



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jon Hunter, Ed.D

The tasks defined by the Board of Education were specific—plan a budget that does not exceed the tax cap and that builds for the future of the Byron-Bergen School District.

Clearly, the future of the Byron-Bergen School District is bright. A new Superintendent has been hired (see page 10) and a new Jr./Sr. High School Principal is in place. A new College and Career Center is open. We are set to kick-off a new football merger with Cal-Mum. We have a new reading program for elementary students who struggle to learn, and are developing a new facilities plan to improve our Elementary School, stadium area, and energy systems. The 2016-17 budget maintains core programs and people and supports these and other critical future needs.

Task #1—Do not exceed the tax cap

The New York State Tax Cap is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This year the CPI was below 1%; therefore, our Byron-Bergen levy for the 2016-17 school year will increase +0.16%. Some families will see a decrease in their 2016-17 tax bill. Tax payers in the District will receive a refund next fall from NYS because the District levy was below the Tax Cap.

We have made reductions in health care costs and reductions in retirement contributions. We want to thank our local legislators Michael Ranzenhoffer and Stephen Hawley for supporting increases to education aid in the New York State budget. Foundation aid was increased 1% and the Gap Elimination take away has been removed, adding \$380,000 to our NYS financial aid.

The 2016-17 budget is a \$22.87M spending plan. This represents an increase of 3.6% from the budget of last year. This budget will support existing programs and people for the next school year. Most importantly, this budget is part of building for the future. It includes:

- One new faculty member at the Elementary School for enrollment growth at fourth grade.
- One new faculty member at the Jr./Sr. High to add programs for students.
- New equipment for maintenance.
- New equipment for band.
- Bus replacement of three vehicles.
- Driver Education program starting in 2017.
- Funding for a Capital Improvement Project to upgrade clocks throughout the District.
- Staffing to anticipate the retirement of the Business Administrator.
- Staffing for Special Education needs.
- Video Coaching Professional Development. *(continued on pg. 10)*



Students in teacher Jay Wolcott's Manufacturing Systems II class learned the basics of woodturning under the guidance of volunteers from The Finger Lakes Woodturning Club (FLWC) of Rochester. The school obtained the new lathe equipment, in part, through a grant from the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) which FLWC member, Jerry Sheridan, applied for last year. Students created hand-crafted wooden pens, including one custom-made for Interim Superintendent Dr. Jon Hunter, who was very appreciative of the gift.

VOTE!

May 17, 2016

6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School
Wrestling/Fitness Room



Board President's Corner

What a year it has been so far! It can definitely be called a year of change and transition. Words that I use to describe the last six months are "anxious," "scary," and "exciting." The time has been anxious and scary because we lost two high-profile people in important leadership roles here at Byron-Bergen. But it has also been exciting when we look at the quality of candidates interested in coming to our District to fill these roles. We had 17 candidates apply for the superintendent position. The Board of Education narrowed the field to eight candidates to interview; then we chose the final three. On April 11, 12, and 13, each candidate spent a day in the District, followed by a final interview with the Board of Education.

In March, a panel of teachers, administrators, students, staff, and Board of Education members was put together to conduct interviews for the Jr./Sr. High School Principal position. As with the superintendent position, the candidates were very qualified and we interviewed four of them. I am extremely happy that Mr. Patrick McGee was the successful candidate. His enthusiasm, vision, and love for our community, school, faculty, staff, and kids were evident. Congratulations, Mr. McGee, and good luck as you move forward in your role.

The Board has approved the budget for the 2016-17 school year. Our Foundation Aid restoration was minimal, but the great news is that our annual Gap Elimination Aid was fully restored for 2016-17. We are excited to be able to bring back classes that will help give our students more options and opportunities. This is a wonderful feeling that we finally have the ability to start restoring programs here at Byron-Bergen.

This year's school budget vote and election of Board of Education members will look different from those of past years. Several years ago, **NYS and the Federal government decided that, beginning in 2016, our school polling machines could no longer be utilized.**

The cost to schools to use the new electronic voting is expensive, and with presidential primaries this year, these machines are not an available option for school districts. As a result, this year we will be using paper ballots for voting (sample ballot on page 27). I hope that we have a great turnout from the community and wish those running for a seat on the Board of Education the best of luck.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the great students in this District who are doing great things. Congratulations on another wonderful musical and to the students recently inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society. Kudos to our academic scholar athletes, to the students in our extra-curricular programs, and to our students involved in the WNY Tech Academy, and Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (GVEP) career and technical education programs. I'm especially proud of all those kids who come to school every day always wanting to do the right thing. Speaking as the Board President, I thank you for your good work and for your many contributions to your District.

Debra List

Board of Education President
Byron-Bergen CSD

NYS Property Tax Levy Cap in Brief

NYS has a property tax levy cap, not a 2% cap which is very confusing. The law does not restrict any proposed tax increase to 2%. The following is our District's calculation for determining the 2016-17 property tax levy cap (see page 3).

The law creates an 8-step formula to determine the tax levy limit.

- Adjusts tax levy to reflect local growth in the tax base and the rate of inflation (Consumer Price Index [CPI] or a maximum of 2% whichever is less).

Sets a higher threshold for voter approval of budgets IF proposed tax levy increase exceeds the tax levy limit plus exclusions.

- The Board of Education can present a budget that requires a levy that exceeds the cap but will need 60% voter approval.

The property tax levy cap limits the school district levy NOT the individual tax bill of resident taxpayers.

- Assessments and equalization rates will still impact tax rates.

Voters are approving the budget (spending plan), not the tax levy.

**Vote
May 17**



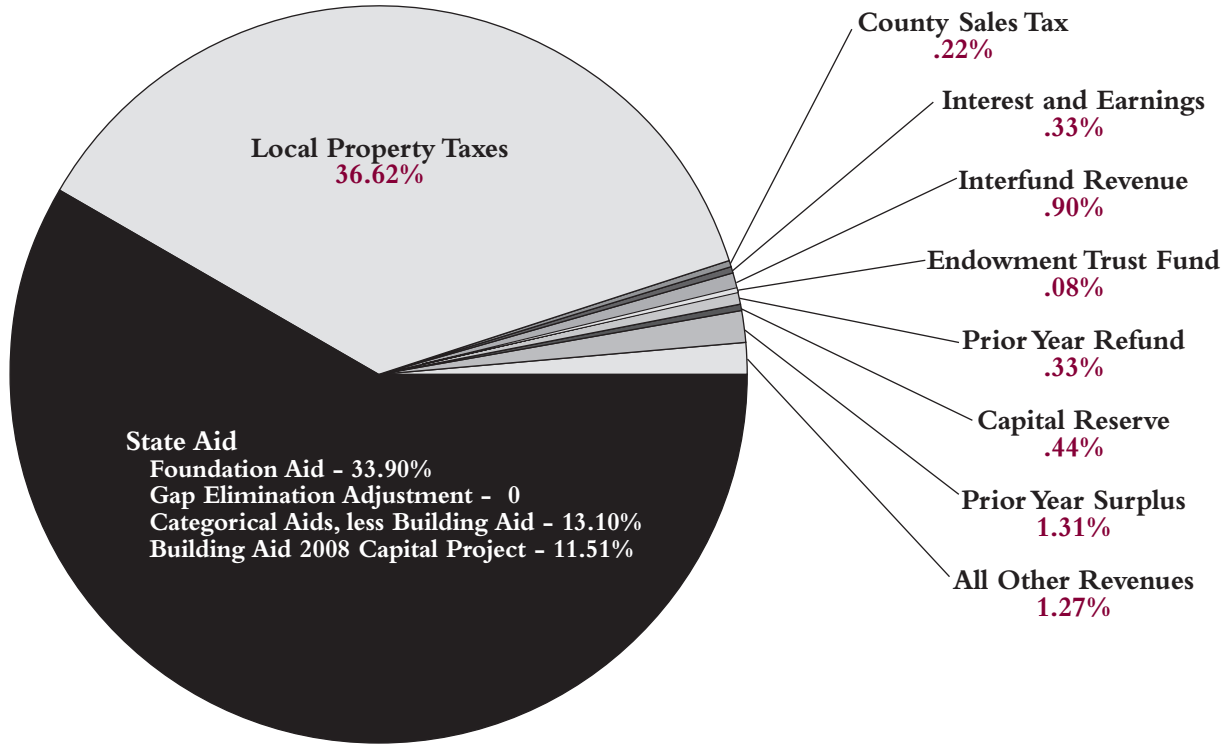
Property Tax Levy Calculation

<u>2016-17 Maximum Allowable Property Tax Levy</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Tax Levy - prior school year	\$8,184,179	\$8,363,932
Tax base growth factor	<u>1.0015</u>	<u>1.0023</u>
	\$8,196,455	\$8,383,169
Add , PILOT payments from prior school year - Business development agreements with the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency	<u>\$52,415</u>	<u>\$43,360</u>
	\$8,248,870	\$8,426,529
Less , exclusions, including capital levy, court orders, and pension contributions	<u>(\$338,082)</u>	<u>(\$364,989)</u>
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	\$7,910,788	\$8,061,540
Allowable Growth Factor (2015-16 lesser of CPI 1.62% or 2%) (2016-17 lesser of CPI 0.12% or 2%)	<u>1.0162</u>	<u>1.0112</u>
	\$8,038,944	\$8,071,214
Less, PILOT payments anticipated for current school year	<u>(\$40,000)</u>	<u>(\$37,500)</u>
	\$7,998,944	\$8,033,714
Add , available carryover	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Tax Levy Limit	<u>\$7,998,944</u>	<u>\$8,033,714</u>
Add , Exclusions		
Capital levy (debt service)	<u>\$364,989</u>	<u>\$343,623</u>
Total exclusion	<u>\$364,989</u>	<u>\$343,623</u>
Maximum Allowable Property Tax Levy	<u>\$8,363,933</u>	<u>\$8,377,337</u>
2015-16 Actual Property Tax Levy	<u>\$8,363,933</u>	
2016-17 Allowable Property Tax Levy Increase - (2016-17 Levy limit minus 2014-15 Property tax levy amount)		<u>\$13,404</u>
Maximum allowable percentage change with simple majority vote of 50% + 1		<u>0.16%</u>
2016-17 Proposed Property Tax Levy		<u>\$8,377,337</u>
2016-17 Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase		<u>\$13,404</u>
2016-17 Proposed percentage change		0.16%

If you have additional questions contact William Snyder at 494-1220 ext. 2429, or email wsnyder@bbschools.org.



PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET “HOW FUNDS ARE GENERATED”



	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget
I. STATE AID		
Foundation Aid	\$7,670,332	\$7,754,042
Gap Elimination Adjustment	-\$380,525	\$0
Categorical Aids, less Building Aid	\$2,837,265	\$2,996,530
Building Aid 2008 Capital Project	\$2,640,318	\$2,633,229

I. STATE AID

We have projected our State aid to increase \$779,285 based on the Governor’s proposed State aid figures for 2016-17. State aid is comprised mainly of foundation aid and many different categorical aids such as BOCES, Building, Special Education, and Transportation. Categorical aids are generally based on actual expenditures during the prior school year with the exception of building aid that is based on current year actual expenditures.

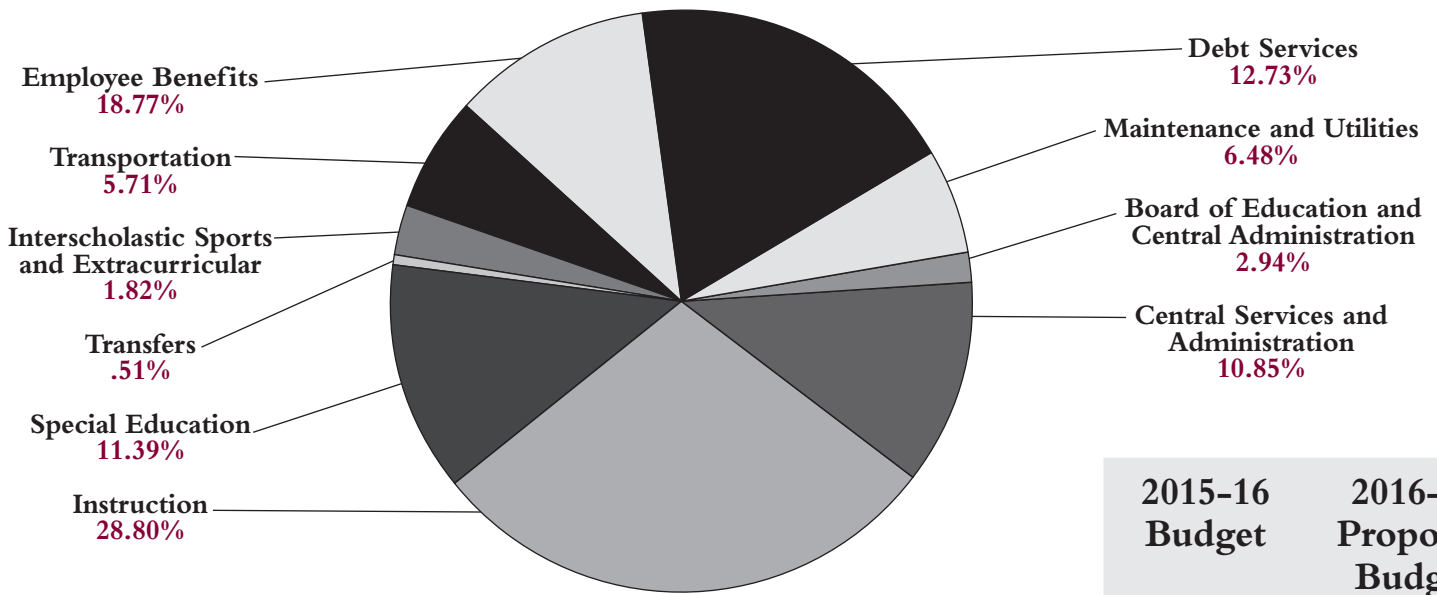


PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET “HOW FUNDS ARE GENERATED”

	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget
II. LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES The actual amount of the tax levy is set by the Board of Education in August 2016. We are projecting the tax levy to increase 0.16%.	\$8,363,933	\$8,377,337
III. COUNTY SALES TAX Sales tax revenues are received by the school from Monroe County based on the number of students attending Byron-Bergen that reside in Monroe County.	\$55,000	\$50,000
IV. INTEREST AND EARNINGS This revenue reflects interest earned by investing cash on hand. Interest rates will remain low for the 2016-17 school year.	\$75,000	\$75,000
V. INTERFUND REVENUE This revenue includes District funds reserved to assist in the payment of New York State employee retirement cost, unemployment insurance costs, debt service, and employee contractual retirement costs.	\$292,138	\$206,500
VI. ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND An endowment for the swimming pool generates annual interest, which is used to help maintenance costs of the facility.	\$17,500	\$17,500
VII. PRIOR YEAR REFUND This revenue is an estimate of savings from our BOCES costs incurred during the prior school year.	\$50,000	\$75,000
VIII. CAPITAL RESERVE This revenue reflects usage of the 2014 Capital Reserve Fund to support costs related to support costs related to the \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project.		\$100,000
IX. PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS Also known as “Designated Fund Balance,” this is unspent money at the end of the school year, which is brought into next year’s budget as revenue. It is developed from unanticipated revenues during the school year or from under-spending of the expenditure budget.	\$300,000	\$300,000
X. ALL OTHER REVENUES This includes admissions to athletic events, late property tax penalties, medical reimbursement revenues, and the Monroe County Host Agreement for the Riga Landfill.	\$159,400	\$289,400
	TOTAL	TOTAL
	\$22,080,361	\$22,874,538



PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET “HOW FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED”



I. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

This category includes Board of Education costs and Central Office expenses including salaries for the Superintendent, Business Official, District Treasurer, District Clerk, Superintendent’s Secretary, Tax Collector, supplies, contractual and equipment. Also included are internal and external auditing and legal fees to ensure the safeguarding of taxpayer monies. This budget category anticipates an increase for salaries and wages of \$11,778; GASB 45 auditing requirements, \$5,200; BOCES services, \$4,866; cross-training for business administrator, \$50,000; tax bill preparation and postage, \$2,000; and contractual items, \$15,954.

	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget
I. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$581,670	\$671,468

II. MAINTENANCE AND UTILITIES

This category includes utility expenses for electricity, fuel oil, telephone, and water. Maintenance Department salaries, equipment, supplies, and contract services are also included. The maintenance budget has been reduced through savings for natural gas, electrical efficiencies, and sewer plant elimination. In 2008-09, maintenance accounted for 9.15% of the total budget. This proposed maintenance is 6.48% of the total 2016-17 budget.

II. MAINTENANCE AND UTILITIES	\$1,410,500	\$1,483,275
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III. CENTRAL SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION

This category includes expenses for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High principals’ offices. Also included are clerical positions, Assistant Principal, counseling, nurses, school libraries, school psychologist, computer services, insurance, BOCES administrative charges, and curriculum development. All purchases of computer equipment, software, and library/audiovisual materials have been limited to the maximum allowed based on State aid formulas. The 2016-17 maximum aidable expenditure for these items is \$39,913. BOCES computer services costs previously reported in prior years’ budgets in the category have been reclassified and are now included in IV. Instruction. This reclassification has resulted in a net decrease totaling \$45,599 when comparing 2016-17 to 2015-16 budgets.

III. CENTRAL SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION	\$2,528,334	\$2,482,755
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IV. INSTRUCTION

This category includes all costs directly related to classroom teaching. It provides a building budget plan for textbooks, classroom materials and supplies, furniture and equipment, and other educational resources. The budget category includes the restoration of (2) teaching positions, \$100,000; the implementation of Driver’s Education beginning in the second semester, \$23,500; the transfer of BOCES Computer Service costs previously included in III. Central Services, \$99,075; and an increase in BOCES tuition costs for Occupational Education, \$21,130.

IV. INSTRUCTION	\$6,283,895	\$6,589,009
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	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget
<p>V. SPECIAL EDUCATION</p> <p>This category includes expenses for the Chairperson of Special Education’s office, salaries for special education teachers, supplies, contractual, and tuition for out-of-district placements at BOCES and private facilities. To minimize costs for the District, only those students with the severest needs will be placed out-of-district. The District will continue to contract with outside providers for occupational, physical, and vision therapy for students. Costs for BOCES provider services and tuitions are projected to increase \$169,600.</p>	\$2,348,522	\$2,606,455
<p>VI. INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR</p> <p>This category includes expenses for coaches’ salaries, official fees, equipment, uniforms, and supplies to support the sports programs. It also includes expenses to support all extracurricular activities such as the marching band, school play, and various clubs. This category includes costs related to the S.O.A.R. (Shared Opportunities and Resources) initiative with the Caledonia-Mumford Central School for football and Elba Central School for soccer.</p>	\$401,525	\$415,525
<p>VII. TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>This category includes all salaries for bus drivers, mechanics, and supervision. Also included are operating expenses such as bus parts, fuel, tires, oil, and equipment to maintain the fleet. Overhead expenses to operate the bus garage are also included such as insurance, water, and fuel. We currently operate buses about 10 years or 150,000 miles.</p>	\$1,254,015	\$1,305,101
<p>VIII. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</p> <p>This category contains expenses for the State Retirement systems, Social Security, Workers’ Compensation, Unemployment, and health insurance premiums. The Teachers’ (TRS) and Employees’ (ERS) Retirement systems’ have contribution rates of 11.72% and 18.2%, respectively. These rates represent decreases from the 2015-16 rates of 13.26% and 19.7%, respectively. Health insurance premiums are increasing approximately 1.0% for 2016-17.</p>	\$4,290,000	\$4,294,000
<p>IX. DEBT SERVICE</p> <p>This category provides for principal and interest payments on the 2008 Capital Project. It also provides for transportation vehicle purchases.</p>	\$2,966,900	\$2,911,950
<p>X. TRANSFERS</p> <p>This category provides for funds used to cover special education summer school costs at BOCES not covered by State aid.</p> <p>This category includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project to address repairs and maintenance needed to our facilities which were identified through the recently conducted Building Conditions Survey.</p> <p>The \$100,000 Capital Outlay provides the District with a tool to do preventative maintenance to our facilities on a timely basis. This is a more cost effective process to address repairs before they become major expenses costing the taxpayers more.</p> <p>A \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project is subject to all State Education Department approvals, must be designed by a licensed architect and is subject to Building Aid. Our current Building Aid ratio is 82.4%. The net local cost for the Capital Outlay Project is projected at \$17,600. Capital Outlay projects can be done on an annual basis.</p>	\$15,000	\$115,000
	TOTAL \$22,080,361	TOTAL \$22,874,538



Five candidates seek four seats on Board of Education *Statements as prepared by the candidates*



YVONNE ACE-WAGONER

I am Yvonne Ace-Wagoner and my overall goal as a school board member is to ensure the District is doing what is best for students. I have lived in the District for 18 years and seen two of my children graduate from Byron-Bergen, with a third currently in fifth-grade at the Elementary School. I want to see her and all of our students have access to the best possible programs led by talented, enthusiastic teachers.

