número de estudiantes que llevan, por ejemplo, Álgebra 1 para repasar y fortalecer sus aptitudes para matemáticas para el año escolar siguiente.

Los cursos de verano ofrecen principalmente clases que ayudan a los estudiantes a obtener el número de créditos requerido en cada materia básica. Los cursos se ofrecen para Inglés 9, 10, 11, y 12, Educación tecnológica, Álgebra 1, Álgebra 2, Geometría, Matemáticas y consumo, Pre-cálculo, Salud, Materia y energía, Biología, Sistemas Tierra/Espacio, Química, Historia de EE.UU., Gobierno nacional, estatal y local (NSL), Historia del mundo moderno y ESOL.

Consulte las ubicaciones y los horarios a continuación. Aunque no se ofrece transporte a los sitios donde se imparten los cursos de verano, es posible que se cuente con transporte público.

Las inscripciones para los cursos comienzan en mayo de 2009. Los formatos de inscripción estarán disponibles en el Departamento de Orientación a partir de finales de abril y deberán estar firmados por el Consejero de

escenario en la cocina, calentando los platos y ayudando con la limpieza, mientras otros sirvieron la comida y trajeron los trastes sucios a la cocina para lavar. La cena es una de los aspectos más populares de la noche, y las familias se reúnen para charlar, disfrutar de la comida y escuchar la música maravillosa.

Después de la cena, todo el mundo se enlazaba con las varias culturas. Los latinoamericanos disfrutaron de los platos africanos, los estudi-

su alumno. Si tiene cualquier pregunta acerca de los requisitos de graduación, por favor hable con su consejero antes del inicio de las inscripciones. En el sitio Internet del MCPS se ofrece información detallada acerca de las oportunidades de aprendizaje durante el verano.

Contacto ; Oficina de cursos de verano del MCPS 301-279-3202

Oficina de aprendizaje en línea (para los cursos por Internet) 240-632-6940.

Ubicaciones de los cursos de verano regionales del MCPS Bethesda-Chevy Chase Richard Montgomery Seneca Valley Springbrook

Sesión 1 Junio 25: primer día de clases; Julio 15: exámenes finales y último día de la primera sesión

Sesión 2 Julio 20: primer día de clases; Agosto 6: exámenes finales y último día de la segunda sesión

Todas las clases tendrán lugar de las 8:00 AM a las 12:00 PM

Busque información actualizada acerca de los cursos de verano y sus horarios en el sitio Internet de B-CC, la lista de correo electrónico de B-CC y el sitio Internet del MCPS

ante japonese aprendían un poco de francés, los padres pidieron las recetas de los platos indonesios. Con la emoción en alto, todo el mundo se dirigió al auditorio para un show fantástico.

Mientras la audiencia se sentaba, los actores se ponían más nerviosos, y hubo un sentido claro de que los continentes se habían unido para compartir las culturas y celebrar la diversidad. El show empezó con un grupo de modelos usando ropa típica de diferentes culturas del mundo. Desfilaban por el auditorio para que todos pudieran apreciar los vestidos, los pantalones y camisas—algunos muy coloridos y llamativos— todos en fin representando la creatividad de cada cultura, y en su conjunto representando a todos nosotros como seres humanos. Fue un momento muy especial en que las fronteras entre los países se borraron. La audiencia aplaudía y aclamaba con entusiasmo mientras pasaban los modelos.

