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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER Sam Barlow High School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year at Sam Barlow High School. I am happy to say that we have had a smooth and productive start. We hit the ground running with our Friends of Freshmen program by welcoming all 476 ninth graders on Tuesday, September 8. Our athletic and activities teams have begun to see the hard work they committed to this summer pay off during competitions and performances. The Barlow staff returned energized and ready to provide a quality experience for your student in both classrooms and throughout the building. Finally, I am very excited to begin my second year as the principal of Barlow, and look forward to the great things we will achieve this year.

Once again, I must send a huge "Thank You" and recognition to the congregation of Good Shepherd Community Church and the volunteers who helped beautify our campus on Saturday, August 29. There were approximately 120 people who helped weed planter beds, spread bark dust and rock, pressure wash the courtyard, paint handrails and doors, and simply spruce up our campus for the start of the school year. It was a very productive day, but more importantly, it was a time to bond as a community around a shared goal.

Our Associated Student Body leaders have established We Are Barlow as the school's theme this year. What began as a promotional video last spring has evolved into a major messaging program to bring our student body together. When making this video, they captured a variety of single word quotes from students that included statements such as: We Are Excellence, We Are Creative, We Are Enduring, We Are Cultural, and many others. One of our goals this year is to ensure that all students identify with the words and thoughts of this video, and realize that if we all work together, we can accomplish anything we set our minds to.

As I enter my twenty third year as an educator, I feel myself becoming a bit nostalgic at times. What I have come to realize is that we, as a community, owe it to our kids to provide the best quality educational experiences possible. Many believe that school just takes place during the hours of 7:15am and 2:30pm. However, extending that day and being involved as a parent after hours has a huge impact on your student's experience. While there are many ways to be involved, the best way to support your student is by being interested in the time they spend at school. I encourage you to take time to ask about their classes, their friends, and their day. Don't worry if at times they respond with "fine", "yes", "no", or "Why are you so interested?" because in the end, the fact that you are consistently asking assures them that you genuinely care. If you would like to be more involved at Sam Barlow High School, there are many opportunities to volunteer through our College and Career Center as an ASPIRE Mentor, as a sports fan, or through various committees that are advertised during the year. It takes more than just teachers and formal educators to provide a quality experience. We invite you to be part of our educational community.

On a final note, I wanted to wish all of you a great school year and GO BRUINS!



Bits and Pieces:

Register for SAT tests online at www.collegeboard.org or come into the College & Career Center for a registration packet. Test dates are: Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 23, Mar 5, May 7, June 4. Don't forget, registration is due approximately one month before the test date.

Register for ACT tests online at www.actstudent.org or come into the College & Career Center for a registration packet. Test dates are: Oct 24, Dec 12, Feb 6, Apr 9, June 11. Registration is due approximately one month before the test date.

Know Your School

Meeting Dates:

October 26, November 23, January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25, and May 23. All meetings are 7-8:30pm in the Media Center.

SIST

If you do not have a ParentVue or StudentVue account to access information on the Student Information System, Synergy, please contact Teresa Juden by email at juden@gresham.k12.or.us.

Schedule Changes

09/25 --

last day to add a Teacher Aide course.

10/02 --

last day to drop a class not needed for graduation without a grade (F).

10/09 --

last day to drop an elective/class not needed for graduation with a "W".

Beyond 10/09 all drops will receive an F on transcripts.

Introducing Some of Our New Staff

Hello, I'm **Shelbi Wescott** and I'm thrilled to be here at Barlow. I'm joining the Bruins after ten years teaching Journalism and English Language Arts at Centennial High School. My kids, two boys 6 and 4, were primarily concerned with which mascot would win in a fight; after assuring them a bear would dominate an eagle, all initial reservations about the change were laid to rest. Prior to teaching at Centennial, I taught language and culture classes in the Chiba prefecture of Japan. I'm a graduate (undergrad and grad school) of Lewis and Clark College and a Portland native who contributes every weekend to the masses of people waiting for a table at the hottest brunch spots. (Breakfast is clearly the superior meal of the day.) Some other conversation starters: I collect tabletop board games, vintage and contemporary, and own over 300; I moonlight as a YA author in the speculative fiction genres; I'm a die-hard 49ers and Giants fan; my parents met when they were puppeteers for a knock-off Muppet traveling show and I used to travel with them as a young child (formative, for sure...and weird); and when I was a manager for Chili's Bar and Grill, a customer threw a pitcher of water on me after I informed him we ran out of baby back ribs. Looking forward to getting to know more of you!

