



Congratulations to the Groves High School Boys and Girls Golf teams for being named an “All-State Academic” Team. This is a great accomplishment! The top picture shows some of the team members who were able to attend the All-State recognition in Lansing.

Also, Chloe Collon was named 1st team All-State golf team and All-State Academic Team for Individuals for D2 girls golf. Congrats to Chloe.

Curriculum Night- Thank You

We would like to thank you for attending Curriculum Night. We hope that you found the evening informative. We would like to thank the PTA for providing refreshments. It was greatly appreciated.

Groves Debate

The Groves Varsity and Novice teams had an exceptional weekend at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational held on December 6-8, 2019. The varsity team of Sathvik Rajagopalan and Kevin Gruich placed first in a field of 24 teams from Michigan and Illinois. They defeated Glenbrook South twice in elimination rounds (quarter and semifinal rounds) and Glenbrook North in the final round. They were 4-1 in preliminary rounds. The varsity team of Ben Glick and Luke Lee also posted a winning 3-2 win/loss record in preliminary debates.

In the novice division, the team of Jonah Lipman and Eleen Laham reached the quarterfinals after posting a 4-1 win/loss record in preliminary rounds before losing to Glenbrook North on a close 2-1 decision in the quarters. Jonah was the second individual speaker in a field of 78 individual competitors.

The three-person team of Allie Fundaro, Lily Schafter, and Kaitlyn Williams also posted an excellent 4-1 win/loss record in preliminary rounds. There were 34 teams from Michigan and Illinois in the novice tournament.

PTA Meeting

Join us on Monday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly PTA meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about upcoming events and happenings within the school. All meetings are held in the Media Center.

Shadow Your State Senator

Senator McMorrow is looking for high school and college students to participate in her shadow program. Senator

McMorrow's video below outlines her the Program and the webpage link includes the pertinent application.

Senator McMorrow's video discussing the program:

<https://www.facebook.com/499972063684687/posts/1005290386486183/>

Senator Mallory McMorrow's Webpage which has the application: <https://senatedems.com/mcmorrow/>

Counseling, College & Career Center News

Scholarships

Visit the [Scholarship Page](#) on the College and Career Center site for updates, happening daily. *Words of Wisdom: if a "scholarship" is asking for money to apply -- it's not a scholarship!*

Xello Profile

Seniors must complete their Xello profile in order to pick up their cap & gown. For more information on how to access and complete Xello, go to the "Senior Information" page on the College and Career Center website ("[Senior Information" from the College and Career Center](#)), The Xello instructions and resume tutorial are at the top of the page.

Understand Student Life on College Campuses

December 17 with Brian Roberts from Grand Valley.

December 18 at 12:30 p.m. with Christian Zeitvogel from Kalamazoo College.

December 19 at 12:30 p.m. with Nicole Yost from Alma College.

January 6 at 11:00 a.m. with Courtney Dolan from Boston College

January 8 at 9:30 a.m. with Megan Doll from The Ohio State University.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion

Help Groves increase its FAFSA completion rate. The Michigan College Access Network and the Governor's office is challenging all High Schools in the state to get to 75% completion. We are already ahead of last year! Let's get to 75% - need help? See Mrs. Kondak.

Understanding your Financial Aid Package- January 21st

On January 21st, we will have a financial aid officer available to explain information regarding financial aid awards. First, she will answer frequently asked questions. then individual questions. If you have general questions that you would like answered that evening, please submit here: [Financial Aid Night Questions](#).

College Fair

Since its inception, the Second Ebenezer Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) College Fair on February 22, 2020, has impacted thousands of students and numerous representatives from colleges throughout the country. They will have informative workshops and recruiter sessions, which include onsite admissions, onsite scholarships, and various financial aid opportunities. ***Students must bring their Transcripts to qualify. Student Registration and Group Registration:

<https://secondebenezer.org/college/>.



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Your gift will make a lasting difference in a student's life and will deliver enrichment and innovation to BPS classrooms.

Through December 31

BEF Annual Fund

<https://www.supportbef.org/donate.html>

Donations are being accepted by the BEF this season as they work to help BPS students DREAM BIG. Your gift will become an aquarium, allowing students to watch salmon grow. Or parts for a student-designed robot. It could make a school-wide celebration of Motown possible. It might become a

professional musician working directly with high school students, or a character education experience at a middle school. Above all, your gift will become experiences that help students to Dream Big. Visit <https://www.supportbef.org/donate.html> to make a gift.

Community Events

The Diversity of Christianity: Panel Discussion

Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Birmingham Covington School

The Panel Discussion Series from the BCS Diversity Committee will be holding their next panel on Monday, December 16, 2019. BCS is happy to announce its latest community offering, The Diversity of Christianity: A Panel Discussion.

Please come listen as students, parents, teachers & community members share their faith experiences and discuss the ways their faith impacts their lives. The denominations represented will be Baptist, Chaldean Catholic, Roman Catholic, Charismatic Pentecostal, Eastern Orthodox, Presbyterian, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and United Church of Christ. This panel follows a very successful conversation last spring on Islam and Judaism. Come and enjoy good food and conversation from 6:00—6:30. Birmingham Covington School Library Monday, December 16th, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Open to the public. All are welcome. The panel begins at 6:30.

Eagle Scouts and Eagle Scout Candidates

If you are an Eagle Scouts or Eagle Scout Candidate who has gone through the Board of Review process, we would like to celebrate your commitment to scouting by taking a photo on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 8:20 a.m. in the College and Career Center. See Mrs. Molloy for more details.

