BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME OF THE WOLVERINES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Dismissal for Students:
November 24-25
11:25 Elementary
11:35 Middle/High School

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
November 24: 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
November 25: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Recess
November 26-28

Christmas/New Year's Holiday Recess
December 22-January 2

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
January 19

Mid-Winter Recess
February 16-20

Superintendent's Conference
March 13

Spring Recess
April 3-10

BRCS HOLIDAY DINNER

The Bolivar-Richburg Central School District will be hosting a Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner at the Bolivar Building Cafeteria.

To make reservations, please contact the Superintendent's office at 585-928-2937 by **Nov. 25, 2025**.

PUMPKIN CARVING WITH ERIC JONES

On October 17th, we had a very special guest at BRES! Professional artist and TV personality Eric Jones came to share an inspiring message with our students.

Mr. Jones, a Richburg graduate, showed us some of his amazing creations, including snow sculptures, sand sculptures, and incredible pumpkin carvings. Students were in awe as he carved a pumpkin right in front of us in just 14 minutes!

This was Eric's third visit to our school, and we're so thankful that he continues to support and inspire our students. His message was a great reminder to dream big and follow your passions!

SCHOOL CLOSED NOVEMBER 26-28 FOR THANKSGIVING RECESS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff Margeson, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Bolivar-Richburg Wolverine Family,

It's the end of November now, meaning that the leaves have changed their color and fallen to the ground, leaving the trees bare for another cycle of winter months. As another year passes, it's helpful to reflect on life. For a school, that means that our first marking period is over, January Regents testing is approaching, and budget preparation for next school year is already being discussed. But, before we lose sight of our successes over the past year, I'd like to share some of the things that make me so proud of our school and our community.

Most importantly, our State test scores have come back from the 2024-25 school year. We are one of 22 schools in the CA BOCES region (Cattaraugus/Allegany county) and it is no secret that Bolivar-Richburg has consistently ranked in the lower half of the region prior to Covid. This is all public information, and I would urge you as community members to go on to the State's data site at https://data.nysed.gov. There you can see our results, as well as compare and contrast with all other schools in the state.

What I would like to highlight is the amazing growth and improvement that has happened since Covid. Out of the 14 state tests that our students take in grades 3-8, Bolivar-Richburg ranks in the top 10 in over half of the English, Math, and Science tests. We are in the top 5 in five of them, and we are so proud to say that we are number one in 2 of the 14 state tests. This is a testament to the hard work of everyone here at Bolivar-Richburg. I truly believe that we have built the best team in the area, filling our classrooms with the greatest teachers and staff who are providing the most comprehensive instruction, while still nurturing the social and emotional skills that are so necessary for our students to succeed in today's world.

While these results are fantastic, as Superintendent, I know that these positive changes take a team, and a team doesn't function effectively without a positive culture. Our team starts with our bus drivers and aides, who are the first people to see our kids and the last to wish them a good night. It includes our buildings and grounds crew, both inside and out, who keep our schools beautiful and safe; the cafeteria staff, who treat our kids like their own, keeping them fed and a smile on their faces; and our clerical staff, who keep the district running. It also includes the Business Office, which keeps the bills paid, and our administrators, who are putting out fires so that our teachers and staff can do their jobs to the best of their ability. Finally, we recognize our Board of Education, who continue to support our students with every decision they make.

That leaves you. You are the last piece of our family. I thank you the community members, parents, guardians, and tax payers who continue to support the future of our students. We have achieved so much with your help, and while there are many more obstacles for us to overcome, I am hopeful that you will continue to fight those battles alongside us. Together, we will continue our sustained growth and success, leaving Bolivar-Richburg better than it was when we found it. My hope is that you can see that we ARE making a difference!

Thank you...and please enjoy the holiday seasons with your family and friends. I am here if you ever need anything!

Respectfully,
Jeff Margeson, *Superintendent*

PHONE NUMBER, CUSTODY, OR ADDRESS CHANGES?