I'm seeking re-election to the Board of Education to continue to serve my community and do what is best for students. I want to continue to be a part of carrying out our District mission and vision to challenge, engage, and nurture students to prepare them for an ever-changing world. In addition to my experience as Vice President of our Board, I have been a Trustee and Board President of the Mary M. Gooley

Hemophilia Center for six years. I feel a deep commitment and connection to the community.

Although our District has faced economic challenges, we have found creative ways to provide the best possible education and programs to students. We need to stay the course and continue implementing our *Strategic Plan*. A strong Board of Education is critical to this mission. I believe I can contribute my knowledge of managing budgets from my career as a Project Leader, and my volunteer experiences in advocacy—both vital skills in the current educational climate.

I want to continue advocating for our rural District. I have learned during my first three years on the Board just how much rural schools have taken the brunt of the State budget cuts during the many years of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). I took that knowledge and my advocacy skills and spoke with local legislators at town halls, sent many emails, and attend a Legislative Breakfast annually. Although the GEA is fully restored this year, we will not be returned the millions kept from our District for the past few years. There is still work to be done, and I hope to keep doing it.



AMY PHILLIPS

My name is Amy Phillips and it has been an absolute pleasure to serve as a Trustee on the Byron-Bergen Board of Education for the past three years. As the mother of two future Byron-Bergen graduates, a resident of the District for 10 years, and a teacher for 18 years, I believe that my life experiences enable me to see many perspectives on education.

Being on the Board has given me many wonderful experiences including being involved in the interview process for the new superintendent. I took this venture very seriously, wanting to find the very best leader, because the students and entire community of Byron-Bergen deserve nothing less than the best.

As a teacher, I have been personally affected by the mandated changes and requirements, often times unfunded, from the New York State Department of Education. Solving problems and being innovative is a way of life for educators. I hope to continue to bring that innovativeness to our District.

My goals are to continue to give all the children of the Byron-Bergen community the greatest opportunities, while still being fiscally responsible. We need to ensure that our students can be competitive with students from all other schools. We can accomplish this goal by listening to the voices of our students and community members.

If re-elected to the Board of Education I will continue to gather information from the community and share my experiences to benefit the entire District. Thank your for considering me for re-election.



KIMBERLY CARLSON

My name is Kim Carlson and I am seeking election to the Board of Education. I have lived in the Byron-Bergen community with my husband Keith for 16 years. We have three sons who currently attend school in the Byron-Bergen District: a freshman, a sixth-grader, and a first-grader. Having children in the District has taught me so much and has given me a vested interest in the decisions that are made on behalf of our children and the community.

I have worked for the University of Rochester as an OB/GYN sonographer, primarily on a per diem basis, for 16 years. My husband recently purchased the State Street Animal Hospital and I have assisted him with this endeavor.

My past position on the Board of Administration for the Brockport Free Methodist Church gave me a taste of leadership experience. I also serve on the leadership team for a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group held in our church.

The great majority of my time has been spent raising our three sons. Our experience with the Byron-Bergen CSD has been very positive. We, like so many other parents, are trying to navigate through the changes that the State has made with the implementation of the Common Core Standards and the effect it has on our children and the schools.

Today's students face an overwhelming number of challenges both at school and at home. I would really appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Board of Education and will do my best to make wise decisions for students and our community.



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Statements as prepared by the candidates



MARK W. SWANSON

I have lived in Bergen since 2014, and have three daughters (Alicia, Megan, and Tyler Ely) who all graduated from the Hilton Central School District.

I believe that receiving a sound education is the primary basis for becoming a productive and contributing member of society. I also believe that a thorough education starts at home with nurturing parents and loving families.

I fully recognize that many family situations do not, or cannot, provide the critical foundation necessary for many young people to thrive. Our schools are expected by many to become both educators and pseudo-parents. Unfortunately, many schools lack the necessary resources and leadership to provide the support that those children need.

I believe that my compassion, inquisitive nature, and common-sense approach to every situation will help our Board of Education look at various tasks and expanding demands from a new and different perspective.

I would like to become a member of the Board because I truly believe that being a member of a community should include involvement in that community. Very often people hope for change or complain about the way various boards or community programs are run; yet they do nothing to help.

I have chosen a different path. I have chosen to become involved in this Byron-Bergen community.

My goals as an active, productive member of the Byron-Bergen Board of Education are these:

- To bring a fiscally conservative voice to the District.
- To help the Board and administrative team identify challenges and find solutions for District buildings and infrastructure.
- To identify opportunities for more community involvement within our schools.
- To help identify students and families who are struggling, and implementing volunteer programs to assist them.



JENNIFER VANVALKENBURG

My name is Jenn VanValkenburg and I am seeking re-election to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. As a second-generation Byron-Bergen graduate, I feel a strong affinity to our school. Despite some challenging times in recent years, Byron-Bergen has shown much growth and success. It makes me proud when I see the great things that happen at our school and the accomplishments of our students.

I have lived in Bergen for 40 years. My husband Dan and I have raised our two daughters here: Dana (graduating in 2018) and Ella (graduating in 2022). For the past 23 years, I have been a special

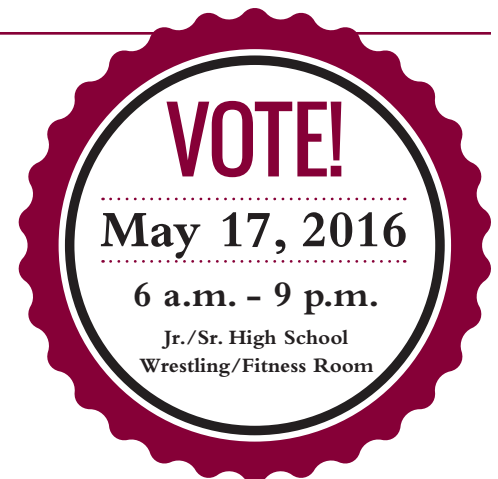
education teacher at Pavilion Central School. I volunteer as Secretary on the Gillam Grant Community Center Board of Directors (12 years), the Mt. Rest Cemetery Board (4 years) and at various sporting events. I feel that my experience as a teacher, mother, volunteer, and community member gives me a variety of perspectives from which to view issues.

It has been a privilege to serve our Byron-Bergen Central School District as a Trustee for the past three years. I have enjoyed getting to know the staff, students, and community members during my first term, and it would be an honor to continue for a second term. As an elected Board member, I will always keep Byron-Bergen's mission and vision in focus when I make future decisions. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to work with the current Byron-Bergen Central School District's educational leaders, Board of Education, and our community to bring more growth and success to our District and our students.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019, AND A ONE (1) YEAR TERM MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

1. A citizen of the United States
2. A resident of the District for 30 days preceding the vote
3. At least 18 years of age





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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Building for the future— Upgrade our facilities

Planning continues on upgrading our facilities for safety, technology, and best instruction. We are working with an architect to develop renovation plans. However, we want to plan to save now for this future work. That means we will be asking voters to approve an increase of our existing building reserve fund for facility improvement from a \$1 million maximum to a \$2 million maximum. No new taxes are required. The reserve will be funded with monies from additional State aid, savings from energy conservation, interest earnings, and careful budget management of accounts.

I encourage you to read this edition of the *Focal Point* to learn all about the 2016-17 Byron-Bergen School Budget. Please do not hesitate to give me a call (494-1220 ext. 2829) if you have questions about this budget and our plan for the future.



Byron-Bergen BOE names new Superintendent



The Byron-Bergen Central School District's Board of Education has named Mickey Edwards as the District's next Superintendent. Edwards' start date is July 1.

"The search process was rigorous and the Board of Education truly values the input we received from the various stakeholder groups, including staff, and community members who met with the candidates to help us make a final decision," said Debi List, Byron-Bergen Central School District's Board President. "With

his dedication, enthusiasm, and professional background, along with a deep understanding of many aspects of educational leadership, our Board feels that Mr. Edwards is an excellent fit for the students, faculty, and staff of the District," she added.

Edwards currently serves as the Superintendent of Wyoming Central Schools located in Wyoming, New York. Previously, he served as the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction for Orleans/Niagara BOCES, a position he held from 2009 until 2014. Edwards began teaching in 1995 as an art teacher for the Hilton Central School District. In 1996, he began teaching at Albion Central Schools as an art/technology instructor. He continued his career at Albion Central Schools serving as the Elementary School Dean of Students, Middle School Assistant Principal and High School Principal. Edwards is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Edwards earned a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Roberts Wesleyan College, and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from The College at Brockport. He holds a School District Administrator certificate from The College at Brockport.

"I am very excited to join the Byron-Bergen Central School District team and meet the staff, students, and the community members of Byron and Bergen. Byron-Bergen Central School District should be proud of its many accomplishments and strengths. I look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence as we work together to ensure that our students are successful and prepared for tomorrow," Edwards said.

Kevin MacDonald, District Superintendent of the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, acted as search consultant. MacDonald said the Board developed and implemented a process that helped to determine the best candidate.

"Mr. Edwards understands the challenges and issues the districts in our region face. His breadth of experience and educational leadership will greatly benefit this District as he works with the Board of Education, staff, and community to provide a quality education for the children of this community," said MacDonald.

"BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOULD BE PROUD OF ITS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRENGTHS. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL AND PREPARED FOR TOMORROW."