El primer grupo musical se vestía por la ocasión en ropa típica escocesa. Tocaron una selección de música escocés y ganó el aplauso de la audiencia. Uno tras uno, los actores indios, latinoamericanos, europeos, y asiáticos mostraron sus habilidades a través de los bailes tradicionales y el folclore de los países que representaban. Claro estaba que muchos de los estudiantes habían ensayado durante horas incontables durante las semanas anteriores al show. Por un tiempito, la comunidad internacional de B-CC sentía como si el mundo se había achicado para caber dentro de aquellas paredes, y que era posible viajar de país en país en pocos minutos. La experiencia fue impresionante y todo el mundo salió de B-CC alabando el evento y anticipando con alegría las actividades del próximo año.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE FOR B-CC STUDENTS

"Pericles" at the Folger

On March 5, B-CC students performed the play "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" at the Folger Theater's Secondary School Shakespeare Festival. This was the first time "Pericles" was presented at the festival. Directed by Zach Weinberg, the cast included senior Lyz Glickman (Cerimone); juniors Greg Atkin (Lysimachus), Alyssa Picard (Bawd), David Sottile (Boult); sophomores Caroline Diehl (Thaisa), Tracey Erbacher (Helicanus), Scy Krogh (Diana), Brina Seidel (Gower), Anand Tiwari (Ensemble), Spence Weinreich (Pericles), Hallie Zolkower-Kutz (Marina); and freshmen Nonnie Dauster (Ensemble), Catty Leipold (Dionyza), Andrena Wade (Ensemble) and Rachel Wallick (Leonine).

Alyssa Puritz was stage manager and assistant stage manager was Sarah Schnorrenberg. The play won several awards: Bridging the Gap, given to Tracey Erbacher, Alyssa Picard and Zach Weinberg for adapting the play; an acting award called the Mysterious Family Reunion Award, to Hallie Zolkower-Kutz and Spence Weinberg; the Music of the Sphere Award, for Scy Krogh's lovely singing as Diana, and Making the Most of a Small Part Award to the ensemble – Andrena Wade, Nonnie Dauster and Anand Tiwari. Congratulations

"Macbeth" at the Shakespeare Theater

Junior Anthony Pape-Calabrese took third prize at the annual English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition held at the Lansburgh Theater. Students representing the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia performed both a monologue and a sonnet, with two rounds of competition. Pape-Calabrese chose the "tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow" speech from "Macbeth" and "Sonnet 130". In addition to receiving a cash award, he will join the first and second place winners for a celebration at the British Embassy in late April.

GRAND PIANO FUND

B-CC badly needs a new grand piano, and donations have us partway there. We still need \$6,000.

See the website for information on how to donate and receive recognition. We are fortunate that Shaffer's Pianos has just lent B-CC a grand piano for a year, which will provide us with a temporary solution until we raise the funds.



B-CC BACKSTAGE

Upcoming Events for B-CC Theater

Macbeth. . . in the woods	April 17, 18
B-CC Idol	April 23, 24
Student One-Act Festival	May 15, 16
Theater Banquet	May 22

B-CC SPRING PLAY GIVES ACTORS A CHANCE TO TRY BLACK BOX THEATER

Two talented casts of B-CC actors tried out a smaller, more intimate stage set-up with the Peter Shaffer show "The White Liars and Black Comedy." The Washington Post student critics described the production as "well-acted funny performances [that] enhanced the characters' complex personalities."

With all 120 seats for each show set on the stage, the performers and audience experienced the effect of a "black box" theater. As Drama teacher and artistic director Aaron Taylor pointed out in his director's notes, "the close proximity of the audience on three different sides will give our actors (and audience!) an energy and excitement they'll never forget." Technical director Jeff Kenton organized the student crew, who worked with the intricacies of complicated lighting and sound effects on the smaller stage.

Miki Alexander ('09) and Clem Trott ('10) were stage managers for the productions.

The first act in the two-part play, "The White Liars" featured Chloe McCune ('11) and Caroline Borders ('11), doublecast as Sophie the fortuneteller. Lulu Gordon ('10) and Erin Hoxie ('09) played the roles of Alice and Julie on Friday nights. Jon Miot ('09) and Jon Dutko ('10) were Frank and Tom on Saturday nights. All played their roles with superb precision and helped the audience interpret the clues they were leaving throughout the evening.

