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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Christopher M. Tully Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I am thrilled to report that our school year is off to a great start. The last two and a half years have presented us with unprecedented challenges that have brought us closer together as a learning community moving forward in our quest to go from “Good to Great.” As a result, we continue to be ranked as an outstanding school district as evidenced by being recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation, and for providing outstanding music and special education programs to our students. We also spent some time this summer reflecting on the accomplishments of our 2022 graduates, as there was much to celebrate. However, as one of the greatest golfers of all time, Tiger Woods, once said, “No matter how good you get you can always get better, and that’s the exciting part.” Did I mention that we are excited?

We remain focused on providing a world-class learning environment for our students. This includes completing capital projects and providing access to rigorous programs and curriculum. Such improvements were apparent to our students and staff as they returned to classrooms this fall.

I am positive that it will be obvious that our staff did not just relax this summer. In this newsletter, you will read about how our staff members continue to be focused on growth and progress as summarized in this year’s article “How We Spent Our Summer.” As you will see, our teachers and staff continue to find new ways to grow and be inspired.

Our district will once again undergo thorough evaluation through our participation in the rigorous assessments conducted by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). NJDOE will conduct New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) monitoring this school year. This process will evaluate the district in five key areas: instruction and programming, fiscal responsibility, governance, operations, and personnel. We welcome this opportunity, as the results help us with our goal of continuous improvement.

I hope it is clear that we are very proud of our accomplishments, and that we look forward to this new school year for our district to reach new heights. We continue to strive for “Excellence in Education.” Therefore, we all look forward to the challenges that a new school year brings, and will remain dedicated to providing our students with opportunities that will lead them to successful, bright, and happy futures. Together, we are one. Together, we are Bergenfield. Let’s go Bears!

BHS RECOGNIZED AS A BEST HIGH SCHOOL



For the seventh year in a row, Bergenfield High School has been ranked among the top 5% of high schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Bergenfield High School was recognized as 1226th in the nation, 52nd in the state, and 15th in Bergen County in the latest rankings.

The “2022 Best High Schools” rankings include data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

The criteria and weights used for ranking schools this year included college readiness (30%), college curriculum breadth (10%), state assessment proficiency (20%), state assessment performance (20%), underserved student performance (10%), and high school graduation rate (10%).



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HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER



Connor Senszamici holds up a large red drum in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Members of the Bergenfield Learning Community share how they spent their summers:

⚙️ Jennifer Castro (RWB) spent a month away in Portugal visiting family and exploring the country her family grew up in.

⚙️ Anthony Senszamici (BHS) vacationed in Outer Banks, North Carolina. His eight-year-old son, Connor, caught a 36-inch red drum, which was safely released back into the ocean.

⚙️ Prince Varghese (RWB) went sightseeing in Orlando, Florida.

⚙️ Michele Neats (Jefferson) is now engaged.

⚙️ Ivan Fidler (BHS) visited Canada, which included a visit to Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario.

⚙️ Brian Timmons, Ed.D. (BHS) served on the administrative team for the John Philip Sousa National High School Honor Band. The band's membership included 90 high school students representing 25 states, and included BHS students Kaitlin Barron (clarinet) and Alanna Timmons (bassoon). Performances included outdoor concerts in Gardner and Athol, Massachusetts, and a gala concert in the historic Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

⚙️ Candice Groves-Dubrowny (Franklin) celebrated her 10-year anniversary with her husband by visiting London, England and Mallorca, Spain. Along with their children, they visited Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and rode the London Eye. They also visited many beautiful Spanish beaches. The family rode just about every mode of transportation possible in those two weeks.

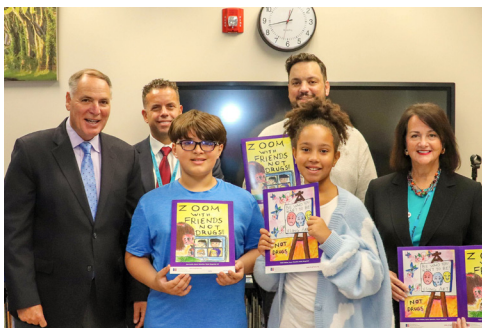
VFW RECOGNIZES TEACHER



Orlando received a plaque from members of the VFW.

Mr. James Orlando has been recognized by the Bergenfield VFW Post 6467 as their Teacher of the Year. He was presented with this honor in front of his students in September. Mr. Orlando teaches social studies at Roy W. Brown Middle School and has been with the district for over 20 years.

HOOVER ARTISTS HONORED



Williams and Arrieta proudly display their artwork.

Kristen Williams and Sean Arrieta won the 2022 Partnership For a Drug-Free New Jersey folder design contest. Their artwork will be displayed on the front and back covers of the folders, which every fourth grader in the state will receive. This is the first time that two students in one school and class have won this contest!

HOFFMEISTER AWARD



Anolik was honored at a district-wide staff meeting.

Ms. Charlene Anolik was nominated by one of her students, Sean Arrieta, to receive the 2022-2023 Paul Hoffmeister/Bob Gaudio Inspirational Award. Ms. Anolik teaches art in our elementary schools, and has inspired her students to do their best since joining the district in 1994.

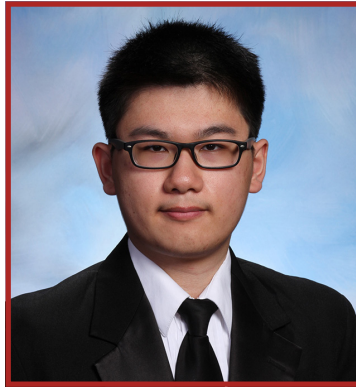
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WE ARE BERGENFIELD: A SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2022



Kyle Motta
NHS, marching band, volleyball, church pianist, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



Jay Yang
AP Scholar, NHS, orchestra, STEM, robotics, Chemistry Olympics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



Jessica Sanchez
NHS, orchestra, Student Congress Delegate, New York University



Powell Areeckal
NHS, orchestra, volleyball, STEM, Class of 2022 Salutatorian, Seton Hall University



Devon Wallerson
Student Congress Executive Secretary, Chemistry Olympics Co-President, full scholarship to NJIT



Jodiefoss Ramos
AP Scholar, NHS Secretary, jazz band, STEM, Youth Ministry Leader, Rutgers University



Masatomo Hamada
Marching band, Volleyball Co-Captain, Temple University



Natali Cardenas
Softball, volleyball, NHS, Peer Leader, University of Connecticut



Franz Gloria
NHS, Peer Leader, STEM, golf, Class of 2022 Valedictorian, New York University



Caitlen Salnave
Cheerleader Captain, softball, NHS, Peer Leader, Clemson University

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WELCOME BACK: KICKING OFF THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!

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