Jr./Sr. High School Principal named



After conducting an extensive search and comprehensive interview process, the Byron-Bergen Board of Education is proud to announce the appointment of Patrick McGee to the position

of Jr./Sr. High School Principal. McGee, who has served as Interim Principal at the High School since October 2015, has been with the District for nine years. "The sky is the limit for Byron-Bergen," he said. "Right now, we have a culture where we can really focus on providing a wide variety of opportunities and programs for students. All of our decisions must be about what is best for the students at B-B."

A panel of teachers, administrators, students, staff, and Board of Education members reviewed many applications and interviewed several strong candidates for the leadership position at the High School.

McGee grew up in Genesee County in Batavia and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 2001. He majored in Childhood Education and Special Education for grades 1-6 at St. John Fisher College, where he played basketball. Following graduation, McGee joined B-B as a fifth-grade teacher and was the boys' varsity basketball coach and JV softball coach.

He finished a Master of Curriculum and Instruction degree in 2010 from the

University of Buffalo and received Advanced Certification in Educational Leadership in 2013 from the University of Rochester. After five years of teaching, McGee became a Teacher on Special Assignment as the Dean of Students for one year and then the Assistant Principal for two more years.

"B-B has a very positive culture of trust and respect," he says. "I look at our students, teachers and staff, parents, and community members as partners. I truly believe that focusing on positive relationships and building a trusting culture are essential to teaching and learning. Over my time here, I have been greatly influenced by wonderful people."

Jr./Sr. High School Spotlight

By Patrick McGee, Principal

I am honored and excited for the opportunity to continue serving the Byron-Bergen Central School District as the Principal of the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School. I have had such a wonderful experience serving in the roles of teacher, coach, Assistant Principal, and Interim Principal. I look forward to working with you as a partner for a long time.

Over spring break, some of our High School students traveled to Costa Rica for an exciting seven days, exploring rainforests, hot springs, volcanoes, rivers and waterfalls. They participated in many awe-inspiring excursions including zip-lining and white water rafting. For many, this was the first time they had really traveled or experienced a real-life opportunity to use their Spanish or to see science and biology in action. Thank you to Mr. Spence and Mrs. Luksch for making this amazing educational trip possible for our students.

I am so proud of our student athletes. Recently Byron-Bergen High School was one of only four schools to receive the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' basketball teams for making the cut for the

Scholar Athlete Team Award. Their overall GPA is above 90%. We also had over 35 athletes receive a 90% or above overall average. Congratulations also to senior Bethany Ezard who was named Time Warner Scholar Athlete of the Week. I am looking forward to more success from our spring teams and student athletes.

As the building leader, I am always looking for ways to communicate and celebrate the tremendous efforts I see around our school. Following an increasingly common trend in schools, I am excited to share that I have started a professional Twitter account for Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School. Using this account, I will be sharing news and updates from my travels throughout the District, as well as recognizing students and staff for their accomplishments.

I encourage parents, families, and friends to follow me as we continue to make Byron-Bergen the place to be for education. Follow me on Twitter [@MrPatrickMcGee](https://twitter.com/MrPatrickMcGee).

I would like to remind parents that while it is common practice for schools and school officials to post pictures of students on school-sponsored media outlets, parents do



Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee congratulates senior Bethany Ezard for being named a Time Warner Athlete of the Week.

have the right to opt out of having their child's picture published. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child's image may be used or would like to know what steps to take in order to prevent your child's image from being published, please contact my office at 494-1220 ext. 2401.

Moving toward June, be sure to watch your calendars for important upcoming events:

- Senior High Band Concert—May 11
- Senior High Vocal Concert—May 17
- Academic & Athletic Recognition Night—May 31
- 7/8 Spring Concert—June 2
- Music Boosters Afternoon of Music—June 5
- Graduation—June 25



Students explore the natural wonders of Costa Rica

After a year of planning, 14 students from Byron–Bergen Sr. High School traveled to Costa Rica to explore the country’s incredibly diverse habitats of rainforests, volcanoes, waterfalls, and pristine ocean coastline. Accompanied by teachers Peter Spence, who teaches earth science, biology, and chemistry, and Tiffany Luksch, who teaches math, the young explorers arrived at the capital of San José on March 18 for an exciting seven-day expedition.

The group spent two days in Sarapiquí, a small village in the Caribbean lowlands located in the heart of the rain forest, surrounded by surreal sounds of howler monkeys, tree frogs, birds, and insects. They visited the largest active crater in the world at the Poás Volcano, and experienced the cloud forest environment. A cloud forest receives little rain during the year; plants receive their moisture from the clouds that constantly shroud the volcano. The stay in Sarapiquí also included white water rafting (where students found tiny poison dart frogs with bright orange bodies and deep blue hind legs), and zip lining in the rain forest.



Front row: Teacher Peter Spence, Maya Benda, teacher Tiffany Luksch, Melanie MacCowan, Mackenzie Fox, Kitana Maher, Clare Fraser, Kerri Bates. Middle row: Morgan Fuller, Will Kennett, Dominick Andres, Zach Swapceinski, Olivia Audsley, Dana Van Valkenburg, Isabell Bliss. Back row: Russell Flaherty, parent Michelle Geiger.

The trip continued to La Fortuna, where they visited the Mount Arenal Volcano, studied the ecological succession of plants and orchids on the once-barren lava slope, and kayaked on the man-made Lake Arenal. Students hiked to the La Fortuna Waterfall and explored the Baldi Hot Springs.

Moving on to Guanacaste, the group saw the second-largest dry forest in the world and visited Rincón de la Vieja Volcano. They learned how Costa Rica uses the steam generated by the thermal vents to create electricity. A riverboat ride at Palo Verde National Park offered views of crocodiles, iguanas, red macaws, and white-faced capuchin monkeys. Snorkeling in the Pacific Ocean ended the extraordinary trip.

It was a great opportunity for students to gain practical fluency in Spanish. “All of our kids have taken Spanish and a couple of them used Spanish a lot,” said Spence. “I did rely on them to communicate when I could not.”

Upon their return, student Clare Fraser summed up the feelings of her traveling companions. “This has been an amazing experience that I will always remember. The trip was better than I had ever expected, and it has encouraged me to travel more in the future.”

Scholar Program

The Byron–Bergen High School’s academic incentive program recognizes students for their good effort, attendance, and academics. This reward program is named the Scholar Program, and the cards achieved are Gold, Silver, Bronze, and

Special Recognition. At the end of the year, monetary awards are presented at Academic & Athletic Recognition Night to seniors who have maintained a solid record of attaining cards throughout their high school career.

The Scholar Program Committee is pleased to announce the 2015-16 second quarter recipients:

Gold Scholar	Adam Drake	Hope Hersom	Dana Van Valkenburg	Daniel Jensen
Larissa Ashton	Bethany Ezard	Cora Ivison	Abby Vurraro	Allison Kropf
Nicholas Baubie	Madison Farnsworth	William Johnson	Michael Zwerka	Lindsay Ladley
Lindsey Bowman	Joshua Fleming	Cambria Kinkelaar	Nathan Zwerka	Gavin Lewis
Dillon Brew	Kyle Foeller	Carli Kirkwood	Silver Scholar	Alexandria Loewke
Alexander Brumsted	Mackenzie Fox	Tyler Kota	Sarah Bleiler	Melissa MacCowan
Bianca Brumsted	Clare Fraser	Hunter Leach	Catherine Brumsted	Tanner Savage
Cameron Brumsted	Sara Fraser	Colby Leggo	Aaron Buckland	Auburn Schwartzmeyer
Brandon Burke	Brittany Goebel	Joelle Meister	Elizabeth Burlingame	Garrett Swinter
Lauren Burke	Eden Goff	Jillian Menzie	Grace Campbell	Miriam Tardy
Siomara Caballero	Emma Goodman	Celia Mercovich	Leah Catalino	Bronze Scholar
Hannah Catalino	Sara Goodman	Ashley Montgomery	Jeremiah DeLorme	Brandon Stefanski
Benjamin Chaback	Margaret Graney	Colin Noeth	Brionna DeMichel	Special Recognition
Emily Chaback	Amaya Gunther	Andrew Parnapy	Reanne Dressler	Logan Lewis
Alexander Dean	Kaitlyn Harder	Erin Parnapy	Mariah Fee	
Richard Denson	Tyler Henry	Chloe Shuskey	Marlaina Fee	
Elizabeth Donnelly	Annaliese Hersom	Sarah Streeter		



National Junior Honor Society Induction

On March 16, 23 students from the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School were inducted as new members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). They proudly joined the 30 standing members of the school's NJHS.

The NJHS program highlights our extremely well-rounded students. Inductees are selected based on their high standards of scholarship, citizenship, service, leadership, and character. All members are required to demonstrate their achievements in each of these areas.

NJHS President Abby Vurraro addressed the audience and told of a recent meeting with her idol Jennie Finch, the University of Arizona NCAA softball champion and Olympic gold medalist. Vurraro shared Finch's motto of "Dream and Believe." She challenged her fellow members to "be determined to push the limits even if no one believes you can."

The induction ceremony featured two additional guest speakers: math teacher Tiffany Luksch and social studies teacher Bryan Kavanaugh.

Luksch shared examples of how individuals with drive and determination are "able to overcome adversity and challenging circumstances with strength and resilience." She told the stories of several young activists, including education advocate Malala Yousafzai; 14-year-old feminist Julia Bluhm, who challenged *Seventeen Magazine* to portray real women; ambitious 13-year-old Neveah Mosher, who challenged herself to read over 300 books a year; and Jack Andraka, a high school sophomore who invented a new method to detect pancreatic cancer. She then shared a personal story of a current student at Byron-Bergen who has also overcome great challenges.

Kavanaugh's speech continued the empowering message. He shared a quote he had placed on his classroom whiteboard from one of the most powerful businesswomen in the country, NBCUniversal Cable Chairman Bonnie Hammer: "The biggest mistake to me is complacency." Kavanaugh applauded the students for their accomplishments so far in life, but also challenged them to not become complacent and always strive to improve.



Byron-Bergen's 2016 National Junior Honor Society Inductees.

Congratulations!

