



Baldwin Beat

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Baldwin Elementary Schools Launch Exciting Enrichment Initiative

This school year, the five Baldwin elementary schools are participating in a district-wide instructional initiative to bring renewed creativity and innovation to the classroom. The initiative is funded through a donation by the Herman Auerbach Memorial Trust Fund and coordinated by elementary curriculum consultant Nomi Rosen. The initiative looks different in each school as directed by the principal and teaching staff, but all students are energized and having fun learning outside of the box!

For the arts, there has been a focus on the visual arts, artifacts, and thinking visually. To reinforce these concepts, museum docents are visiting the schools, and students are taking field trips to the Nassau County Museum of Art, Clark Gardens, and the Baldwin Historical Society. In addition, polyrhythmic musician and historian David Pleasant is presenting music and history workshops on the African American Gullah Geechee traditions that include the body rhythms of shout, juba, and jive.

In science, students are involved in in-depth studies and investigations with scientist Ralph Smallberg to learn about various ecosystems from deserts to salt marshes, looking through microscopes or getting hands-on with soil, insects, trees, rocks, and more. This is being supplemented by visits by Jungle Bob with his menagerie of reptile friends as well as master gardener Reece Michaels who is working with students on four-square gardening. Students are also taking field trips to the Marine Nature Center.

In social studies, students are working on the theme of communities, learning interviewing techniques, and participating in songs and games from various countries. They are also exploring the concepts of political cartoons, ethical dilemmas, and Socratic seminars. Teachers are extending their professional development in this area with a trip into Manhattan to meet with Paula Rogovin, author of *Classroom Interviews* at the New School. Additionally, the Bash the Trash show, integrating music and environmental science to reduce, reuse, recycle will be accompanied by a unit on helping students build musical instruments from recycled materials and creating "buddy class" performances. More innovative projects will be announced through the year.



Meadow students take research notes on their clipboards during a trip to the Baldwin Historical Society



Steele student with Jungle Bob and Fez the Lizard



Percussionist virtuoso David Pleasant teaches the rich musical traditions of the Gullah Geechee culture to Lenox students

Secondary Schools Stress Sensitivity



BHS Leadership Council collects food for families in need at Thanksgiving with Principal Susan Knors and Dean Craig Tupot

Baldwin High School has committed to enhancing school culture, building character, and fostering an ethic of excellence. Students and staff started the school year with a pledge to be upstanders in the Tyler Clementi Foundation Day 1 Campaign anti-bullying program. In addition, a series of social-emotional learning strategies are being incorporated into homeroom to engage students in dialogue, build friendships, and allow the sharing of feelings and ideas. Homeroom representatives are part of Leadership Council, which meets monthly with Principal Susan Knors.



BMS students, staff, and parents signed their names to accept Rachel's Challenge to be kind

Baldwin Middle School marked their annual Anti-Bullying Week in October with classroom activities and a schoolwide Post-it wall for students to write positive comments. There were also assemblies presented by Rachel's Challenge, and students and staff accepted Rachel's Challenge to start and sustain a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. In addition, student leaders received training to initiate a new club called Friends of Rachel (FOR Club), which will host a variety of activities through the school year to encourage good deeds and positive actions.

Baldwin High School Presents...Anything Goes!

Audiences were whisked aboard the luxury liner S.S. American for a madcap trip on the high seas during the Baldwin High School production of *Anything Goes* on November 19-21.

The show was produced by Andre Poprilo and directed by Mary Hickey Truelson with assistance from Vocal Director Garrett Fujarski, Technical Director Lauren Seminatore, Conductor Kimberly Roof, Choreographer Annmarie Lupo, Production Manager Scott Peritz, Assistant Technical Director James McDougal, Costume Designer Barbara Kirby, and Company Manager Asia Lupo. The beautiful set was designed by Scott Peritz and the Stagecraft class.