Christine Bierman: Ni hao! (Hello in Mandarin Chinese) Taiwan has been my home the last two years as I worked at an American school overseas on a leave of absence. Now, I have returned to Gresham, and work half the day at Barlow, where many of my ELL students are familiar faces from my previous schools, Gordon Russell and West Orient. While I gained miniscule Chinese in Taiwan, I figured out workarounds once I understood the culture. Yes, I enjoy travel, bike riding, and learning about culture. Add to that list Nordic skiing, hiking, listening to public radio, the environment, and dogs. My three grown sons, scattered from here to Texas, would insist that they are number one in my life, but really the five "grand-dogs" come first. I was drawn to ELL years ago because I, too, am an immigrant (Canada) with parents who didn't speak English as their first language (The Netherlands and Finland). Having spent about 10 years in newspaper journalism, and another 10 as a full time parent, I earned my Master's in my 40s at Portland State University. This is my 11th year in the GBSD.

I'm **Kelly Spaid**, the new Special Services Secretary. After 8 years as an educational assistant at West Orient Middle School, I finally graduated to high school! I grew up in Florida and attended 2 years of college before marrying my husband, Tim. We moved to Pennsylvania for 2 years where I finished my degree. Upon completion, we moved back to Florida for 5 years. We moved to Tenmile, OR in 1991, and Gresham OR in 2001. For 14 years, I was a stay-at-home mom and helped my husband with his business. With my 2 daughters attending East and West Orient, I chose to volunteer for 6 years. I then transitioned into a full-time job at West Orient. Now my 2 wonderful daughters are in college and live at home. When I'm not working and being mom, I enjoy camping, traveling and playing cards with my friends. I am excited to be part of the Bruin family!

My name is **Meredith Griffith**, Behavior Support teacher. Meredith is my middle name, and it was the middle name of my grandfather. In those days (the late 19th century), Meredith was exclusively a male name. I grew up in the northeast corner of Washington, north of Spokane. I've lived in the Portland area since I graduated from Willamette University in 1994. My hobbies include horticulture, playing music, and pottery. I have worked in education for 18 years, first as an educational assistant for MESD, then as a teacher at Reynolds Learning Academy for several years. Last year, I returned to MESD to work at Alpha High School. I was sad to see Alpha close, but I'm really excited to be working at Barlow!

Clubs

Clubs and activities are currently starting and many are signing up new members. There are sign up sheets for clubs on the bulletin board right outside the Athletics/Activities offices across from the main office. Interested students may check on our school web site or stop into the Athletic/Activities office and ask for information.

Join the Fashion Club

Make new friends, learn about fashion.

Meetings are in room 110 on Thursdays, twice a month, 2:30 – 3:30pm, and run by Fashion Marketing student Presidents, Brianna Ramseth and Emi Ishizeki. Hope to see you there.

Science Club

Does your student like science? Would they like to compete against other schools for a chance to win a college scholarship? For questions, see Ms. McLeod in room 103 and come Thursdays, 2:40pm.

Poised Pens

We are starting up the writing and art club again. The first meeting was Sept 28. If your student is interested in join and finding out more about this club, have them stop by Room 505 and see Mr. Pohl.

Returning Library Materials

If your student still has library materials out from last school year, please encourage him or her to return them to our Barlow Library. We need to keep these materials in circulation for the benefit of all students. In addition, having overdue items will keep a student from checking out any further library materials, so please help us in getting these items back to Barlow.

