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Roc2Change

“We are the ones we’ve been waiting for,” the title of a book by Alice Walker, was the mantra of this year’s Roc2Change Student Summit on Race, hosted by Brockport Central School District on Nov. 17 at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Professional Development Center.

The Brockport High School Diversity Club spent months planning for the summit, an event that brought nearly 600 students and staff from around the county together to engage in discussions surrounding race, diversity and understanding.

“One of our goals was to have the students use their voices to promote change,” said Destinee Ellison, a junior at Brockport High School. “Getting to see those conversations in action brought about such a beautiful atmosphere. I loved every minute of it.”

The day kicked off with a keynote address provided by Dr. Cephas Archie, Chief

Diversity Officer for The State University of New York College at Brockport. Archie captivated the students, sharing personal stories about his experiences with racism and misunderstanding. Following his presentation, Archie answered a variety of student questions surrounding his life and perseverance.

The remainder of the day consisted of various activities and discussions led by BHS Diversity Club students. The depth of the conversations that ensued was inspiring, though the ultimate objective spanned beyond the scope of the one-day summit. Students were challenged to create action plans to bring back to their districts to create tolerable communities. WEMOCO students left with the conclusion that “it is important to listen to other people’s views though you may not agree with them,” and emerged with a plan to encourage others to follow their suit of “opening their ears and closing their mouths.”

Brockport High School Diversity Club advisor Kerry Gant said the event was an immense success.

“Throughout the day, as I watched and listened to the depth of engagement and conversation, I was constantly reminded of the power these young people hold in their hands to forge tangible change in our society by their willingness to have these tough conversations and bring their ideas back to their local communities,” said Gant.

Students agreed that the summit was successful and left feeling motivated, empowered and the epitome of the quote “We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.”

“I remember thinking during the event, “This is what we came for,” said Amiya Johnson, Brockport High School senior.

Churchville-Chili CSD will host the next Roc2Change Student Summit on Race on March 23.



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Dear Neighbors, Friends and Community Members,

With the holiday season upon us, our theme for the year is particularly relevant. The diverse array of traditions and beliefs associated with the holidays epitomizes our theme of “It’s a Small World.” I love hearing students share stories about various family traditions and customs. It is an opportunity to engage in conversations that do not have right or wrong answers. Each person’s unique perspective is one to be celebrated and cherished. Further, it offers a chance to embrace our differences and come together as a unique community.



Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.

Brockport is also known for its charity. I am reminded of the selflessness and generosity of our district continuously. From ringing bells for the Salvation Army, to collecting food and clothing for those in need, to hosting the Foodlink Mobile Pantry, BCSD students and staff are making a direct impact on our district, community and the world. For instance, the Hill School presented the Wilmot Cancer Institute with a check for more than \$1,000; all of which was raised in a single day during their ‘Stache for Cash fundraiser. Our New York State Teacher of the Year Christopher Albrecht donated more than 450 books to students throughout the state during various classroom visits over the past few months. The National Honor Society collected dozens of toys during its annual holiday toy drive. These are just a few of the many charitable events happening here in Brockport.

Beyond the charity, the sense of community in Brockport is incredible. We have been faced with our share of challenges; however, those challenges do not define us. Instead, we have used them as an opportunity to emerge a stronger, more unified Brockport. There are so many amazing things happening in our district on a daily basis. The pages in this publication offer a mere sampling of such events, one of which was the Roc2Change Student Summit on Race. Nearly 500 students and 100 staff from around the county joined together for the event planned by the BHS Diversity Club. Students tackled difficult conversations surrounding race, diversity and understanding head-on. Further, they created tangible action plans to bring back to their districts. They truly are the change we want to see in the world.

As we close the page on the calendar year, may we remember the triumphs of the year prior and learn from the challenges. I wish you a tremendous holiday season filled with peace, joy and time with loved ones. Thank you for your continued support of the district.

Best,

Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

A celebration of independent reading

Oliver Middle School’s Team Theta hosted a Fall Reading Fair to celebrate independent reading on Nov. 16 and 17. Prior to the celebration, students independently read one of four books selected by teachers and participated in optional reading groups within Schoology.



On the day of the fair, students divided into their book groups and engaged in interactive activities related to the text.

Melinda Rugari hosted the activity corresponding to the book “I Survived the Eruption of Mt. St. Helens,” in which students built and erupted volcanoes.

Danielle Spartano turned her classroom into an escape room to correlate with the book “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library.” Students completed puzzles similar to what they read about to “escape” from her classroom.

The third group watched the classic Disney film “Johnny Tremain” with Rich Wiest after reading the book with the same name, then discussed how the movie differed from the text.

Lastly, Candace Greiner hosted the book “House Arrest.” Students discussed the moral dilemma of which the text focuses, then participated in a mock trial that paralleled the conflict in the book. Students actively took on the roles of judge, lawyer, witness and suspect for a similar crime.

The Fall Reading Fair gave teachers and students the opportunity to share the joy of reading as a leisure activity.

Safe School Ambassadors

Bullying intervention and creating a campus of inclusion were the focuses of Safe School Ambassador training, held at Hill School Nov. 20-21. Fifty-five fourth- and fifth-graders were taught skills to resolve conflicts, defuse incidents and support isolated and excluded students.

The Safe School Ambassador program is a two-day interactive training program that relies on social norms change and the power of students to help stop bullying and violence. Teachers select students from different social classes to participate in the program. Brockport was the first district in New York State to implement the program, which is now used in more than 1,500 schools in 38 states.

