

## BCSD spreads kindness

*"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."*

Kindness was overflowing throughout our campus this winter. Students and staff in each building worked to spread holiday cheer and brighten the days of others.

Musicians at Brockport High School filled the halls with holiday melodies, and hot cocoa and candy canes were delivered to students and staff. Brockport's National Honor Society collected and donated over 200 toys for district families in need, and they created 100 cards for Elderwood nursing home residents. The counseling office also collected and donated hats, gloves and scarves to area families.

Through generous staff and community donations, 90 Oliver Middle School students, nominated by their teachers, received a holiday bag of goodies. Students in Mrs. Phillips' class created



cards to brighten the day of those living in a senior living facility. Staff also spread cheer by delivering cookies to students before recess.

Hill School teachers focused on kindness during lesson plans. Students in Mr. Albrecht's class worked on communication challenges presented during the pandemic by talking in community circles. To highlight the theme, a student shared a book about kindness with classmates. Fifth-grade students also surprised staff with poinsettias as a thank you for supporting their class fundraiser.

Barclay Elementary students created holiday cards for nursing home residents and veterans at the Batavia VA Hospital. The school also continued their partnership with SUNY Brockport to donate money to families in need, with "elves" who did the holiday gift shopping and with the Brockport Police Department for their "Shop with a Cop" program.

Ginther Elementary students used the "be a light" viral challenge as inspiration to spread kindness through artwork. Students created drawings during Mrs. Snyder's art class to show different acts of kindness and what kindness meant to them. Students also made paper chains with links representing various acts of kindness they witnessed. A video was created featuring the artists, their work and students reciting the lyrics of "Be a Light" by Thomas Rhett. This inspiring video can be found on Ginther's website.



Dear Brockport families,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and happy!

It is hard to believe we are past the halfway point of the school year. While this has been

a challenging year, I am extremely appreciative for everyone's continued support, patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

Throughout the last few months, I have been visiting our schools and departments. I continue to be impressed and amazed by our staff's hard work and dedication to ensure our students are safe and engaged in learning. During my visits, I have been fortunate to see the many great projects and learning activities taking place, both in-person and remotely! I have witnessed tremendous strides made by teachers, adapting their entire teaching style to accommodate new instructional models, and by our students and families who have successfully adapted to these models and the increased use of technology.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to overcoming the obstacles COVID-19 has thrown at us. Your flexibility, patience and support in refining our learning models have brought us far. I look forward to continuing to improve our learning models as we work through the remainder of our school year.

Despite challenging times, you will see many examples throughout our newsletter of how students are excelling in academics, music, art, athletics and community service. Students were recently inducted into Brockport High School's National Honor Society, virtual concerts shined a spotlight on our musicians, and students throughout the district found fun ways to spread kindness. In addition, I have been able to join our Ski



Club on the slopes and have watched the enthusiasm of our students as they speed down the hills. It is inspiring to watch the resiliency of our entire Brockport school community as we find new ways to learn, grow and persevere.

Although the COVID-19 positivity rate increased due to the holiday season, I am proud our campus remained safe and open. Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment in following our safety protocols. Please join me in a renewed commitment to following these protocols with fidelity by accurately completing the daily health screening, refraining from coming to school when symptomatic, properly wearing approved masks and maintaining social distancing when possible.

As we near the one-year anniversary of schools closing, I am optimistic that brighter days are ahead. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. Together we truly are #BrockportStrong!

Sincerely,

Sean C. Bruno  
Superintendent of Schools



## COVID-19 Report Card

Brockport Central School District's top priority remains the health and safety of our students and staff. We will continue to follow guidelines from the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health as we move forward.

New York State recently added a COVID-19 Report Card database to their website that tracks positive COVID-19 cases at each school throughout the state. School districts submit each building's updated numbers at the end of every school day. The database can be accessed on the NYS Department of Health website: <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov>.

## BOE Update

The Brockport Board of Education is currently holding virtual board meetings out of an abundance of caution to keep students and staff safe by avoiding additional people on campus. Meetings are conducted through Zoom and livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Additional BOE information including agendas, minutes, policies and updates can be found at [www.bcs1.org/district/board\\_of\\_education](http://www.bcs1.org/district/board_of_education).

# INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## BCSD welcomes Equity and Inclusion Support Specialist

Brockport Central School District has named Orlando Benzan as the district's first Equity and Inclusion Support Specialist, a part-time position created to elevate and accelerate the district's vision for inclusive excellence.

