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BHR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

We congratulate the contest winners and instructor Joann Murphy of DVC for their hard work and dedication to the highest artistic standards.



First place, upper left—Noelle Boyle; Second place (tie) upper right—Allissa Behrens and second from top on right—Emily Murray; Third place, second from top on left—Audra Furgal; Honorable Mention, bottom left— Allyson Morgan and bottom right—Mariabelle Lopez



Read Across America Project by Early Ed & Care students

PARENTS' PAGES

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PRINCIPAL ROSSETTI RAISES MONEY FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSN.



BHR Principal Jill Rossetti with Randolph Police Officer Ricardo Jean before she went off to the "lock-up" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's fundraiser. Photo by Judy Bass

Principal Jill Rossetti recently participated in the "lock-up" fundraiser that benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Her "bail" was set at \$2,400; she raised an impressive \$3,095!

As part of the event, Principal Rossetti was "jailed" at Napper Tandy's, a pub in Norwood, on March 2...until she was sprung, thanks to the generosity of all who donated to this very worthy humanitarian cause.

Thank you, Principal Rossetti and donors!

RIBBONS HONOR KALEIGH & TOM

On Friday, February 5, 2016, Canton was the site of a devastating double tragedy that tested the community to the limit. First, little Kaleigh Kenyon, 6, was struck and killed by a tree branch in her backyard that collapsed due to the tremendous weight of just-fallen snow upon it. Later that fateful day, Mr. Thomas J. Gunning, 48, a BHR graduate, a married father of three and a well-known businessman who was an ardent supporter of youth sports, was also hit by a tree branch and lost his life as a result.

Blue Hills extends its deepest sympathy to the Kenyon and Gunning families.

To honor these two Canton residents, our Practical Nursing Secretary, Amanda Durand, suggested that we join the town-wide effort to pay tribute to Kaleigh and Thomas by displaying pink and green ribbons for them as a symbol of compassion, sorrow and respect.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

1-2 MCAS Retest ELA
Reading Comp

3-4 MCAS Retest Math

9 MEFA Admissions
Seminar 6:30 PM

16 NO SCHOOL—Prof.
Development Day

22-24 MCAS ELA & Reading
Comp., Senior Late
Arrival 11:55 am

25 NO SCHOOL—Good Friday

31 MCAS ELA Comp Make-up

APRIL

6 Advisory Board Dinner

18 Patriots Day

18-22 NO SCHOOL—Spring Vacation

25 School reopens

29 In-service 10:40 am Student arrival

30 Incoming student assessments
8:00 am

MAY

4 English Lit AP Exam 8:00 am

6 Senior Mid-Term

10 US Gov't. AP Exam 8:00 am

14 Incoming Student Assessments
8:00 am

17-18 MCAS Math Senior Late Arrival 11:55 am

20 Mid-Term (9-11)

25 Senior Awards Ceremony 6:30 pm

26 In-service 10:40 am Student arrival

30 No School—Memorial Day

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS VISIT CANTON P.D.

On Friday February 12, 2016, students in Criminal Justice visited the Canton Police Department. Officer Scott Connor, a BHR grad and BHR School Resource Officer (plus Advisory Board member) gave the 15 students a tour of the entire facility to see the inner workings of the Department. Students had a chance to meet Chief Kenneth Berkowitz and Deputy Chief Helena Rafferty.

Officer Drinan shows BHR students the 9-1-1 system and how it works. Left to right, Mike Owens, Yamelie Merard, Breannah Postell and Madelyn Oteri.



Officer Connor explains something to the students when they visited the Canton Police Department on February 12, 2016.

Students toured the 9-1-1 communication center, the holding cell areas, and also got a chance to meet one of the K-9 dogs. They learned how fingerprints are developed and stored, and how someone is processed into the system during an arrest. They were given an overview of how the 9-1-1 system functions. Special thanks to the Canton police for allowing the students to tour the facility to see all that is offered in this occupation.

