

**Addendum**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 11, 2021**

## Spaulding High School Newsletter

March 8, 2021

### Message from the Principal

Tuesday, March 9th will be an alternative schedule, due to vaccinations and Parent Teacher Conferences. The students will access their classes remotely in the morning as follows:

7:35 - 8:15 AM Block  
8:20 - 9:17 Block 1  
9:20 - 10:17 Block 2  
10:20 - 11:17 Block 3  
11:20 - 12:17 Block 4

All students should refer to Google Classroom for specific expectations. Students will be expected to fill out the attendance forms or attend their remote class as scheduled above. Because of the conferences, there will not be synchronous learning for the remote time in the afternoon.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held as they were in the fall, via Google Meets. Letters were mailed to parents/guardians before February Break with the individualized codes to sign up via [PickATime](#). If assistance is needed to sign up for a conference, please contact Beth Bicknell at [ebickshs@buusd.org](mailto:ebickshs@buusd.org) or at 476-4811 ext. 1166.

Progress reports will be available Monday, March 15th. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers with questions or concerns about student progress or coursework.

We have received several donations and had a productive food drive organized by Student Council, Key Club and National Honor Society to support our Food Pantry. The Class of 2023 (sophomores) won the class competition with the most donations, followed by the Class of 2022 (juniors). We want to specifically thank The Red Hen Bakery, the Barre Kiwanis Club, and the Vermont Food Bank VVG+ Program for their generosity and support. Students or families in need should contact Luke Aither at [laithshs@buusd.org](mailto:laithshs@buusd.org).

As always, questions or concerns can be sent to Brenda Waterhouse at [bwateshs@buusd.org](mailto:bwateshs@buusd.org). Be safe, healthy and stay Tide strong!

### Virtual Community Forum - March 17th

On Wednesday, March 17th, Spaulding High School's assistant principals, Luke Aither and Jim Ferland, will host our monthly Virtual Community Forum from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM. The topic for discussion will be about academics and instruction during COVID. Please use the following link on March 17th at 5:30 PM: [meet.google.com/oai-eoay-enh](https://meet.google.com/oai-eoay-enh)

If you are unable to attend and have questions, please contact Luke Aither at [laithshs@buusd.org](mailto:laithshs@buusd.org) or Jim Ferland at [jferlshs@buusd.org](mailto:jferlshs@buusd.org).



## Supporting Students

We continue to look at ways to improve supports for our students. After our last progress report, we identified students based upon academic alerts and teacher referrals that would benefit from additional support with their learning. Students are either scheduled for a morning session, which is scheduled on the day that they are not receiving in-person instruction, or for an afternoon session, which is scheduled on the same day as their in-person instruction. Students attending CVCC are scheduled on Wednesday afternoons.

The support sessions provides structure for students, with staff helping students organize and prioritize their work. There is some limited content support. Because of space, we have a limited number of seats we can offer the support to, so we currently offer it once a week per student for a three week period.

Although we have only had a few days of implementation, we already have students indicating that the support is helpful for them. We will reevaluate after each progress report. Questions can be directed to school counselors.

## Upcoming Events: Junior Night & Sophomore Night

Spaulding will be holding a Virtual Junior Night this year for current Juniors on **Thursday, March 11th** from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Most topics will be "college-related", but we will address other future-planning questions and concerns along the way. The link for that Google Meet is [here](#).

Similarly, we will be holding a Virtual Sophomore Night this year for current Sophomores on **Monday, March 15th** from 7:00 - 8:00pm. This will also cover "college-related" topics, as well as various pathways students can take in their last two years of high school. The link for that Google Meet is [here](#).

Both of these presentations will be recorded and uploaded to the school's website following the event. Questions can be directed to Ry Hoffman at [rhoffshs@buusd.org](mailto:rhoffshs@buusd.org).

## Attention Juniors & Seniors: Are You College & Career Ready?

VSAC's annual College & Career Pathways event will be taking place virtually this year in March. Whether you're college-bound, training-bound or not sure, this event is for you. This year's event will include:

- Videos and reflection activities to walk you through planning for life after high school
- Live workshops for students on identifying career interests, building and communicating skills, and finding the right fit
- Live workshops for families on paying for college and career training, scholarships, navigating the admissions process, apprenticeships and careers in the skilled trades, and more
- Virtual tours and info sessions of Vermont colleges, universities, and short-term training programs
- Weekly contests with the opportunity to win prizes for watching videos and attending workshops or tours

Find out more and register at [vsac.org/ccp](https://vsac.org/ccp) or contact Ry Hoffman at [rhoffshs@buusd.org](mailto:rhoffshs@buusd.org).



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March 2021



Dear BTMES Families:

Recently we had a small taste of some warmer weather and Spring Equinox falls on March 20th! Keeping in mind that Daylight Savings is this weekend. Turn clocks AHEAD one hour Saturday night.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well! We know that means some more warmer days as Vermont comes out of winter, but we also know that there will still be snow. Please continue to ensure that your students are sent to school with proper outdoor gear so we can get those mask breaks and time outside into the day.

