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BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THIS MONTH

GREEN, GREEN, GREEN

Discover how BCS is continuing its environmentally-friendly efforts while also saving the district money.

PRE-K CLASS ADDED

Check out what 4-year-olds are doing in school.

WELCOME NEW STAFF AND FACULTY

Meet the newest members of the BCS family.

CHARTING THEIR COURSE

Find out what the Guidance Department has planned for this year.

SUNY AT BOLTON?

Learn how BCS students can take college-credit courses while still in high school.

I AM BOLTON

Remarks from three randomly selected BCS students.

CALENDAR FEATURE

Did you know that you can tear off your monthly pages of the school calendar?

The Green (and White) Are Getting Greener

Saving the Earth and Money, Too!

Bolton Central School – whose school colors are green and white – is in the process of “going greener” while saving the green.

Embracing environmentally safe practices is a growing trend found in all sectors. Recycling, reuse and reducing consumption and waste while utilizing natural resources is the goal.

“Not only will our efforts have an impact on the environment, it’ll impact our wallets. We’re saving hundreds of dollars for the district,” said Superintendent Ray Ciccarelli. “Most important, we’re teaching our students to be more responsible citizens.”

Thanks to a new contract with SCA Tissue North America located in South Glens Falls, BCS will now use 100 percent recycled fiber paper products. “It’s unbeatable,” said Mr. Charles Morel, the new maintenance supervisor. “In addition to spending less dollars, we’ve standardized our dispensers. There’s one style dispenser with one vendor making it more efficient, as well.”

As part of this new contract, SCA will also be removing all consumable trash paper to be recycled at their South Glens Falls plant.

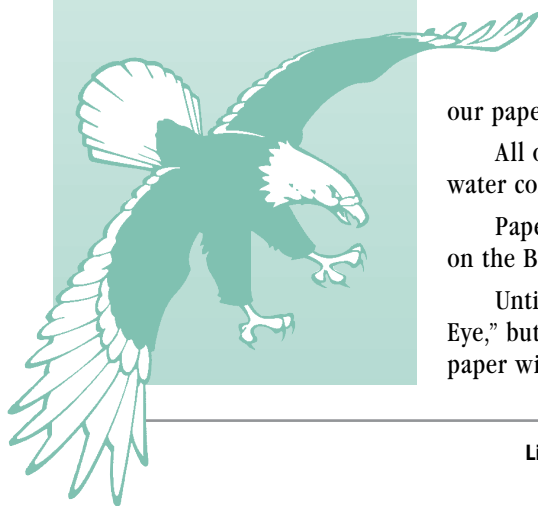
In addition, BCS is set to acquire a solar-powered trash compactors that will pack down waste (the non-recyclable paper), which will reduce the volume while not tapping into the district’s electricity.

“We’re also researching alternative packaging for our milk cartons in an effort to reduce our paper consumption,” Mr. Ciccarelli said. “We’re also exploring hybrid school buses.”

All of the school’s toilets, urinals, and sinks are low-water use fixtures thereby reducing water consumption.

Paper consumption has been reduced by sending documents electronically and posting them on the BCS Web site at <http://www.boltoncsd.org>.

Until we’re assured that everyone has Internet access, we’ll continue to print the “Eagle Eye,” but we’ve made strides toward a “greener” version by printing it on post-consumer recycled paper with a much more environmentally-friendly soy-based ink.



All I Really Need To Know I Learned In ~~Kindergarten~~ Pre-Kindergarten

We come Class of 2022

Remember back when you started Kindergarten and you had to learn everything about being a student in school? There was so much to learn; all that sitting still, learning not to eat paste or run with scissors.

This year, Bolton Central School began offering a pre-kindergarten class designed to teach youngsters what they'll need to know when they enter Kindergarten.

"It paves the way for 4-year-olds to make a seamless transition into Kindergarten," said Superintendent Ray Ciccarelli.