Instruction Office

Highlights

By Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Instruction Dr. Rachel Kluth

Mindfulness pilot

Earlier this year, Karen Ekeze and Mary Birchenough met with district leaders about the idea of starting a mindfulness pilot. Both educators have been practicing mindfulness as an approach to paying attention in the present moment with awareness, kindness and curiosity. The impact this practice had on their teaching and their students was noteworthy. Both Karen and Mary were able to see, first-hand, how theory transformed into practice and aligned with the research supporting mindfulness in the classroom. Out of their practical experience came a desire to help other teachers put mindful practices in place, too.

The pilot began with an aspiration to provide students and staff with tools, strategies and knowledge to help them reach their highest potential in life and learning. A request for volunteer participants was sent to all district teachers and, with a large number of teachers wanting to participate, it became clear that this was a timely and important body of work.

Phase one of the pilot began in conjunction with coursework provided through Mindful Schools. Knowing that educators are required to balance multiple activities, deadlines, basic life occurrences and student needs without missing a beat, it was important to create an opportunity for all participants to put a personal mindfulness practice in place. Providing relevant learning opportunities to practice mindfulness was the first step to being able to authentically bring these strategies in our daily life and ultimately share them with our students. The district recognizes that students need these same skills to be able to navigate the many things they are balancing on a daily basis as well.

This first phase of the pilot recently came to an end with our core group reflecting on our progress and plans for future work. Participants noted positive changes within their classrooms and personal lives, increases in thoughtful responses rather than reactions and increases in empathy through connections to others.

“I find myself looking for and pausing to take notice of the things about my class I’m grateful for,” one teacher noted. Others commented, “I envision students being more aware of the world and their place in it,” and “As a teacher, I set the tone of our classroom family. When I feel present and grounded, the whole atmosphere is a healthy and happy one.”

Phase two is set to begin in February with a focus on the Mindful Schools Educators Essentials and will be geared toward implementation. Participants will continue to develop their own understanding of mindfulness practices as well as gain strategies for supporting students in developing mindful practices in the classroom to help them reach their highest potential in life and learning.

Please stay tuned for upcoming parent workshops. Mary and Karen are currently gathering data from parents regarding areas where they need support. They will be using their findings to plan a workshop where mindfulness resources are provided.

Teacher of the Year update

Hill teacher Christopher Albrecht was named the 2018 New York State Teacher of the Year on Sept. 12. Since then, Albrecht has been serving as an ambassador for teachers state-wide through numerous speaking engagements and classroom visits. He has visited 24 classrooms and distributed more than 450 books.



Since the beginning of his tenure as Teacher of the Year, Albrecht was dedicated to keeping students at the forefront of his experience. Further, he continuously reminds all his audiences how teachers, administration, students and families have influenced his life and the way he teaches. He believes that the award is a team win for BCSD and the whole Brockport community.

Albrecht has already spoken to thousands and was interviewed on National Public Radio, in addition to local radio and television. He presented to more than 300 college professors about unconventional ways to promote success in classrooms at the New York State Curriculum for Advanced Technological Education (NYSCATE) Conference in Saratoga Springs and talked about the importance of teaching charity to an audience of more than 3,000 people at the School Boards Association Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls.

Among many upcoming presentations across the state throughout the coming year, Albrecht will speak to more than 4,000 at the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) annual conference. Come April, Albrecht will embark on a trip to the White House to meet the president.

Albrecht said he remains humbled by this experience and will continue his efforts to keep students intertwined with his various engagements. He plans to focus on the Rochester City School District this winter, with nearly 20 classroom visits planned and 500 books to be given out to students who promise to read.

Many private donors have also joined Albrecht’s campaign to bring books to students. He hopes to give out more than 5,000 books by the end of 2018.

BHS students recognized as Brockport's Best

BHS senior Nick Kline was honored as Brockport's Best during the Board of Education meeting on Oct. 24 for his assistance during a medical emergency. Kline stayed with a staff member during a time of crisis while administration quickly worked to call first responders. According to BHS Assistant Principal Ashley Dame, "Nick is an outstanding young man that is always willing to come to the need of others."

Empathy and sportsmanship earned four BHS athletes recognition as Brockport's Best during the board meeting on Nov. 7. Senior varsity soccer players Zachary Langelotti and Peyton Young were nominated for exhibiting those traits during the Section V semifinal soccer game, which was captured by the Democrat and Chronicle. After making a diving save, Young, accompanied by Langelotti, opted to forgo immediate celebrations with their team to show support for the opposing team member who was upset with the results.

Senior football players Cory Gross and Dominic Passafiume received the Brockport's Best award for their actions during the homecoming football game, which was captured in a photograph (that since has gone viral) taken by Jean Rowley, a football mom. After recovering a fumble leading the team to a win in overtime, Gross and Passafiume took the opportunity to step away from their celebratory team to console the opposing team member who fumbled the ball.

Brockport's Best awards are presented by the Board of Education to individuals or groups in recognition of outstanding achievement in Brockport Central School District. Nominations are accepted on a continual basis and must be submitted using the nomination form, which is posted on our website at bcs1.org. If you have questions regarding the award, please contact District Clerk Stephanie Williams at 637-1939 or stephanie.williams@bcs1.org.



'Stache for Cash fundraiser

Hill students exceeded expectations in the school's revamped 'Stache for Cash fundraiser on Nov. 17. Each student received a stick-on mustache and collected donations to benefit the Wilmot Cancer Institute, an institution selected in honor of a beloved teacher who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

The school raised a grand total of \$1,016.94 in a single day, an amount deemed extraordinary by Wilmot representatives. The two classes who raised the most amount of money, Melinda Drisdorn's class and Blaine Broughton's class, presented a large check to a Wilmot Cancer Institute representative on Nov. 30.

The Wilmot representative said Hill is the only elementary school to donate to Wilmot Cancer Institute this year.

Great job, Hill School!

