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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER Sam Barlow High School

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From the Principal

I wanted to take this time to wish you all a happy 2017! I hope the holiday season gave you the opportunity to enjoy friends and family and to give the most important gift of all, time spent together.

Over the next few weeks, students will be completing first semester work while preparing for final exams in each of their classes. Please be sure to access ParentVue in order to monitor your student's progress, as well as touching base with them to see how they feel about the end of the semester. We will be distributing second semester schedules on Tuesday, January 17 to make sure all classes have been assigned properly. Final exams will be taking place the week of January 23, with no school on Friday, January 27, as teachers will be entering and submitting semester grades. We have included the schedule for final exams in this newsletter, so please be sure to make note of this adjustment.

January is a critical time for our seniors as families are working to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in order to qualify for many forms of financial aid, grants, and scholarships. Thankfully, we have some upcoming workshop to help you in this process. We will be hosting a help session on Wednesday, January 18 in Room S-4 from 5-8:00pm. Volunteers will be present to walk families through this process, so please join us. You can contact our College and Career Center at 503-258-4890 if you have questions or want to serve as a volunteer.

Over the next several weeks, we will begin the planning process for construction projects at Barlow, which will be funded through the school bond that passed in November. This is a very exciting time for our school and community. Through this process, we will be building a covered stadium, renovating our auditorium, replacing 25 classrooms to include a new Science wing, revitalizing our Career and Technical Education (CTE) facilities, and developing a functional common area to host community events, meetings, as well as serving as a great place for kids to work. Finally, we will be renovating all other classrooms in the building. This bond will be a game changer for our students and our community. As promised, the scope of work will be completed within a three year time period, with construction being completed in the spring of 2020. Please note that community members, parents, students, and staff will be involved in this process, and regular updates will be communicated. I can't wait to see this process begin and how our school is transformed.

I am hopeful that you all have a great 2017 and Go Bruins!



Bits and Pieces

SAT TEST DATES

Jan. 21, Mar. 11, May 6, June 3

ACT TEST DATE

Feb. 11, Apr. 8, June 10

Remember -these are TEST DATES.

You need to register 3 to 4 weeks

before the actual test. SAT

registration is available in the

College and Career Center or online

at: www.collegeboard.com.

ACT registration online at:

www.actstudent.org

Can't Attend Board Meetings?

You can watch regular school board meetings LIVE on cable channel 27 and Frontier cable channel 35.

MetroEast Community Media re-

plays the board meeting at the

following times:

Second Showing-Monday at 7 pm

Third Showing-The following

Thursday at 4 pm

If you live in Damascus-

Board meetings are now being

shown on Willamette Falls TV for

patrons in the Damascus area! They

are scheduled for cablecast on

channel 23 every Saturday at 1 pm.

Next meeting is January 5, 7pm

Know Your School meetings

The meetings are held the last

Monday of the month at 7pm in the

Media Center. The next meeting is

January 23. Please mark your

calendars and see you there!

Activity Bus

The Activity Bus is available for

those needing to stay after school. It

will load in the main student parking

lot and leave by 4:00pm. Students

must know their home address. If

you have any questions, contact

Teresa Juden, Secretary, ext. 4865.



Bad Weather Wednesdays

With schools across the district starting one hour late on Wednesdays, you may wonder what will happen if the opening of school needs to be delayed because of bad weather. If a late opening is needed on a Wednesday, the kindergarten session for that day will be held. School will start for grades K-12 at the times below.

Elementary: 10:35; Middle School: 11:05; High School: 9:35.

Paths to College Scholarships

Linfield College and The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber are hosting a free scholarship workshop on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 9am -3:30pm. Juniors, this a great opportunity to prepare for your senior year. The College and Career Center has registration information.

Macy's Day Parade

The Barlow AVID program participated in the 2016 Macy's Day Parade in downtown Portland on November 26. Students, staff and AVID family members took part in this festive and entertaining annual tradition. Participants were provided costumes, make-up, props, etc. and then they walked the parade route handing out candy to children and adults from the area. It was another fantastic experience and all around wonderful volunteering opportunity for our students.



