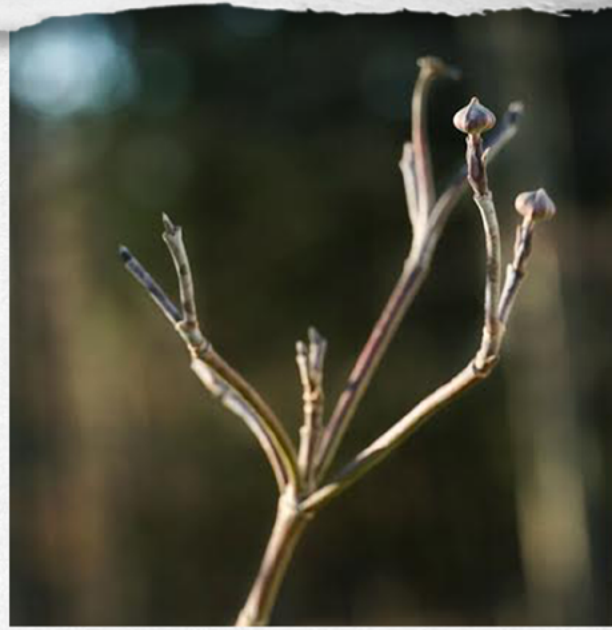


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CONGRATULATIONS TO JARED ILAN

We are proud to announce that our own Jared Ilan has been selected as one of the top 40 National Finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, one of the nation's most prestigious science competitions. Based on Jared's project's scientific rigor and his potential to become a world-changing scientist and leader, he has been awarded \$25,000. He will participate in a week-long virtual event in March, competing for up to \$250,000 in college scholarships. His work on developing cultured meat points to the development of sustainable food production.



BYRAM HILLS EARNS AP COMPUTER SCIENCE FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD

Byram Hills High School has earned the College Board's **AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award** for expanding

young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles. This award acknowledges schools for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2019-20 school year.

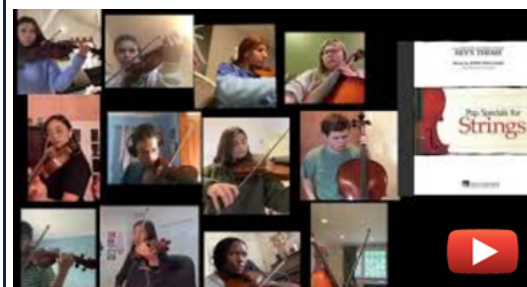
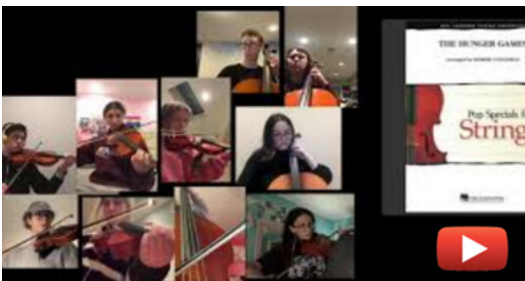
The College Board honors the outstanding work that high schools are doing to engage more female computer science students. Byram Hills is preparing female students for in-demand careers of the future and giving them the opportunity to help solve some of society's most challenging problems.

Congratulations to students and teachers.



BHHS VIRTUAL ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to all of the HS Orchestra musicians on the release of their first round of virtual performances. Everyone found a way to work collaboratively to create inspiring and entertaining performances. Stay tuned for the second round of virtual performances later this year! Thank you for all your support! Go Bobcats!



EWA MIANO ACCEPTED INTO THE NAHS EXHIBITION

Congratulations Ewa! The submission titled: "Just Stop" was accepted into the 2021 NAHS/ NJAHS Juried Exhibition. There were 1,187 submissions and 93 works selected for inclusion in the exhibition. Representatives from 8 member schools of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) participated as jurors. The virtual exhibit opened on Monday, January 11, 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see all current exhibitions.



SAMANTHA MILEWICZ WINS CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Samantha Milewicz for winning a Certificate of Excellence in the 15th annual Regional High School Art Exhibition held in the OSilas Gallery at Concordia College. This year's competition was virtual due to the pandemic. 53 talented high school students, including Samantha and Daniel Fontana, representing 21 high schools, both public and private, from around our region, participated in StArt 2021.



SENIOR INTERNSHIP

The Senior Internship process is underway. Seniors will start meeting with their advisors next month. Seniors are expected to finalize their internship sites for traditional and hybrid program options by March 19th. Students should reach out to Mrs. Sautner, Mrs. Croke, or Mrs. Triolo if they have any questions about the process. If parents have any questions about an internship

site, please contact Mrs. Sautner or Mrs. Croke. Seniors should continue to check the Google Classroom for new notifications.