Parent/Teacher conferences started this week, if you did not sign up for a time with your student's homeroom or TA teacher please feel free to reach out to them via email to set that up. Our teachers are excited to share our student's progress with their families!

Reminders:

- We will be REMOTE on Tuesday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 30th as the BUUSD takes part in a vaccination clinic.
- We will be REMOTE on Tuesday, May 11 as though BTMES will be used for voting. Registered voters will be voting on the school budget revote, as well as municipal items such as election of officers and town budget items.

HOWEVER; we have good news that we will be ***in-person the following day, Wednesday, May 12!*** Many thanks to our custodial crew who will be working late to ensure our building is properly cleaned for the students' arrival on the morning of the 12th.

- Currently, the last day of school is slated for Monday, June 21st. While we do not have a date set in stone for the 8th grade Step Up Ceremony, it will likely take place on Friday, June 18th. We will be watching for guidance from the Agency of Education on end-of-the-year celebrations.

We hope you and your families are doing well as we continue to move through this pandemic. Please always know that you can reach out to your student's teacher, our school counselors, our student support staff, or our administration for assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer W. Nye and Erica Pearson, Co-Principals

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## Message from the Middle School Counselor



To 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,

Though it may seem early to begin discussion regarding next year, here in “school time” the planning for your 8<sup>th</sup> grader’s high school career has already begun!

### ***Save the Date:***

### **High School Course Registration Meetings for 8th graders April 5th through April 9th - Virtual meetings**

Course Registration Meetings are 20 minute meetings when parents, students, and their high school counselors meet to choose courses for their freshman year. These meetings will take place via Google Meet. Spaulding High School will be scheduling these meetings with families. More information will be emailed to students and parents about this process.

Additionally, in March I will be sharing with all 8th graders resources that provide more information about Spaulding high school. These resources will help give students more knowledge about class offerings, Spaulding’s schedule, graduation requirements, and more. I will also be holding office hours via google meet to answer any questions students may have about high school. Students will soon be notified of the dates/times of these office hours. If you have any questions about this process, or about high school in general, please feel free to call me at 476-6617 ext. 6240 or email me at [sgoodbte@buusd.org](mailto:sgoodbte@buusd.org).

Sincerely,  
Sarah Goodrich, BTMES Middle School Counselor

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## Barre Town Nature Trails

Allie Thomas, Education Manager of the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, has shared with our Laura Thygesen eleven laminated Wildlife Tracking Posters upon her request after seeing a similar story on the WCAX news of the Burlington Intervale paths. Laura requested these so that they can be used as part of our Physical Education program as well as by our ECO (outdoor classrooms) and science teachers. Due to COVID, many classrooms are held exclusively outside or a combination of indoor and outdoor instruction this year. Attached is the link to the signs so you can see how beautiful they are - [Wildlife Tracking Posters-VT Fish and Wildlife.pdf](#). Each poster has a QR code that families can scan to find a fun video and more VT facts of each of the critters. Along with science teacher, Mr. Tim Sanborn, we will be posting the signs along the BT Nature trails. At this point in the year, staking will not be possible so they will be gently stapled to trees until April 1. Feel free to take a stroll and see them "in action".





The Barre Unified Union School District is holding  
**Prekindergarten Screening - May 5 & May 12, 2021**  
**Kindergarten Screening - May 20 & 21, 2021**

Do you have a child who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, who is not already enrolled in school? We are planning now for the **2021-2022 school year**. Contact your school registrar to:

- sign up for a Prekindergarten or Kindergarten screening appointment
  - add your child to our public school Prekindergarten waitlist for next year
- or request prekindergarten tuition funds for a prequalified private provider.

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## Crops by Kids



Are you ready for spring? It's on the way. Folklore says if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. When March starts it is officially winter and ends while it is spring. Let's see what happens.

According to astronomy in February and early March night skies, Leo the Lion is rising in the east (coming in). At the end of March, Aries the Ram is setting in the west (going out). Yet another part of the phrase's origins.

The garden is covered with a blanket of snow protecting the crops. Are there any crops you would like to have planted this spring or summer? Send me a email to let me know. We will be ordering seeds shortly.

Happy gardening....

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, [dcurtbte@buusd.org](mailto:dcurtbte@buusd.org)



**BUUSD School Calendar** (updated 10/21/20)

**Last day of school for students :**

Monday, June 21st

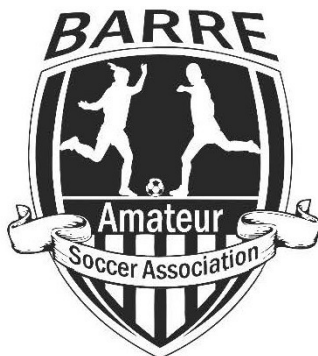
**8th Grade Step Up Night:**

Tentative date: Friday, June 18th  
Confirmation and details to follow

[2020-2021 BUUSD School Calendar](#)

**BUUSD 2020-2021 COVID-19 Update**

The Barre Unified Union School District COVID-19 Resource page; specifically, The District Frequently Asked Questions section has been updated. Please take a moment to review this important page if you should have any questions at [BUUSD District Frequently Asked Questions](#).