Great Books at the Movies Contest!

On November 30, the four student winners of the Barlow Library *Great Books at the Movies* contest were chosen. From the hundreds of entries, these were our winners and the books that they won:

Kaylynn Crouse: *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey

Cody Macias: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth (Autographed copy)

Gabriel Pettis: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

Jacob Riggs: *Miss Peregrine's Home for Unusual Children* by Ransom Riggs

To enter to win, a student had to checkout a Library book during November to receive a ticket. The four winners were then randomly drawn from those tickets by our Principal, Mr. Schmidt. Congratulations to our winners and to all who participated in this year's Barlow Library contest!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES?

Do you need a responsible teenager to help with a job? Do you want to assist students in developing their work experience? Let us know if you have opportunities that our students can fill. We have many capable, hard-working students looking for employment ideas and job shadows. If you can use our students, we can use your help! Please contact Patty Neuenschwander at (503)258-4890 or Neuenschwander@gresham.k12.or.us

Please provide a description of the position you have available, hours, possible salary and contact information.

Thank you for supporting Sam Barlow High School in its efforts to create educated, confident and experienced young adults.

PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS NEEDED:

Are you a parent of a freshman or sophomore (or any age student)? Would you like to get involved at SBHS? Would you like to prepare for your own child's college application efforts while helping current students? Are you a community member with knowledge and experience to share?

Consider becoming an ASPIRE mentor in the College & Career Center. No experience is necessary. We will help you learn! If you'd like to learn more, call Patty Neuenschwander at 503-258-4890 or email: neuenschwander@gresham.k12.or.us

Overdue Library Books

With the end of First Semester fast approaching, the Barlow Library will be sending overdue notices home with the semester report cards. Please help us to help your student by encouraging them to renew or return their borrowed library items on time. Students with overdue items cannot check out any additional library materials and may incur late fines. All students can check their own library accounts on-line through our [Alexandria on-line catalog](#). This can be found on the [Barlow Library](#) website. Thanks in advance for your support.

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College and Career News

January is an important month for seniors who are college bound. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a necessary component for colleges and scholarships. Now is the time for both students and parent(s) to go online to each obtain their FSA ID. Go to : <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

The FSA ID will allow you to complete your FAFSA, sign it electronically and later access your processed information (Student Aid Report or SAR). The FAFSA will generate free grant funds and loans that may be available to future college students. Remember: Your FSA ID will be used by the student and parent for four years of college, so make a copy and keep it in a safe place! Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

OSAC Scholarship Informational Meeting- Finding Funds

SBHS Auditorium - Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30pm

This meeting will focus on the OSAC Scholarship, as well as questions regarding other ways to find funds. You will learn about the online application, how to request transcripts and how to write effective essays. Completing the OSAC application online allows students to apply for up to 40 of 500 available scholarships. To apply, go to www.oregonstudentaid.gov and create a user name and password. The completed OSAC application must be filed no later than March 1. Don't forget, if you apply by February 15th and submit an error-free application, you may be eligible for a \$1000 Early Bird Scholarship

The Oregon Promise-Community College Free Tuition

The state of Oregon has committed to helping its students pay for tuition at an Oregon Community College with The Oregon Promise. Students must have a 2.5 GPA to be eligible for free tuition. Completing the FAFSA is also a mandatory component of the application. Students must also list any community college on their FAFSA in order to receive funds. The Oregon Promise application is open from Nov. 1-March 1. To apply, go to: www.oregonstudentaid.org (This is a shared website with the OSAC scholarship and uses the same log in information.)

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

Most schools have deadlines on or near February 1. Make sure your applications are on time or you could miss your opportunity. Colleges are emphatic about meeting deadlines and following directions correctly!