Please contact Mrs. Sheila Sorensen in the Guidance Office at (585) 928-2986 if you have a new phone number, custody paperwork, guardianship, e-mail address, emergency number, or address changes that need to be made in our PowerSchool student information system.

BRCS Fitness Center Open for Community Use

Monday-Thursday
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

The Fitness Center will be closed whenever School is closed (for holidays, snow days, etc.)

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Mrs. Duke, Elementary Principal

Dear BRES Families,

As the holiday season approaches, it offers us all a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate the many things we are grateful for, both within our school and throughout our greater community.

One of the most heartwarming reflections comes from our recent successes on the New York State 3rd-5th grade assessments. I am proud to share that our students achieved *top five finishes* within the CA BOCES region in 3rd Grade ELA, 3rd Grade Math, 5th Grade ELA, 5th Grade Math, and 5th Grade Science. These outstanding results speak to the dedication of our incredible faculty and staff, who work tirelessly each day to make BRES the best, providing memorable learning experiences, a high-quality education, and essential social-emotional support for every child.

I am equally thankful for our supportive and engaged families and community members. Your partnership truly makes a difference, whether it's communicating with our teachers, attending school events, or contributing to our many fundraisers. Thanks to your generosity and the efforts of Mrs. Brewsaugh's class, we collected 555 pairs of socks for those in need, and our recent Hat Day raised $890 in just the past two months! These acts of kindness and community spirit embody what it means to care for one another.

As we look ahead to a new year, may we carry forward this spirit of gratitude, hope, and togetherness! Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the new year!

Important Reminders:
December 17: Holiday Concert, Grades PK-2 at 9:30 a.m. Grades 3-5 at 6:00 p.m.
December 22 - January 2: No School, Holiday Recess
January 19: No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

With appreciation,
Megan M. Duke, *Elementary Principal*

SOCKTOBER

During the month of October, the students in room 4, with the help of our generous community, collected 555 pairs of socks for Socktober! The socks have been donated to our clothing closets, local nursing homes, and to individuals fighting cancer. The students acted as Socktober Collection Agents traveling from room to room to collect socks that had been brought in during the week. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this sock drive a success! When we work together, we can change the world.

HALF DAY PRE-K NEWS

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Julie

Our first 10 weeks in the Pre-K3 classroom have been full of fun, adventure, and learning! We started right in with learning our classroom routine, practicing following directions, interacting with our peers in a kind manner, and learning how to use the many centers, toys, and manipulatives that are available for use in our classroom. The children have enjoyed stories, painting, dancing, singing songs, pretending in the house center, sliding and riding tricycles in the gym, and best of all making new friends. We are looking forward to a great year!

FULL DAY PRE-K NEWS

Miss Glover and Mrs. Mitchell

We had a great start to the school year in PK-4! In September, we did a lot of name activities as well as getting-to-know-each-other activities. It was so much fun getting to know all the students. Our first reading unit was about the five senses and all about me. The students learned about naming the five senses as well as the corresponding body parts. The students had so much fun painting and creating life sized cut outs of themselves! This month, the students learned all about "Families and Communities." We had so much fun learning all about families and how they love us and help us grow and change! Students also learned about family traditions and celebrations, communities, and community helpers. In the next couple of months, we will be working on Classic Tales such as "Goldilocks and Three Bears" and "The Gingerbread Man." In math we have been working on numbers 1-5, sorting objects by color, shape, size, and we have been identifying groups that are the same and different. Thank you to the Richburg Fire Department for coming in to talk about fire safety and showing us the fire trucks and ambulance. We learned so much!

1ST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Clark and Miss Johnston

Happy fall! First graders have had a busy start to the year!

In Math, they have been learning more about how addition and subtraction are related and writing correct number sentences. They also learned about the value of the equal sign and how to balance equations! (For example, 5 + 1 = 4 + 2.)