Audrey Wilson starred as Reno Sweeney, Tyler Ortiz as Billy Crocker, Daelynn Jorif as Hope Harcourt, Peter Orselli as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, Luca Vukelic as Moonface Martin, Amanda Pietrera as Erma, Rebecca Brutus as Evangeline Harcourt, Ali Alsaif as Elisha Whitney, and Chloe Ambrose as the Ship's Captain. The musical included famous Cole Porter songs such as "Anything Goes," "I Get a Kick Out of You," and "It's De-Lovely." In addition to a large ensemble cast, there was a full pit orchestra and Stage "Krough" working behind the scenes to make the theatrical magic happen. As promised by Ms. Truelson, the show "entertained by love lost, love found, criminals, mistaken identities, and songs to celebrate the idea, that well, Anything Goes!"



Baldwin High School Student is National Merit Semifinalist



Keyhan Vakil and Principal Susan Knors

Baldwin High School senior Keyhan Vakil was named a National Merit Semifinalist as one of approximately 16,000 students nationwide who are recognized for their exceptional performance on the PSAT in 2014. Keyhan will continue in the competition to win a scholarship, which will be announced in the spring.

Baldwin High School Nassau Zone Winners



Director of Athletics Ed Ramirez, Bridget Jules, Steven Dolsky, and Principal Susan Knors

Baldwin High School students Bridget Jules and Steven Dolsky have been selected as the Nassau Zone Award recipients by the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, and Dance. This award recognizes one young man and woman in the graduating class each year who best exemplify outstanding physical and scholastic abilities as well as leadership qualities. The award will be presented to the students at a dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club on December 14.

Thanks BFE for Mini-Grants!

Thank you to the Baldwin Foundation for Education for providing five BFE Mini-Grants for 2015-16:

1. In Recognition of Excellence Dinner - Dr. Shari L. Camhi (\$400).
2. Life Skills Transition to Work Projects - Kelley Snow, BHS (\$263).

Baldwin High School Student Named Scholar-Artist



Principal Susan Knors, Catherine Sweeney, and Director of Fine and Performing Arts Andre Poprilo

Baldwin High School senior Catherine Sweeney was selected as a Scholar-Artist for the 2015-16 school year by the Long Island Arts Alliance as one of 20 students recognized for their excellence in both academics and the arts. Catherine will be profiled in an upcoming issue of *Newsday*.

Baldwin High School Musicians Selected for NYSSMA All-State



Principal Susan Knors, Barak Isaac, Shirajh Mullen, Phillip Orselli, Catherine Sweeney, Daelyn Jorif, Michaela Barnett, and Director of Fine and Performing Arts Andre Poprilo

Six Baldwin High School students were selected for the NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference in Rochester on December 3-6. They are: Barak Isaac (Alto Saxophone) for the Wind Ensemble, Shirajh Mullen (Trumpet) and Phillip Orselli (Trombone) for Symphonic Band, and Michaela Barnett (Alto II), Daelynn Jorif (Alto I), and Catherine Sweeney (Soprano II) for Mixed Chorus. Alternates were Daelynn Jorif (Jazz Soprano) and Danielle Davis (Cello). They are among only 900 students at NYSSMA All-State.

3. Two TV Studio Monitors - Vincent Leis, BHS (\$400)
4. Broadway Experience Costumes and Props - Scott Stolzenberg, Steele School (\$200).
5. 40 Mats for New Yoga Club - Mike Robinson, BMS (\$360).

Homecoming 2015

Baldwin High School celebrated Homecoming 2015 starting off with [Spirit Week](#), during which students and staff dressed to a different theme each day, such as Twin Day, Class Color Day, and, of course, Blue and Gold Day. The week capped off with [Pep Rally](#) on October 16 with the Varsity Cheerleaders cheering, Pep Band playing and all the fall sports teams represented. The Royal Court was also named: King Kryz Wilson and Queen Paris Acquaro (12th grade), Prince Jordan McEachern and Princess Jada Harrison (11th grade), Duke Tyler Johnson



“ School spirit and pride are two important values at Baldwin High School. Such values are of utmost significance to the student body that carries itself with integrity and determination. ”



“ Being a part of the Baldwin community has changed my life for the better. The school, community, and people of Baldwin have helped me grow. ”



“ Homeroom is an effective way to raise school spirit because it brings students who usually don't socialize as much together to meet and gain an understanding of their fellow students. ”



Homecoming 2015

and Duchess Janae Knight (10th grade), and Lord Kenroy Cummings and Lady Nya Ulysse (9th grade). Below are quotes from their winning essays on the topic of school spirit. The next day was the [Homecoming](#) football game with the Bruins playing Oceanside. The Varsity Cheerleaders performed their routines and, at half time, the elementary, middle school, and high school bands played separately and then together in the annual [Band Day](#), which filled the fall air with music.