Mr. Benzan, currently a Brockport High School social studies teacher and teacher union president, begins his new additional assignment on February 1. While Mr. Benzan will be under the direction of the Office of Instruction, he will work closely with students, staff, families, administrators and community members to ensure that the district's culture and climate is equitable and inclusive for all.

The district will also be collaborating with area school districts through Monroe BOCES to further coordinate and advance our equitable and inclusive efforts.

"As a district, we are very grateful for the work that has been done thus far in our school community, but know there is more to do," stated Superintendent Sean Bruno. "It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our campus is equitable and inclusive. We hope you will join us in welcoming Orlando Benzan to elevate our continued efforts."



"I'm looking forward to applying my diverse life and educational experiences to help create a program that will foster the educational growth of our students and school community."

– Orlando Benzan

## REMOTE LEARNING AND DIGITAL RESOURCES



It is important that students are actively engaging with their teachers and completing online activities on remote learning days. Please remind your child to be logged in on time and prepared for virtual learning, as directed by their teacher. Ensure video is enabled on their device, household distractions are minimized and devices are charged nightly.

Be sure to explore useful tips, tools and offerings to help families and students with digital learning. Visit our "Digital Resources" section on our website to keep students on track, balanced and engaged. You will find answers to many of your questions, helpful information and links to technical support: [www.bcs1.org/digital\\_resources](http://www.bcs1.org/digital_resources).

## Student Think Tank

In early spring, the Office of Instruction will be working with a group of secondary students to gather their input regarding remote learning and instruction, specifically through the lens of equity and access.

We would like to deepen our understanding of which aspects of remote learning are working and identify areas in need of improvement. The data collected from students will be reviewed and shared with instructional staff to inform and enhance future instruction.

We anticipate expanding our think tank to our elementary students in late spring.

## National Honor Society inducts new members

The Brockport High School Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 47 new members during a virtual induction ceremony held in January. The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, service, leadership and character.

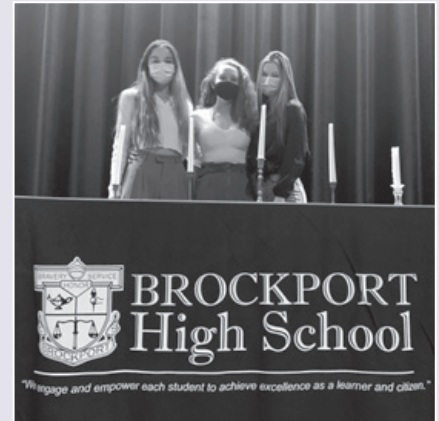
The virtual ceremony began with a welcome from BHS Principal Michael Pincelli, followed by opening comments from NHS advisers Patricia Arnold and Rebecca Barrett.

A keynote address was given by Elizabeth Masterson, the Head Women's Soccer Coach at the Rochester Institute of Technology. After focusing on what the pillars meant to her, through her athletic lens, Masterson left students with the following challenge: "Instead

of NHS being a transaction needed to get into a better college, what if it is part of your transformation as a leader? Instead of the community service you need in order to put it on your resume, what if you approach every service activity as an opening to really grow? After this, consider what you do and how you spend your time. Do you view it as a transaction; something to check the box? Or do you view it as something transformational; something you're putting your whole self into and finding you have grown afterward?"

NHS officers discussed the importance of the four pillars, which serve as the foundation of the National Honor Society. Congratulatory messages were given by Superintendent Bruno, Board of Education President Terry Ann Carbone and many Brockport High School administrators.

NHS officers delivered certificates and special treats to each of the new inductees. Advisers hope to hold an in-person reception for all new members and their families in the near future. The NHS Virtual Induction Ceremony can be viewed on the BHS website.