Arriving at 9:15 a.m. the pre-kindergartener's day is filled with activities, such as circle time, dramatic play, reading aloud, puzzles,

experiments, field trips, music, move-

ment, and, of course, physical play. Giving students a tour of the building and teaching them about hallway, snack, lunch time and bathroom manners is all part of the curriculum.

The pre-kindergarten teacher Ms. Tamara Schoder said, "Pre-K is an awesome stepping stone for young children. Our program offers young children a safe environment with many learning opportunities. We offer a child-centered curriculum that promotes the development of positive social, emotional, physical, and academic skills. My goal is to have the students ready to walk into that Kindergarten classroom."



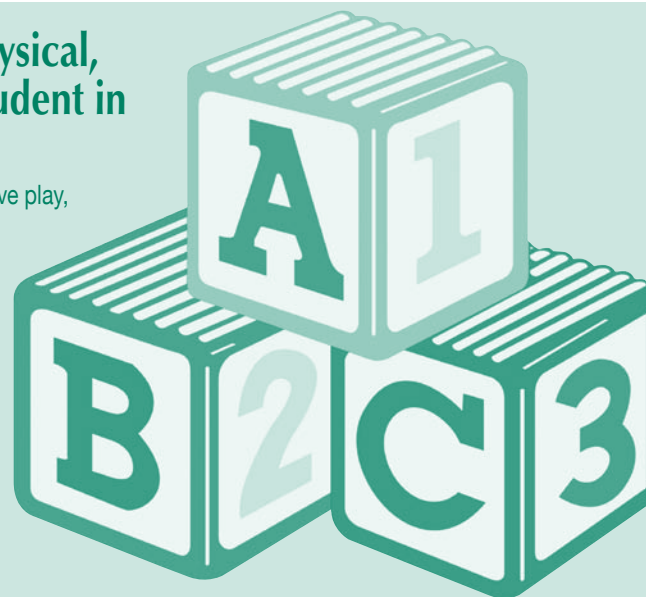
L-R: Mrs. Wysocki and Ms. Schoder watch over the Pre-K students pretending to be leaping frogs on their pond rug in class.



A Pre-K student creates a painting with a feather.

Below is a list of the social, emotional, physical, and academic goals to be met for each student in BCS pre-kindergarten:

- Social goals: Enjoys the company of other children, shares, cooperative play, respectful social participation
- Emotional goals: Positive self-esteem, use of imagination
- Physical goals: hop, skip, throw, kick, can cut on a line, sew, copy simple shapes, write name
- Academic goals: identify letters and numbers, count to 20, make sets and sort, repeat songs, finger plays and stories, communicate using proper tense and speech patterns, retell a story, knows his/her full name and birthday



Meet the New Pre-K Teacher and Classroom Aide

Familiar Faces Take on New Roles

Tamara Schoder was a teaching assistant in first and second grades last year. This year she's teaching the brand new pre-kindergarten class. (See pre-kindergarten class story on page 2.)



Tamara Schoder is the new Pre-K teacher.

Tamara Schoder

"Teaching pre-kindergarten is a lot of fun. It's really rewarding. That age group (all 4-year-olds) are definitely sponges and love life," said Ms. Schoder.

She earned a bachelor's degree in childhood education from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 2005 and a master's degree in literacy for birth through sixth grade in 2007.

A BCS graduate in 2001, Ms. Schoder is now a Queensbury resident. Looking back at the Eagle Eye June 2001 issue, Ms. Schoder was listed as one of the top six students in her graduating class and made the statement that she had the dream of teaching ever since second grade.

Patrice Wysocki

Last year, Patrice Wysocki filled various substitute positions at BCS. This year she is the pre-kindergarten teaching aide in the newly-created pre-kindergarten class.

She said, "Pre-kindergarten is a great opportunity for the children to get accustomed to the basics of school etiquette. I ride the bus with them because they are only 4-years-old and need to be securely fastened in a car seat. They are so funny and always asking, 'when are we getting to the big school?'"