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I believe that positivity in school spirit is extremely important in the togetherness and unity of a community.
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Winning is not the most important thing. The most important thing is the sense of community that comes along with loving a sport.
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Baldwin is truly great and diverse with a variation of cultures, personalities, and faces. I'm very confident that we will continue to be a nationally recognized school of excellence.
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I aim to create new friendships with my peers and community, and I show my school spirit in various ways within my community by supporting Baldwin in many events.
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Spreading school spirit should not only be done inside school but also outside the school environment.
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Fall Sports Kudos

Be sure to follow scores and updates on all the Bruins sports teams throughout the school year on Twitter at #Baldwin_Bruins.

Boys Varsity Cross Country had two students advancing to the state-qualifying meet: Frank Mulvey and Will Salmon. The **Girls Varsity Cross Country** team advanced to the state-qualifying meet.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey qualified as a Scholar-Athlete team.

Varsity Football advanced to the Nassau County playoffs with Miguel McKenzie and Jonathan Debique as All-County, Matt Henry as Honorable Mention All-County, and Jachorie Nosworthy as All-Conference.

Boys Varsity Soccer finished in second place in the Conference and qualified as a Scholar-Athlete team. Carlos Padilla was All-County, Alessandro Garcia received All-County Honorable Mention, and John Gamble, Mario LaMacchia, Leo Vanegas, and Tyrese White were All-Conference.

Girls Varsity Soccer finished in second place in the Conference. Julie Anecchiarico and Maggie Thigault were All-County, Montia Moon and Jenna Anecchiarico were All-Classification, Nichole Sheintul and Chrissy Noonan were All-Conference, and Bridget Jules received the Nassau Scholar-Athlete Award. Coach Darius Burton was named Nassau County Coach of the Year.

Girls Varsity Tennis qualified as a Scholar-Athlete team with Emily Sudock and Slane Amato as All-Division, Hallie Melo as All-Conference, and Amelia Smyth and Carla Magnus receiving the Nassau County Sportsmanship Award.

Girls Volleyball qualified as a Scholar-Athlete team with Allie Ahearne as All-County, Taylor Krucher and Kerri Green as All-Classification, and Isabelle Lawrence as All-Conference.

Budget Work Session Dates

The Baldwin Board of Education will hold three public Budget Work Sessions to discuss the components of the 2016-17 school budget as follows:

February 3	Administration and Capital District Office, 8 p.m.
February 10	Program District Office, 7 p.m. (before the BoE meeting)
February 24	Revenue, Budget Summary and Adoption of Proposed Budget District Office, 8 p.m.

NEW BHS TV Studio - BBTV!



Baldwin Middle School students in the Journalism Pre-Academy class learn about broadcasting in the high school studio

Through grants, Baldwin High School has opened a state-of-the-art television studio under direction of technology teacher Vincent Leis. Students from the News and Broadcasting class as well as many other classes are utilizing the studio equipment. Additionally, elementary and middle school classes have visited for a tour and to create their own videos, and a ribbon cutting with the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce is set for December 7. Building on the success of the high school's four-year Career Academy program, the TV studio represents one of the new innovative spaces being developed within a larger vision for an exciting, cutting-edge K-16 and entrepreneurial partnership with Molloy College. Stay tuned!