Congratulations to our new BHS National Honor Society inductees:

Hadeel Amireh  
Allison Amoroso  
Xavier Bauer  
Leigha Brugger-Fields  
Caleb Christiansen  
Jenna Cring  
Austin Davis  
Heather Duell  
Miles Dumas  
Meghan Felice

Caitlyn Hamlin  
Xia Hoffmann  
Emma Hopsicker  
Sydney Horn  
Molly Howlett  
Raegan Hughes  
Madison Isenberg  
Savanna Isenberg  
Danielle Jewell-Wolf  
Alyssa Kiener

Bradley Kleehammer  
Dylan Kleehammer  
Cameron Kluth  
Tyler Kluth  
Meaghan Leibert  
Annabelle McGinnity  
Cole Mesiti  
Mackenzie Monnier  
Joseph Nather  
Nadia Nealon

Lily Panning  
Indigo Pardun  
Marianna Pryor  
Zachary Richards  
Jenna Rivera  
Jayden Roberts  
Megan Smith  
Katlynn Sobolewski  
Alexander Stoker  
Delaney Szabo

Benjamin Toland  
Kassidy Tully  
Skyler Walsh  
Leah Weinbeck  
Jeffrey Xue  
Xavier Zayas  
Jerry Zhang

## Mock Newbery Club

The joy of reading recently united students from various school districts in a collaborative reading project called the Mock Newbery Club. This is the seventh year Hill School members joined with students from Jackson Grammar and Josiah Bartlett Elementary in New Hampshire to read six potential Newbery winners.

As students read, they posted their thoughts and attended monthly meetings on Microsoft Teams. This year, club members celebrated virtually on January 27. Boxes were wrapped and opened at home to kick off the celebration. Each student was given a custom sweet treat, group picture, certificate and activities that corresponded with the books read. The Mock Newbery winner and the official ALA Newbery winner were announced.

This year's book selections were "Black Brother, Black Brother," by Jewell Parker Rhodes, "The One and Only Bob," by Katherine Applegate, "The List of Things That Will Not Change," by Rebecca Stead, "Show Me a Sign," by Ann Clare LeZotte, "Echo Mountain," by Lauren Wolk and "When Stars Are Scattered," by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.



# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## Barclay students explore the world

Mrs. Cutaia's third-graders have been exploring geography and world cultures by comparing and contrasting cultural holiday celebrations and traditions across the globe. The goal is for students to make connections between themselves and the diverse, global community they are a part of. Students used a variety of non-fiction texts and videos to learn about each celebration. They completed traditional crafts, such as weaving a mkeka, designing a rangoli pattern and creating a menorah. Cultural games were played, and students listened to music and tasted traditional treats. They are even solving puzzles in an escape room! As they "traveled" to each country they collect their new learning in a passport that has taken them across the world!



## Pre-K students learn letters

Ginther's Universal Pre-Kindergarten students have been busy learning their letters. In-person and remote students are encouraged to create letters with everyday objects and wooden pieces. Students have their own sensory bucket where they search for letters. Students make letters in the air, sing letter songs, use letter puppets and write letters in their hand-writing book.



## Hill reading challenge

Hill students were challenged during their PBIS Kick-off Virtual Assembly at the beginning of the year to read daily for at least 15 minutes. Hybrid and remote students complete a weekly form through Hill's Library Teams page to log their reading minutes. Students are rewarded for the more they read. The classes with the highest number of reading minutes for the month celebrate with treats and books. Classes with improved reading minutes also celebrate their success. By reading, students are learning beyond the school day and that will take them farther in school, in life and in their careers. Reading is a critical part of our everyday! We are incredibly proud of all of our students who are continuously sharing new books with their peers and reading, reading, reading!



## BHS prepares for 2021-22

Brockport students from eighth to eleventh grade have been meeting with high school counselors to develop their 2021-22 class schedules. The district has redesigned their BHS Program Studies Guide which has a complete listing of all the courses offered at the high school. This guide can be found at [bhs.bcs1.org/academics/program\\_studies\\_guide](http://bhs.bcs1.org/academics/program_studies_guide). Virtual informational sessions were held to provide additional details on the 19 middle skills classes at WEMOCO, the district's 3-1-3 program with SUNY Brockport and Brockport's Career Internship Program. Families of juniors were invited to a virtual parent night in January with break-out sessions to learn more about what to expect during their child's senior year. Current seniors also checked in to discuss future plans. Check out the BHS website under Services/School Services/Counseling for more information.



## OMS "Shout Outs"

Oliver Middle School is focusing on teaching students about ways to be self-directed. Students are encouraged to set goals, use a schedule, manage time wisely, advocate for needs and use remote days in positive ways. Students have been recognized for using their school-issued devices in a responsible, respectful way with "OMS Shout Outs". Awards are given for appropriate and academic-only chat messages and emails as well as responsible participation in live/synchronous instruction. The "Shout-Outs" are awarded, then names are put into a drawing. If selected, students can choose a prize. Fully remote students are included with selected prizes being sent to their homes. The "Shout-Outs" and gift shelf are showcased in the hall.