Shifting gears after intermission, the play went in a comedic direction. "Black Comedy" began with the actors saying their lines in complete darkness. This technique quickly made sense as the show delved into the predicament of the couple Brindsley Miller (juniors Joey Dillon and Zach Weinberg) and Carol (sophomore Kate Davis and freshman Catty Leopold). The hilarious Miss Furnival was played by Hannah Johnston ('11) and Jessie Klueter ('12).

Carol's mother, the forbidding Colonel Melkett, was cleverly played by Irene Burski ('12) and Alyssa Picard ('10). Greg Atkin ('10) aptly took over the part of Harold Gorrings, the outraged neighbor, for both casts. Perfecting their German accents, Tim Simon ('11) and David Sottile ('10) stormed onto the stage as the hapless electrician. The sultry Clea was played by Claire Blackwelder ('11) and Susannah Wilson ('12). Millionaire George Bamberger's role went to Ezra Lewis ('11) and Bhenn Houde-Hostland ('11), who never broke character.

MUSIC DEPT NEWS

By Julie Heaney and Debbie Jaffe



Our trip to Orlando was a success as 235 students, 18 chaperones and our three music teachers enjoyed a fun-filled, enriching trip March 25 - 29. After traveling all night by bus, we stopped in Daytona Beach for a beach and pizza party and then arrived in Orlando at about 5 pm on Thursday afternoon. That evening we were treated to a mesmerizing performance of Cirque du Soleil in Disney World. Friday was spent at either Universal Studios or Islands of Adventure theme park from 10 m until 7 pm.

Saturday all of our ensembles performed and competed with schools from Virginia, New Jersey and Canada to name a few. There was an evening awards ceremony and dinner at Wet and Wild theme park. B-CC received the following awards:

Jazz Band – “Sweepstakes Trophy” for highest overall score of any competing group at the festival and also a trophy for highest overall score of the jazz bands.

Chamber Singers – First place/gold rating

Women’s Choir – Second place/silver rating

Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Concert Choir-

Second place/ silver rating in their respective groups

Advanced Orchestra and Advanced Band – Third place/silver rating

Concert Orchestra – Third place/bronze rating

Outstanding Soloist Awards:

Naomi Roochnik – Outstanding Vocalist

Eli Aleinikoff – Outstanding Instrumental for Jazz, Tenor Sax

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



B-CC theatre and language students in Pisa, Italy, at the "Field of Miracles."

Two B-CC students perform in Rhode Island – Flute player Chan Kim performed at the Music Educators National Conference in Providence, RI, on March 14. She also played with the Army Field Band as a concerto soloist winner. Violist Lexie Frosh was selected as a member of the All-Eastern Orchestra that performed at the Music Educator’s Conference in Rhode Island on March 15.

Montgomery County Festival Results – Many of our ensembles participated in Montgomery County Festivals this spring. The Symphonic Orchestra received a superior rating at their festival and the Symphonic Band received an excellent rating. In the vocal department, the Women’s Choir earned a superior rating and Chamber Singers and Concert Choir both earned excellent ratings.

Music Boosters Meeting – There will be a music boosters meeting on Monday, May 18 at 7 pm in the choral room at B-CC. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for next year. Fundraising will be more important than ever because the county will not be charging lab fees after this year, which will be a considerable loss for the music department.

Spring Concert Dates – We will have two spring concerts in the B-CC auditorium:

Instrumental Concert – Tuesday, May 5 at 7 pm

Choral Concert – Thursday, May 7 at 7 pm

***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!

MULCH, GLORIOUS MULCH

By Michelle Brown

The Sports Boosters held their annual mulch sale in April. This was the biggest one yet with over 6,000 bags of mulch sold. All that mulch is a sight to behold! Every team was asked to participate in this huge event, creating an all-hands-on-deck effort. The actual delivery took place over 2 weekends and it was a community effort – with moms delivering mulch, dads loading pick up trucks and athletes working hard to make sure deliveries got to each customer.