STARR Card Breakfast

Organizers expanded the Brockport High School STARR Card Program this year to celebrate exceptional behavior amongst students in grades 10-12. Previously, only high school seniors were eligible to receive STARR Cards. This year, 157 sophomores, juniors and seniors were presented with STARR Cards during a breakfast held in the cafeteria on Nov. 16.

STARR Card eligibility is based on character, discipline, attendance, school involvement and academic success. STARR Card holders get free admission to most school sporting events and dances, discounts at local businesses such as Lift Bridge, Abbott's and Perri's, invitations to special events throughout the school year, entrance into a monthly gift card raffle and the ability to travel to the cafeteria during advisement without a pass.

Fire safety at Ginther

Firefighters from Brockport, Hamlin and Walker made a special visit to Ginther in recognition of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 – 14. They spoke to students about fire safety and the importance of practicing fire drills during grade-wide assemblies. Students also had the opportunity to climb in fire trucks parked in the front loop of the school.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week was "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!" The theme reinforced the need to have an escape plan in place in case of an emergency.



School HIGHLIGHTS

Hill students win advance screening of Wonder

Hill students in long-term substitute teacher Jessica Childs' class won an advance screening of the movie "Wonder" on Oct. 26. The class entered the Wonder Certified Kind Classroom contest in September after reading "Wonder," a book that encourages a classroom of kindness and acceptance toward others. The students watched a video featuring the filmmakers and then identified the precepts they live by on a daily basis. The screening also featured a question and answer session with three of the actors from the movie.



Red Ribbon Week at OMS

Oliver Middle School students took a stand against drugs by participating in a photo booth during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23 – 31. This year's campaign theme was "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free," so students filled in the blank on a whiteboard reading, "My future is key. I am..." Answers ranged from successful to athletic to educated. Pictures from the photo booth are posted on our Facebook page.



Punkin' chunkin'

BHS students put their physics skills to the test by building homemade pumpkin launchers. Four groups then participated in a competition for distance and accuracy on Nov. 7. Their classmates cheered them on as pumpkins flew through the air in the high school stadium. Juniors Vander Hart and Hudson Panning won the accuracy competition with a direct hit to the target. A team comprised of seniors Dan Foley, Gavin Vogt, Brendon Grego, Peter Howlett and Andrew Sheffer took the win for distance, launching a pumpkin more than 90 yards.



Balloons over Barclay Parade

Second-graders trotted around the Barclay School to show off their paper bag turkeys during the fifth annual Balloons Over Barclay Parade on Nov. 21. The parade was inspired by the nonfiction book "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet. The story follows Tony Sarg, a puppeteer and inventor who created the first helium-filled balloons that became the trademark for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Fall fun at Ginther

Oct. 31 was a festive day at the Ginther School. The morning began with a fitness walk around the building, an opportunity for students to showcase their costumes while getting exercise. The school's annual Fall Festival was held in the afternoon. Students participated in a variety of crafts including painting pictures of trees, using marbles to spread paint on paper leaves, cutting out candy corn and coloring pictures of pumpkins. They also listened to stories, played fall-themed Bingo, danced and got their faces painted.



PBIS in action

Be respectful. Be responsible. Be a learner.

PBIS conference

By Suzanne Goff

BHS Assistant Principal Jeremy Moore and high school teachers Lauren Phillips and Jennifer Baker presented to a full room on Oct. 27 at the Central NY Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Conference. The team shared the high school's PBIS journey with educators from around the state, acknowledging the strides they have made in developing respectful, responsible learners at Brockport High School. They also highlighted their engaging grade-level assemblies, motivating advisement experiences and relevant and meaningful events such as Lunch on the Lawn and Citizenship Challenges.

World Kindness Day at OMS

By Jessica Barton and Jerrod Roberts

To celebrate World Kindness Day on Nov. 13, OMS students and staff took a few minutes out of their day to recognize the importance of kindness and how simple gestures can impact people's days and mindsets. To start the morning, eighth-grader Luke Wilcox explained to students what World Kindness Day was and asked students and staff to make it a point to spread kindness throughout the day. During homebase, students made colorful chains that included simple acts of kindness that they experienced throughout the day, which were then displayed throughout the building. The hope is that the chains will remain a visual reminder of how kindness is easily spread and how it can have such a positive impact on people's lives and the culture of the building.



Ginther Bee Bucks

By Kristin Barber and Mitch Daly

Kindergarten and first-grade students are working hard to earn Bee Bucks each day. Every Friday 10 students are randomly selected from our Bee Hive jars to choose a prize and receive a certificate acknowledging that they were chosen for being respectful, responsible, learners.

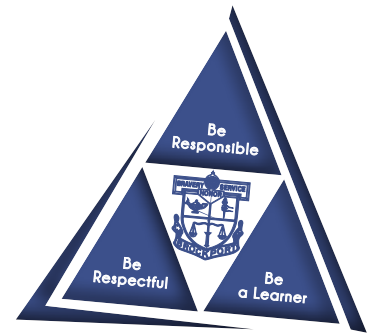
The staff at Ginther were excited to find a special treat in the faculty room in celebration of giving out more than 1,500 Bee Bucks since the start of school in September. The Ginther PBIS team provided coffee, hot chocolate and tea k-cups.

Students at Ginther are learning and applying the "3 B's" with the help of Mr. Kramer's booster lessons to teach and solidify what it means to be respectful, responsible, learners. The students are given "real" situations that occur within our school day and are taught the tools they need to be problem solvers.

Barclay - What would you do?