In Reading, they have been reviewing all their letters and sounds and learning new tricky words. Tricky words are words that have parts in them that do not follow the rules so we have to learn them by heart. They have been working hard at breaking words up by their sounds and then blending them back together to say the word. They have also heard many fables and learned how to identify the moral, or lesson, in each story. In addition, students have been busy learning about different body systems such as the circulatory, skeletal, nervous, digestive, and muscular systems. They have learned the importance of eating healthy and washing their hands!

We are looking forward to more fun and learning in first grade!

3RD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Hackett, Ms. Livingston, Mr. Butler & Ms. Dunham

We can't believe it's already November! Time is flying by in third grade, and we've had such a great start to the year. Camping Day was an absolute blast; our classrooms turned into cozy campsites full of laughter, teamwork, and s'mores. The kids are already asking when we can do it again!

In math, we've been working hard on learning strategies to multiply factors up to 12, understanding the properties of multiplication, and rounding and estimating numbers. In ELA, we've practiced summarizing, predicting, clarifying, and asking and answering questions. We're also moving right along in our Magic Tree House series and diving into our country research books. There's so much curiosity and excitement in the rooms!

We're looking forward to our field trip in December, so keep an eye out for details coming home soon.

Thank you for sending your child to school ready to learn each day. Attendance really makes such a difference in their growth and confidence.

With the holidays right around the corner, we'll have a busy and joy-filled few weeks ahead; expect some festive surprises along the way!

"*Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.*" – Benjamin Franklin

4TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Perrin, and Mrs.Ferris

In 4th Grade Math we were so busy first quarter reviewing and learning about all things Place Value. We have added and subtracted large numbers (5 and 6-digit numbers), and compared and rounded them as well. We have now moved into our next Module where we are multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers. This is one of our biggest and most important math units as it takes our knowledge of basic multiplication and division facts from 3rd grade to the next step. Remind your 4th graders to keep studying those multiplication and division facts!!!

Inferring, summarizing, and finding supporting details in a text have been our focus in ELA. The students have read about New York State Iroquois, Explorers of New York State, The Colonial Era and read an adapted version of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow to practice these skills. As we move closer to the end of 2025, we will be moving on to the Revolutionary War.

In science, we have wrapped up our unit on the Earth. We have learned everything from fossils, to reading maps, layers of the earth, and so much more! We did a lot of hands-on activities with this unit, and you can check our pictures on Parent Square! The kids really enjoyed this unit, and they sure do love to learn! We are now working on our plant and animal unit, a fan favorite! Science is amazing, and Mrs. Bentley is truly grateful for all she is able to do and share with the students in fourth grade! She cannot wait to see all the growth in science.

We also traveled to the Rochester Museum of Science, where we were able to see so many hands-on exhibits and experience the planetarium! We enjoyed a scenic ride on the Erie Canal. The REV Theatre Company, dazzled us with their version of Journey to the Center of the Earth. In December, Perry Ground will be here to share "Stories of the Longhouse," and Dave Ruch will be here to tell stories and sing about the Colonial Era.

FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Hillman

We have had a busy, productive, and fun start to this school year. Fifth graders have been hard at work in science learning about matter with our science unit, "Chemistry in the Kitchen." We have conducted many exciting experiments to find evidence to prove matter is made of particles too small to be seen. We have mixed several different substances to figure out if we can make something new. Ask your child to share with you what happens when you mix Alka-Seltzer and water!

FIFTH GRADE ELA

Mrs. Smith

ELA class has been filled with lots of reading and writing! We have been reading the novel *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan. Set in the early 1930s, twenty years after the Mexican Revolution and during the Great Depression, *Esperanza Rising* tells the story of a young Mexican girl's courage and resourcefulness when at the age of thirteen she finds herself living in a strange new world. Esperanza, whose name means "hope" in Spanish, must rise again into a resourceful and responsible young woman. My hope is that this novel teaches us the value of human rights, to persevere when faced with obstacles, and to treat others with dignity and respect!