Along with the mulch sale, the Sports Boosters held their semi-annual plant sale. This year, we were honored to have a Master Gardener from Montgomery County available to answer questions about planting and other lawn and garden concerns. Every year the plant sale offers a beautiful variety of plants, and we are very pleased to be able to provide this service to the community.

Did you know that it costs over \$30,000 a year just to maintain the B-CC athletic field? This is money that doesn't come from the county, but instead must come out of the overall Athletic Department budget. By Sports Boosters holding the mulch sale and everyone pitching in, we raised nearly \$15,000 to help offset this cost, thus freeing up school budget money to go back into other needs of the B-CC Athletic Department.

The mulch/plant sale is just one example of the activities that are sponsored by Sports Boosters to help the Athletic Department and the entire school. We make sure the concession stand is open for most sporting events, sponsor campus cleanup days, help fund special requests from various teams, and we make sure that there is a school store where our students and parents can buy Barons' spirit wear and support B-CC with pride.

JOIN B-CC POMS!

By Joy Dawson

Poms wrapped up the year with 3 competitions this past winter, including the Northwest Jaguar Invitational where they won first place! The whole team is to be congratulated, with special recognition going to Captains Lara Magill and Oluseyi Segun, as well as Booster Sportsmanship Award winners Shayna Queen and Juliet Anderson. Spring means that it's already time to start looking forward to the 2009-10 competition season. If you are looking to dance competitively, B-CC Poms is the place for you! Try-outs for next year's team will take place May 18-22, with a technique and choreography clinic being offered on Saturday, May 9. Although experience is helpful, it is not necessary. Come ready to learn and to have fun! Please contact Coach Joy Dawson for more information at Joy_Dawson@mcpsmd.org.

ECA FEES – DON'T FORGET

This summer you will receive information on the ECA (Extra Curricular Activity) fees for the 2009-10 school year. Remember that you can pay online. For full information about the ECA, go to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/fms/payeca.shtm or call the ECA Office at 301-517-5000. This fee must be paid in order for any MCPS student to try-out for and/or play any high school sport.

BANTER SPORTS NEWS

Cinda Davey is "graduating out" of B-CC in June. Your Banter Sports Editors for the 2009-10 school year will be

Karl & Sarah Klontz.

All sports-related items for the Banter should be directed to them beginning immediately. They can be reached at: KCKLONTZ@aol.com

Banter staff and readers alike
thank her for the tremendous dedication
and talent
she has brought to this job.

2009-2010 FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS BEGIN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

Don't get caught on vacation when you could be revving up for the exciting fall sports season! For most teams, it is ****mandatory**** to show up for the first day of tryouts if you plan to participate during the season. You must have all required forms with you when you show up (downloadable from B-CC website – click on Athletics) and you need to be in shape! Coaches will provide further information during the summer about where to report for the start of tryouts.

REQUIRED FORMS:

Before any student can try out for a sport, they must have a current physical exam (within one calendar year of the end of the athletic season), a medical card, transportation form, and a parent permission form. Questions relating to interscholastic sports should be directed to the athletic director, Mr. Tim Gilmore, at 240-497-6344.

Health inventory form (required for tryouts)
Medical card
Transportation form
Student-parent contract

All forms can be downloaded from: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/athletics/index.shtm#forms

INAUGURAL LACROSSE BALL A HUGE SUCCESS!