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Final Senior Portrait Date:

On **Friday, March 5**, Prestige Portraits will be returning for one last time to photograph any senior who still needs a senior portrait for the yearbook. The photographer will be in the cafeteria from 2 pm to 8 pm. Entry to the school will be through the front doors by the main office. To schedule a portrait session, go to prestigeportraits.com.

Order a Yearbook:

Order the historic 2021 yearbook now! Go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name to get started. Several personalization options are available.

SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM UPDATE

The Byram Hills Speech and Debate Team has been busy during December and January. In Public Forum Debate, Hayden Weiss and Zach Honig's team earned their first-ever bid to the Tournament of Champions by making it to the Ocata-Finals at the Ridge Debates. Hayden and Zach are currently working on getting their second bid, guaranteeing them a slot at the Tournament of Champions.

Meanwhile, the Speech team had a busy January, highlighted by the weekend of the 22-24th. Due to the events' digital nature

this year, we can compete in multiple tournaments on the same weekend. So, for this weekend, we were entered into THREE!

Here are some of the highlights:

- At the Cabot Classic, Alex Berkman, Lia Aldea-Lustig, and Joe Kramer all finished in the top 7 of their events, each earning a bid to the Tournament of Champions. Alex finished 7th in Original Oratory, Lia finished 3rd in Prose Interpretation, while Joe equaled Lia's finish in Poetry Interpretation.
- At the Raisbeck Aviation Invitational, Valentina Marino finished 5th in Dramatic Interpretation, while Amelia Chung finished 2nd in Informative Speech. Amelia's position earned her a bid to the Tournament of Champions.
- Finally, at the BRMHS Speech and Debate Invitational, the entire Speech team finished 2nd among ALL Speech teams and 3rd in combined Speech AND Debate results. Individual highlights include Aidan Aldea-Lustig and Samara Mahadeva, who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in Declamation Speech, earning New York State Championship Tournament qualification. Aidan Aldea-Lustig, Samara Mahadeva, Carissa Chung, Nicole Feng, Sabrina Sawhny, Lia Aldea-Lustig, Sarah Karoff, Joe Kramer, and Alex Berkman all contributed to the team's strong finish!

The Speech and Debate team continues to compete digitally and is always looking for new students to join them. Stop by Mr. Andriello's classroom for more details.

PARENT & TEACHER TRAINING FOR THE BHCSO INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

Each year, the Byram Hills Central School District establishes interview teams for the hiring of teachers and administrators. The District has been very successful in hiring and retaining excellent teachers and administrators as a result of teacher and parent committee participation.

Gina Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, will be offering two virtual sessions for parents and teachers to attend a training session in order to be part of a hiring committee in the future.

If interested, please e-mail Laura Coughlan at lcoughlan@byramhills.org with one of the following session dates:

Session 1:

Thursday, February 4th
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

or

Session 2:

Tuesday, March 2nd
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

FEBRUARY SOFT SKILL

Empathy - The action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner. For an interesting perspective on empathy, please read [ARTICLE](#).

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS SUPPORT TEAM

The **Emotional Wellness Support Team**, composed of the high school's School Psychologists, School Social Worker, and Student Assistance Counselor, offers articles and resources to the community to promote wellness and education on topics ranging from anxiety and stress to resilience and positive coping. This month on The Emotional Wellness Support Team web page, you can find articles related to Seasonal Affective Disorder, helping your child bounce back from the pandemic, and the benefits of mindfulness for children and teens. Check our page frequently for updated information and email any one of us with questions or outreach.

LIBRARY READING RECOMMENDATION

The Library@BHHS reading recommendation: **The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington**. New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer and documentary television producer Josh Mensch together tell the true story of a plot to assassinate George Washington. This is a tale of liars, counterfeiters, and jailhouse confessions. The events unfold as the authors describe the actions of the Loyalists and the Patriots in the days leading up to July 1776. The exiled Governor of New York is cooking up a plot to take down Commander Washington.