Our "Wolverine PAWS" recipients certainly make us proud! Congratulations to Sophie Adams and Levi Miler. In order to be selected, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits.

FIFTH GRADE MATH

Mrs. Hooker

We have been busy in 5th grade math! So far, we have completed our first unit which had to do with decimals and how to compute with them. We are about to wrap up our second unit, which is multiplying and dividing by multi-digit numbers. Next, we will be exploring the world of fractions. We are looking forward to all of the fun things that we have planned between now and the New Year! Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Student Schedules:

Schedules for students in grades 6-12 have been finalized. The drop period is now over and students will remain in their current courses for the remainder of the year. At this point if a student wishes to drop a course, it will require a parent/student/teacher discussion and must be approved by the building principal.

College Representatives, Fairs & Visits:

This Fall, the Guidance Office will continue to host many individual college representatives for Juniors and Seniors. The list is available on Teams and is shared during morning announcements.

Seniors & Future Plans:

Seniors should try to complete their college application(s) by the end of Thanksgiving break. Please watch all application deadlines! Students going into the workforce, please make sure you are working on a resume.

College Financial Aid:

The best resources for parents to find more information on the financial aid process are 1) the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) website: www.hesc.org and 2) the Federal Student Aid website at www.finaid.org. These two sites are loaded with information for parents and are two of the very best and easiest to navigate. These sites are not just for parents of seniors but also for parents of any students who are considering college.

WEBSITES FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

Do you need help exploring colleges? Do you need to find out more about the financial aid process, career searches or about touring a college online? Here are a few websites that will help:

www.mappingyourfuture.org
www.knowhow2go.org
www.hesc.com
www.finaid.com
www.nymentor.edu
www.studentaid.ed.gov

TIPS FOR PARENTS TO HELP STAY ON TOP OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOLING

- Utilize the parent portal **every day** to monitor your child's homework completion, attendance, and grades.
- Ask your child to share their Microsoft Teams login (username and password) so that you can view which assignments and messages they have for each class. This is where teachers may link students' work electronically. Teams does not currently have a parent/guardian view-only option for their software platform, unfortunately.
- Make sure your child has turned on the notifications for every Microsoft Team they are a member of to receive immediate notification messages so that they are aware when staff are sending out not only assignments but other important messages.
- Monitor your child's use of the Teams Chat feature to make sure they are utilizing it respectfully and responsibly.
- Contact your child's teachers and counselors if you need assistance.
- Help your child have a quiet, distraction-free learning space at home as much as possible.
- Assist your child in creating a daily calendar for school with their paper planners or electronically in Teams
- "Roses & Thorns" Daily Check-In: Every day, check in and ask your child how their day was. What was the "rose" or best part of the day? What was the low point or "thorn" of their day? As counselors we are flooded with students needing to talk about stressors and anxiety. Family members taking some time each day to check in with your child about their day is a critical support that all students need.
- Utilize ParentSquare to message individual staff members as well as gain information about BRCS events.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Talbot, Middle/High School Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well as we head into the holiday season. Our first few months of school have been filled with learning, growth, and fun. The Senior class participated in our 2nd annual Halloween parade through the MHS and the elementary buildings. Our fall sports teams have worked hard and had successful seasons. Our musicians have been preparing for their Area All State performances as well as our holiday concerts. Most importantly, our students have been settling into the new school year and growing academically as well as socially.

During the months of October and November, BRCS has been participating in a food drive to support members of our Bolivar-Richburg community. The participation and support have been overwhelming. The boxes and bags of food that have been brought to the Main Office show just how lucky we are to be a part of this community—a community that is willing to go above and beyond to support its own. If you find yourself in need this holiday season, please contact BRCS social worker, Sarah Burdick.