By Michelle Brown

February 28th was a cold night, but it was warm inside Tommy Joe's, site of the inaugural Lacrosse Ball. Over 150 people enjoyed hors d'oeuvres while dancing to the live music of the Boomers and bidding on highly sought after silent auction items. The idea of the Lacrosse Ball came about when sports teams were asked to help the B-CC Sports Boosters generate funds to pay for improved maintenance of the stadium field. Not wanting to continue to be outdone by Churchill's field, the lacrosse team took the challenge to heart and developed the idea of *The Lacrosse Ball*, to benefit the B-CC stadium field. Although called the Lacrosse Ball, the event was attended and supported by members of all B-CC sports teams, Westland families, B-CC alumni, and representatives of the greater D.C. sports community. Proceeds from

admission to the Ball were split, with 80% going for stadium field maintenance, and 10% to each of the lacrosse teams. To raise the bar even higher, additional donations were requested, specifically to purchase field blankets. Field blankets cover the grass during the winter, contributing to stronger and greener grass all year long. The response to the cause was overwhelmingly positive! The event raised almost \$15,000, of which \$6,000 was directed to new field blankets. As you drive by the stadium next winter, take a look at the new field blankets and anticipate a much stronger and greener field for our B-CC athletes. Look forward, also, to the Second Annual Lacrosse Ball, which is guaranteed to be even more fun than the first.

WINTER 2008-09 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AWARDS

ALL-GAZETTE

Jerome Seagears, Boys Basketball - First Team
 Nate Koenig, Boys Basketball - Honorable Mention
 Bria White, Girls Basketball - Second Team
 Girls' Indoor Track - 1600 Meters, 3200 Meters
 Addie Tousley - First Team
 Girls' Indoor Track - 4 X 800 Relay
 Paige Donnelly, Kate Leuba, Hannah Richardson,
 Addie Tousley — First Team
 Michael Center, Boys' Swimming &
 Diving - Honorable Mention

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALL-EXTRA

Jerome Seagears, Boys Basketball - First Team
 Bria White, Girls Basketball - First Team
 Addie Tousley, Girls Indoor Track - First Team

ALL-LEAGUE (MONTGOMERY 3A/2A/1A)

Jerome Seagears, Boys Basketball - First Team
 Bria White, Girls Basketball - First Team

B-CC WINTER 2008-09 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Every season the B-CC All-Sports Boosters purchase silver engraved stars for the student-athletes that coaches designate as the example of sportsmanship on his/her team. It is given not only for hard work and personal improvement, but also for a willingness to understand, to learn, to enter into a partnership with the coaches and teammates in an effort to recognize one's full potential. At the same time, this person has taken an individual sport to its highest team level by consistently placing personal goals subordinate to the team's needs and goals.

Congratulations to the winter season awardees:

Boys Varsity Basketball — LUCAS IRAOLA
 Boys JV Basketball — HERBIE SCHWAT
 Girls Varsity Basketball — TALIA BROCK
 Girls JV Basketball — DANIELLE HARKAWAY
 Indoor Track & Field (girls) — STEPHANIE MERTENS
 Indoor Track & Field (boys) — JULIEN DORSEY
 Poms — JULIET ANDERSON
 Swim & Dive Team (girls) — LEAH WALPUCK
 Swim & Dive Team (boys) — MICHAEL CENTER
 Varsity Wrestling — JONAH GOLDMAN
 JV Wrestling — ZACH GRUNBERG

B-CC SQUASH INVITES ALL

By Connie Barnes

The B-CC squash program has run fall, winter, and spring seasons since 2004, operating out of Bethesda Sport & Health. In winter, B-CC enters two divisions in the SIVL Sport and Health Interclub Varsity League which incorporates a 30-match program against players from Madeira, Landon, Whitman, Wilson, Holton Arms, Wakefield, Thomas Jefferson and other Tri-State High Schools. The teams did not reach the number one position in the 2007-08 season under the captaincy of MVP recipient Caroline Sieber, however, new captain

Dimitri Halikias' expectations are high for the 2008-09 season. The team is currently in its spring training, working out twice weekly at Bethesda Sport & Health and beginners are welcome. Several members of our team have received calls from college coaches. Squash is one sport growing at the college level where is sometimes difficult to find enough players to fill rosters. Come and join in the fun and fitness of the B-CC squash team while giving your college application a boost! For more information, please contact Coach Connie Barnes at cbarnes@sportandhealth.com.