## BCSD offers Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The Brockport Central School District will again offer a grant-funded Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program. The program, with a strong focus on early learning, will start in September and follow the school calendar. Children will attend school five days a week for two and a half hours a day during morning or afternoon sessions. Since the grant requires a collaborative effort between BCSD and area childhood education agencies, the majority of students will attend Brockport's Ginther School, while some children will attend private schools.

To be eligible for the UPK program, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2021, and a resident of the Brockport Central School District. Families are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements, as transportation is not part of the New York State Education Department grant.

If your child is not registered with the district, please contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@bcs1.org](mailto:registrar@bcs1.org) or (585) 637-1857. A Household Information Form will be sent to you. Please complete and return this document to ensure you receive all UPK related mailings. UPK applications will be mailed in late March/early April.

Frequently asked questions about the program can be found on the Ginther School's website under "Academics." You may also call (585) 637-1830 if you have questions.



## Kindergarten Parent Information

Parents of children who will attend kindergarten this fall can find information about the kindergarten program on the Ginther School website under "Academics". Topics will include screening, registration and support services, easing the adjustment to school and kindergarten readiness activities to practice at home.

To be eligible for our kindergarten program, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2021, and a resident of the Brockport Central School District.

Student Information Forms were mailed to all incoming kindergarten students on January 25, 2021. If you did not receive this form, contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@bcs1.org](mailto:registrar@bcs1.org) or (585) 637-1857. A Household Information Form will be sent to you. Please complete and return this document to ensure you receive all kindergarten related mailings. Additional program information will be sent late February/early March.



## Barclay student competes in National Ninja League

Dante Sausa is a third-grade student at Barclay Elementary. When he is not in school, Dante is competing in National Ninja League competitions!

Dante has won first place three times in National Ninja League competitions at the Warrior Factory in Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse. He says his favorite part of the course is the monkey bars and he loves competing. Dante's mother, Sue, says he has a passion for the sport and hopes to one day be on American Warrior Junior.

Dante has qualified to compete with all the other National Ninja League winners in February.

Congratulations Dante! Brockport is rooting for you!



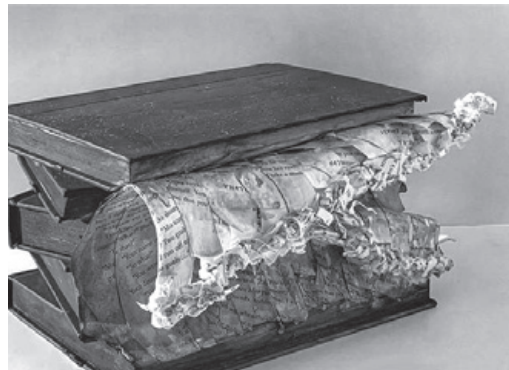
# ART HIGHLIGHTS

## BHS artists featured in RIT's exhibit

Seniors SharonMarie Bartz and Pallas Hoffmann will have their art featured in RIT's "Start Here" 2021 middle/high school virtual art exhibition that will be held in February. Artwork included select pieces from middle and high school students throughout the region. Teachers were able to submit up to two pieces of student work for the virtual show from currently enrolled students. A link to the virtual gallery and award presentation will be available on February 12 through RIT's website: [www.rit.edu/artdesign/bevier-gallery](http://www.rit.edu/artdesign/bevier-gallery).



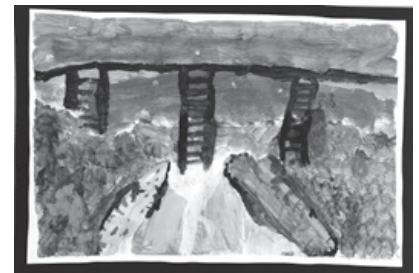
SharonMarie Bartz  
*Blackout 1940*



Pallas Hoffmann  
*Waves of Knowledge*



Annebelle Dorsett  
Grade 4



Elijah Gleason  
Grade 6

# MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

## BHS students selected for All-State Chorus

Brockport High School Seniors Amanda Giardina and Caspar Carson were selected as NYSSMA Conference All-State Mixed Chorus members. Senior Pallas Hoffmann was selected as a NYSSMA Conference All-State Mixed Chorus alternate. Giardina and Carson will be rehearsing and recording their select parts and will submit audio files to be mixed with 200 other singers' files for the creation of the virtual choir. The performance will be streamed in early March. Auditions for selection in the NYSSMA honors ensembles were held in May 2019 at the NYSSMA Solo Festival. Congratulations to our very talented musicians!