MEChA

MOVIMIENTO ESTUDIANTIL CHICAN@ DE AZTLAN
What is MEChA?

It is a national student organization that promotes higher education, culture, and history. We believe that political involvement is the avenue for change in our society. It started with the Chicano Movement of the late 1960's that helped spark cultural and historical pride in our people.

For more information contact Karen Galicia in the Counseling office, 503-258-4875

KEY CLUB

Key Club is a student-led, high school service program sponsored by Kiwanis International. From cleaning parks to tutoring to fundraising, our members actively care about our communities. Because we're a student-led organization, we also have leadership opportunities ranging from our school club to the International level. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 1st from 2:40-3:15. Come learn more about us! We will meet every other Thursday after that, with Friday morning make-up meetings if Thursdays don't work in your schedule. Please check the bulletin board in the front hall at SBHS for specific meeting information.

Who's here to help?

If you have concerns about your child's schedule or other concerns, the following are the staff to contact.

Email is a quick way to get answers to the questions you might have.

Counselors

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Bienvenidos de Regreso a Clases

Es un placer darles la bienvenida éste año escolar 2015-2016. Esperamos que hayan tenido la oportunidad de disfrutar el verano en compañía de toda su familia. En éste nuevo año escolar estamos seguros que con su ayuda y la ayuda de su hijo/a tendrá un año escolar muy exitoso.

¿HA LLENADO LA SOLICITUD PARA EL ALMUERZO?

Si no lo ha hecho, por favor complete la solicitud para el almuerzo gratuito lo más pronto posible. Recuerde que no es necesario llenar la solicitud por cada estudiante; es una solicitud por familia.

¿HA CAMBIADO DE NÚMERO TELEFÓNICO O DE DIRECCIÓN?

Si ha cambiado su número de teléfono o dirección recientemente o si piensa hacerlo, por favor comunicarse con nosotros de inmediato ya que es muy importante tener su información actualizada en caso de cualquier emergencia.

Llámenos al (503) 258-4875-Español- con Karen Galicia; Enlace Comunitario.

Football Fall Fundraiser

The football team will be having their annual spaghetti feed / talent show in the cafeteria at Barlow High School on October 11th at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per family. Please support the team and enjoy an evening of good food and great entertainment. See you there!



Driver's Education

The Gresham-Barlow School District is no longer providing Driver's Education services. However, as an option for our students to access this much needed program, a partnership has been established with Oregon Driver Training Institute (ODTI). ODTI will attempt to offer services at both Gresham and Barlow High School depending on the number of students who sign up for the program. They are also offering services in other locations around the county so that our students may have more options to access dates that meet their needs.

Contact ODTI directly to register for classes as well as access the calendar of potential dates at Oregon Driver Training Institute, 503-225-0770. Register online and get additional information at: www.oregondrivertraining.com The next session will begin in January. You can sign-up anytime.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help students become better readers. Do you, or someone you know, want to become more involved with your school? The Gresham-Barlow School District's Oasis Volunteer Program is looking for parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends to work with young children who are struggling to learn to read. We are seeking adult volunteers who can spend one hour a week, during the school day, working one-on-one with a child in grades 1-5 to build reading and language skills, self-esteem, and positive attitudes toward learning. The Oasis Program provides volunteers specialized training, materials, and on-going support. No teaching experience is required. The role of an Oasis Tutor is that of a friend, offering experience, patience, encouragement, caring and time. If you are interested in learning more about become a tutor, please call Oasis Volunteer Program Coordinator, Marilyn Shephard at 503-665-3544 or email her at msshephard@frontier.com.

Dances

INAPPROPRIATE DANCE POLICY

Several school dances are provided for students at SBHS and are listed on the monthly calendar pages of the student planner:

Admission to dances is purchased **during lunches** the week of the dance. Students must have their Barlow I.D. card to purchase a dance sticker, which is attached to the back of their card. (Formal invitations/tickets are provided for Snowball and Prom, which are couples dances.) *Barlow ID cards must be presented to be admitted the night of the dance.*

Many Barlow staff and parents of the sponsoring group chaperone these dances to ensure safe and well-run events. **School dances are not a downtown club, so certain attire, dancing, and behaviors are not allowed.**

Please make sure your student understands that all school rules and dress codes are in effect. See the Student Planner for details on dance expectations.