2016 National Junior Honor Society Inductees:

7th Grade

Nicholas Baubie
 Bianca Brumsted (*not pictured*)
 Emily Chaback
 Jonah Clare
 Richard Denson
 Joshua Fleming
 Eden Goff
 Sara Goodman
 Hope Hersom
 Kelly Ireland
 Colby Leggo
 Gavin Lewis
 John Mercovich
 Bryanne Puma
 Alaura Rehwaldt
 Joshua Swapceinski
 Xavier Thomas
 Matthew Zwerka

8th Grade

Elizabeth Donnelly (*not pictured*)
 Kyle Foeller
 Chad Green
 Caleb Sharpe

9th Grade

Sabastian Pawlukewicz



National Honor Society induction ceremony recognizes high achievement at Byron-Bergen High School

The Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) welcomed 15 new student members to their distinguished company on April 20, 2016. The service included congratulations from Interim Superintendent Dr. Jon Hunter, along with the time-honored candle lighting ceremony that acknowledges the high standards students in NHS must exhibit in knowledge, character, leadership, service, and scholarship. Inductees each received a yellow rose, which they shared with family members, and were presented with their traditional honor cords and certificates.

Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee asked students to consider the question posed in Malcolm Gladwell's book, "Outliers": Why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential? He challenged students to work hard and use every opportunity they can find to fulfill their promising futures.

Students also heard from two inspiring guest speakers, Amy (Seward) Stacy (Class of 1980), and Helen Hulburt, the mother of Judy (Hulburt) Holly (Class of 1976). Stacy and Holly were this year's Alumni Hall of Fame honorees.

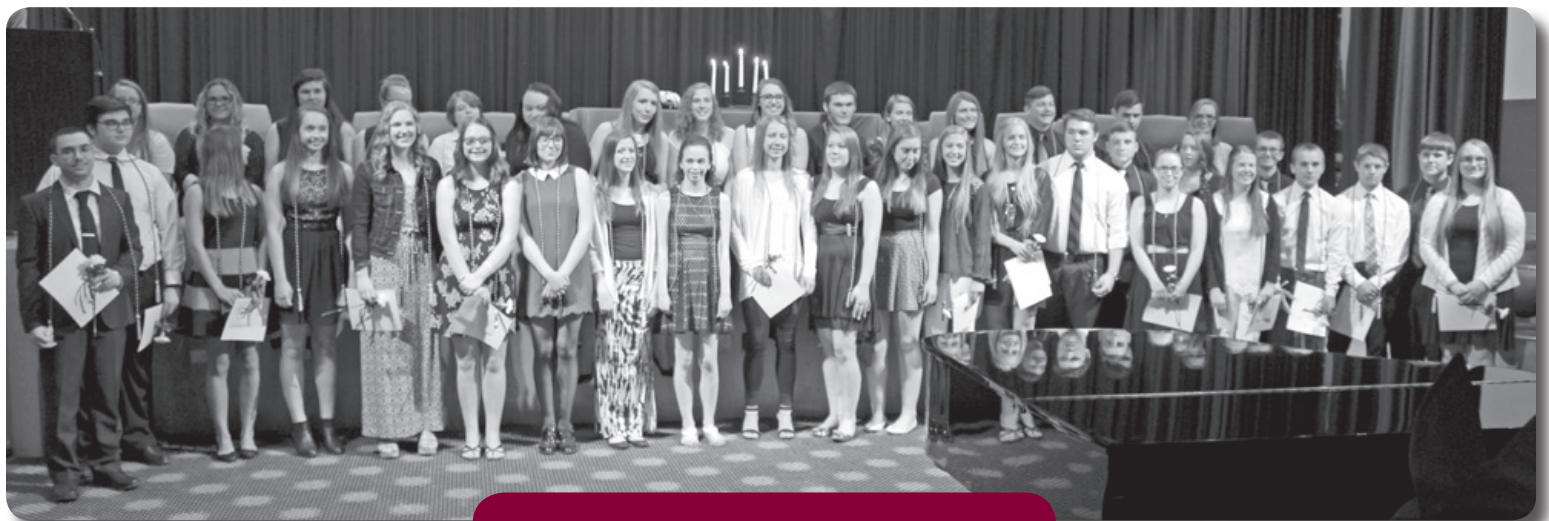
National Honor Society membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. The organization has chapters in all 50 states, Canada, and beyond.

2016 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society

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| Cameron Brumsted | Hayley Hoehn |
| Catherine Brumsted | Brian Ireland |
| Lauren Burke | Daniel Jensen |
| Benjamin Chaback | Peyton Mackey |
| Quinn Chapell | Makenzie Muoio |
| Brionna DeMichel | Leah Thompson |
| Margaret Graney | Dana VanValkenburg |
| Justin Hannan | |

Current Members of the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society

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| Olivia Audsley | Kelsey Maurer |
| Merrisa Bohn | Taylor McPherson |
| Rose Bower | Celia Mercovich |
| Bethany Ezard | Ashley Montgomery |
| Rider Farnsworth | Esther Musiyevich |
| Chase Felton | Grace Pulcini |
| Clare Fraser | Brittany Rada |
| Brittany Goebel | Brandon Reiner |
| Lauren Graney | Alexandria Rosse |
| Kaitlyn Harder | Colby Savage |
| Ana Hubbard | Adam Walter |
| Cora Ivison | Michael Zwerka |



Byron-Bergen's 2016 National Honor Society.



Byron-Bergen 2015-16 Second Quarter Honor Roll

The following Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second 10-week marking period of the 2015-16 school year.

GRADE 12

High Honor Roll – Merrisa Bohn, Aaron Buckland, Heather Countryman, Jamie Crawford, Jeremiah DeLorme, Bethany Ezard, Rider Farnsworth, Aaries Fitzsimmons, Brittany Goebel, Lauren Graney, Julia Hahn, Kaitlyn Harder, Ana Hubbard, Cora Ivison, Ryan Jensen, Tyler Kota, Allison Kropf, Lindsay Ladley, Thomas Lambert, Joelle Meister, Ashley Montgomery, Allie Moyer, Jacob Prospero, Brandon Reiner, Alexandria Rosse, Jordan Sloat, Alexa Strzelecki.

Honor Roll – Alicyn Bizari, Leah Catalino, Bryanna D'Agostino, Kenneth Dean, Samantha Donnelly, Kyle Elliott, Matthew Foeller, Ethan Hall, Kyle Lewis, Taylor McPherson, Mason Muoio, Vitorrio Muoio, Courtney Onderdonk, Matthew Sheelar, Aurora Zinter.

Effort Roll – Alicyn Bizari, Merrisa Bohn, Aaron Buckland, Heather Countryman, Jamie Crawford, Jeremiah DeLorme, Matthew Drake, Bethany Ezard, Rider Farnsworth, Aaries Fitzsimmons, Matthew Foeller, Brittany Goebel, Lauren Graney, Julia Hahn, Ethan Hall, Kaitlyn Harder, Ana Hubbard, Cora Ivison, Ryan Jensen, Tyler Kota, Allison Kropf, Lindsay Ladley, Thomas Lambert, Taylor McPherson, Joelle Meister, Ashley Montgomery, Brandon Reiner, Alexandria Rosse, Jordan Sloat, Alexa Strzelecki, Phillip Walter, Andrew Wolfe, Dakota Zambito, Aurora Zinter.

GRADE 11

High Honor Roll – Dominick Andres, Olivia Audsley, Rose Bower, Lindsey Bowman, Dillon Brew, Brandon Burke, Reanne Dressler, Marlaina Fee, Chase Felton, Mackenzie Fox, Clare Fraser, Alexandria Loewke, Kelsey Maurer, Celia Mercovich, Grace Pulcini, Avery Ridder, Brandon Shade, Adam Walter, Destanee Zastrow, Michael Zwerka.

Honor Roll – Isabelle Bliss, Michaela Bohn, Grace Campbell, Russell Cunningham, Ryan Gonyea, Hailey Hubbard, Kitana Maher, Shawn Merry, Colin Noeth, Brittany Rada, Ryan Richardson, Karson Richenberg, Tyler Stefanski, Mary Sweeney, Lauren Williams.

Effort Roll – Dominick Andres, Olivia Audsley, Rose Bower, Lindsey Bowman, Dillon Brew, Brandon Burke, Grace Campbell, Russell Cunningham, Reanne Dressler, Marlaina Fee, Russell Flaherty, Clare Fraser, Hailey Hubbard,

Alexandria Loewke, Kitana Maher, Kelsey Maurer, Celia Mercovich, Shawn Merry, Colin Noeth, Grace Pulcini, Brandon Shade, Adam Walter, Michael Zwerka.

GRADE 10

High Honor Roll – Larissa Ashton, Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Jean Denson, Timothy Ellsworth, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Tyler Henry, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Melanie Kulikowski, Peyton Mackey, Lily Mercovich, Austin Sharpe, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg, Esther Wilkins.

Honor Roll – Jacob Burlingame, Brionna DeMichel, Justin Hannan, Alyssa Hing, Hayley Hoehn, Brendon Kendall, Nathan Knickerbocker, Julia Menzie, Makenzie Muoio, Joshua Phelps.

Effort Roll – Larissa Ashton, Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Daniel Jensen, Nathan Knickerbocker, Peyton Mackey, Lily Mercovich, Joshua Phelps, Austin Sharpe, Dana VanValkenburg.

GRADE 9

High Honor Roll – Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Kyong-ae Yun.

Honor Roll – Ryan Cooper, Anthony DiQuattro, Mariah Fee, Janae Meister.

Effort Roll – Cory Bater, Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Cole Carlson, Adam Drake, Mariah Fee, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Shawn Turner.



GRADE 8

High Honor Roll – Caitlin Ashton, Megan Bogue, Alexander Brumsted, Elizabeth Burlingame, Siomara Caballero, Alexis Calarco, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Monica Fee, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Jillian Menzie, Kyle Schramm, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Hannah Seppe, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Brandon Stefanski, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Hannah Van Skiver, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

Honor Roll – Julianna Amesbury, Sydney Brown, Jacey Donahue, Emily Gonyea, Evan Harter, Coltin Henry, Rose Hubbard, Melissa MacCowan, Samuel Pringle, Clayton Sadler, Kevin Smith, Austin White, Bryce Yockel, Braeden Zimmerman.

Effort Roll – Caitlin Ashton, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Rose Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Chloe Shuskey, Brandon Stefanski, Miriam Tardy, Hannah Van Skiver, Annabella Vurraro, Nathan Zwerka.