By Alana Roberts and Jodie Shatzel

This year at Barclay School the PBIS Committee decided upon the theme of "What Would You Do?," based on the 1990s Nickelodeon television show which showcased kids making decisions based on real-life scenarios. We introduced this theme at our fall kick-off assembly in September and have since carried it over to be a monthly staple on the morning announcements. Each month we introduce a "What Would You Do?" scenario to the Barclay community with the understanding that classrooms will have a brief discussion around each of the scenarios. These scenarios have sparked many great conversations on how to solve these dilemmas. One scenario we have already shared is, "You find \$5 in the hallway. What do you do?" The students have the chance to practice making these decisions in a low risk environment with the support of their friends and teacher. We are hopeful that if a student is ever in a similar situation they will know what to do. We are very excited to see what Barclay students will do!



Citizenship at BHS

By Jeremy Moore and Lauren Phillips

High school social studies teacher James Cannon spoke to students about citizenship during our fall PBIS assembly. Cannon began by pointing out the range of perceptions of what it means to be a citizen and that citizenship should never be taken for granted. He spoke about witnessing the swearing in of 64 naturalized citizens from 34 different nations and the significance that they spent seven years studying how to become a U.S. citizen, something many take for granted. He also spoke about the evolution of the meaning of citizenship before introducing what he believes to be the true meaning. He said that citizenship is more than voting and reading about leaders; it is about the "body politic" and we are that body. "Being responsible, being respectful of others and being a learner is more than a slogan; it is essential to our growth as citizens not only in our school community, but also in our larger community," said Cannon.

Hill booster: be kind, be thankful, do the right thing

By Matthew Schultz and Jilleen Corner

Our fall PBIS assembly focused on being kind, being thankful and doing the right thing. Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chris Zorn and senior players Zachary Langelotti and Peyton Young shared with students their story about doing the right thing. After making a diving save during the Section V semifinal soccer game, Peyton walked over to console the opposing team member who was upset with how the play ended. The Democrat and Chronicle featured the story, saying "Tuesday night wasn't just about triumph. It was about sportsmanship and class." The boys told the students that everyone has the ability to be kind.

Music Highlights

Kudos to our area all-state musicians!

**Senior High Area All-State
Batavia High School
Nov. 17-18**



Top row: Isaac Barrett, Gavin Tremblay, James McAllister, John Dowdell, Mikayla Canham, Clara Barrett; middle row: Evelyn Belousov, Madison Lloyd, Kaylyn Weits, Kayla Piedmonte, Jasmine Torres; bottom row: Laine Ramsay, Hannah Schultz, Molly Falkenstein, Shay Gauthier; not pictured: Grace Crowe

**Junior High Area All-State
Brighton High School
Nov. 3-4**



Henry Kemblowski, Madison Isenberg, Lauren Dailey

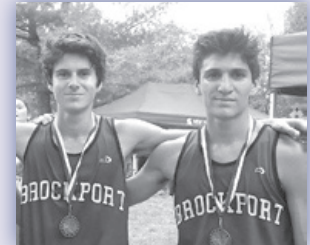
Athletic HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations are in order!



Boys soccer

The boys soccer team won the Class A1 Sectional Championships



Cross Country

Brothers Alec and Nick Andrews competed in the NYS Cross Country Championships at Wayne HS on Nov. 11



Football

The football team won the Monroe County Division 4 Championships



Tennis

The varsity girls tennis team won the division championships



Coach of the Year

Brockport Boys Soccer Coach Chris Zorn won the New York State High School Coach of the Year



Swimming

Swimmers Caroline Martin, KhaVy Sangasy, Marlayna DiFante and Elizabeth Sagan competed in the NYSFHSSA Swim Championships in Ithaca on Nov 17 and 18

PTSA News

By PTSA President Lynn Rodrigues

Fall has been a busy time for PTSA!

Check out what we have been doing so far this year...

We would like to thank everyone who signed up to become 2017-18 PTSA members. Each and every membership we get allows us more delegates to debate and vote on resolutions that affect the future of our students. Your membership really matters to our students, our families and our school district. If you missed out on the membership drive, don't worry! You can join anytime by going to our website.

Brockport Central School District Family Cookbook Sale

Cookbooks will be sent home before holiday break. It's not too late to buy one; put your order in today!

<https://cookbook.cheddarup.com>
or email us at:
brockportpta@gmail.com

Cookbooks are still available for purchase! \$10



PTSA hosted the first event in our Student Wellness Speaker Series.

Moses Robinson spoke on nurturing the emotional and physical well-being of our students.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events on anxiety, raising readers and more.

Do you have an idea on a topic that you would like us to feature?

Congratulations to our membership drive grand prize winners...

- William Hawken – Family four-pack of Buffalo Bills tickets
- Angela Abram- Hampton Inn gift certificate
- Heidi Licata-Aromantium Spa package

We also had 18 gift baskets donated by local vendors to help support our membership drive. Congrats to those winners! Shop local!



William Hawken showing off his winnings. Let's go Buffalo!

Book fair fun

We had so much fun at our book fairs this fall! The OMS students had a great time shopping for exciting books to read; Rick Riordan was the popular author of the week. The Hill School book fair and G.R.A.N.D. event was filled with family and friends having lunch with their students and shopping the book fair together. The "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books were a huge hit at our Barclay Fair. All of the students had a great time choosing new books to fulfill their love of reading as well as trying their luck at the pencil pull and rattlesnake egg guess for prizes.

Many of our Ginther students experienced their very first book fair in December.

We are excited to have been able to share the magical world of literature with them.



Barclay students are rocking out the Box Tops for Education

Our Barclay students have brought in more than 3,000 box tops to date!

A huge thank you to Logan Staskiewicz

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to Logan Staskiewicz! Logan is a seventh-grader and very active in Boy Scouts. He decided to donate volunteer hours to the PTSA Box Tops program this year.