Looking forward, we have many upcoming events to highlight:

11/19	Quarter 1 Report Cards
11/21 and 11/22	Area All State in Elmira
11/24 and 11/25	Parent Teacher Conferences
11/26 - 11/28	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
12/16	MS Holiday Concert
12/18	HS Holiday Concert
12/22 - 1/4	Holiday Break – No School
1/16 - 1/17	ACSMA All County Festival in Cuba
1/19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
1/20 - 1/23	January Regents Exams
1/26	NHS Induction Ceremony

We wish you a joyful holiday season!

Go Wolverines!
Mrs. Talbot, *Secondary Principal*

JANUARY REGENTS EXAMS

January Regents exams will be given throughout the state on January 20-23. Students should check in the Guidance Office to ensure they are signed up to retake a Regents exam. New York State regulations do not allow students to be admitted to a morning exam after 10:00 a.m. or to an afternoon exam after 2:00 p.m. In addition, no student may leave an exam before those same times. This regulation is in place to prevent students from sharing information about an exam.

START A NEW SCHOLARSHIP

If you are interested in starting a new scholarship for graduating seniors of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, please contact:

Susan Bokman
Director of Data and Accountability
sbokman@bolivarrichburg.org
585-928-2914

January Scholarship Check Days are on **Wednesday January 7th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday January 8th from 12-2:30 p.m.**

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

If you need help setting up your parent portal account, please contact the Guidance Office for directions. The portal allows you to view your child's current grades, attendance, and lunch account balances. Parents and guardians can add all their children to one portal account. There is also a PowerSchool mobile app that parents and students can use. The BRCS school code is CRKT. **The BRCS school code is CRKT**.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

On Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. , BRCS will hold their National Honor Society Induction ceremony in the Middle High School auditorium.

The following are the requirements for being selected for membership into the National Honor Society.

Following the first marking period of each school year, all teachers at the high school receive a list of juniors and seniors who have met the scholastic eligibility requirement of having a cumulative high school average of 91% or higher. All high school faculty members are given a chance to evaluate the character, service, and leadership qualities of each student with whom they have had professional contact. Teachers provide a numeric score, ranging from 1-4, in each of the four categories to assess each student's personal qualities. A written explanation is required for any score of 1 or 2. The results are averaged and given to the Faculty Council to consider when voting on new membership. The Faculty Council is a committee consisting of five high school teachers and is appointed annually. The principal and NHS advisor are NON-VOTING MEMBERS of the Council.

In addition, during this process, each scholastically eligible student receives and completes a student activity information sheet. On it, students list their activities and extracurricular information – both in school and in the community – for the Faculty Council to review. In addition, the Faculty Council requires each candidate to submit a written response to a writing prompt describing what character means to them and discussing how it is evidenced in their individual life. The Faculty Council reviews each student's activity form, written statements, as well as faculty rating sheets. The council evaluates each student on the criteria of leadership, service, and character. Candidates receiving a majority vote of the Faculty Council are inducted into our chapter of the National Honor Society.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The Claw staff is working hard to produce a sensational 2026 Bolivar-Richburg yearbook. Our yearbook will include grades 6 through 12. If you love doodling, journaling, and scrap booking, then you will definitely want to grab your copy of this year's book! It is guaranteed to be a best seller.

Seniors have been reminded that senior pictures, a baby/toddler picture, and additional choice picture as well as quotes are due no later than November 14, 2025. This will help us to adhere to the deadlines imposed by Jostens and to help us to have our yearbook delivered to the school by the end of May 2026. Our goal is to get yearbooks in our students' hands by the end of May and the only way to do that is to stick to our deadlines.

Parent ad letters were mailed out the week of November 3. These ads will be due by January 31, 2026. As always, we thank our families and our local businesses for their support. Your ads help us to continue to maintain yearbook prices and help make it affordable for all of our students. Family ads will be sent to Jostens for completion. This will make the process much more efficient and will ensure the photos are of a high resolution and the ads are of the best quality. More information will follow concerning the procedure to follow to ensure your family ad is sent in on time.

Remember to purchase your yearbook through JostensYearbooks.com or contact Ms. Schena at 585-928-2561, ext. 4207. The price of the yearbook is $60.00. Personalization is also available for an additional cost.