GRADE 7

High Honor Roll – Mya-Lyn Albanese, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Zoey Chambry, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Julietta Doyle, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Gavin Lewis, John Mercovich, Madison Mucha, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaltd, Skylar Sharpe, Sarah Streeter, Joshua Swapceinski, Xavier Thomas, Devon Zinter, Matthew Zwerka.

Honor Roll – Matthew Gonyea, Mitchell Gonyea, Aiden Kulikowski, Zechariah Merrell, Julia Pangrazio, Hunter Parnell, Matthew Rada, Tanner Savage, Deacon Smith, Emmy Stein, Morgan Vincent.

Effort Roll – Mya-Lyn Albanese, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Zoey Chambry, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Gavin Lewis, John Mercovich, Madison Mucha, Andrew Parnapy, Alaura Rehwaltd, Sarah Streeter, Xavier Thomas.



Byron-Bergen athletic programs recognized for exemplifying the best in sportsmanship

Character and sportsmanship are as important as winning for athletes at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School. The school's athletic program has just won the prestigious 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Sportsmanship Promotion Award. As additional proof of the District's commitment to character, the girls' basketball team received the Carolyn and Jack Foote Sportsmanship Award, given by the Central Western Girls Basketball Officials (CWGBO).

Each year, NYSPHSAA identifies specific athletic programs throughout the State that best exemplify the highest degree of sportsmanship by all players, coaches, and spectators alike. From 100 schools, the Section V Sportsmanship Committee chose only four for this honor, including Byron-Bergen Central Schools of the Genesee Region League.

"Our students and coaches have been working towards this for a while," said Byron-Bergen Athletic Director Rich Hannan. "We have participated in the

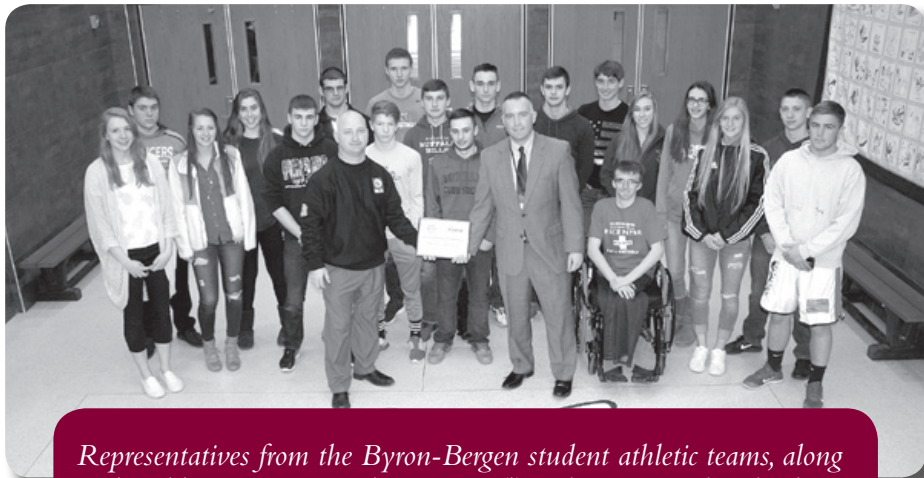
Section V Sportsmanship Summit for the past four years. It is an interactive and informative day for student athletes, filled with lecture, discussion, and cooperative games. Every year, several of our coaches attend on-site clinics that focus on topics like positive interactions with officials, and dealing with playing time issues."

This is also the second consecutive year the Byron-Bergen Lady Bees basketball team has earned the Carolyn and Jack Foote Sportsmanship Award, which they received for the first time in 2007. It rewards the highest degree of sportsmanship, character, and ethics demonstrated not only by players, but also by coaches and spectators. Winners are chosen by game officials.

"We have many things to celebrate here at B-B," said Hannan. "I am so proud of the work the coaches and athletes have done on and off the field, including the varsity programs involved in community service projects. Our volleyball team has participated in cancer walks and

supported the Muddy's Buddies organization. The girls' soccer program started a Cancer Awareness Game that has expanded each year. Our boys' basketball and soccer programs have also been busy with community service projects."

"On the field, our kids are finding success and doing it the right way, which is what makes me most proud," said Hannan. "In the past four years, B-B teams have won a combined 30 GR League and Section V titles. I know beyond a doubt that we are preparing students for life after high school, and athletics is an integral part of that entire experience."



Representatives from the Byron-Bergen student athletic teams, along with Athletic Director Rich Hannan (l) and Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee (r) proudly accept the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Program Award, which honors all players, coaches, and spectators alike.



The Varsity Girls Basketball Team received the Carolyn & Jack Foote Sportsmanship Award on March 1. Coach Rick Krzewinski is pictured with co-captains, Alicyn Bizari and Karson Richenberg holding the banner that will be hung in the Sr. High Gymnasium. Not pictured: co-captain Bethany Ezard.



Section V Sportsmanship Summit

Byron-Bergen was well represented at this year's Section V Sportsmanship Summit held at SUNY Geneseo. Eight student athletes were chosen to attend; nominated by their coaches and voted on by peers at Byron-Bergen High School. The young student leaders, Lauren Burke, Kylar Chambry, Justin Hannan, Morgan Fuller, Will Kennett, Julia Menzie, Adam Swapceinski, and Dana VanValkenburg, participated in all the Summit activities, along with coaches Jason Blom, Cindy D'Errico, and Mariah LaSpina, B-B Athletic Director Rich Hannan, and Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee



Section V Sportsmanship Summit attendees: Front (l-r) Morgan Fuller and Julia Menzie. Back (l-r) Athletic Director/Coach Rich Hannan, Coach Mariah LaSpina, Dana VanValkenburg, Lauren Burke, Will Kennett, Kylar Chambry, Adam Swapceinski, Coach Jason Blom, Principal Patrick McGee, and Coach Cindy D'Errico.

Over 300 student athletes came together at the Merritt Athletic Complex for a morning of team building and cooperative game exercises. Meanwhile, the coaches attended presentations on "Building an Athletic Program Everyone Can Be Proud Of." Three stand-out veteran coaches—Byron-Bergen's D'Errico, Fairport Coach Scott Fitch and SUNY Geneseo Coach Carly Ritchlin—shared their thoughts on many different topics, including organizing a team, managing players and parents, and providing a clear strategy for working hard to be successful.

The afternoon brought all the coaches and student athletes together to hear two very powerful guest speakers from Section V, Roland Williams and Fairport's Scott Fitch. Fitch began by enlightening participants on the social media issues we face in a presentation he called "Pause Before You Post." The keynote speaker, Roland Williams, was an AFC champion, and NFL Super Bowl XXXIV champion who graduated from Rochester's East High School and Syracuse University. Through his

energetic personality and unique perspective, Williams provided his audience with a formula for success. He challenged all in attendance to evaluate their current practices and open their eyes to ways they can reach the pinnacle of their own career paths.

This is the fifth year Byron-Bergen athletes and coaches have taken part in the Section V Sportsmanship Summit. The school's athletic program also recently won the prestigious 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Sportsmanship Promotion Award.

Scholar-Athletes

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom at the end of each sport season. To receive this honor, a minimum number of team members must achieve a scholastic average of 90 or above during their sport season.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BYRON-BERGEN WINTER 2015-16 SCHOLAR-ATHLETES:

Girls Basketball

92.246 team average

Alicyn Bizari
Dana VanValkenburg
Melanie Kulikowski
Victoria Welka
Jean Denson
Mary Sweeney
Hailey Hubbard
Bethany Ezard
Jenna Amesbury
Karson Richenberg

Boys Basketball

91.387 team average

Brandon Burke
Rider Farnsworth
Chase Felton
Thomas Lambert
Jacob Prospero
Colin Noeth
Ryan Richardson

Scholar Athletes

Individual varsity athletes carrying over a 90 grade point average (GPA)

Cheerleading

Lydia Campbell
Reanne Dressler
Kaitlyn Harder
Cora Ivison
Alexandria Rosse
Mackenzie Rosse
Briana Shade

Swimming

Mackenzie Fox
Morgan Fuller
Margaret Graney
Anna Hersom
Celia Mercovich
Ashley Montgomery

Wrestling

Cameron Brumsted
Zach Hannan
Aaron Buckland
Jarod Fregoe
Adam Walter



Byron-Bergen arts community unites for third-annual Buzzin' Bistro

The halls at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School were full of colorful and imaginative artwork and pottery, and the cafeteria was filled with music as hundreds of community members, parents, teachers, and students got their creative buzz on. The school's third-annual Buzzin' Bistro event showcased a wide range of talent and drew a huge, enthusiastic crowd on April 22.

The Buzzin' Bistro began with the opening of the District Art Show, which featured visual arts from the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Schools. Participating art teachers Melissa Coniglio, Sandy Auer and Justine Fritz displayed the best work from their classes in a variety of media, including several exceptional student portfolios.

The main event, however, was the music. The Buzzin' Bistro is an opportunity for students from grades five through 12 to perform with each other in front of a community audience. They are also able to sing and play as equals alongside their music teachers and talented musicians from the Bergen community. This year, guest artist Johnny Cummings, talented songwriter and Byron-Bergen alumni (2000), and his band entertained and inspired the young artists.

The musical portion of the evening began with the fifth- and sixth-grade Jazz Band and Jazz Choir,

directed by teachers Robert Lancia and Karen Tischer, with impressive solos from students Cameron Carlson and Angel Heick. Teacher Kevin Bleiler directed both the Jr. and Sr. High Jazz Bands in several numbers that had the younger members of the audience on their feet dancing. The Singing Silhouettes, a select group of High School chorus members, led by teacher Laurence Tallman, swung a wonderful version of the classic "In the Mood."

Students took a breather to let staff members Amanda Cook, Alyson Tardy, Amber Taylor-Burns, Jodie Vandelay, and Megan Wahl, along with community musicians Steve Keenan, Chris DeValder, and Bob Wilkins, join the music department to perform a few numbers. Johnny Cummings and his band, Something Else, followed with a show-stopping 30-minute set that had all the students up and dancing. The evening concluded with a rendition of "Twist and Shout" involving the Jr. High Band, Sr. High Band, and community members.

Buzzin' Bistro was sponsored and supported by the Byron-Bergen Music Boosters, Todd Sloat from T.S. Lighting LLC, Ralph Marsocci from McCullagh Coffee Roasters, Ralph & Rosie's Delicatessen, and Greg'ry's Bakery.