In honor of Custodian Appreciation Day, we delivered donuts to all of our hard-working custodians



"We donut know what we would do without you"

Class of 2018

Did you know that our PTSA gives a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior that has been accepted to a two or four year institute of higher learning?

The requirements are easy.

Don't wait until February to get started.

- Join PTSA for the 2017-18 school year
- Volunteer four hours with PTSA

(there are tons of ways to accrue volunteer hours-it doesn't have to be at an event)

Contact us today at
brockportpta@gmail.com



Congratulations to all of our Reflections Art Program participants!

20+ participants were celebrated at a reception on Nov. 27. We have many pieces moving on to regional judging. You all worked hard and did a fantastic job!

Thank you, volunteers! You're awesome!

Abigail Thomas, Dawn Curtis, Kristi Passalacqua, Nichole Green, Jenny Grattan, Jennifer Green, Trang Thai, Tammy Bonisteel, Lynn Moulton, Stasia Molyneux, Lynn Rodrigues, Al Pulcino, Jaime Piedimonte-Bennett, Jackie Cherwonik, Christina Miller-Lesniak, Tricia White, Kristy Hart, Cindy Ingraham, Katrina Tinkous, Barb Wardwell, Michele Viola

Do you need volunteer hours for your group or scholarship application?

We have many opportunities for you to help right on our BCSD campus!

- Stapling flyers
- Helping out at PTSA family nights
- Assisting with younger students at our meetings
- Helping with mailings
- Prepping crafts
- Setting up book fairs
- Decorating for events
- Helping with fundraisers
- PBIS events
- And so much more

PTSA Meeting Dates

- General meetings - Jan. 25, Mar. 22
- OMS meetings - Jan. 8, Mar. 12
- Elementary meetings - Jan. 18, Feb. 15

Children are always welcome at meetings!

"Ask Dr. Myers" is back for 2018 Thursday, Jan. 25

Do you have any questions or concerns about the school district? Policies? Procedures? Ideas that you want to suggest? This is a great environment to participate in small group discussions with our superintendent.



Keep in touch with Brockport PTSA!

 BrockportPTSA@gmail.com

 BrockportCentralPTSA.org

 [@BrockportPTSA](https://twitter.com/BrockportPTSA)

 Brockport PTSA

 Leave a message
 (585) 637-1995

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Brockport Continuing Education program! The mission of our program is to offer continued learning opportunities that meet the needs and interests of our community.

The Brockport Continuing Education program is a self-sustaining program funded by enrollment fees. Since we rely solely on course fees, it is necessary to maintain minimum registration requirements. Please know that classes not meeting minimum registration requirements may be cancelled. Notifications for class cancellations due to limited registration will be made prior to first class sessions and refunds will be issued. Please know that class registration fees do not include the cost of books, materials, or supplies unless noted in class descriptions.

Thank you for your support and participation in our program. We encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully,



Debra Waye, Director of Continuing Education



Katrina Schwartz, Program Secretary

Registration: (mail-in)

Please mail the completed registration form with payment to:

For Continuing Education Courses:

Office of Continuing Education
Fred W. Hill School
Brockport Central School District
40 Allen Street
Brockport, New York 14420

For Driver Education Courses:

Office of Driver Education
Oliver Middle School
Brockport Central School District
40 Allen Street
Brockport, New York 14420

Exceptions: 5 HR. Driving Course requires in-person registration at Brockport High School.

All checks must be made payable to: Brockport Continuing Education. Our office must receive all forms one week prior to first class session date. Please remember that prompt registration may reduce the likelihood of classes being cancelled due to low enrollment. You must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to register, with the exception of those courses designed specifically for younger students.

Refunds: Refunds are provided only if a student withdraws from the class 24 hours prior to the scheduled start date. No refunds will be provided after the first class. If you join a class after the scheduled start date, the tuition will be the same amount. If a class needs to be cancelled due to maintenance or weather emergencies, no partial refund will be issued. *Refunds will be processed for courses that have been fully cancelled from our schedule for reasons such as low enrollment.* Fees for registration do not include the cost of books, materials or supplies, unless noted.

Class cancellation & confirmation: Individual cancelled classes will be rescheduled whenever possible. No refunds will be issued for classes that are not able to be rescheduled. No continuing education classes are held when Brockport schools are closed due to weather cancellations or emergency conditions. Please check the Brockport Central School website, your local TV or radio stations for cancellations. *Winter classes will begin the week of Monday January 8 and end March 30th unless otherwise noted. If you do not receive notification of cancellation, your class will be held. No confirmations are sent.*

Due to holiday observances, school functions or scheduled recesses, classes will not meet on the following dates: Jan. 1, 15, Feb. 19-23, March 30, April 2-6, 20, 2018

Parking: Please be sure to park in designated areas, not in bus or emergency lanes.

Contact information:

Continuing Education	Driver Education
Katrina Schwartz	Trina Kenney
Phone: 585-637-1854	Phone: 585-637-1961
Email: katrina.schwartz@bcs1.org	Email: trina.kenney@bcs1.org

WEMOCO adult classes:

A vast number of vocational programs in business, health, trade and industrial areas are available. Information concerning offerings, dates, cost, etc. can be obtained by calling the Center for Workforce Development Office at 349-9100.

Sports and Fitness

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

For fun and fitness: maintain lifetime skills or learn as you go while getting a low-pressure workout. This is hard court volleyball for men and women over 18. There will be no referees with teams adjusted to even out skill levels.



Fee: \$30 per semester
Minimum enrollment: 12
Instructor: Henry Kron
Location: Hill School Gym

Dates: Jan. 9 – June 11
Maximum enrollment: 24
Time: 7-9 p.m.