Originally from Queens, Mrs. Wysocki moved to Bolton when she was 6-years-old and started first grade and graduated from Bolton Central School.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education at Queens College in Flushing, N.Y.

Mrs. Wysocki and her husband live in Queensbury with their two daughters.



Patrice Wysocki is the teaching aide in the Pre-K classroom.



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CONOR SMITH IS A JUNIOR

"I like seeing all my friends at school and learning. History is my favorite subject, probably because it's easy for me. Favorite food? I'll eat anything. I'm involved in sports. I'm a left forward in soccer. The team's pretty good. I've been playing since I was six. I also ski.

I don't really watch TV or play video games. I don't have time after homework and sports. I'm an only child. It's kind of boring. I do have a dog. I don't have a favorite book, but I liked the "The DaVinci Code" and I liked "Pirates of the Caribbean."

I'd like to be a landscape architect because I'd be outside most of the time. A landscape architect is the person who develops plans and designs of outdoor spaces. I'm interested in attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

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EMMA LEMAIRE IS AN EIGHTH GRADER

I like eighth grade a lot. It's kind of easier. What I like best about school is math. I like to figure things out. Right now we're doing Algebra. Lots of equations. I also like to learn about technology. We build cars.

My favorite food is spaghetti. I love to draw. I use a pencil and draw mostly people and still life. I like to go outside, swim and bike. I don't really do sports. I'm not that good. I have a dog and cat and two younger brothers.

My favorite book is "The Killing Sea." It's about the tsunami. I like a lot of movies. I like TV more than video games. I like to watch shows about landscaping and building houses. I used to want to be a nurse. Now, I want to be an architect.



Say Hello to New Teachers

Who's New at BCS?

This is Scott McCarthy's first year teaching secondary social studies at Bolton Central School, filling a vacancy left by Thomas McGurl, who left to pursue an entry level administrative position.



Scott McCarthy is the new secondary social studies teacher at BCS.

Scott McCarthy

This semester, Mr. McCarthy will be teaching Senior Seminar, Economics, Adirondack History, Participation in Government, and American Conflicts. Next semester, he'll add Organization of American States, a college-credit course from SUNY Plattsburgh.

His favorite part of history is the Civil War Reconstruction period. "The Reconstruction is a very underappreciated topic," Mr. McCarthy said.

He earned a bachelor's degree in history with an American history concentration and a minor in economics in 2005 from the University at Albany and a masters of science in teaching in adolescent education in social studies from SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I wanted to work at BCS because it has a wonderful reputation for its excellence in teaching and up-to-date technology," said Mr. McCarthy. "My goal is to make sure every senior graduates. I also want to get involved with after school programs and the community."

The Queensbury Union Free School District alum resides in Queensbury.

Nicole Williams

"Originally, I wanted to be a pharmacist," explained Mrs. Nicole Williams, the new secondary science teacher at Bolton Central School filling the vacancy left by Howie Wasser, who retired after teaching at BCS for 28 years. "But, I realized I didn't like it during my third-year internship. I found the modern-day pharmacist's job had lost the hometown touch."

Looking for something more interpersonal and following the oft-heard advice that she should be a teacher, Mrs. Williams decided to get a degree in education. "I love it," smiled the first-year teacher.

Mrs. Williams earned both a bachelor's degree in cellular biochemistry in 2004 and a master of science in teaching (MST) degree in 2007 from SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I wanted to work at BCS because it's a small school similar to where I grew up in Minerva." A Minerva Central School District alumna with a graduating class of 13, Mrs. Williams said she was involved in everything at Minerva and had the opportunity to play all the sports because the school was so small. She appreciates Bolton's size because it reminds her of her own student experience.

Mrs. Williams resides in Queensbury with her husband and two children.



Nicole Williams is the new secondary science teacher.

Meet the New Staff at BCS

Welcome Brand New and Not-So-New Staff

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Joseph Moore checks the straps on the child protective seats in the Pre-K school bus.

Due to staff retirements, the following two supervisors have been shadowing the person in the position they were stepping into since spring.