Steele School Named National PTA School of Excellence



Steele School and Steele PTA have been selected among 124 schools and PTAs nationwide as a National PTA School of Excellence for 2014-17. Steele was recognized for building an effective family-school partnership by creating a more welcoming environment, improving communication and information sharing to families, and expanding extracurricular opportunities for students. A universal welcome banner hangs in the main entrance and directional signs, newsletters, and flyers are translated. Translators are also available at PTA meetings. New clubs include Girls on the Run, Yoga Club, and Chess Club.

Over 100 Baldwin High School Students are AP Scholars

One hundred and eight (108) students from Baldwin High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

Seven (7) students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are: Daniel Cabrera, Anish Jain, Connor Mack, Chelsea McGowen, Savannah Nester, Noel Smith, and Keyhan Vakil.

Twenty-nine (29) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Chloe Agostino, Samuel Banegas, Daniel Cabrera, Henry Chen, Beatriz DaMotta, Henry Drew, Aurora Eager Leavitt, Malika Elmengad, Shenyce Ferguson, Kiera Hyacinthe, Anish Jain, Bridget Jules, Richard Lozano, Tevin Lynch, Connor Mack, Natalia Malaver, Genesis Martinez-Lopez, Ashley Mayers, Chelsea McGowen, Alex Montalvo, Savannah Nester, Ryan Olsen, Jackson Randolph, Jalyn Simmons, Noel Smith, Amelia Smyth, Cheyenne Sussman, Catherine Sweeney, and Keyhan Vakil.

Fifteen (15) students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four (4) or more of these exams. These students are: Nicholas Barba, Aaron Bernstein, Valerie Conforti, Kenneth Kleinhardt, Gabriella Klengler, Amanda Knipfing, Jeremy Meyerson, Ahsharah Morris, Allison Palmer, Rebekah Sicari, Hunter Smith, Safir Thajudheen, Kayla Wallace, David Zuckerman, and Miranda Zuniga-Kennedy.

Sixty-four (64) students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Carlos Abreu, Matthew Acosta, Tolulope Adebayo, Julia Alt, Matthew Bandel, Jeanette Blanchette, Narline Borno, Erin Brady, Aidan Broderick, Kaylah Castillo Blount, Ahriana Chance, Cheyenne Chao, Christine Chen, Ashley Clark, Christian Cummings, Kai DaCosta, Sydney Delatour, Nicholas DeLuca, Bryce DeSantis, Laura Drew, Clifford Durand, Rebecca Ford, Sage Fortune, Kester Francis, Johnathan Fulcher, Charlotte Gondre, Olusade Green, Jason Gruber, Elizabeth Hajny, Amy Hernandez, Jeremy Hui, Barak Isaac, Aneela Jain, Tionna Johnson-Meertins, Dasia Jones, K'Von Jones, Austin Joseph, Blake Kitchin, Timothy Langdon, Brandon Lee, Jessica Marchese-Schmitt, Keara McAdams, Robert Meredith, Germaine Museau, Elisa Nunez Gutierrez, Denis O'Byrne, Jacob Peretson, Brianne Philippe, Morgan Rachlin, Elizabeth Rattoballi, Maya Robinson, Valencia Saint-Louis, Joanna Sayed Ahmed, Daniel Scheinman, Canada

Schneider, Nicole Sciortino, Nicole Sheintul, Daija Spencer, Nathan Swanzie-Yamson, Justina Thompson, Stephanie Torres, Sarah Tulloch, Askia VanOmmeren-Briggs, and Jared Warner.

Of this year's award recipients at Baldwin High School, 39 are sophomores or juniors who have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

Staff and Student Kudos

Ethel T. Kloborg, former Baldwin teacher, coach, and administrator known for founding Sportsweek, was posthumously selected for the first class of inductees in the Nassau County High School Sports Hall of Fame. She was honored at a dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

Karyn Reid, Baldwin Board of Education President, was among the honorees selected by New York State Assemblyman Brian Curran for the Women of Distinction Award, which recognizes women who have gone above and beyond the call of civic engagement and outreach.

Tionna Johnson, a Baldwin High School senior, was selected for an intensive science research program at Rockefeller University in New York City this summer, in which she studied the effect of oxycodone on mice.