No Tolerance Policy for Inappropriate Dancing

Freaking, Grinding, or other dancing of a sexual nature are not appropriate for dances at SBHS. There will be no warnings! Students who choose to dance in this manner will be removed from the dance and sent home. Repeated violations will result in loss of dance privileges.

We also monitor the parking lot the entire dance and until students have left the premises after the dance. **Please note the ending time of each dance, and pick up your son/daughter promptly!** Thank you for your help in providing safe and enjoyable dances for all!

PSAT –Wed., October 14

is a Regular School Day, **NOT LATE START**
This test is given only ONCE A YEAR! PSAT Testing is for ALL sophomores. The State of Oregon pays for every sophomore to take this test. The Gresham-Barlow School District will administer the PSAT. This is a **MUST** for juniors to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship award and a practice prior to the SAT test in the spring. Freshmen and juniors are encouraged to register and may do so at the bookkeeper's office before and after school, as well as during lunches.

Cost is \$15.00 Space is limited – register early!
Test Location: Soph: gym, Fr & Jr.: auditorium
Test Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Report Time: 7:30am
Test: 7:45-10:45am

Alumni Stars

Ford Scholar

Please join us in congratulating **Sergio Sanchez** on his hard work and ensuing great fortune!

Sergio was awarded the coveted Ford Family Foundation Scholarship for the Class of 2015. This is an extremely competitive scholarship awarded to select Oregon students. In recent memory, we have had fewer than 5 Ford Scholars from Barlow. It is a tremendous honor to have a Ford Scholar in our midst, and I hope you will take a moment to let Sergio know how proud we are of his efforts. He will attend Oregon State University and will now have 90% of his unmet need covered by the Ford Foundation of Roseburg. Great Job, Sergio!

Scholarship kudos

Please join us in congratulating current and former Barlow students for their tremendous accomplishments.

At the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship luncheon, former Bruins, **Alejandra Garcia** and **Dominique Cruz-Reyes**, each received a \$6000 and \$3220 scholarship, respectively. 2015 graduate, **Isis-Dominique Navarro**, won a \$2000 scholarship and two free round trip tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies! It was a great day to be from Sam Barlow High School.

Please join us congratulating **Evan Watts** for winning the Optimists Essay contest. The prompt was, "Optimism.. Why it is good for your health." Evan's essay was chosen as the best of the entries and he will now win a \$500 scholarship to use at Oregon State University. Congratulations, Evan! You make us proud!

1996 Sam Barlow High School graduate, **Dustin Buehler** was appointed in May as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oregon in the appellate division.

Theatre Kudos

We wanted to let you know about some exciting things happening in the Barlow Theatre Department. In June, Mr. Schroeder submitted photos of our fall and spring production set designs at Barlow to the National Scenographics Set Building Competition. Congratulations are in order as Sam Barlow Theatre Department won 1st place for "Anything Goes" and got 4th place for "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." We received trophies and the photos of our sets are on the front and back covers of the annual catalog for Scenographics! It is the first time since the start of the competition, over a decade ago, that a high school took home two awards. GO BARLOW!!!

Welcome back Bruin and Treble Choirs!

This year, we are fortunate to welcome back two choirs from our past. The Bruin Choir (all boys), and the Treble Choir (all girls) have returned as a part of the choral coursework here at Barlow. At 25 and 70 members respectively, these groups are already making their voices heard in an awesome way! We are excited to have them back in the schedule as a reflection of general growth in the program. Come hear them perform with the other choirs, at the Fall Choir Concert, Wednesday, October 14, 7:30pm @ SBHS.

MAIN OFFICE REMINDERS

Here are a few notes and reminders from the receptionist's desk and main office to help with FAQ's...