B-CC ATHLETICS INFO

Remember that you can always get the latest information about B-CC athletics online, on the B-CC HS website.

Go to: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/athletics/index.shtm

NEW LOOK BARONS TAKE THE DIAMOND

By Bernie Sevilla

There are many new faces on B-CC's varsity baseball team this year, starting with Head Coach Philip Slatkin who has gotten the Barons off to a good start with a 3-2 record. The Barons opened the season at home in exciting fashion, with a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over cross town rival Wootton.

Co-Captains Jake Boross-2B (.462) and Alex Cole-C/P (1-0), along with senior classmate Nick Sevilla-CF (.533) return to their starting roles. They are joined by juniors Casey Fitzgerald-LF, Jules Bodie-RF, Matt Fiedelholz-3B, Ben Trebach-SS and sophomore Daniel Rossett-1B, who currently leads the team in RBIs. The bulk of the pitching has come from starting hurler Adam Levine (1-0) and senior Donzen Urubshurow (1-0), who has gotten the early nod this season as the closer. The rest of the team includes seniors Caleb Bank-IF, Michael Cunningham-

1B/P, Joe Flynn-OF, Albert Kurtz-IF, Max Valenstein-C, as well as juniors Paul Hogan-IF and Paul Rader-OF.

Come out and support your team! After spring break, the Barons still have six home games before the playoffs.

FROM COACH SLATKIN:

With an emphasis on hustle, defense, pitching, base running and the mental aspect of baseball, both the varsity and JV players continue toward becoming outstanding baseball players. The JV baseball team is off to a great start with four victories in five games. Led by an outstanding JV baseball coach, David Joseph, the future is extremely bright for the B-CC baseball program. Both teams exhibit superior hustle, sportsmanship, great work ethic in practice and in games and the willingness to do what it takes to make the B-CC baseball program highly suc-

cessful and competitive. Our student-athletes are also earning excellent grades in the classroom and are beginning to understand what it takes for us to compete at the highest level. Coach Joseph and I are very proud, excited, optimistic and extremely pleased with the beginning of the season.

JV BASEBALL WINS 4 of 5 GAMES

By Stan Crock

The B-CC Barons junior varsity baseball team got off to a great start this spring, sporting a 4-1 record after five games. In the season opener, a brilliant performance on the mound and at the plate, by freshman Nico Narel-Aguilar, led the Barons to a nearly flawless 3-2 victory in an away game at Wootton. Narel-Aguilar scattered five hits over six innings, striking out eight and walking four. His double and single knocked in two of the Barons' three runs.

In the second game, a gutsy Churchill Bulldogs team rallied for five runs in the top of the sixth to overcome 5-0 and 8-2 deficits and nip the Barons 11-10, for B-CC's only loss. Narel-Aguilar continued to impress, reaching base every time up. The combination of B-CC pitchers allowing 9 walks and hitting two batters, and Churchill's ability to hit the long ball, brought the Barons' record to 1-1. Errors by Einstein fielders helped B-CC win the third game, 8-5. Then in two runaway games, the Barons beat Seneca Valley 16-4 and Kennedy 19-4.

After five games, the leading batters included sophomore catcher Zack Coen, who has a .556 batting average (BA), .750 on-base percentage (OBP), and .778 slugging percentage (SP); Narel-Aguilar with a .400 BA, .824 OBP, and .667 SP; sophomores, first baseman Russell Crock and centerfielder Ben Kohm, who each have a .462 BA and .600 OBP; and, sophomore shortstop Ollie Macklin, who has a .400 BA and .667 SP.

VARSITY SOFTBALL TAKES THE FIELD

By JoAnn Symons

The Lady Barons kicked off the 2009 softball season looking to build on a strong 2008 record that saw them advance to the Western regional semifinals before losing a hard-fought game to top-seed Damascus. This year the team is off to a solid start with a 2-2 record heading into spring break.