Information and photos courtesy Mr. Brendan Welch

PEER TUTORING: STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

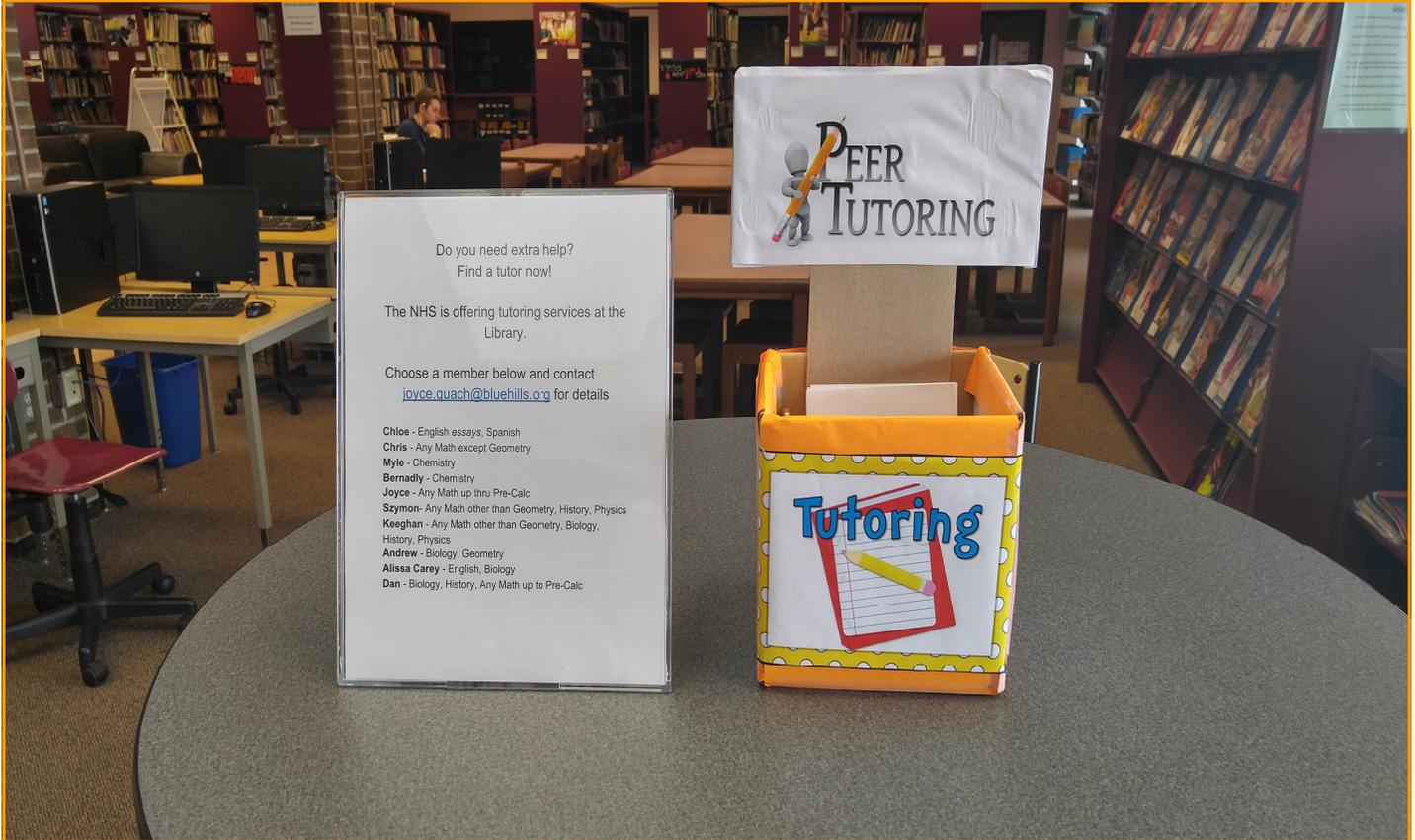
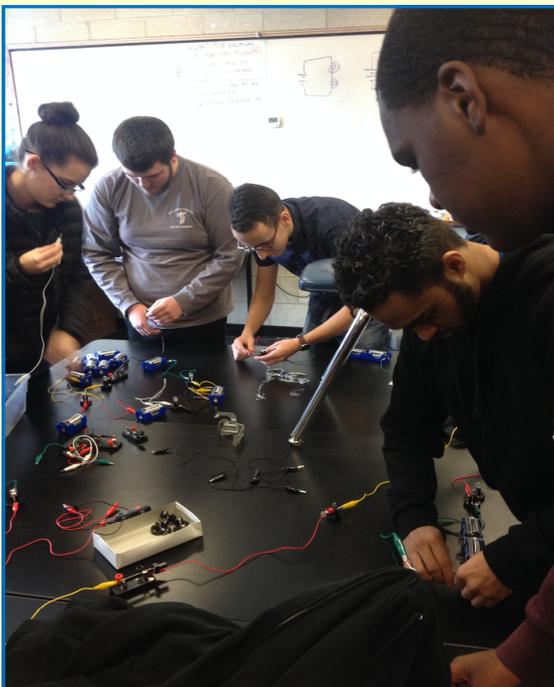


Photo courtesy Mr. Howard Canning



Seniors in Mr. Brian Kardon's Physics II class are working together and learning about circuits. Left to right, Catherine Sullivan, Jack Borden, Szymon Plebaniak, Chris Andrade, and Adjahni Thermot.