**All gym usage is subject to district sporting events calendar and may change.*

Sports and Fitness (con't)

Men's Floor Hockey (18 and over)

Would you like an opportunity to participate in activities for conditioning and relaxation? Come and join the fun! You must provide your own equipment (stick, gloves, eye protection and shin guards).

Please send payment and registration directly to Continuing Education. Payment at the door will not be accepted.

Fee: \$15 per semester
 Minimum Enrollment: 8
 Organizer: Chris David
 Location: High School Gym

Dates: Jan. 10 – May 23
 Maximum Enrollment: 18
 Time: 8-10 p.m.

**All gym usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*



Swimming Lessons

Ages 4 to 6

These eight-week sessions are for young new swimmers with lessons that are designed to promote water enrichment, safety, readiness, and fun! Class sizes are limited to six. This allows a safe environment where each student can learn at their own pace. Our certified, knowledgeable and caring instructor will help each swimmer to feel comfortable in the water and prepared for their next level of skill.



Preschool Ages 4 to 5:

Level 1 Session - Tuesdays March 6 through May 1
 (no class April 3)
 Level 2 Session - Tuesdays May 8 through June 26

Kindergarten Age 5 to 6:

Level 1 Session - Thursdays March 8 through May 3
 (no class April 5)
 Level 2 Session - Thursdays May 10 through June 28

Minimum Enrollment: 3
 Certified Instructor: Christine Ellis
 Location: High School Pool

Maximum Enrollment: 6
 Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Fee: \$100 per session

**All gym usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*

Morning Lap Swimming and Water Walking

The Brockport High School swimming pool is open for lap swimming and water walking. Certified Lifeguards will be on duty. The pool will be open Monday through Friday mornings from 5:45 to 7 a.m., excluding holidays and when school is not in session. We are offering two options for sessions. Please see the information and dates below. When entering the building please use the doors on the east side, closest to the pool area. The entrance will be unlocked for swimmers from 5:45 until 6:15. Please plan accordingly for your arrival.

Fee: \$50 for 3 days per week session
 \$90 for 5 day per week session
 Pool Coordinator: Scott Fake
 Location: High School Pool

Dates: Jan. 8 – May 25
 Maximum enrollment: 20
 Time: 5:45-7 a.m.

New! Indoor Walking Program

The Elizabeth Barclay School is open to registered residents in the evening from 4 to 8 p.m. Residents must register through the Continuing Education office and wear a Walking Program badge to participate. Get out of the cold this winter and join the walking program. The cost is free!

Fee: Free
 Location: Elizabeth Barclay School

Dates: Jan. 2 – March 29
 Time: 4-8 p.m.

Youth Super Smasher's Volleyball League Girls and Boys Grades 2 to 6

This league is for young athletes interested in having fun while learning the fundamentals of volleyball. Varsity Coach Jamie Hugelmaier and her assistant coaches will share their knowledge and love for the game. Their focus will be to help each player develop and advance their skills through instruction, practice and game play. The cost of t-shirts are included with registration. Please indicate shirt size on your registration form. Space is limited, so sign up early!

Grades 2 through 3:

Fee: \$75 (T-shirt included)
 Minimum required registration: 12
 High School South Gymnasium

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Jan. 23 – March 8
 Maximum registration: 35
 Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Grades 4 through 6:

Fee: \$75 (T-shirt included)
 Minimum required registration: 12
 High School South Gymnasium

Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays
 Jan. 22 – March 7
 Maximum registration: 35
 Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**All gym usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*

Arts and Leisure

Brockport Community Big Band

The Brockport Community Big Band is an adult group performing jazz with a focus on big band music from the 1940s to the present day. Rehearsals are in the Brockport High School band room on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 year round. To be considered for membership, a playing audition must be performed demonstrating knowledge of the jazz idiom and a skill level that is commensurate with the standard of the group. Performers on saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, guitar, and drum set will be considered for membership. Members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances throughout the year. This group is not open to high school age students or college students who do not live within traveling distance to Brockport for weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

For dates and additional information please call Lorie Bryant at 637-7565.

Chords are Key for Guitar

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time? In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Bring your acoustic guitar. Class limited to 15 students. For ages 13 and up. The class includes an online book and on-line video instruction. For more information, go to www.justonceclasses.com.

Topics for this class will include: How chords work in a song, how to form the three main types of chords, how to tune your guitar,

basic strumming patterns, how to buy a good guitar (things to avoid) and how to play along with simple tunes.

Fee: \$54 (includes online book and video instruction) Date: April 23
 Minimum Enrollment: 4 Maximum Enrollment: 15
 Instructor: Joshua Seiler Time: 6:30-9 p.m.
 Location: Hill School Room # 240

Chords are Key for Piano

Some music teachers may not want you to know this, but you don't need years of weekly lessons to learn piano. In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. How do we do it? While regular piano teachers teach note reading, piano professionals use chords. And you can learn all the chords you'll need to play any song in this one session. Any song. Any style. Any key. If you can find middle C and know the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine, you already know enough to enroll in this workshop. Total beginners can print out a free pamphlet on the treble clef at this link – http://justonceclasses.com/info/images/fastpresence/class_notes_for_piano.pdf.

Topics include: How chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, how to form the three main types of chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, how to avoid 'counting' and how to simplify over 12,000 complex chords.

Fee: \$54 (includes online book and video instruction) Date: April 9
 Minimum Enrollment: 4 Maximum Enrollment: 15
 Instructor: Joshua Seiler Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 Location: Hill School Room #240

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION Winter/Spring 2018 Brockport Central School Continuing Education

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address _____

1st Course Desired _____

Night Scheduled: (circle one) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Fee: _____

2nd Course Desired _____

Night Scheduled: (circle one) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Fee: _____

Make checks payable to: Brockport Continuing Education **Total Fee:** _____

Send to: Brockport Continuing Education
 Brockport Central School District
 Fred Hill School
 40 Allen Street, Brockport
 New York 14420-2296

If you don't hear otherwise, your course will be held. Classes begin the week of Jan. 8, 2018 unless noted otherwise.