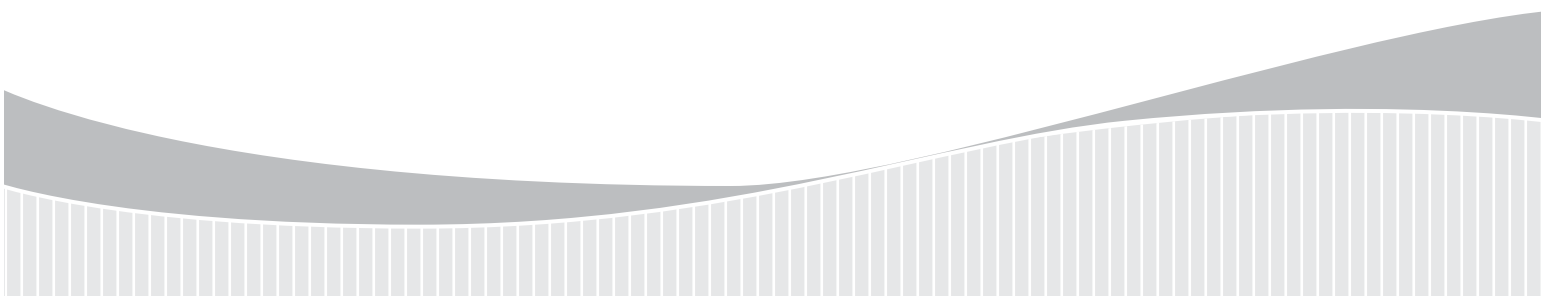
Get those recommendations from teachers/community leaders for your applications and scholarships! Remember to ask early – give them at least 2 weeks to get a recommendation back to you. Also, provide the person writing your recommendation an activity chart or resume. These will help them see the total person and to write an accurate recommendation about you.

Freshmen & Sophomores – Have you signed up with ASPIRE? Don't wait until you are a senior to get needed information. Come into the College & Career Center now to learn how we can help!

Juniors – It's never too early to start planning your future. There are scholarships for you also. Stop by the College & Career Center and see what we have for you. Be thinking about when you will sign up to take the SAT or ACT during your junior year. Come find out how to register and which dates of testing are available to you.

Seniors – There are many scholarships with approaching deadlines. Have you been in the College & Career Center to see which may be right for you? Stop in today and take a look at what's available. Mentors are there to help you find scholarships. Or, take a look on the Barlow website using the Student Resources to College & Career Center tabs to see a list of available scholarships. Look for the red link.

If you are planning to apply to Portland Community College, there are 2 scholarships you need to do. The first is the Future Connect Scholarship due January 31 and the second is the PCC Foundation Scholarship due March 1. The College and Career Center has the information for you to apply.



Congratulations to Mr. Pohl's classes!

We are pleased to announce that Sam Barlow has been selected to participate in Everybody Reads 2017. Our classes will be reading *Evicted*, by Matthew Desmond. Thanks to financial support from [The Library Foundation](#), we will receive copies of *Evicted* and project guides for use with our students. Thanks to support from [Literary Arts](#), our classes are also eligible to attend the author lecture on March 9, 2017.

A note about *Evicted*:

“Remarkable... [Desmond] has a novelist’s eye for the telling detail and a keen ear for dialogue... [His] book is a significant literary achievement, as well as a feat of reporting underpinned by statistical labour, with details provided in copious endnotes. It is eloquent, too, on the harm eviction does — not just to individuals but also to communities and to the quality of civic and urban life.” —The Financial Times

BRUINETTES SHINE

Sam Barlow Bruinettes Dance Team Fall Competition Results

Dance Team Attends Fall Category Championships

The Sam Barlow Bruinettes dance team competed in the fall season with a Pom and Contemporary routine. Based on their placement at these competitions, the team qualified to compete with both routines at championships. The Bruinettes brought home a 3rd place trophy in the Small Contemporary division. The team will now move on to compete in the winter season and will attend the OSAA state championships in March.

“I Heart Dance” Clinic

The Sam Barlow Bruinettes Dance Team is hosting the 10th annual “I Heart Dance” clinic Tuesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 12 with a halftime performance at the basketball game on Friday, January 13. This cost is \$20 for those who pre-register and \$25 to register on the first day of the clinic. Registrations must be received by December 16 to receive a t-shirt. For more information visit our website at barlowdanceteam.wordpress.com or email us at barlowdanceteam@gmail.com.

Scrip

Buy gift cards through the scrip program and receive money to pay for your student’s fees and activities.