Photo courtesy Mr. Brian Kardon

COLORFUL MAILBOX WILL BE MVA CONFERENCE GIFT

From Carol Hartnett, Building Representative, MVA: "The upcoming Annual CTE Convention of the Massachusetts Vocational Association is April 1-3 in Sturbridge, where career and technical educators will gather to discuss vocational education and work on professional development. The attendees will enjoy an Awards Dinner on Saturday evening when vocational student, non-traditional student, post-graduate student and new teacher awards will be given. The gifts that the vocational programs donate are given to the dinner attendees as a raffle prize and every attendee gets a gift which highlights student talent in vocational programs throughout the state."



Sophomores Sali Bah of Randolph (on left in picture) and Elizabeth Cordon of Holbrook in Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing painted this mailbox as a MVA conference gift. They did an outstanding, professional-looking job. Congratulations to them and their teachers, Mr. Seaman and Mr. Sauro.



BOOSTERS WINTER SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5

WINTER SOCIAL

SPONSORED BY BHR BOOSTER CLUB



SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016
7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM



IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
200 NEW BOSTON DRIVE, CANTON

FULL CATERED BUFFET WITH CARVING STATION
CASH BAR
RAFFLE PRIZES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY RIOT ACT

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON, \$40 PER COUPLE
Get tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/hfv4dlg>

Proceeds from this event go to the Blue Hills Booster Club to fund scholarships, awards, activities, athletics and clubs at Blue Hills Regional Technical School.



See you there!



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SENIORS!

With graduation quickly approaching, please take care of any and all fees that are due, find lost books, etc. We want to make this exciting time run smoothly for everyone. Please see Mrs. Pica in the Student Affairs Office with any questions.



Mrs. Pica also notes: I have published "Past Due Student Fees" to the Student Portal. The report will be listed in the Published reports widget window when you log in to your x2 account.



National Honor Society
William A. Dwyer Chapter

Blue Hills Regional
Technical School
**30TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

THURSDAY
APRIL 12, 2016
7:00 PM

BLUE HILLS
REGIONAL
CAFETERIA

Concessions provided

Coaches vs Cancer—Ice Hockey

The ice hockey team joined the soccer and basketball teams in raising money and awareness for cancer in the Coaches vs Cancer campaign from the American Cancer Society. They raised \$700 under the direction of Head Hockey Coach Jerimiah Bonham.

He said, "Each player was asked to get \$10-\$20 minimum in donations from family, friends and teachers. There was also a 50/50 chuck-a-puck fundraiser done at the game. It really showed the kids that there is more than just playing a game. They need to be an active part of the community and this was a way for them to support a good cause doing something that they love."

BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

The boys basketball team made the MIAA State Tournament. The team will have a BYE in the first round and will play South Shore Christian Academy in the second round.

Date: March 3, 2016 **Team:** South Shore Christian Academy **Time:** 6:30pm

Location: Eastern Nazarene College

23 East Elm Ave

Quincy MA 02170

617 745 3000

NEWS FLASH!

Coach Brian Gearty has been chosen Coach of the Year in boys basketball in the Mayflower League...congrats!!!



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HOLDS SENIOR NIGHT

The girls basketball team held their annual Senior Night on Wednesday, February 10. The honorees were Bernadly Oslin, Gabby Okeke, Christina Aime and Jackie Raynor.

The varsity and junior varsity teams did a fantastic job decorating the gym with streamers and balloons to show their teammates how much they care about them.

During halftime, the players and family members presented them with flowers as Coach McGrath spoke of their dedication to Blue Hills athletics and girls basketball.

BLUE HILLS VARSITY 2016 BASKETBALL TEAM

BACK ROW L TO R:

- #23 ARIEL CARTER
- #22 MOLLY O'LEARY
- #14 ZAHRIA WOODRUFFE
- #52 EMILY PETERSON
- #35 BERNADLY OSLYN
- #12 GABBY OKEKE
- #3 STEPHANI CAMERON

FRONT ROW L TO R:

- #15 JACKIE RAYNOR
- #25 JILENA DEITSCH
- #50 ROSE DACEY
- #10 CHRISTINA AIME



Congratulations girls, great job by all!

SkillsUSA MEDALISTS FROM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

State Officer Candidates

Karimah Land

Noelle Boyle

Advertising Design

Jason Yactayo Gold Medal

Auto Service Technology

Ryan Gilmartin Bronze Medal

Collision Repair Technology

Liam Coyne Bronze Medal

Computer Programming

Joseph Goggin Bronze Medal

Early Childhood Education

Briana Martinez Silver Medal

Electronics Technology

Davidson Lamarre, Bronze Medal

HVAC/R

Kendra Coy Silver Medal

Matt Laracy Bronze Medal

Nail Care

Sabrina Gates Bronze Medal

Photography

Joshua Nee Gold Medal

Alissa Carey Silver Medal

Screen Print Technology

Eric Brown Bronze

Student Advisory Council

Chinedu Ibiam

Some of the proud medalists ...