Financial Planning

Notary Public License Law

Whether you are looking to become a new Notary Public or need a refresher on Notary Law and the duties and responsibilities afforded to you, this comprehensive class will provide you with the information necessary to pass the Notary Exam. You will learn testing and renewal policies, procedures of being a notary public, as well as ways to shield yourself from liability in the execution of your duties. This 2 night class will be held in conjunction with Hilton Continuing Education at the Quest Elementary School, located at 25 E. Main St. in the Village of Hilton.



Fee: \$45
 Minimum Enrollment: 4
 Instructor: Kristin Cavallaro
 Location: Hilton Quest Elementary School, Staff Development Room

Dates: Mondays, Jan. 22 & 29
 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Time: 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Solar Energy, Is It Really Free?

Solar energy has become price-competitive with traditional electric sources (coal, oil, natural gas) as the cost of producing and installing panels has steadily declined. Join Brian Venton to learn how solar works, what it costs and for whom it might be a good investment.

Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 3
 Instructor: Brian Venton, from Ameriprise
 Location: Hill School Room 174

Dates: Feb. 28
 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Savvy Social Security Planning for Baby Boomers

Savvy Social Security Planning for Baby Boomers will help you answer these questions and more:
 Will Social security be there for me?, How can I maximize my benefits?, Will Social security be enough to live on in retirement?
 Join Matt Wiczorek for an evening of discussion and a chance to get answers to your retirement questions.

Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 5
 Location: High School LGI
 Instructor: Join Matthew Wiczorek from Fosters Financial Services

Date: Jan. 23
 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Health Care in Retirement

Join Matt Wiczorek for an evening of discussion on how to plan and prepare for long-term care services, advance directives, paying for health care in retirement and health insurance plan options.



Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 5
 Location: High School LGI
 Instructor: Join Matthew Wiczorek from Fosters Financial Services

Date: Feb. 13
 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Financial Wellness 101

During this evening discussion we will be learning about setting financial goals; a building block approach to savings, insurance and investments; investing in mutual funds; choosing suitable investments; what to expect when working with a financial services representative; budgeting and controlling your debt; as well as tax savings and investing. Matt Wiczorek from Fosters Financial Services will be leading our discussion and there to answer questions to help you onto the path of financial wellness.



Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 5
 Location: High School LGI
 Instructor: Join Matthew Wiczorek from Fosters Financial Services

Date: March 13
 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Free NYSTRS Seminar

(New York State Teachers' Retirement System)

Please join us as we discuss: Eligibility for retirement, explaining the terms, pension & annuity options, beneficiary options, understanding social security benefits and how to coordinate them with your spouse.

Date: March 27
 Minimum Enrollment: 5
 Location: High School LGI
 Instructor: Join Matthew Wiczorek from Fosters Financial Services

Maximum Enrollment: no maximum
 Time: 4-5 p.m.

Family Wellness

12 Steps to a Happier Family

Jennifer King, a licensed marriage and family therapist from Brockport Marriage & Family Therapy will be hosting this course for families in our area. This course will introduce parents to concepts such as positive discipline and offer concrete strategies for building trust, mutual respect, and family harmony. Parents will be encouraged to try new strategies and report back on their progress.

Fee: \$80
 Minimum Enrollment: 8
 Instructor: Jennifer King LMFT
 Location: Hill School Library

Dates: Wednesdays, Jan. 3 – April 18
 (Excludes Jan. 10, Jan. 31, Feb. 21, April 4)
 Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Driving Courses

Safe Driving Techniques (five-hour course)

Effective Oct. 1, 1987, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York requires five hours of classroom instruction as a prerequisite for obtaining a driver's license. Applicants affected by this regulation are those applying for a first time driver's license; those applying for a driver's license because of lapse of one-year renewal grace period; and those applying for a new driver's license as a result of revocation of previous license. The five-hour training period must be completed prior to the applicant applying for a road test. Persons having completed a regular driving education course do not need this program.

An official completion certificate, which is valid for one year from the day of issuance, will be awarded upon completion of the five-hour program. This certificate must be presented when applying for a road test. It does not qualify participants for reduced insurance rates.

Fee: \$40

Minimum Enrollment: 7

Maximum Enrollment: 20

Instructor: John DeBaun & Rich Fiorito

Time: 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Classes will be held on **Wednesdays**: Jan. 17, Feb. 7, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 6

The following regulations are applicable to all prospective registrants:

- Registration must be completed at the high school in person by noon on the Tuesday immediately preceding the class. There is a seven-person minimum to hold this class, so registering on time will reduce the risk of cancellation.
- Students will be admitted on a first come first serve basis.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.
- Applicants must bring their valid learner's permit to register.
- Applicants must pay the \$40 registration fee upon registering and completely fill out the registration form.

Classroom instruction will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dates are specified below. These classes will be held in Brockport High School Room 158. Students may bring a snack or lunch with them to the class.



Drive Groups for Session III

You must have one Drive Group in Block 1 and one Drive Group in Block 2

BLOCK 1	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	A	Monday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, TBD
	B	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	C	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	D	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	E	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	F	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

BLOCK 2	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	G	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	H	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	I	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	J	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	K	Friday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 24, June 1
	L	Friday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 24, June 1

Driver Ed Session III: High School Room 192 3:15-4:45 p.m.	
Mondays	Wednesdays
April 9	April 11
April 16	April 18
April 23	April 25
April 30	May 2
May 7	May 9
May 14	May 16
May 21	May 23
TBD	May 30

Driver Education - Winter/Spring 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to our Driver Education Program at Brockport High School. This is an exciting time for your child in their academic career that comes with a great deal of freedom and responsibility! Our Driver Education program is offered to anyone who desires expert instruction from highly qualified teachers prior to receiving a New York State Driver's License. Our Driver Education Program is a comprehensive experience that includes both theory and practice. This program is an investment in your child's future; providing them with the necessary knowledge and experience to become a safe driver.