Art lovers check out the talent at Byron-Bergen's Buzzin' Bistro.



The fifth- and sixth-grade Jazz Choir sings the jazz/blues classic "Tuxedo Junction."



The Jr. High Jazz Band was directed by teacher Kevin Bleiler.



Select High School choir members, the Singing Silhouettes, put the audience "In the Mood".



Elementary School News

By Principal Brian Meister

Big things are happening at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. Here are just a few of the highlights from the past months:

Read Across America Day—March 2 was Read Across America Day. Our students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by dressing as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters and cheering on The Cat and the Hat and each other in our annual reading parade. In preparation for this day, students created birthday cards, posters, and banners in honor of Dr. Seuss.

PageTurners Champions—For our lovers of reading, we have PageTurners Club where students in grades four, five, and six are given a predetermined list of rigorous, yet high interest novels that each participant must read. In two local competitions, these students square off with students from other school districts to answer comprehension questions. We are thrilled to boast that our students took first place in those two competitions and headed off to the regional championship in April. Congratulations to tremendous readers.

Storytelling Competitions—Once again, students in grades three, four, five, and six participated in the annual Storytelling Competitions. Students at each grade level prepared and practiced telling stories in front of an audience. The top two storytellers from grades 4-8 were invited to the Storytelling Festival held at Pavilion CSD in April.

Health and Wellness Week—Despite the winter blahs, students at the Elementary School got up and moving in the month of February with a Health and Wellness Spirit Week. Each day highlighted a special lesson and activity to teach kids to eat healthy, get a good night's sleep, and get active. The week culminated with a high-energy assembly where students kicked off our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign and then participated in a full-on Zumba class with our special guest Summer Torrance.

Our outstanding Character Education Team has brought the world around us right into the halls of Byron-Bergen Elementary. Earlier in the year, we were visited by representatives from the Ugandan Water Project, a humanitarian organization that works with communities in Africa to provide safe, accessible drinking water. Students at every grade level studied the importance of water around the world in many of their classes. They soon understood that access to clean water affects everyone, even here in western New York.



A few of our fantastic Leader Bees! (front, l-r) Brooklyn Wheeler, Blake Liles, Janessa Amesbury, Jayden Amesbury, Natalie Clark. (back, l-r) Principal Brian Meister, Emily Henry, Ruger Starowitz, Alec Leisten.

After learning how precious water is, B-B Elementary School students took on the challenge to raise funds that will supply Ugandan families with clean water. After a two-week campaign, the Elementary School is proud to announce that our community raised more than \$5,500. The money will put rainwater collection systems in two communities in Uganda. In celebration, our Character Education Team put on a powerful assembly complete with student and teacher performances. We are looking forward to connecting with the villages in Uganda through video, pictures, and letters. Our kids continue to see that they can change the world.

Recently, I sent a letter home to parents inviting them to follow me on Twitter [@MrBrianMeister](https://twitter.com/MrBrianMeister). I will share the latest Elementary School news and updates, and recognize our students and staff for their many accomplishments. I hope that our parents, families, and friends will connect with me to help make Byron-Bergen great for our children. As always, I would like to thank our community, parents, and friends for their continued support of our school. If you have any questions, please contact me at 494-1220 or by email at bmeister@bbschools.org.



Storytellers tell their tales

The School Library System of Genesee Valley Educational Partnership sponsors a Storytelling Festival for students in grades 3-8 every year. The goals are to provide a rich learning experience for participants, to help build language skills and self-confidence, and to strengthen public speaking skills. Each school in the School Library System holds a building-level selection process. This year, Byron-Bergen students in fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth grade were selected (two per grade level) to participate in the 2016 Storytelling Festival at Pavilion CSD held on April 21.

Congratulations to our storytelling winners and all of the Byron-Bergen participants.



Fifth Grade: Joshua Tardy, Dayanara Caballero, and Frank Hersom.



Third Grade (l-r): Meghan Muscarella and Abigail Cook (tandem team), Sam Hersom, Haylee Andrews and Shauna Spinks (tandem team).



Sixth Grade: Meghan Kendall, Alexandra Vurraro and Alayna Streeter (tandem team), and Aleigha Shallenberger.



Fourth Grade: Victoria Rogoyski, Madison Fuller, and Hanna Loewke.



Eighth Grade: Nathan Zwerka, and Miriam Tardy and Siomara Caballero (tandem team).



STUDENT SHOWCASE



“Fish”
Tempera paint on paper
 By: Taylor Lundfelt, grade 1
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Tree”
Pastel on paper
 By: Nathan Parsons,
 grade 4
 Art Teacher:
 Mrs. Coniglio



“Rose Window”
*Watercolor marker on color
 diffusing paper*
 By: Dakota Taylor, grade 7
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Elderly Woman”
Marker on paper (Pointillism)
 By: Olivia Audsley, grade 11
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



“Mask”
Clay
 By: Austin Sharpe, grade 10
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



Music Notes



**Jr./Sr. High School
 Drama Club presents
 “Annie Play Will Do”**
 May 6 – 7 p.m.
 May 7 – 2 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Sr. High Spring Band Concert
 May 11 – 7:30 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Sr. High Spring Vocal Concert
 7:30 p.m. – May 17
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grades 7-8 Spring Concert
 June 2 – 7:30 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium



**Music Boosters
 “Afternoon of Music”**
 June 5 – 3 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grades 5-6 Spring Concert
 June 7 – 7 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grade 4 Spring Concert
 June 14 – 7 p.m.
 Elementary Cafetorium



Music Department Highlights

Congratulations to the student musicians, and thanks to our Music Department Teachers, Laurence Tallman, Kevin Bleiler, Robert Lancia, and Karen Tischer, for preparing each of them to perform at the following events this year:

Area All-State

Freshman Stephanie Buell was a member of the Junior High Area All-State Chorus at Rush-Henrietta CSD last November (for the second year in a row). Senior Celeste Brownell performed with the Senior High Area All-State Chorus held at Churchville-Chili CSD. Their selection was based on Solo Festival scores from the previous year where they received superior grades on their solos, as well as on their excellent sight-reading skills.

Vocal and Instrumental Solo Festivals

Several Byron-Bergen students performed individual solos at the Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators Association (GWMEA) annual Solo Festivals held in January and February. Students prepared individual solos, by memory, to perform before a judge specializing in voice or specific instruments. In addition, students had to sight-read music. This unique opportunity provides students with a chance to receive feedback as solo performers, as opposed to performers in a group setting. Judges provide feedback based on the individual musician's tone quality, preparedness, performance ability, technique, and aesthetic quality, among other attributes. Students were selected to perform with the All-County Band and/or All-County Chorus based on their performance scores.

All-County Participants

Senior High Band

- Mariah Fee (clarinet)
- Marlaina Fee (French horn)
- Ana Hubbard (clarinet)
- Ashley Montgomery (flute)
- Brandon Shade (trumpet)

Senior High Chorus

Celeste Brownell, Shannon Little, Esther Wilkins (sopranos); Lindsey Bowman, Stephanie Buell, Sarah Bleiler, Joelle Meister, Reanne Dressler (altos); and Colby Savage and Mason Fuller (basses). Brownell and Savage received special recognition for their four-year performances in All-County.

Junior High Band

- Monica Fee (alto saxophone)
- Sara Goodman (clarinet)
- Kelly Ireland (flute)
- Cambria Kinkelaar (alto saxophone)
- Hannah Van Skiver (oboe)

Junior High Chorus

Kelly Ireland, Shaina DeJesus, Sarah Streeter, Jacey Donahue, Monica Fee (sopranos); Hannah Catalino, Hannah Van Skiver, Sydney Brown, Shelby Bridge (altos); Sean Fannin, Hunter Schramm, Isaiah Merrell, and Deacon Smith (tenors).

Elementary Band

- Camryn Brookhart (clarinet)
(was unable to attend)
- Emily Burlingame (French horn)
- Grace Capostagno (tenor saxophone)
- Cameron Carlson (trombone)
- Caris Carlson (clarinet)
- Angel Heick (flute)
- Frank Hersom (alto saxophone)
- Brooke Jarkiewicz (trumpet)
- Madelynn Pimm (trumpet)
- MacKenzie Senf (flute)
- Grace Shepard (flute)
- Lexi Vurraro (trumpet)
- Corden Zimmerman (tuba)

Elementary Chorus

- Fiona Burke
- Dayanara Caballero
- Caris Carlson
- Kendall Phillips
- Elizabeth Piper
- Grace Shepard
- Zoey Shepard
- Alayna Streeter
- Jorie Strzelecki
- Lilian Walker



Elementary All-County Band



Elementary All-County Chorus



Girls' soccer team joins the fight against head and neck cancer

On March 4, the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center at Strong Hospital received a check for \$1,277 to help combat head and neck cancer. The money was raised by the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School's girls' soccer team. The team, led by Coach Wayne Hill, hosted a fundraising event in October. This is the second year the team has focused their efforts on head and neck cancer. Teammate Karson Richenberg's mother, Toni, has throat cancer.

Many local businesses supported the school's fundraiser, including Sloat Tire Shop, Fullerino's Pizzeria, and NAPA Auto Parts in Bergen. They donated products and services to fill baskets that were raffled during halftime at one of the team's games. "We are very grateful to the many individuals and businesses in the community who donated," said Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee. "We are so proud that our students are learning that they have the power to drive change in the world and give back to their community."

The Byron-Bergen girls' soccer team is no stranger to fundraising to beat cancer. Earlier years' efforts supported breast cancer awareness. The girls' soccer team plans to expand their endeavors next year by encouraging additional athletic teams to participate.



Representatives from the Byron-Bergen girls' soccer team presented a check for \$1,277 to the doctors and medical team at Strong Hospital's Wilmot Cancer Center, holding check: High school junior Karson Richenberg. Then (l-r) Toni Richenberg, junior Olivia Audsley, senior Alex Rosse, Principal Patrick McGee and (far right) Coach Wayne Hill.

Looking for a fun working environment?

If so, Sports Boosters wants you!

We are currently looking for volunteers to work at the stadium and in the concession stand this fall. If you are a sports fan, have children currently attending school (or that have already graduated), and are looking for a way to participate in our community, this is a great opportunity. Byron-Bergen Sports Boosters works to promote and help fund the needs of all Byron-Bergen athletic programs.