QUALITY CONTENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday February 1st

- Begin 2nd Semester

Tuesday February 2nd

- PTSA Executive Meeting
District Office @ 9:30 am

Monday February 3rd

- Pool Testing

Friday February 5th

- Last Day for Schedule Changes

Saturday February 6th

- ACT Test

Tuesday February 9th

- 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Grades posted to eSD Portal
- Board of Education Meeting
7:30 pm

Wednesday February 10th

- BHEF Board of Directors Meeting at District Office 7 pm
- Pool Testing

Friday February 12th

- Registration Deadline for 3/13 SAT
(No Subject Tests)

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Byram Hills High School
12 Tripp Lane
Armonk, NY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is being invited to participate in the *Stanford Survey of Adolescent School Experiences*. This survey is part of a collaborative effort between our school and the Challenge Success project in the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University. This survey was first given to our high school students in November of 2018. This survey will allow us to compare the overall student experience at Byram Hills High School between then and now.

The goal of the survey is to better understand students' experiences in school and at home. Students will be asked questions about how they spend their time after school, their relationships with their teachers, academic engagement, parent goals and expectations, sleep, stress, and academic integrity. The survey will take students 30-45 minutes; it will be completed during school hours.

Your child's individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from this study. However, if your child shares information on the survey that indicates that there is a risk to his/her safety or someone else's safety, this information will be promptly shared with the appropriate school personnel. After data analysis, Challenge Success will provide Byram Hills High School with a report summarizing the results. This information will assist faculty and staff in promoting student health, wellness, and engagement.

Please complete the [electronic opt-out waiver](#) no later than Friday, February 12th **only if you do not wish to have your child participate in the survey.**

We look forward to working together to learn more about how our entire school community can best support our students.

Sincerely,
Christopher Walsh
Byram Hills High School Principal

February 2021 - Focus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 - White Asynchronous Snow Day Begin 2nd semester	2 - Navy Asynchronous Snow Day PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am	3 - Hills Pool Testing	4 - Red	5 - Black Last Day for Schedule Changes	6 ACT Test
7	8 - White	9 - Navy Asynchronous Snow Day Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 pm	10 - Hills Pool Testing BHEF Board of Directors Mtg. @ DO 7 pm	11 - Red	12 - Black Registration Deadline for 3/13 SAT (No Subject Tests) Lunar New Year	13
14	15 Regular Athletic Schedule Presidents Day Winter Recess Schools & Offices Closed	16 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	17 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	18 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	19 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	20
21	22 - Black Schools Reopen	23 - Red	24 -Hills	25 - Navy Site-Based Team Mtg. @BHHHS 4-6 pm	26 - White	27
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YEARBOOK AD ORDER INFORMATION

Dear Family and Friends of the Class of 2021,

Create a lasting tribute to your graduating senior in the yearbook! An online submission process will enable you to upload your text and pictures electronically and pay online using a credit card, debit card or Paypal. The yearbook staff will then download your materials and create a beautiful custom ad. You will receive a proof to review and approve before it goes to press.

Go to www.yearbookforever.com and enter our school name to get started. Remember to order the yearbook while you're there!

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK DATES

January 30: Last day to order a yearbook with imprinted namestamp

February 1: Final deadline for Senior Tribute orders. After 2/1, ads will incur a late charge and will be accepted if there is space available.

March 5: FINAL Senior Portrait Date, 2-8pm, Cafeteria

Senior Tribute Packages and Prices

Size	Package	Number of Photos allowed	Text (characters, not including spaces)	Regular Price (now to 2/1)	Late Price* (after 2/1)
Full	A	1 Large and up to 9 small photos	600	\$350	\$400
Full	B	1 Large and up to 7 small photos	1,000	\$350	\$400
Half	C	1 Large and up to 6 small photos	350	\$175	\$225
Half	D	1 Large and up to 4 small photos	600	\$175	\$225
Quarter	E	1 Large and up to 3 small photos	350	\$100	\$150

*Space permitting



The examples shown are intended to serve as a general guide. Placement of pictures, text, name and graphics will be determined by designers based on photographs and text submitted. Photos will be reproduced in color, but you are welcome to submit black and white images.

Because of copyright regulations, we cannot accept any Prestige Portrait proofs for tributes. You must purchase the photograph from Prestige Portraits if you want to include it in your tribute. If you email us the image number, we can request a digital version.

FINAL TRIBUTE ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Questions? email Arch21@byramhills.net

ATTENTION: 9TH GRADE PARENTS

IS YOUR 9TH GRADER INTERESTED IN BECOMING A POSITIVE INFLUENCER? MRS. PAGAN, STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR, WILL BE INVITING 9TH GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY DURING THEIR LUNCH PERIOD

WHAT: A 7-week program to learn about being a positive influence at BHHS

WHEN: During students' remote lunch

WHERE: Virtual Google Meet

HOW: If interested, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/xej5dxRAG6fHNdZg7>



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