Joseph Moore

Mr. Joseph Moore started shadowing Earl Hanley, BCS Transportation Supervisor, before he retired during this past spring.

Prior to coming to BCS, Mr. Moore worked as a manager for Transit Connection, a division of Community Work and Independence, (CWI). He also worked as a mechanic in the transportation department for Queensbury Union Free School District.

Mr. Moore moved to Long Lake from North Arlington, NJ, in 1989 before settling in Queensbury where he resides with his wife.

"I like the smaller school districts where you find more of a personal touch and this is a great district to work for," said Mr. Moore. "I'm the chief cook and bottle washer. I maintain the buses, schedule the bus runs, keep on top of the Department of Transportation paperwork, and will drive a bus, if needed."

Charles Morel

Mr. Charles Morel has been hired to fill the position of maintenance supervisor left vacant by the retired 34-year veteran Richard Huck. Shadowing Mr. Huck since March, Mr. Morel took over the maintenance reins in July.

He explained he's responsible for the maintenance and repair of the buildings and grounds at Bolton Central School. "Bolton Central School is a very supportive and caring employer," Mr. Morel said. "They make you want to be here and do a good job."

Originally from northern New Jersey, Mr. Morel has been living in the Adirondacks for six years now. "There's something to be said for the serenity of the area."

Mr. Morel began as a custodian and worked his way up to the supervisor of buildings and grounds at a school district in New Jersey and has been looking for a position that would get him back in a school system.

Mr. Morel lives with his wife and three children in Chestertown. "My kids are happy and taking advantage of all the activities in the area. They're doing really well and we have more quality family time now."



Charles Morel has taken on the maintenance supervisor role at Bolton Central School.



Donna Snyder has a BCS alumni connection.

Donna Snyder

Mrs. Donna Snyder has moved into an administrative typist position since the retirement of Jackie Hendricks.

Prior to joining the Bolton Central School staff, Mrs. Snyder worked as a typist at the Queensbury High School for fourteen years.

Originally from Scotia, Mrs. Snyder said her family always vacationed in the Bolton area. Her husband is a BCS alumnus.

She earned an associate's degree in business from the State University of New York at Canton and was trained as a court stenographer at Mildred Elley.

Mrs. Snyder and her husband reside in Diamond Point with their two sons. "I love the lake, the mountains and the town. It's a new way of living for me."

Same Guy, Different Role

Stepping Into an Expanded Position This Year

William Green is back again at Bolton Central School this year, but in a different capacity.

Last year, he was a teaching assistant in Computer and Business Distributive Education and this year he's doing a combination of teaching and team-teaching a variety of classes.

"Bolton is such a nice place to be," said Mr. Green, who team-teaches with Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge. Together they teach the Generation Why classes, kindergarten through grade 5 classes and Web site design classes. He also teaches a sixth grade class, an 11th grade computer math class, and Math and Finance for 12th graders. This course teaches students about insurance, mortgages, savings, and investments. "We teach students how to understand your paycheck," he added.

Mr. Green sold insurance and finance prior to earning his professional teaching certification from State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam in 2003 where he held a bachelor's degree in economics. He will finish earning his master's degree this spring in curriculum instruction from SUNY Plattsburgh.

An Assembly Point resident, Mr. Green has three children.



William Green has taken on a teacher's role this year.

Students Are Charting Their Course

Opening Day Provides Inspirational Kickoff

Students at Bolton Central School began their school year with "Charting Your Course," a three-screen multimedia presentation comprised of short movies set to popular music.

"Lots of loud music," snickered Michelle Borgh, a K-7 guidance counselor, who explained that the opening day presentation incorporated a variety of timely topics from how to make better decisions and how to be proactive in bullying situations to promoting leadership skills and getting involved in community service. "It really held the students' attention," she said.