7TH/8TH GRADE MATH

Mr. Hyson

One-fourth of the school year is now behind us. Please encourage your student to monitor their grades by utilizing PowerSchool; you as the parent/guardian can also monitor your student's academics. If you are having any issues with PowerSchool, or don't have access to it, please reach out to the main office for help.

Students are always allowed to make up their missing work, if they have any, and corrections are always accepted for better comprehension and a better grade. The Study Island program is used for remedial work by assigning content from one grade level below that aligns with the topics being taught in class. Please make sure that your student completes these assignments, as well as the class assignments, for better comprehension. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Go Bills!

ROOM SIXTY-SEVEN

Creative Writing Submitted by 6th-8th Grade Students

Story Starter:

Every year on October 31st, at exactly 6:07 p.m., something strange happens in your town. The clocks freeze for six minutes and seven seconds, and everyone still awake swears they hear six or seven whispers drifting through the dark. This year, you decided to find out why. Following the sound, you trace it to a crumbling house at the end of Sixty-Seventh Street—a place no one dared to enter in six or seven years. Inside, in room Sixty-Seven, you find six black cats staring at you from the corners, seven mirrors reflecting your every move, and a single note resting on the floor that reads "I'm watching you."

Author: N. Kornegay

I give the cats cat nip, and the cats turn into a person. The person is an evil version of Mrs. Mahon. I give the evil version of Mrs. Mahon Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and she turns nice. The police came to the house in police car 067 to arrest her. In the master bedroom is an evil version of Mrs. Poorman. Next, I place 100 mice traps. An evil Mr. Pettit is the reason the clocks stopped turning at 6:07. My dog scared him, so I gave Mr. Pettit a Snickers. I called the police again to come to the house to arrest them and take him to jail. The police and SWAT team came to the door and knocked it down. The police car and NYSP came to stop the evil version of Mr. Pettit and Mrs. Mahon.

Author: B. Kuhn

I can see six black cats and seven mirrors. I can hear a howl that comes from the woods and see a werewolf. Then the black cats and werewolves are gone. As I walked into the living room, the werewolf was there. When the werewolf howls, the clocks stop. The werewolf made the clocks stop on Halloween. He sees me and I am being chased by the werewolf. The house roof collapses on the werewolf. You made it today. I got out of the haunted house. Then, the werewolf is back. He did not die in the house. He is mad. I am running! For my life! I did not make it out alive; the werewolf ate me in the woods.

Author: A. Knowlton

We enter the room with people that are scaring us. We get pied in our faces including the dog and my baby brother. There are spiders there; we jump scaring us so badly we get scared. Then, the clocks stop so all of us get scared and it gets silent. We get so scared all of us scream and we all fall six or seven times. All of us wanted to get scared, not just my baby brother and the dog, so we screamed so the clock stops six to seven minutes. We ran out and it was pitch black. My friends and I go shaving cream people in the face and scare people.

Author: M. Main

When my mom, Mrs. Mahon and I go into the house there are six cats staring at us and we run out of there. Then we ran into a room where there were seven mirrors reflecting every move. We ran out of there, too. Then we saw a note. We looked at the note and it said, "we are watching you." We looked at each other and ran so fast. The clock paused for six or seven seconds. We don't know why ghosts are doing it. More ghosts were going into the house. Next, we called a seance and they came to the house. Now there are no more ghosts. Now my mom, Mrs. Mahon, and I live in house sixty-seven.