Email bhscrip@comcast.net or

call Andrea Umenhofer [503.784.3255](tel:503.784.3255) for more information.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sam Barlow continues to recognize students who have shown their Bruin PRIDE by awarding a Student of the Month for each grade level. Students can be nominated for Student of the Month by receiving a PRIDE Note from a staff member throughout the month. The staff then votes for one male and one female student from each grade to receive this recognition. Our outstanding Students of the Month for November are:

FRESHMEN

Davis Glover- Davis shows purpose through his enthusiasm to volunteer to read in English.

Arihana Wallace- Arihana demonstrates purpose by completing her assignments on time and coming to class prepared every day.

SOPHOMORES

Ainsley Pate- Ainsley shows excellence through the quality of work she did on a speech.

Jose Rocha- Jose displays determination through his application of applying previously learned vocabulary in his explanations in class.

JUNIORS

Tyler Tenny- Tyler shows excellence through his help with setting up for parent-teacher conferences.

Sydney Harms- Sydney demonstrates excellence through volunteering during parent-teacher conferences.

SENIORS

Michelle Garcia- Michelle exudes excellence through her attention to detail and desire to improve academically.

Ming Fung- Ming shows purpose through his determination to excel academically and the leadership roll he has taken in English class.



CENTER FOR ADVANCED LEARNING

A remarkable career and college opportunity awaits your student at Center for Advanced Learning (CAL). CAL students are challenged to discover new horizons, to be a part of the next generation of innovation and explore the endless possibilities of your student’s creativity. Students gain invaluable experience that is relevant to their future ambitions. In February, sophomores will have a unique opportunity to attend an informational assembly to learn more about CAL from CAL students and the director. For more information about our school and programs, please go to our website: www.calcharter.org Looking forward to meeting families and students in February!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

OPEN HOUSE Info Night & Tour – 2/23/17 at 6pm

BARLOW SENIOR EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-17

Oct 04	Senior Class Meeting (Mandatory)
Oct. 11-12	Graduation Orders Turned In To Jostens
Nov. 2	Late Graduation Orders To Jostens
Nov. 28	Last Chance Graduation Orders to Jostens
Dec. 8	Financial Aid Night 6:30 - 8:00pm
Dec. 09	Senior Yearbook Photo Deadline info at http://holzbach.gresham.k12.or.us
Dec. 16	Senior Newsletter I & Updated Events Calendar available on the SBHS website
Jan. 27	Senior Baby Ads Yearbook http://holzbach.gresham.k12.or.us
April 13-14	Jostens Graduation Orders Delivered -- Auditorium, Lunch Periods
April 18	Senior Class Photo Main Gym- 9:20am-10:00am
April 21	"Every Fifteen Minutes" Assembly
April 21	Final Senior Newsletter & Updated Events Calendar placed on SBHS Website
May 2	Final Senior Class Meeting (Mandatory) -- Barlow Auditorium Period 2
May TBA	Ticket Sales for Senior Banquet -- Senior Hall, Lunch Periods, Banquet
May 19	Information Deadline for Commencement Program -- Career Center
May 22-26	Commencement Marching Order Sign-up Begins -- Registrar's Window (Main Office)
May 22-26	Extra Commencement Ticket Sign-up - Letter from parent turned into Receptionist Main Office
May 24	Senior Banquet -- 6:00pm - 9:00pm
TBD	* Baccalaureate
TBD	Deadline To Turn In Parent Messages for Bruin Banner Senior Issue (Parent message form for Bruin Banner sent home with final Senior Newsletter in April)
May 31-June 1	Senior Clearance Forms Distributed -- Student Management
May 31-June 1	Commencement Ticket Distribution -- Distributed by Bookkeeper, <u>after senior is cleared</u>
June 1	Evening of Excellence -- Barlow Auditorium.
June 2	Last School Day for Seniors (Clearance forms must be completed and forms turned in to bookkeeper for final checkout.)
June 2	Awards Assembly -- Barlow Gym
June 2	Senior Picnic 10:45am-2:00pm -- No cost to students. Bus transportation will be provided.
June 13	Commencement Practice -- Memorial Coliseum, 8:30am
June 13	Commencement Exercises -- Memorial Coliseum, 5:00pm
June 13	** Senior All-Night Party

* Baccalaureate and the Senior All-Night Party are not school functions; they are sponsored, planned and chaperoned by senior parents.