Baldwin High School students **Ahriana Chance** and **Jacob Peretson** were selected for the Molloy College Business Boot Camp this summer in which they participated in various competitions. Ahriana's team won first prize for Best Marketing Plan and Jacob's team won first prize for the Shark Tank competition.

Seven Baldwin High School students were selected through rigorous statewide auditions for the New York State Summer School for the Arts: **Hannah Batsford** and **Rebekkah Sicari** for Orchestral Studies at Skidmore College and **Alana Adams**, **Chloe Agostino**, **Lauren Henry**, **Nicole St. Leger**, and **Catherine Sweeney** for the Choral Studies program at SUNY Fredonia.

Six Baldwin High School students were selected for the Career Opportunities in Accounting (COAP) program for minority students at Adelphi University this summer - **Tolulope Adebayo**, **Lance Armstrong**, **Liana Dominique**, **Cindy Ann Jean-Pierre**, **Carla Magnus**, and **Hallie Melo** - where they lived on campus and took classes and field trips.

Baldwin alumnus **Jon Smith** continues his vocal music career as the new Assistant Director of Education for the National A Capella Convention. He is also currently on a U.S. tour of "The Swingle Singers."



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Important Dates

December

23 Progress Reports, HS
24-31 SCHOOLS CLOSED- Holiday Recess

January

1 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Holiday Recess
5 Financial Aid Night, HS, 7pm
7 PTA Meetings: Brookside, Meadow, Lenox, Steele, 7pm
9 Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
11 PTSA Meeting, HS, 7:30pm
12 PTA Meeting, MS, 7:30pm
13 Board of Education Meeting, Plaza, 8pm
14 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, HS, 7:30pm
18 SCHOOLS CLOSED
19 MS Winter II Sports Tryouts
20 PTA Council, DO, 7:30pm
21 PTA Meeting, Plaza, 7pm
23 Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
25 National History Day, MS, 7pm
25-29 Midterms and Regents Exams, HS
25-2/05 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, DO
27 Community Input Meeting, MS, 8pm
28 MLK Poster Contest Reception, DO, 3:45pm
29 Second Marking Period Ends, HS
Progress Reports (K-5)
30 Saturday Night Alive

February

2 PTA & PTSA Founders Day (MS/HS) @HS, 7pm
3 Board of Education Budget Work Session, HS, 8pm
4 PTA Meeting, Meadow, 8:45am
PTA Founders Day, Brookside, 7pm
6 Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
10 Board of Education Budget Work Session, DO, 7pm
Board of Education Meeting, DO, 8pm
11 Valentine Dance, MS, 3-5pm
PTA Founders Day, Plaza, 7pm
15-19 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Winter Recess
23 PTA Founders Day, Lenox, 7pm; Meadow, 7pm
24 Board of Education Budget Work Session, HS, 8pm
25 District Choral Festival, HS, 7:30pm
27 Sportsnite Preview, HS, 1:50pm
29 Sportsnite Sneak Preview, HS, 4pm

Sign Up for the New Website/Download the New Mobile App!

Be sure to sign up for the new district website at www.baldwinschools.org to receive e-alerts and subscribe to schools and areas of the website to receive email updates. Also, download the new mobile app for free from either the iTunes Store or Google Play by looking for "Baldwin School District." The app will keep you in the know on the go!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who is turning 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016, be sure to register for kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year! Registration will take place by appointment only at the District Office from January 25 through February 5, 2016. Please call the Registration Office at 377-9290 to schedule an appointment and receive a registration packet. Registration packets are also available on the district website.

Inclement Weather Notification

If schools are closed or there is a delayed opening due to inclement weather, the Baldwin School District will call parents/guardians through the automated messaging system, Blackboard Connect. If you sign up for the website, you will get a text message as well. The message about school closings or delayed openings will also be available on the district website at www.baldwinschools.org. In addition, this information will be broadcast on WALK (1370 AM & 97.5 FM), WCBS (880 AM), WKJY (98.3 FM), WHLI (1100 AM), WINS (1010 AM), WNYW (Channel 5), Fios 1, and News 12 Long Island.