## Virtual holiday concerts

Musicians at the middle and high schools did not let a pandemic stop them from celebrating the holiday season! Rather than gathering for holiday assemblies, videos were taken of each music group performing this year. Songs included Jingle Bells performed by the seventh and eighth grade combined band, Silent Night performed by BHS choir group MadVocals, Toboggan performed by BHS Band's Percussion section and many more. The recordings at the middle school were strung together, creating a Virtual Music Department Christmas "Card" that was shared with families throughout the district. The music groups at the high school shared their songs as individual pieces throughout the last three weeks leading into holiday recess.



# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Sports update

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) allowed low-and moderate-risk winter sports, including Brockport's Bowling and Boys Swimming and Diving, to begin in December. Winter track began in early January. High-risk sports including Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Ice Hockey and Wrestling were approved to start February 1. Details are being finalized as to how these sports can safely begin for Brockport students.

We are hopeful the Fall II season will begin on March 1, as planned. This will include Fall Cheerleading, Football and Boys and Girls Volleyball. Communication will be sent to all families once the district receives further guidance.



## Scholar Athlete Team Award

Each season, NYSPHSAA recognizes varsity teams and players who excel both athletically and academically. For a team to qualify, 75% of the team must have a term GPA above 90%. Athletes can also qualify individually by obtaining a 90% or higher term GPA. Brockport's Fall I Varsity Sports teams earned Scholar Athlete Team Awards this year with the following incredible grade point averages:

Brockport Girls Track 99.5

Brockport Boys Track 92.7

Brockport Girls Swimming 97.1

Brockport Boys Soccer 94.39

Brockport Girls Soccer 97.8

Brockport Girls Tennis 97.8

**Congratulations to all fall athletes for a great season. A special congratulations to the following:**

### Varsity Boys Soccer:

1st Team All County: Liam Fitzpatrick

2nd Team All County: Dom Viola

Trident Award: Dom Viola

MIP Award: Joey Volpe

MCPSAC Scholar Athlete: Jacob Miller

Beaney Award: Xavier Jessmer

Zorn Award: Dom Viola

Terry Meyers Memorial Award:  
Liam Fitzpatrick

Booster Award: Hayden Cook

### Varsity Girls Soccer:

1st Team All County Athletes:  
Maija Young & Nadia Nealon

2nd Team All County Athletes:  
Maeve Grady & Ella Fadale

Trident Award: Jenna McNulty

MIP Award: Paige Taylor

MCPSAC Scholar Athlete: Jenna McNulty

Beaney Award: Gigi Allen

Zorn Award: Teagan Carter

Booster Award: Madison Degenfelder

### Varsity Boys Cross Country:

2nd Team All County Athlete: Zakari Noah

Trident Award: Alex Reddick

MIP Award: Ethan Molyneux

MCPSAC Scholar Athlete:  
Henry Kemblowski

### Varsity Girls Cross Country:

2nd Team All County Athletes:  
Cora Rose, Megan Smith &  
Gianna Tribotte

Trident Award: Cora Rose

MIP Award: Norah Hall

MCPSAC Scholar Athletes:  
Gianna Tribotte



### Varsity Girls Swimming & Diving:

1st Team All County Athletes:  
Elizabeth Sagan & Kassidy Tully

2nd Team All County Athlete:  
Emma Hopsicker

Trident Award: Ava Enderle

MIP Award: Aurora Pardun

MCPSAC Scholar: Elizabeth Sagan

School Records: Kassidy Tully - 6 dives

### Varsity Girls Tennis: Division Champs with a 5-0 record!

1st Team All County Athletes:  
Philiasophia Wood, Prophecy Wood,  
Anna Wojtas & Rebecca Blackburn

2nd Team All County Athletes:  
Becky Dresnack, Sydney Horn,  
Abbey Macdonald & Maggie Schultz

Honorable Mention:  
Berit Dauenhauer & Alexandra Covert

Trident Award: Philiasophia Wood

MIP Award: Sydney Horn

MCPSAC Scholar Athlete: Sophia Visconte

During the Section V Class B Championships in November, Elizabeth Sagan placed first in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 25.09 seconds, as well as third in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 55.94 seconds. Kassidy Tully placed third in the one-meter diving event with a score of 426.30. Congratulations!