Manager Maigan Campbell, who has returned to coach after a four-year hiatus, has fielded a young team, with only three returning seniors—Emily Becker (co-captain) at first base, Lauren Becker at third base, and Caroline Symons (co-captain) in center field. Senior Lesley Baseman joined the team as a power player at shortstop.

Returning junior Olivia Ferguson (left field), and juniors Lia Clearfield, Annemarie Galasso, and Colleen Nolan, along with sophomores Ellie Magner, Madison Yeutter, and returning sophomore Rachel Natoli (who has stepped up to the mound as pitcher), round out the roster. The team is playing without last year's super infielder, sophomore Alyssa Puritz, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in spring training. Student manager for the team is Lauren Real.

The team plays its home games at the Lynnbrook Park field (two blocks from school). Come out to support the team at home on April 25 & 28 and May 2 & 6!

GIVE ICE HOCKEY A SHOT!

By John Holbrooke

The B-CC ice hockey Barons finished their season with mixed success. There were some savory victories, tough losses and even a dramatic tie.

It is never too soon to think about the 2009-10 season. The ice Barons look to all B-CC boys and girls who wish to carry on the distinguished legacy of B-CC ice hockey. Head coach and B-CC alumnus, J.T. Burton, encourages all current hockey players and potential players to join the club. B-CC hockey has had athletes start hockey with this program and grow to be solid contributors. Rising ninth graders – think about ice hockey as your high school sport.

If you are interested, or if you have questions, please contact manger Lauren VanderVeen: L2V2@aol.com or 301-718-9561.

B-CC GIRLS LACROSSE (2-2) LOOKS FORWARD

By Ann Amling

B-CC Lady Barons varsity lacrosse, led by Coaches Jenna Reis and Corey Samperton, started the season with a 2-2 record. The pre-season schedule included several challenging scrimmages and not much practice time together on the field. The team opened their 2009 spring season with a 9-6 loss to Quince Orchard, one of the toughest opponents in the county, and while the Barons were disappointed with the outcome, the team has forged ahead.

The Barons played host to the Cheltenham Ladies College (high school), a team from the United Kingdom touring the East Coast during their spring "holiday" and competing along the way. The Barons took an early lead and held on to win their first, but hopefully not last, international competition, 11-10. Following the game, the teams enjoyed a tail-gate supper hosted by Coach Reis and B-CC Principal Karen Lockard. While senior player and student government officer Nancy Makuch took some of the British visitors on a tour of B-CC, other players chatted around the picnic table or in the stands while the B-CC boys' team competed. Many players on the Cheltenham team had never seen boy's lacrosse and had a fun evening watching the game, while discussing differences between men's and women's lacrosse. Our players commented on the exceptional skill level and politeness of the Cheltenham players, while the visiting team admired our girl's athleticism and friendliness. It was, by all accounts, a successful evening on and off the field.

The Barons headed into their game against neighboring rivals, the Whitman Vikings, and did not disappoint. B-CC led the entire game and the final score was a decisive 16-6, with seven different players posting points on the stat sheet. However, the team was unable to capitalize on this momentum as they struggled in the first half of their next game against talented defending regional champion Wootton. The Patriots came to play, scoring their first goal within 20 seconds of the start of the game. At half time the score was 10-4, but the Barons would not concede easily. They mounted a surge after halftime, outscoring Wootton in the second half 6-5 and at one point pulling to within 3, before suffering two yellow card penalties and finally falling 15-10. Posting another county loss was a setback, but Coach Reis commented that "these athletes are all way ahead of where we were at the same time last spring, individually and more importantly, as a team."