Alissa Carey, left, silver medal in photography; Joshua Nee, center, gold medal in photography. Student on right is from another school. Photo by Joann Murphy.

Thank you to SkillsUSA Advisor Robert Foley and chaperones Julie Woods, Joann Murphy, Carol Hartnett, Rich Sauro and Brendan Welch

~CONTINUING EDUCATION SPRING 2016 NEWS~

*****DON'T WAIT TO ENROLL!*****

Continuing Education Enthusiasts,

Blue Hills Spring classes have just opened for enrollment. Most classes are listed, some are awaiting confirmation from instructors . Please visit www.learnmorebhr.com to enroll early. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call the numbers below. Please forward this message to friends, family and fellow workers.

Thanks,

Dwight Seaman

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EDUCATION
Continuing

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM : Teas Testing & Info Sessions



Men and women apply to the Practical Nursing Program at Blue Hills Regional Technical School (Postsecondary Programs Division) for various career-related and personal reasons. Perhaps they are deeply committed to helping people. They may desire a higher-paying position with growth potential and a solid future. Or they might want to make a dramatic switch from the field in which they are currently employed.

Regardless of their motivation, it's clear that our Practical Nursing graduates obtain tremendously rewarding positions in the burgeoning and competitive healthcare field. The thorough preparation we provide, along with the reputation of our Program, give them an all-important edge when applying for jobs or additional educational opportunities.

Our Practical Nursing Program is the cornerstone of their success. It is offered to post-secondary adults on a full-time basis for 40 weeks from September to June, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Clinical hours may vary to accommodate clinical agency availability.

The Practical Nursing Program offers a rigorous educational experience of theory and clinical practice which prepares graduates to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing) through the State Board of Registration in Nursing. Our faculty provides an exceptional learning environment and the support services to ensure that students succeed.

2015-16 TEAS Entrance Examinations

Wednesday, March 30 - 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27 - 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Register for TEAS at atitesting.com (Canton MA)

Select: Create an Account, Select: MA, Canton and Blue Hills RTS

**Need Preparation: TEAS V Prep Course Available at Blue Hills Regional
Math
Reading**

To Register: Go to learnmorebhr.com, catalog page 2

Practical Nursing Program Information Sessions

Tuesday, March 15 11 a.m. - noon

Tuesday, April 12 11 a.m. - noon

BHR STUDENTS VISIT MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Few cultural institutions are as revered for their storied history and treasured objects as the Museum of Fine Arts. Just a short car ride away in Boston, the Museum houses incomparable paintings, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, photos, musical instruments and more dating back to ancient times and up to the present. It is a monument to the evolution of artistic culture that is unmatched in its comprehensiveness and welcoming atmosphere. A group of BHR students in their Social Studies class took a field trip to the Museum on December 10, 2015.



Pictured are Brittney McCormack, Kimberly Sian, Alyssa Campbell, Bernardly Oslin, Ovie Mukaro, Wilmer Cruz, Kyra Giboyeaux, Franzhesca Dormeus, Gabby Okeke, Janeya Charpentier, Trevere Bougouneau, Mitchell Mafra, and Andrew Ly. Thank you, Ms. O'Malley and Ms. Wariboko.

STUDENT NOAH SIMMS OF MILTON WOWS GUESTS WITH HIS VIOLA AT “DOWNTON ABBEY” SEASON OPENER TEA PARTY AT MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

BHR sophomore Noah Simms of Milton, a highly accomplished viola player, greatly impressed the guests who attended the costume tea party held on Sunday, January 10 at the Milton Public Library in honor of the season premiere of the PBS drama series “Downton Abbey,” a runaway hit on both sides of the pond, as the British might say. This festive gathering was a fundraiser for the Friends of the Milton Public Library and was attended by 110 “Downton” aficionados including State Rep. Walter Timilty. Mirroring the show, many were decked out in flowing early-20th-century garb, including former BHR employee Myrtle Flight, who was in character as the venerable dowager played on TV by Dame Maggie Smith.

The occasion marked the third “Downton” gala at which Noah has been on hand at the Library to serenade the guests with superb music. Elizabeth Thomas, Chair of the Library’s “Downton Abbey” Tea Committee, called Noah “an exceptional young man” with a truly promising future.



At left, Noah Simms is pictured with Myrtle Flight, costumed as the imposing Dowager Countess Grantham, played on the show by Dame Maggie Smith.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Thomas