**Senior Information can be found on the Barlow Website, Under Parent or Student Resources, Graduation Tab

DRIVERS EDUCATION

Drivers Ed. is being offered through Oregon Driver Training Institute.

Developing Lifelong Defensive Driving Skills

*The most complete program available, exceeds State Standards

*ODTI instructors are ODOT and DMV Certified

*Oregon Department of Transportation approved course

*33 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of driving and 6 hours of observation

Tuition: \$300.

Requirements:

Students must obtain their permit prior to registration

Permit number and issue date are required at time of registration

Students must have a minimum of 10 hours of driving practice prior to their first behind-the-wheel lesson

Students must bring a photocopy of their permit to the first class

Need more information?? Call 503-225-0770 or visit online at

www.oregondrivertraining.com

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Senior Yearbook Deadlines

The yearbook staff is still accepting orders for Senior Baby Ads for placement in the 2016-17 yearbook. **Deadline is January, 27, 2017**
Any questions??? holzbach@gresham.k12.or.us



Messages from the Nurse

INFLUENZA SEASON

It is not too late to get the flu vaccination as the season continues into February and March. Hand washing is at the top of the list for prevention, along with not sharing cups or utensils. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing and coughing, and if tissue is not readily available, cough into the upper arm or elbow – NOT YOUR HANDS! The flu is often confused with the common cold, but flu symptoms usually are more than the typical sneezing and stuffiness of a cold. Symptoms start about two days after exposure to the virus, which can include fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, dizziness, loss of appetite, cough, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, ear pain, and diarrhea. The best treatment is to get plenty of rest and stay hydrated. Students who are sick should stay home from school and need to be without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.

When to call a health care provider: If your student has a high fever, or fever with a rash, has trouble breathing or rapid breathing, has a bluish skin color, or is not drinking enough fluids. In most cases, the illness is usually gone in a week or two.

Future Dates

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December 19-Jan 2 .. Winter Break
January 7 MHC Acting Competition, DDHS
January 7 Racquetball Match #3
January 9 Choral Sight-Reading, GHS, 6pm
January 11 OSAC Scholarship Night, 6:30pm
January 12-15 OMEA/All-State Band and Choir Conference, Eugene
January 13 Dance-Kids Clinic
January 13, 14 Speech: Lewis & Clark Tournament
January 14 Cheer-Pacer Invitational, Lakeridge HS
January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
January 20 After-Game Dance, 9-11pm
January 21 Cheer-Scotsman Rumble, DDHS
January 21 Racquetball Match #4
January 23-26 First Semester Finals
January 27 Teacher Grading Day, NO SCHOOL
January 27 Sr. Baby Ads Due
January 28 Cheer-Cavalier Invitational, DDHS
January 28 Speech: McMinnville Tournament
February 1-5 Racquetball State Tournament
February 2 Theatre-Winter Showcase
February 3, 4 Equestrian Team District Meet #1
February 3, 4 Speech: Linfield Tournament
February 4 MHC Inst. Solo Contest, Clackamas HS
February 4 Regional Acting Competition
February 4 Cheer-OE Classic, Salem

Oregon state assessments and 2016-17 opt out information

Every year, students throughout Oregon take state assessments prescribed by the Oregon Department of Education. The purpose of these assessments is to show individual student growth over time and to provide student-specific data that teachers can use to ensure each and every child is on track and achieving learning goals. Results are also used to inform course placement and to provide focused feedback to students and parents.

Oregon state law requires us to inform you that a form is available from the Oregon Department of Education that allows you to opt your child out of state assessments for the 2016-17 school year. Should you wish to opt out your child, please fill out the form and submit it to the main office at your child's school. The form can be accessed at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=4302> or on our GBSD website under Assessment Resources. You may also receive a copy of the form from our school office.

If you have questions or want more information about state assessments, contact Assistant Principal Tim Collins at 503-258-4850.