MAIN OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

PHONE NUMBER: To reach the Main Office, please dial 503-258-4850. All numbers, including teachers, are direct dial numbers. The phone system is designed not to ring into a teacher's classroom during instruction time, but you may leave them a voicemail message. All other office numbers were published in the Parent Handbook that you received with your student's registration packet.

CALLER ID: All phones in the building will display the main office number (503-258-4850) on caller ID. If this number is on caller ID, we have no way of telling who called you unless they leave a message for you.

MESSAGES OR ITEMS DROPPED OFF FOR STUDENTS: We will take a message for your student if it is necessary. With a 7 period schedule and short passing times, our procedure is to page your student before school, after 3rd period, after 5th period and after school. It is the student's responsibility to pick up messages. To minimize disruptions to classroom instruction, the only time we send notes to a student in class is if it is an emergency. For your student's protection...Messages are only taken if the caller is a parent or guardian.

We follow the same notification procedures with items being dropped off. We encourage students to plan in advance to bring their own lunches, sports bags/equipment, shoes, homework, etc. as getting them to students in a timely fashion is not guaranteed and we do have space limitations. If you do need to leave an item for a student, please clearly mark it with their name and grade.

FLOWERS, BALLOONS AND OTHER GIFTS: Due to space constraints, disruptions caused to the school day, and the security of students, we are unable to accept deliveries of flowers, balloons or other gifts for students. These items are also not allowed on school buses or in classrooms. Deliveries from businesses must be refused as well as deliveries brought in by individuals. We suggest that deliveries be sent to the student's home. We are unable to announce individual birthday greetings over our PA system due to the number of birthdays each day.

ALSO: We make every effort to quickly answer calls and direct you to the appropriate area. There are many calls that come into our main switchboard. In an effort to help you access information quickly, please remember that you can find the daily announcements, weekly athletic/activity calendar, sports schedules, bell schedules, school calendars, staff directory with emails and much more information on our school website (sbsh.gresham.k12.or.us). Thank you! We are looking forward to another great year!

Japanese Students Coming Soon

Host a Japanese Exchange Student!

In a few weeks, Sam Barlow High School will be hosting a group of students from Toyama Nishi High School in Toyama Prefecture in Japan. There are six students that will be joining us, four girls and two boys. The students will arrive in the afternoon on November 11th and fly out on the morning of November 15th. The exchange students will shadow SBHS students on Thursday and Friday and then have Saturday to spend with their host families. We are looking for families that are willing to host one or two of these students. If you are interested in hosting or have other questions please contact Asst Principal, Tim Collins at 503-258-4850.

Textbook Policy

Textbooks are very expensive! All books need to be returned at the end of the semester for semester classes or at the end of the school year for yearly classes. All students will be charged for textbook damages. Please take the time to look through all textbooks, and if damages are found and have not been noted, please bring the book to the TMC by the end of October. If you have any questions, please call Janet Deeder at 503-258-4887.



Picture Retake Day

The only chance to have picture retakes is **Thursday, October 29th, starting at 10am and during lunches**. Students must bring the original packet to turn in at that time. If you would like to order pictures for the first time, have your student pick up a price sheet in the main office, and make sure they have the money (checks payable to **Dorian Studio**) that day. Also, if a student has a **temporary ID card**, he/she must have a permanent **photo ID taken at this time**.

FAFSA

For those of you preparing for the FAFSA and financial aid with your students, there are big changes coming in 2017. Students will complete their FAFSA on Oct 1 instead of Jan 1. This should open a whole new set of opportunities for kids as they will have a more realistic financial picture earlier on for their freshman year. See below for an article on the changes.

Changes to the FAFSA are afoot:

<http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/announcement-detail.jsp?id=2017-18-fafsa-changes>

Scrip

Make your \$\$\$ go further. Use Scrip cards.

Scrip cards are simply gift cards in which the corporation donates funds back to our school district and to you.

Buy a \$100 Starbucks gift card. Enjoy \$100 of coffee.