# James C. Fallon Distinguished Service Award



The Brockport Board of Education has established The James C. Fallon Distinguished Service Award in recognition and appreciation of James Fallon's many years of faithful and outstanding service as an educator and administrator in the Brockport Central School District.

Mr. Fallon started working at BCSD in 1970 and taught fourth grade before transitioning into various administrative positions in the superintendent's office. He served as Brockport's superintendent for 16 years until his retirement in 2009. In 2020, Mr. Fallon served as

Interim Superintendent while the district searched for a new superintendent. As Interim Superintendent, Mr. Fallon's wisdom, dedication and 40 years of experience helped guide the district during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Fallon epitomizes education and his mark will forever be felt in Brockport. In recognition and appreciation of Mr. Fallon, the BOE established and presented Mr. Fallon with the James C. Fallon Distinguished Service Award.

Do you know someone who exemplifies Mr. Fallon's qualities and uses these qualities to accomplish demonstrable and sustained improvement of the district? The James C. Fallon Distinguished Service Award may be given to a Brockport student, employee or community member who singularly exemplifies Mr. Fallon's best qualities and shows:

- A confident, expert-level knowledge in a given field;
- Wisdom, leading to effective judgement based in transparency and empathy;
- A commitment to the principals of leadership and individual empowerment;
- Rigorous accountability to themselves and to the community; and
- Humbleness.

An applicant must receive unanimous approval from the BOE to receive this honor. The award will be placed in a prominent location in the district to inspire others to reach for Mr. Fallon's example. To nominate an applicant, please complete the nomination form on the district's website under District/Board of Education/James Fallon Distinguished Service Award.

Safety and security continue to be a priority at Brockport Central School District. The district works to provide a safe and welcoming environment to enhance the well-being of students, staff and visitors and protect all district property.

The Safety and Security Department collaborates with local law enforcement including the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, the Brockport Police Department, SUNY Police and community organizations to keep our campus safe. Security regularly meets with local law enforcement, and quarterly meetings are held between law enforcement and BCSD administrators. Officers are often seen at arrivals/dismissals, assisting with special events and conducting friendly walk-throughs.

### Below are additional facts/updates:

- Mobile data computers add an additional layer of safety. Our security vehicles have a tablet that allows for instant emails, maps, student information, safety plans and access to campus cameras.
- NY State mandates yearly completion of all safety drills. To date, each of our schools has successfully completed several drills.
- This year more than ever, our security team has assisted with student arrival and dismissal. With their help, this process has run efficiently and effectively!
- The district also has an anonymous Safety Tipline: 1-877-453-0006 or [bcs1.org/tipline](https://bcs1.org/tipline). This tipline is available 24/7 to report any activity

that may put our students, staff or campus at risk. For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

- Currently, a security monitoring room is being developed on campus. This room will be equipped with live video of our school buildings, campus and transportation facility. In addition, campus/school maps, emergency response plans and radio communication can be accessed here. The security room will also serve as an excellent resource during emergency situations. Additional information will be provided once this room is complete.

For further information please see our district website under Department & Services / Safety & Security or call (585) 637-1987.



# Class Acts

Brockport's 35th Annual Class Acts will return to the stage this year! This year's theme will be "Adapt, Survive and Overcome" and will take place in March. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the show will be held virtually. Additional show details will be released mid-February.

The show will feature a variety of memorable performances, including: singing, dancing and comedy. The acts are judged by a panel made up of previous winners and retired faculty. Performers are scored on technical quality, artistic interpretation and stage presence. Monetary prizes are given in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100. Proceeds from the

event help fund graduation scholarships and awards. Last year, \$1,800 was raised.

Since Class Acts will be virtual, tickets will not be sold. Instead, we are asking for donations to help fund future scholarships. Donations can be made at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) or checks can be made payable to BHS Drama Club (Class Acts) and sent to Brockport High School, 40 Allen Street, Brockport, NY 14420.

Be sure to watch the district's social media and website for updates and additional information. We hope you will join us for an evening of incredible talent and entertainment!



Photos taken from March 7, 2020, Class Acts.