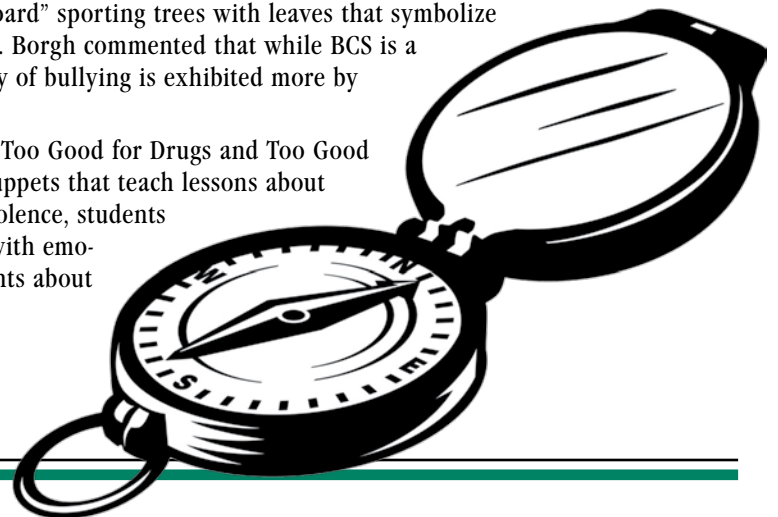
"We do a lot of work on goal setting, work habits and organizational skills, so students do have the opportunity to chart their own course," said Mrs. Borgh.

Last year, BCS began a Character Counts program and will offer it again in January; however, elementary teachers have already begun to incorporate character education into their daily lessons this fall.

"New this year," Mrs. Borgh said, "is a Survival Course for Middle School. It's a program where sixth graders learn organization skills and discover their strengths and weaknesses. It's fun and interactive."

Another new addition this year, is a "bully bulletin board" sporting trees with leaves that symbolize a student's pledge to be bully-free for the school year. Mrs. Borgh commented that while BCS is a small school without many bullying incidents, the majority of bullying is exhibited more by exclusion and teasing as opposed to physical bullying.

Mrs. Borgh said she will continue with the successful Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence programs this year. Both programs feature puppets that teach lessons about decision making and knowing oneself. In Too Good for Violence, students learn how to monitor their threshold for anger and deal with emotions. Mrs. Borgh also teaches the older elementary students about Internet safety.



SUNY* at Bolton?

Is Bolton Central School now a college?

In a way.

“Every high school in New York is essentially a SUNY high school,” explained Ray Ciccarelli. “The commissioner of the New York State Department of Education is also the president of the University of the State of New York along with the Board of Regents. The commissioner’s regulations prescribe what is taught in grades PreK-16 across the Empire State. Therefore, all accredited public schools regardless of grade level are really campuses of the state university.

“Bringing college courses to high school classes is not new. However, only in recent years for communicative reasons – with the advent of computers, Internet, and advanced technology – has this option become more popular.”

Bolton Central School students have the opportunity, now more than ever, to earn more college credits while they are still in high school.

There are three of ways for students to earn college credit.

One is by physically attending Adirondack Community College (ACC) in Queensbury. A growing number of high schools are partnering with local colleges to provide dual enrollment courses. In these programs, high school students can earn college credit by taking the same courses as college students. Three BCS students are doing just that.

Mr. Ciccarelli added, “In the past, students physically had to leave the high school environment to obtain collegiate coursework on campuses across the state. The logistics were more difficult. The only option was for students to attend ACC.”

Now there are a couple other options.

High school courses are now approved as State University at New York (SUNY) courses. These courses are part of the BCS curriculum taught at BCS by BCS teachers, but are college credit-bearing courses.

The following BCS courses are approved as SUNY courses:

- A full year of English language arts composition taught by Mrs. Laura Beuerman
- A full year of French 101 taught by Mrs. Leona Denne
- A full year of Spanish 101 taught by Mr. Francisco Roca
- A full year of calculus taught by Mr. Steve Beuerman
- One semester of Organization of American States taught by Mr. Scott McCarthy

SUNY online courses is yet another way for a BCS student to earn college credit. Juniors and seniors having an 85 or above average can sign up for one online three-credit SUNY college course per semester.