Starbucks gives \$2.80 back to you to be used at Barlow and \$4.20 to the Gresham Barlow Education Foundation. WIN, WIN, WIN. Great for fundraisers, too!

Andrea Umenhofer, bhscrip@comcast.net, 503-784-3255

Thank you for supporting Sam Barlow High!

Remember: Friends don't let Friends pay more than they need to for school fees.

Help spread the word. Purchases of gift cards through the Scrip program benefit the Gresham Barlow Education Foundation and your student.

Opportunities

Law Enforcement Youth Camp

This past summer, 26 fortunate students from Oregon and Washington were accepted into the Kiwanis Law Enforcement Youth Camp. If law enforcement is in your future, come to our College and Career Center to learn how students may be a part of this great opportunity next summer.

United States Senate Youth Program

If a career in leadership and public service is part of your student's dream, send him/her to the College and Career Center to get more information. There is a chance to travel to Washington DC and to earn a \$5000 scholarship as part of the United States Senate Youth Program. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. The deadline is October 23.

College Possible

College Possible is serving 15 SBHS seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool. This fall, our major focus will be on college applications and scholarships before we transition to a financial aid focus early next year. Our office is located in the front hallway, so please stop by if you have questions about our programming or the students we serve! You can also visit our website at www.collegepossible.org for more information.

New SAT is launching in March, 2016!

Focused on the classroom skills and knowledge colleges want most, the new SAT is part of the SAT Suite of Assessments, along with the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT10 and SPAT8/9. These tests work together to support educators in furthering college readiness and help your student achieve their personal best. Don't forget, registration is now open for fall SAT administrations. Your seniors still have time to take the SAT again and let their scores reflect how much more they know. Come to the College and Career Center to learn how the new SAT will change.

Fall Musical: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

We have finished casting for our fall musical, “Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” We are excited that we doubled in numbers for our auditions this year based on last year. We ended up casting 70 cast members for this production! 30 of them are middle and elementary school students from our Barlow feeder schools! We are excited to tell you that Mayor Shane Bemis and our very own Neal Bridgnell have agreed to share the role of Pharaoh (The King) in our musical this year. Pharaoh is portrayed in this story as “Elvis.” Mayor Bemis will play the role the first weekend and Neal Bridgnell (Science teacher) will play it the second weekend.

Dates of the production are November 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th & 21st at 7:30pm and November 14th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, seniors & SBHS Staff. You can buy reserved tickets online at sbhs.seatyourself.biz. You won't want to miss it!!!

NCAA Eligibility

It is time for college-bound student-athletes to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Who should register? Any current high school sophomore, junior or senior who wishes to participate in collegiate athletics at an NCAA Division 1 or 2 college or university should register. Registrants may access the site at www.eligibilitycenter.org. From the home page, click on “enter here” for NCAA college bound student-athletes, then on the “new account” link in the upper right corner. From there, you simply follow the prompts.

Concert Choir/Spring News

Please congratulate 2014-15 Concert Choir members as they were invited to perform at the State Competition in May at George Fox University. Thirty-five 6A Choirs had qualifying scores. Only the top 24 Choirs performed at State. Barlow had not been to State since 2012.

KUDOS to Barlow Sound

A small group of young ladies from Barlow Sound were invited to perform at the Vancouver Rangers hockey game on Friday, September 18. Congratulations on a fine (and chilly) performance out on the ice Laura Rizzo, Sarah Vongdeuane, Cieara Yates, Bailee Curtis, Alyson Dow, Gabi Weinert, Heidi Thies, Hailey Bressel, Breanna Austin & Daisy Green.

Band Kudos

We are proud of several Barlow musicians including State Ensemble and Solo successes, culminating with a State Champion!

On May 1st, 5 saxophonists participated in the first ever OMEA State Small Ensemble Contest. Ashley Dupuis, Taylor Runnels, Jason Rathbone, Isabel Drapela and Emma Green performed beautifully at Pacific University. They did not place, but were surely toward the top.