Playing their third game in a week, the Barons rallied, kicking off spring break with another decisive win at home. Once again seven different team members scored or posted assists in a 19-7 victory over WCAC's St. Johns College High School Cadets, including goals from Catherine Mirsky, Ruth Andrews, and Danielle Harkaway. There is plenty of reason for optimism going forward: Sophomore Melissa Jaskiewicz has been a bright spot in goal, keeping games within reach with 39 saves. She is supported ably by Kinsey Hoffman, Harkaway, Charlotte Kettler, and Jose Silva-Lopes at the defensive end of the field. Jenn Dewey and Rachel Keeling have shown the ability to play both defense and midfield, totaling 23 ground balls and 8

B-CC CREW ROWS TO A STRONG START FOR 2009 SEASON

By Bridget Hartman

In the team's opening races on the Anacostia River against Gonzaga College HS, DeMatha Catholic HS, and Georgetown Visitation HS, the B-CC women's freshman 8 grabbed its first victory of the season, handily beating Visitation by almost a minute. The women's varsity 8 won the Gold-White Cup for the second year in a row with a narrow .4 second victory over Visitation.

At the St. Andrew's Invitational Regatta in Middleton, DE, B-CC crew battled gusty cross winds of Noxontown Pond and strong competition. Local teams included Walt Whitman and West Springfield (VA). Mid-Atlantic-area teams included St. Andrew's, Ocean City HS (NJ), Merion Mercy Academy (PA), and Monsignor Bonner HS (PA). B-CC's men's and women's varsity 8, men's 2nd varsity 8, and the women's freshman 8 beat the local competition and claimed third place to NJ/PA teams. The men's freshman 8 rowed to third place. The women's varsity 4 and the women's novice 8 placed third in their respective races. The men's 3rd 8 finished 5th and the men's 2nd freshman finished 6th.

In Philly, at the 4th Manny Flick of the season hosted by the Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association, B-CC crew raced in some of its toughest contests with terrific results. The women's varsity 8 came in second to Winter Park (FL). The men's varsity 8 came in 2nd to Holy Spirit (NJ). The women's 2nd 8 grabbed third to Winter Park and Atlantic City (NJ). Despite equipment malfunctions at the beginning of the race, the men's varsity 4 finished a strong 4th to Radnor (PA), Lower Merion (PA), and Oakcrest (NJ) in a six-boat race. The freshman men's and women's teams continued to show their might on the water, each finishing in 6th place out of a field of 16 and 20 boats respectively. The women's novice 4 came in 6th and the men's 2nd freshman boat came in 19th. Check out results for other races of the season at www.bccrowing.net.

Westland 8th Grade Students: Rowers & Coxswains Wanted for B-CC Crew!

B-CC crew will be offering a beginner rowing program this fall from mid-Sept to mid-October. A great introduction to the sport of rowing, this four-week program is held at Thompson Boat Center and taught by B-CC crew coaches.

Learn more about B-CC crew, a spring club sport, when coaches and athletes visit Westland in May or by visiting our Web site at www.bccrowing.net. Questions? Contact Bridget Hartman at bridget@speakeasy.net.

caused turnovers between them. Along with experienced competitors Mirsky, Makuch, and Sunny Cobb, Stephanie Mertens, Abigail Frank, Andrews, Rachel Ruda, and Laura O'Brien round out the roster. But the scoring load so far is carried by junior Maggie Mitchell (19 goals, 6 assists) and senior co-captains Liza Amling (14 goals, 8 assists) and Mimmy Wenzel (14 goals, 2 assists). For the first time ever, the Barons held practice during the first half of spring break. The players, coaches and fans look forward to upcoming games, expecting nothing other than a seven win regular season run going forward and with hopes for a history-making post-season.

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B-CC PTSA website,
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Sign up for BCCnet, B-CC High School's email network especially for parents. Use it to request or report information and to exchange ideas about B-CC High School and education in general.

To join, contact co-moderator Mark Paster at bcclist@gmail.com.

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School calendar and weekly update on B-CC website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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**Graduation, No
School
June 2**

**No School
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**Exams
June 10 - 15**

**Senior Exams
May 22 - 28**

**Report Cards
Mailed
June 23**

See more details on the B-CC website and inside this publication!