Please contact Sports Boosters at bbschoolssportsboosters@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer your time.



B-B Sports Boosters

The annual NYS State Troopers vs. B-B Faculty Basketball Game was a huge success, with the NYS Troopers winning the game 79-57. The event raised over \$1,700 to be donated to this year's chosen charities: New York State Police K9 Unit and the Bergen Fire Department Explorers Program.



Working the Sports Boosters event, was (l-r) Krista Goff, Secretary; Lori Brumsted, Treasurer; Bob Brumsted, Vice President; Renee Taylor Muoio, President; and Dave Muoio, Board member (Board members not shown are Betsey Lovett, Aimee Maurer, Mark Kulikowski, and Tim Kulikowski).



Byron-Bergen Central School District



We're here to serve you and your family delicious breakfasts and lunches. Convenient, economical, and healthy meals served July 11-August 12, 2016.

If you have questions, please call (585) 494-1220 Ext. 1015

All Kids Eat Free!
No paperwork necessary must be 18 or under

Adults
\$2.50 Breakfast \$4.00 Lunch

Monday - Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 11 through August 12, 2015

Breakfast served 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. & Lunch served 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Held at Byron-Bergen Elementary School, 6971 W. Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416

No paperwork required...just show up for a great Breakfast and Lunch.

This establishment is an equal opportunity employer/provider.

District-Level Collaborative Improvement Team seeks an at-large representative

The Byron-Bergen District-Level Collaborative Improvement Team (DLCIT) serves as a key communication link among the building-level Collaborative Improvement Teams in the District. This group meets approximately five times a year to coordinate District efforts to improve student achievement.

All interested members of the Byron-Bergen community are invited to apply for an "at-large" position. Any person who resides or works in the District is eligible, including parents, grandparents, staff, members of local businesses, and students currently in grades 8-11. Simply return the application below by Friday, May 27, 2016. If you have questions, please call Patty Gunio, Secretary to the Superintendent, at (585) 494-1220 ext. 2329.

BYRON-BERGEN DLCIT APPLICATION FOR AN AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

OCCUPATION _____

Please attach a statement in which you explain why are you interested in serving on the DLCIT, which group(s) within our school community you believe that you represent, and what you, as an individual, could bring to the group. Return the completed application no later than May 27, 2016 to:

Return the completed application no later than May 27, 2016 to:
P. Gunio, Secretary to the Superintendent
Byron-Bergen Central School District
6917 West Bergen Road
Bergen, New York 14416



Lt. Governor Hochul tours WNY Tech Academy



On March 16, after New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that two photonics companies would be bringing hundreds of new technology jobs to Rochester, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul visited Bergen to meet some of the young people who will be powering the region's future growth. She found them at our Western New York Tech Academy, where our students are preparing for a high-skill, financially stable career in STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) industries.

The WNY Tech Academy, now in its second year of operation, is funded by a NYS P-TECH grant and serves 15 school districts. Hochul's tour of the school's new campus ("The most impressive of all the P-TECH campuses I've visited," she said.) adds to the growing recognition that the WNY Tech Academy and its exceptional project-based learning environment is a vital part of preparing students for the high tech jobs that will dominate our economy.

WNY Tech Academy Principal Thomas Schulte and our Interim Superintendent Dr. Jon Hunter welcomed Hochul and introduced her to the unique six-year program. Students complete all required credits for a NYS Regents diploma and



Lt. Governor Kathleen Hochul met with students at the WNY Tech Academy. She told them, "You are the smart ones. You are positioning yourselves for great futures."

then move on to a no-cost, two-year Associate of Applied Science degree from Genesee Community College. They are able to focus on three career pathways of high volume food production, supply chain management, or accounting.

"Right now, we partner with 18 companies in a variety of industries, and over 30 business mentors work individually with students on a weekly basis," said Schulte. "Companies are clamoring for good talent, but they want candidates who have more than just technical skills. Successful employees must have strong professional skills as well. It's our mission to provide a balanced educational program that meets both of

these needs, with the expectation that our students will graduate ready to contribute to the expansion of our regional businesses."

The WNY Tech Academy is growing. A fourth career pathway, nanotechnology, is expected to be added to the program options in the 2017-18 school year. Staff members are planning many more creative integrated learning opportunities for students. As explained to the visiting Hochul, a proposed high-tech agricultural initiative will integrate all three current career pathways through a "smart" greenhouse. Schulte said, "We don't want to just operate a greenhouse, we want to identify and track critical variables to growing produce. Our team needs to understand how essential data is to the decision-making process, and then couple that with issues of distribution and accounting. Students will be creating a micro-environment that mirrors not just food-production facilities, but manufacturing in general."

Freshman recruitment for the 2016-17 school year is starting now amongst current eighth-graders. Students interested in learning more should visit www.wnytechacademy.org or contact the school at (585) 494-1220 x3116.

SUBSTITUTES WANTED



Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen CSD in the capacity of substitute teacher, substitute teacher aide, substitute office aide, or food service worker?

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org and complete the non-instructional application (teacher aide, office aide, food service worker), or instructional application (substitute teacher). Please submit the application (via mail or in person) to: P. Gunio - District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

Wrestling Club Annual Chicken Barbecue

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
4-7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria



Presale tickets \$9.00
(\$10.00 at the door)

For tickets, see any wrestler or contact Mark Miraglia at (585) 409-4621.



BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2016-2017

JULY 2016

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JULY & AUGUST

TBD - Faculty Discretionary Day
 August 31, 2016 - Professional Development (non-tenured teachers) —
 August 31 & September 1, 2016 - New Teacher Orientation ◻

HOLIDAYS ◻

Independence Day - July 4, 2016
 Labor Day - September 5, 2016
 Columbus Day - October 10, 2016
 Veterans' Day - November 11, 2016
 Thanksgiving Recess - November 23-25, 2016
 Winter Recess - December 23, 2016 - January 2, 2017
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 16, 2017
 Presidents' Day & Recess - February 20, 21, 22, 2017
 Spring Recess - April 10-17, 2017
 Memorial Day Recess - May 29, 2017

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 ◻

REGENTS EXAMS ◻

August 17 & 18, 2016
 January 24-27 & June 14-23, 2017

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - June 22, 2017 ◻

(1/2 Days of School for Grades K-6 - June 20, 21, & 22, 2017)

GRADUATION - June 24, 2017 ★

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS - No School for Students ◻

September 6, 2016 - Superintendent's Conference Day
 October 7, 2016 - Superintendent's Conference Day
 January 30, 2017 - Wrap-Up Day
 March 17, 2017 - Superintendent's Conference Day

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS ○

November 18, 2016 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-6 (only)
 November 21, 2016 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-12
 November 22, 2016 - 1/2 Day of School - K-12

DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

July & August 0
 September 18
 October 19
 November 18
 December 16
 January 19
 February 17
 March 22
 April 14
 May 22
 June 16

TEACHER WORK DAYS

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TOTAL 181 5

2016-2017 SCHEDULE OF MAKE-UP DAYS

If all extra days are used and there is:
 1 day to make up April 10, 2017
 2 days to make up April 10, 11, 2017
 3 days to make up April 10, 11, 12, 2017
 4 days to make up April 10, 11, 12, 13, 2017

Approved by the Byron-Bergen Central School District
 Board of Education on March 3, 2016.

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JUNE 2017

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“NEW” Paper Ballot

Byron-Bergen Central School District 6917 West Bergen Road · Bergen, New York 14416

Proposition #1 - Budget

RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Byron-Bergen Central School District for the school year 2016-17, totaling \$22,874,538 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

Yes

No

Proposition #2 - Bus Purchases

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 66 passenger school buses and one (1) 30 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$284,500, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, expend such sums for such purpose, levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement to acquire said vehicles.

Yes

No

Proposition #3 - Capital Reserve Fund

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to amend the Capital Reserve Fund established on September 18, 2014, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law and known as the "2014 Building Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund" ("the Fund") for the purpose of financing reconstruction, improvements and equipping school buildings and facilities, to increase the limit of the fund from One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), plus earnings thereon; the probable term of the Fund shall remain ten (10) years, but shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted; and the sources of the Fund shall remain the same, and shall be obtained from (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

Yes

No

Board Candidates

"Notice is hereby given to elect three members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms to begin on July 1, 2016 and expire on June 30, 2019 to succeed Yvonne Ace-Wagoner, Amy Phillips, and Jennifer VanValkenburg whose terms expire on June 30, 2016, and one member of the Board of Education to complete the 3-year term of Daniel Ireland, who resigned from the Board effective February 1, 2016, to begin on July 1, 2016 and expire on June 30, 2017."

CHOOSE four (4):

Yvonne Ace-Wagoner <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Phillips <input type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Carlson <input type="checkbox"/>	Mark W. Swanson <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer VanValkenburg <input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in: <input type="checkbox"/>
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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE BYRON-BERGEN SCHOOL ELECTION - MAY 17, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Mark only with a pen or felt tip marker having blue or black ink.
- (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill in the square below the candidate's name, like ■
- (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write his or her name in the "Write-in" area and fill in the square under that name.
- (4) To vote yes or no on a proposal fill in the corresponding square below the proposition.
- (5) Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void this entire ballot.
- (6) Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void.
- (7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot.



FOCAL POINT

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Jon Hunter, Ed.D.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Yvonne Ace-Wagoner,
Vice President

William Forsyth

Tammy Menzie

Amy Phillips

Jennifer VanValkenburg

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BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget, Proposition Vote, and Board Candidate Election

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 • 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling/Fitness Room

(Northwest corner of the High School)

PROPOSITION #1 - For the purpose of adopting a budget of \$22,874,538 for the 2016-17 school year.

YES

NO

PROPOSITION #2 - To authorize the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger buses and one (1) 30-passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$284,500.

YES

NO

PROPOSITION #3 - Permission to increase 2014 Building Construction Capital Reserve to an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

YES

NO

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019, AND A ONE (1) YEAR TERM MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017.

1. Yvonne Ace-Wagoner
2. Amy Phillips
3. Kimberly Carlson
4. Mark W. Swanson
5. Jennifer VanValkenburg

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

1. A citizen of the United States
2. A resident of the District for 30 days preceding the vote
3. At least 18 years of age