**Other Events and Happenings**


# BASA Spring Soccer

**Registration Open Now**

**Ages: 6 to 18 Girls & Boys**

**Visit our website [www.barresoccer.com](http://www.barresoccer.com)**

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <div>Vacation</div>	2 Town Meeting Day	3 Remote Day for all students	4	5
8	9 Remote Day for all Students	10	11 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	12
15	16	17 	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 Staff Development Day—No School for Students
29	30 Remote Day for all Students	31		



April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	9 End of Quarter 3
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
	Spring Vacation			
26	27	28	29	30



## COMPARATIVE BUDGET INFORMATION-MARCH 11, 2021

<b>SD/SU</b>	<b>Expense Budget</b>	<b>Per Pupil Spending</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>	<b>Equalized Pupil Count</b>
BARRE	50,492,954	\$15,916	5.82%	2390.52
S. BURLINGTON	55,623,080	\$16,852	4.31%	2570.31
HARWOOD	40,390,158	\$18,950	3%	1746.48
BURLINGTON	95,105,000	\$17,069	.89%	3971.92
ORANGE SOUTHWEST	21,123,787	\$17,718	--	872.75
MONTPELIER/ROXBURY	25,054,090	\$16,751.56	2.45%	1260.59
WASHINGTON CENTRAL	34,984,949	\$19,533	.01%	1431.50

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PROUD OF:**

- Our students first and foremost...
- Programs and opportunities provided to students at an economical per pupils cost
- Highly qualified teachers and staff who receive robust professional development
- Athletic programs, extra-curricular activities that foster social and emotional health
- Well maintained, efficient, and safe buildings
- Investment in special education programs that allow student exploration and project based learning
- Administrators/Directors who are creative, resourceful, and innovative

February 2021

District Enrollment/Staffing

Class Size Policy Limits				Barre City Enrollment						Barre Town Enrollment					
Grade	Min	Ideal	Max	Hybrid	Teachers	Avg.	Virtual	Outside Placed	Total Grade Level	Hybrid	Teachers	Avg.	Virtual	Outside Placed	Total Grade Level
PK	12	15	17	58	3	19.33	0	33	91	61	3	20.33	0	20	81
K	15	16	18	68	5	13.6	8	0	76	63	5	12.6	11	0	74
1	15	18	20	57	4	14.25	8	0	65	68	4	17	9	0	77
2	15	18	20	74	5	14.8	18	0	92	54	4	13.5	11	1	66
3	15	18	20	69	4	17.25	12	0	81	57	4	14.25	8	0	65
4	15	20	22	61	4	15.25	24	4	89	62	4	15.5	12	1	75
5	15	20	22	63	4	15.75	13	2	78	55	4	13.75	8	0	63
6	15	20	22	65	4	16.25	12	3	80	63	4	15.75	7	1	71
7	15	23	25	61	4	15.25	10	3	74	66	4	16.5	7	4	77
8	15	23	25	68	4	17	14	4	87	71	4	17.75	9	1	81
				BC PK-8 Total						BT PK-8 Total					
				644			119	49	813	620			82	28	730

SHS Enrollment					CVCC Enrollment		
Grade	Hybrid	Virtual	Outside Placed	Total	Programs	NOT Hybrid	Virtual
9	110	28	9	147	Automotive Tech	17	0
10	135	24	7	166	Building Trades	14	0
11	117	26	6	149	Cosmetology	23	0
12 +15	151	32	5	188	Baking & Culinary Arts	13	1
Total	513	110	27	650	Digital Media Arts	15	0
					Digital Media Arts II	8	0
					Electrical Tech	14	0
					Emergency Services	8	0
					Exploratory Tech	8	1
					Human Services	2	1
					Medical Professions	4	1
					Natural Resources/Sus.	9	0
					Plumbing & Heating	17	0
					Totals Enrollment	152	4
							156

Total



## HOME STUDY REPORT (AOE provided data)

	Barre City Home Study (AOE Report)			Barre Town Home Study (AOE Report)			Spaulding High Home Study (AOE Report)		
AOE Report Month	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
August	9	22	34	9	27	28	6	21	9
September	11	23	61	11	28	47	8	21	16
October	20	23	62	24	28	49	15	21	15
November	No Rpt	26	64	No Rpt	29	50	No Rpt	21	15
December	No Rpt	26	No Rpt	No Rpt	29	No Rpt	No Rpt	22	No Rpt
January	No Rpt	No Rpt	64	No Rpt	No Rpt	51	No Rpt	No Rpt	17
February	No Rpt	25	68	No Rpt	30	54	No Rpt	23	17
March	No Rpt	No Rpt		No Rpt	No Rpt		No Rpt	No Rpt	
April	32	25		32	30		17	23	
May	32	26		32	30		17	23	
June	33	30		33	31		17	24	