Interact Club will visit Moonbeams at Royal Oak Beaumont

Interact Club will be attending Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams on Wednesday, December 18th at 8 p.m. *Moonbeams* is an event to let all patients in the hospital know they are not alone and that they can rest easy knowing that an entire community is behind them in supporting their journey to be happy and healthy. We ask that you arrive by 7:45 p.m. and meet at the Moonbeams signs at the 13 mile entrance. Learn more at beaumont.org/moonbeams and share with your family and friends!

Baldwin Public Library Board Seeks Student Representative

BIRMINGHAM, MI (December 5, 2019) – The Board of the Baldwin Public Library invites interested high school juniors who reside in the City of Birmingham, Village of Beverly Hills, Village of Bingham Farms, or the City of Bloomfield Hills to apply for the position of Student Representative to the Baldwin Public Library Board. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and instill an ethic of community service, as well as encourage citizen participation in local government. In addition, the Board benefits greatly from having a new perspective on Library planning and services.

This one-year term lasts from February 17, 2020, to February 15, 2021. Representatives are expected to attend Library Board meetings held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Library, with Wednesday, January 20, 2021, as the only exception. Packets for each Board meeting are available on the Library's website the Friday prior to the meeting.

The commitment to this position requires that the BPL Student Representative review the monthly agenda, minutes, and reports prior to the meeting, which can be found at <http://www.baldwinlib.org/staff-board>. In addition to participating in Board meetings, the Student Representative will also be required to work with Library staff and either assist with a service project or coordinate and implement a teen program during the year.

To find application details, visit www.baldwinlib.org/volunteer. The completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation are due by January 10, 2020, to Rebekah Craft at the Baldwin Library, 300 West Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009 or via email to rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org.

Athletics

For Schedules and Sports Information visit the Groves High School Website: www.grovesfalcons.com

Groves Baseball

Groves Baseball winter workouts begin in January. Registration information is on the Groves Baseball website as well as in the office. Waivers must be completed prior to participation and can also be found on the website or in the office. The workout session is 9 weeks.

Groves Basketball League (GBL)

Groves Basketball League is back! Join us for this great club beginning in January and ending in March.

Please note: To participate in the Groves Basketball League, players cannot participate in other school-sponsored winter sport.

Games will occur on Sundays between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. from January –March

Students must turn in a

-Signed Parent Permission Slip (may be picked up in office)

- \$20.00 fee

By December 19th

Prior to the first game, students must turn in a Blue slip from the athletic office stating that you have a valid physical on file. Even if you played a fall sport, you must turn in a Blue slip for the winter session.

If you have any questions, please see Coach Flaherty or Mrs. Righter in the athletic office.

Birmingham Unified Hockey

Saturday the 14th — BU Varsity plays East Grand Rapids at 7 p.m. at the Birmingham Sports Arena & BU JV plays U of D at 5:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Sports Arena

Please note that the 14th is our annual Public Safety Night This is a fantastic tradition where the BU Players honor the first responders who serve the Birmingham Public School District and its neighborhoods. It will be a fantastic night for everyone!

Sunday the 15th — BU JV plays Northville at 1:15 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena

On Saturday, December 7th, the Birmingham Varsity faced the squad from Berkley. It was a hard-fought battle from start to finish. BU took the lead midway through the second period with a goal from Lukas Nies assisted by Brendan Lamb. They sealed the victory with a goal in the third from Brendan Lamb, assisted by Jack Pesta.

Also on the 7th, the BU Junior Varsity hosted the team from U of D Jesuit. It was a physical game with both teams at their best. U of D took the lead in the second. BU fought back with a goal in the third period from Ethan Marcus. Unfortunately, the team from U of D went on to win the contest with a final score of 2 to 1.

On Sunday, December the 8th, the BU JV team traveled to Troy to take on the United Troy team. It was BU all the way. Despite a strong effort from the squad from Troy, BU was decisive in their 9 to 1 victory. Ian Pesta had a hat trick plus one for 4 goals, Aidan Shannon contributed 2 goals and a goal apiece to Jacob Heslen, Alex George and Kaz Villaire.

GO BU!!



Staff Highlight

Kelly Jean Passage

Position or Subject Taught

Learning Strategies and Specialized Literature and Composition

Education

(Double undergrad major) Bachelor of Science in Secondary English, Language, Literature, and Writing and Special Education (Cognitive Impairment); Master of Arts in Teaching with Reading Specialist certification

Brief Bio

I have never worked anywhere other than BPS! I did 2 semesters of student teaching at Groves, immediately had a long-term guest teacher position in my 2nd student teaching placement, and then signed a contract at the end of that guest teacher position. While I spent 2 years at Seaholm at the beginning of my career, I did everything I could to get back over to Groves as soon as I could!

Something you may not know about me

I'm happiest when I'm at a barn: covered in dirt and kissing all the animals.

Favorite Quote

"Be the person you needed when you were younger."

Important Dates

Monday, December 16

PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

X-block

College Student Visitation- Grand Valley State University

Wednesday, December 18

College Student Visitation- Kalamazoo College at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

X-Block

College Student Visitation- Alma College at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Another Great Day at Groves

December 21-January 1

Winter Recess

January 2
School Resumes

Photos

On Tuesday, 107 students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). The NHS officers are featured in the top right picture.

(Top-left) Students receive their NHS recognition.

Groves student, Tyler Austin, is the US Para National champion for the 400IM and 200 Breast. He also broke the US national record for the 200 Breast. He is bringing home the gold to the Emerald Tide.



Thank you,
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