Below is important information about the program and the process for registering your child. Thank you for your interest and participation in our program and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Melody Martinez-Davis,
Coordinator of Driver Education



Trina J. Kenney,
Administrative Assistant

Please note: Student must be present for the first theory class to be allowed entry into the course. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the first class. (Late arrivals will not be admitted and, if registered, will forfeit course enrollment). No early dismissals from theory class allowed.

Students must have the following for theory class:

- Permit/license
- Notebook/folder
- Writing materials

Students must be prepared with the following for each car class:

- Permit/license
- Sunglasses are encouraged
- Appropriate footwear (i.e. no backless sandals)

Driving groups: - will start and end at the High School student parking lot. Driving classes may be rescheduled at the instructor's discretion due to inclement weather. Should a make-up driving class be requested by a student due to extenuating circumstances, the instructor will reschedule at his discretion. Driving groups may be rescheduled to place four drivers in each time block. Every effort will be made to accommodate rescheduling conflicts. However, the instructor reserves the right to create a schedule that is most effective in terms of number of students scheduled for each driving group. Scheduling of or transportation to the road test are not included. Parents or other qualified adults should plan to devote time for enrolled students to practice the skills learned in this class. Only experience and good judgment makes a safe driver. A current NYS Learner's Permit must be brought to all classes.

Registration directions: Please send your payment, completed registration form and a copy of the student's learner's permit to the address listed below. **The cost is \$450 for residents, \$470 for non-residents.** The registration deadline for Session III will end March 28, 2018. **Please select your drive groups, listing your choices in order of preference. First priority will be given to resident seniors, then resident juniors, then underclassmen and non-residents. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.** You will be notified by e-mail or telephone and a list will be posted in the High School if you have been accepted and enrolled. If a registrant did not get into the session, they will be notified in writing and placed on a priority list for the next session.

Enrolled students will receive instruction in the classroom, behind the wheel, and on the road as required by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Those successfully completing the class will receive an MV285 certificate that gives the holder the privilege to receive a Class D operator's license when reaching age 17, allowing them to drive after 9 p.m. Students must be 16 years old and hold a valid NYS Driver Permit or License to be eligible for the course. The Pre-Licensing 5-Hour Course material is included in Driver Education. The loan of a text is included in the class fee.

Most insurance companies will offer a discount on compulsory car insurance upon request.

Instructors: Richard Barrett, Rich Fiorito, John DeBaun, Ben Gioseffi

Classroom instruction - ALL students must attend ALL classroom instruction in Brockport High School Room 192 as scheduled from 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Detach and mail in form with a copy of permit/license.

2018 Driver Education Enrollment Session III

Session III (April - June)

Driver Group Choices (Pick 3 different choices for each block)

Block 1: Choice #1 ___ Choice #2 ___ Choice #3 ___

Block 2: Choice #1 ___ Choice #2 ___ Choice #3 ___

Must attend two drive groups per week: one from Block 1 and one from Block 2

Please print name as it appears on Permit/License

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle Name or Initial

Address: _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Parent Email: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ District Resident (Circle One) Yes No Are You (Circle One) Male Female

High School Attending: _____ Are You (Circle One) Senior Junior Other

Learner's Permit/Driver License #: _____ Date issued: _____

Please list any special needs (test mods, physical limitations, etc): _____

Parent Signature _____

Mail Enrollment Form and Payment to:
 Brockport Central School District
 Office of Driver Education
 Attn: Trina Kenney
 40 Allen Street
 Brockport, NY 14420-2296

Make checks payable to: Office of Driver Education

Questions may be directed to Trina Kenney at 637-1961 or by email to: trina.kenney@bcs1.org



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School Bus Driver Training and Safety Award

Transportation Director Milton Waye and his team were honored with the School Bus Driver Training and Safety Award by the National Association for Pupil Transportation. The award, sponsored by IC Corporation, was created to enhance school bus driver training by recognizing school districts/companies who have exemplary driver-training programs. Congratulations, Milt and team!

BROCKPORT OLIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS DISNEY'S



The Little Mermaid JR

Performances:

Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 3 at 3:30 & 7 p.m.

Brockport High School Auditorium

Tickets will go on sale Jan. 2 and can be purchased in the
Oliver Middle School main office for \$6 each or four for \$20

Get your tickets early as we anticipate the show will sell out!



Journey “under the sea” with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney’s Broadway production and the motion picture (featuring the enormously popular Academy Award-winning music and delightfully charming book and lyrics). Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen’s most beloved stories, Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR. is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home – and her fins – behind and live in the world above. But first, she’ll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she’s the girl with the enchanting voice he’s been seeking.



Brockport Elks deliver dictionaries to Barclay

Every Barclay third-grader was gifted with their own personal dictionary on Nov. 6, courtesy of the Brockport Elks. The Elks stressed the importance of reading and challenged students to learn new words each day. Elks members have provided third-graders with dictionaries since 2005. Thank you, Elks!



Curtains

Congratulations to the cast, crew, musicians, staff and volunteers whose contributions made for an incredible production of Curtains! Each of the four performances held Nov. 9 – 12 proved an audience sensation. The musical comedy surrounding a backstage murder mystery featured an enjoyable mixture of suspense and laugh-out-loud moments.