“Students have the potential to earn 21 college credits without ever leaving the building before they even graduate from BCS,” said Mr. Ciccarelli. “If students took every college-credit-course opportunity beginning as a junior and then attended ACC as a senior, then it’s possible that they could graduate from BCS and start college as a sophomore with 36 credits. There are pros and cons to that path.”

*According to the State University of New York (SUNY) Web site, SUNY is the nation’s largest and most comprehensive state university system. Through 64 campuses, SUNY offers over 6,000 degree programs at the associate, bachelor’s, master’s and certificate levels.

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AMBER VANAKEN IS A SECOND GRADER

I like to do recess because you get to run and get a lot of exercise. Science is my favorite subject. I learned about the life cycle of a butterfly.”

My favorite food is pizza. I ate two pizzas yesterday. I like to swim and go boating. I like dolls. I have 11 or 15 dolls. Barbies and Polly Pocket dolls. I definitely know what I want to be when I grow up. A teacher. I want to be a teacher because you can tell people what you’re going to do on a math sheet. I pretend to be a teacher at home.

I have one brother. He has red hair, too. I like the book, “Go Dog Go.” One of my favorite movies is the new “Harry Potter” movie.

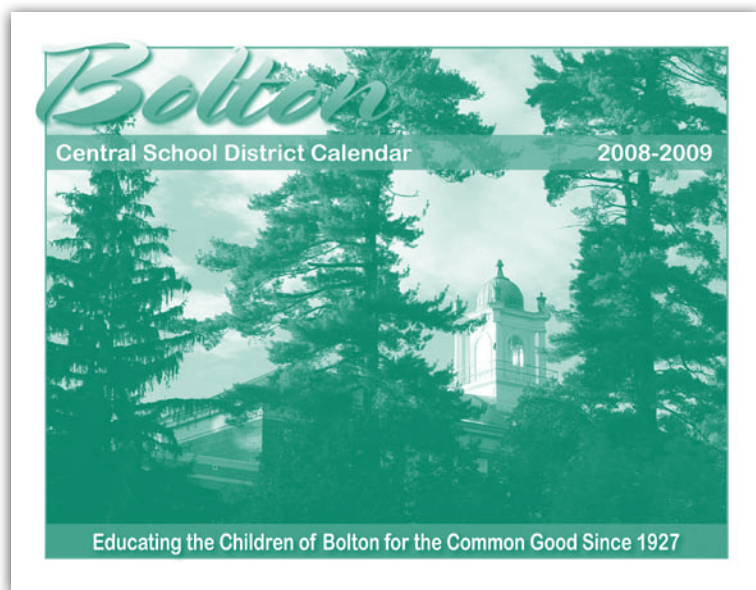


An Invitation to Rip Us Off!

School Calendar Offers a New Feature

If you haven't discovered it yet, there are perforations at the top of each monthly page of the calendar.

Now you'll be able to look at the beautiful color photo on the inside cover of the 2008-09 Bolton Central School calendar all year long by ripping off each month as it passes.



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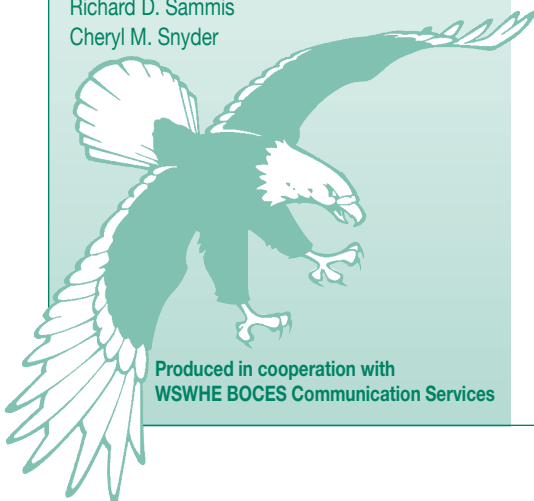
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