## What's happening with Brockport's BEST Foundation?

The mission of the BEST Foundation is "To support Brockport Central School District students by providing financial resources to enhance existing programs and activities and create new educational opportunities." BEST Foundation offers funding to BCSD staff through a grant application found online at [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org). The foundation always welcomes donations which can be made through the organization's website via PayPal.

BEST Foundation recently partnered with the Brockport Alumni Association to provide funding for headsets and earbuds for remote learners. The gear will enhance their learning by allowing them to better focus during their online academic time.

### Keep in touch with the Brockport BEST Foundation!

✉ [BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com)

🏠 [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org)

🐦 [@BESTBrockport](https://twitter.com/BESTBrockport)

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## Focusing on social-emotional learning

Ginther Elementary Counselor Peter Kramer was featured in the New York State Education Department's "Staying Connected" newsletter because of the virtual counseling classroom he designed for Brockport students. This virtual classroom offers resources focused on behavior, social-emotional learning and a sense of belonging. The main room has a mailbox where families can check-in, as well as a link to a calm room with activities, a "zones of regulation" check-in, a counseling library and video lessons to creatively address specific social-emotional issues. Families can watch, learn and discuss the lessons together or review them at any time. Numerous staff members have also volunteered their time to help create the videos. Together, the virtual counseling classroom has become a great success.



# "The Brockport PTSA wishes you a happy and healthy 2021!"

## The 2020-2021 PTSA Membership Drive will be held February 1-28, 2021

The school that has the highest percent of staff with annual PTSA memberships by February 28, will win a staff pizza party sponsored by the Superintendent's Office – Thanks, Mr. Bruno!

Parents, students and community members who sign up for their annual memberships by February 28, could win one of our random prize drawings for a gift card supporting select local small businesses!

Remember, memberships need to be renewed annually: [www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html](http://www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html)

- \$6 Adults (parents, teachers/staff/administrators, community members)

- \$4 students.

(\$4 of each membership goes to the NYSPTA, our parent organization.)

## PTSA Holiday STEM Challenge – What can YOU do with a cereal box?

Over the holiday break, students in grades UPK-12 were challenged to "think outside the box" and create something original out of a cereal box and any other household materials. Over 25 submissions were received and a 'winner' was chosen from each of the schools by a committee of STEM faculty across the district, including Blaine Broughton (Hill), Michael Scalzo (OMS), Casey Coon (OMS) and Craig Coon (BHS). **A selection of projects will be on display at the Seymour Library during the month of February – be sure to stop by and take a look at our AMAZING student STEM creations!**



### *Do you have feedback you'd like the PTSA to consider or address related to school pictures?*

We want to hear it! Please submit any positive feedback and constructive criticism for us to consider. The School Picture Survey can be accessed on our website: [www.brockportcentralptsa.org](http://www.brockportcentralptsa.org)

## THANK YOU

... To all families and staff who participated in our annual fall Sportswear Sale! This sale supports your Brockport PTSA plus a local small business – and helps us show our Brockport Spirit!

... To all families and staff who participated in our first-ever Virtual Book Fair. Although it didn't have the same warm, together feeling, the PTSA was happy to find a way to bring books to our families for the holidays!

... To The Stetson Club, Brockport PD, the Superintendent's Office and staff, BCSD Buildings and Grounds and Security and everyone else who helped with the 2020 Stationary Holiday Parade. The PTSA was happy to co-sponsor the event to bring holiday cheer to our district families and the community.

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# Lunch program extended through June

The USDA has extended the free meals program for all in-person and remote students through the end of the school year. There are three remote site locations available for meal pick-up from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Site locations include:

- Brockport High School East Side (Lot D), pool entrance, 40 Allen Street, Brockport
- Hamlin Town Hall Gymnasium, 1658 Lake Road, Hamlin
- Hafner Park Goodwin Lodge, 3645 Lake Road, Clarkson

For more information, please see the district's website under Departments/Food Service or contact the Food Service Department at (585) 637-1846.



## NYS Education Department Parent Dashboard

A Parent Dashboard is now available on the New York State Education Department website that provides an annual report card, evaluating the performance and progress of every school district in the state. The dashboard supplements the School Report Cards that are also available on the NYSED website. NYSED plans to gather additional feedback from parents and stakeholders to further guide enhancements that will be made throughout the 2020-21 school year. A link to the Brockport Central School District's page on the Parent Dashboard can be accessed on the BCSD website.

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