Author K. Lewis

I walked into the room quietly. AJ ran into the room loudly and bumped into a mirror, and the cats hissed at him. AJ found candy in a bowl and ate a handful. AJ stated to feel sick, and "poof" turned into a fish. The cats were hungry. The cats ate AJ the fish. I saw what happened in a mirror and was scared. I ran into another room. When I entered the other room, I saw a bunch of witches making candy and clocks that stopped at 6:07. I whipped out my phone and recorded a video as I ran away. I sent the video to the authorities. When the authorities arrived, they searched the house, arrested the witches, but sadly, AJ was nowhere to be found.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING AND AGRICULTURE STUDENTS GROW, CREATE, AND EXPLORE

Mr. Hyson

Students in the Sustainable Living and Agriculture program have been busy learning through hands-on experiences this fall. They harvested hot chili peppers from the hydroponic system to make hot sauce, collected basil to create garlic basil salt, and prepared chimichurri to enjoy with potatoes they grew themselves. Students also worked with calendula flowers to make hand salves and collected pumpkin, sunflower, pepper, flower, and herb seeds—saving some for planting next spring and roasting others for snacks.

One student took on the task of cleaning and preparing the **Reverse Osmosis (RO) system** for maple sugaring season, while others marked maple trees in the school forest in preparation for tapping this winter. The class is also putting the garden to bed for the season, covering beds and planting garlic for next year's harvest.

Students recently attended the **VAST Career Discovery Day** at Alfred State College, where they explored agricultural and technical careers, participated in hands-on activities like welding and goat ultrasounds, and even competed in hay bale and axe-throwing contests.

Through these experiences, students continue to build practical skills in sustainability, agriculture, and science.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB

The International Travel Club took sixteen Bolivar-Richburg students and three teachers to the countries of Portugal and Spain from November 7th through the 14th. While there we experienced all of the wonderful food, culture, dance, museums, and beauty of these two amazing countries.

We use a very reputable education-based travel company called Education First to assist us in these opportunities. While there we have a full-time tour guide and a private charter bus. These trips are economical and teach our young travelers so much over the course of nine or ten days. You would be amazed at the changes that occur in each of the student travelers. If you would like your child to be a part of our next travel experience, we will have an informational meeting in mid to late January 2026 for the next trip. We travel to Europe every other year so if your student will be in grades 9-12 during the 2027-28 school year, they are eligible to participate. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Britt, International Travel Club Advisor.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Mr. Allen, Athletic Director

Our fall sports season has come to a close. All our teams showed improvement throughout the season.

I would personally like to thank all of our coaches and volunteers for their time and dedication. Also, a huge thank you to our extremely loyal fans who show up to support our athletes no matter where the games are being played. Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate our athletes whose dedication and long hours of hard work are clearly paying off.

This winter we will be combining sports with Cuba-Rushford in Girls Basketball at all levels, Wrestling, Indoor Track and Field, and Swimming. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to the communities coming together for the sake of our student athletes.

In closing, I am looking forward to an exciting Winter Sports season. Come out and support your Wolverines! We are BR!

Scan the QR code to access team schedules. You can also sign up to receive text or e-mail notifications for all your favorite Wolverine sports teams.

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Mary Snyder, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

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BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING LIST

When it is necessary to delay school opening, close school, or dismiss early, the following TV and Radio Stations will be contacted.

Channel 2 TV	*WGRZ-TV Buffalo*
	AM Program
Channel 4 TV	*WIVB-TV Buffalo*
	AM Program
Channel 7 TV	*WKBW-TV Buffalo*
	AM Program
WJQZ, Wellsville	*103.5 FM Radio*
WLSV, Wellsville	*790 AM Radio*
WOEN, Olean	*1360 AM Radio*
WMXO, Olean	*101.5 FM Radio*
WHDL, Olean	*1450 AM Radio*
WPIG, Olean	*95.7 FM Radio*
WBEN, Buffalo	*930 AM Radio*

The District will also use ParentSquare to notify families. Please contact the guidance office to update telephone numbers. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: THE CIRCUS IS COMING!

Saturday, January 10, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
BR High School Gym

The theme is "Slink's Big Birthday Bash" and features 5 new acts for 2026.

TICKET PRICES

Adults:
$15 advance, $20 on show day at the door.

Children 12 and under: free with an adult.

Special student tickets: $5 each for middle and high school grades.

Be the first to see the all-new Circus for 2026!