During the spring, musicians from around the state came to Lewis and Clark College for the OSAA State Solo Contest. Eleven Barlow musicians turned in inspiring performances, led by three that were honored at the awards presentations. Chris Nagel placed third on snare drum, Hannah Strandberg placed second in Soprano voice, and Brady Jacobson placed first in the low saxophone category.

Other fantastic performances:

Chloe Upshaw, flute

Julianne Rathbone, flute

Ashley Dupuis, alto saxophone

Karlee Wood, trumpet

Savannah Campbell, French horn

Spencer Townsend, trombone

Jamie Pryde, soprano voice

Hailey Bressel, soprano voice

“Bruin Banner” Kudos

Two years after gaining a school-record six state champions in the 2013 Oregon Student Media Olympics, Sam Barlow student newspaper, *The Bruin Banner*, picked up another four state titles for the school year 2014-15. We had 4 “All-Oregon Best of Category”; 7 “Superior”; 9 “Excellent”; and 9 “Honorable Mention”. The Student Media Olympics is the only statewide contest honoring the best of high school journalism. 76% of the Banner entries were awarded.

FOOD DRIVE

The Leadership will be sponsoring a Food Drive next month. We will be collecting non-perishable items and canned food during the weeks of November 9-13 and November 16-20. This will be a competition between the classes. Please plan on contributing and helping our community during this season.

New Staff

Please join us in welcoming the following staff member to our building for 2015-16

Kelly Spaid - Special Services Secretary

Amanda Gibson - Art

Alexandra West - Culinary Arts

Shelbi Wescott - Journalism

Meredith Griffith - BSP

Cristine Beirman - ELD

Stephanie de Landro - Health Assistant

Karen Galacia Arroya - Community Liaison

Amando Navarro - Spanish

Mayumi Fetters - ELL-EA

Jeff Culp - School Resource Officer



ACTIVITY BUS

The Activity bus has started and is available for those needing to stay after school. It will load in the main student parking lot at 4pm and leave at 4:05pm. Students must know their address. If you have any questions contact Teresa Juden @ 503-258-4865.

Future Dates

Sept 28-Oct 2Homecoming Week
Sept 28Homecoming Bonfire, 7pm
October 1Equestrian Team Registration Night, 7pm
October 3MHC Speech, "Fall Frenzy" Tourney, SBHS
October 8MHC Theater Exploration Day
October 8Speech: Beaverton HS
October 9NO SCHOOL, State Inservice Day
October 9, 10Band Retreat
October 10MHC Cheer Competition, GHS
October 10, 11Choir Retreat
October 12Columbus Day
October 13Fall Band Concert, 7:30pm
October 14PSAT Testing Day, 7:30am
October 14Fall Choir Concert, 7:30pm
October 16SAT/PSAT Practice Test, 9am-1pm
October 16NO SCHOOL, 6 week Progress Report
October 16, 17Speech: Willamette Tourney
October 17Cheer All-State @ Thurston HS
October 20Speech: S. Albany Congress
October 20Chamber Music Night, 7:30pm
October 20, 21Jostens Grad Orders, lunch
October 23After Game Dance, 9-11pm
October 22East County College Fair, MHCC, 5:30-8pm
October 24Speech: Oak Hill Purely Policy Debate
October 24Speech: Wilson HS Invitational
October 26MHC Treble Choir Festival @ Centennial HS
October 26MHC Band Sight-Reading @ DD HS
October 27NHS Induction, 7pm
October 29Picture Retakes 10am – lunches
October 29Jostens Grad orders, make-up day
October 31State Cross Country Meet
November 1Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back)
November 5Financing Ed Night, Media Center, 6:30pm
November 5,6Mock Interviews
November 5Financing Ed. Night, Media Center, 6:30pm
November 11NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day



Vision Statement:

Gresham-Barlow School District supports dynamic learning opportunities led by accomplished educators dedicated to creating environments where every student values learning and academic achievement while developing the skills and attributes necessary to be prepared for a lifetime of learning, career opportunities, and productive contributions to the community.

Mission Statement:

Every student prepared for a lifetime of learning, career opportunities, and productive contributions to the community.