



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

QUARTER IV- 2026

BE IN THE KNOW

Fall Sports Tryouts 1st Day is on August 10th for Football & August 13th for all other Fall sports. Remember to schedule your Annual Physical in a timely manner. For further inquiries, please contact Derek at dciprshs@buusd.org.

Students should check their School Email Accounts in August, so they don't miss out on important information.

Course Registration and Questions, please contact Mr. Cate at ccateshs@buusd.org OR Mrs. Courtemanche in the School Counseling Office at bcourshs@buusd.org

New Student Day
Wednesday, August 26th

1st Day of School for Everyone Thursday, August 27th

Senior Portraits for the Class of 2027 are due Friday, October 16th and further messaging will go out in early July.

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

As my time as your superintendent comes to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Serving this district has been an incredible honor for me. I am immensely proud of what our students, educators, and School Board have accomplished together during these past two years. BUUSD will always have a special place in my heart. I know that the Barre Schools all have an incredible opportunity going forward to make great progress to increase student learning and to support our educators along the way. It is my hope that in some small way I have had a hand in that effort. Going forward, the district will be led by a talented new superintendent and I have confidence that you will thrive under the leadership of Emilie Knisely.

You have a lot to look forward to in the coming chapters. Our district is filled with potential, talent, and bright opportunities. However, true progress cannot happen in a vacuum.

To reach our highest goals, you all need to be involved in the process. Caregivers, Parents, Community Members, Faculty, Staff and student voices, your engagement, and your continued support are the most vital ingredients for our students' success. I hope you will continue to support our schools! Please find ways to engage in our schools and with our School Board to make the Barre Schools the best that we can be! Our students deserve it!

Thank you for your dedication, your partnership, and your warm welcome during my tenure. I will miss each and everyone of you! Please continue to show up, speak up, and actively shape the future of our schools.

With gratitude, best wishes and pride,
JoAn Canning, *Superintendent of School*

Prom Fun





MATH AWARDS

HONORING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Celebrating Academic Excellence is at the forefront of TIDE Nation. Whether it be Dr. Carter's Math Club, which inspires students to be creative problem solvers to Dungeons & Dragons Club, along with Chess Club, more than ever we *encourage* students to apply new learning beyond the classroom walls and see how their investments pay off academically. For this year's recipients, we applaud your determination, grit, and perseverance in being invested in your learning.



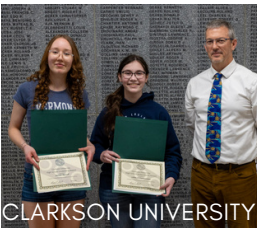
MATH CLUB



ENGLISH AWARDS



JR ENGLISH AWARDS



CLARKSON UNIVERSITY



YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS



ENGLISH LEVELLED UP AWARDS

English Awards Academic Achievers 9th Graders Will Bresett, Crosby DiCicco, Ryan Finck, Wyatt Fuller, Chloe Geno, Madison Giannoni, James Henes, Enna-Claire Kalat, Emily May, Nora Otten, Bridget Sheeran, Kylie Untiedt 10th Graders Hallie Bellavance, Jordan Blondin, Zahir Jenkins, Trent Loftus, Solenne Marineau, Marilyn O'Meara, Aevalyn Quesnel, Emelia Palmisiano, Emilia Poczobut, & Gavin Walther 11th Graders Kennedy Lantagne, Easton Lewis, Jillian Lewis, Caroline O'Hara, Alexa Palluto, & Marissa Young 12th Graders Maisy Cascadden, Sawyer Estivill, Onyx Lewis, & Mason Shatney

Levelled Up Awards 9th Graders Jordyn Heron, Ava Kennedy, Grier Larivee, & Natalie Young 10th Graders Katie Avery, Noah Cepeda, Isaiah Cleveland, Jacey Kenyon-Abbott, Cheyanne Neale, & Veve Woodhouse 11th Graders Mollie Clark, Jackson Corrow, Medea Dane, Bryan Perkins, & Logan Royer 12th Graders Julia Boltin & Abigail Oakes

Tide Awards 9th Graders Emmett Hellein, Bobby Lords, Carmelina Royer, Justin Semprebon, & Piper White 10th Graders Mya Grandfield, Ava Morey, Celsey Podgwaite, Carter Somaini, & Estrella Vaughan-Akmal 11th Graders Nate Bradley, Jacob LeRose, Zachary Premont, Aiden Powers, & Eliaz Rodriguez 12th Graders Mia Dolan, Riley Finneran, & Bethany Young

Resiliency Awards 9th Graders Ziva Covey & Azkadelia Russell 10th Graders Carmen Abreu & Javier Jerome 11th Grader Olivia Badger 12th Graders Abby Chhoun & Emily Rodgers

Junior English Awards Evelyn Kalat & Easton Lewis

Math Awards Connections Bella Dodge

Foundations Alora Cass

Algebra 1 Part A Wyatt Fuller **Algebra 1 Part B** Gavin Walther **Algebra 1 Honors** Crosby DiCicco **Geometry** Hayden Rock **Geometry Honors** Julia Perez **Algebra 2** Gavin Cook **Algebra 2 Honors** Marissa Young

Precalculus Emilia Poczobut **Statistics** Mackenzie Grochowik **AP Calculus AB** Kellen Robtoy **UVM Math Exam** Allison French

Science Awards Gavin Cook, Nova Eberly, James Henes, Rosie Johnson, Jillian Lewis, Trent Loftus, Rowan Moran, Marilyn O'Meara, Adriana Perez, Julia Perez, Quinn Premont, Kellen Robtoy, Alice Smith, & Shayla Thorpe

World History Awards Excellence Will Bresett

Excitement/Curiosity Emmett Hellein & Brayden Berard **Effort** Emily Cray **Engagement** Heloisa Vasconcelos Ribeiro **Community Spirit** Justin Semprebon

US History Awards Excellence Rosie Johnson

Excitement/Curiosity Javier Jerome & Gavin Walther **Effort** Hayden Rock **Engagement** Ava Morey **Community Spirit** Emilia Poczobut



PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS



HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS



WORLD LANGUAGES AWARDS



HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS



ASL AWARDS



JROTC AWARDS



HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS



FINE ARTS AWARDS



PHOENIX AWARDS



UVM SCHOLAR AWARD



CO VALEDICTORIANS

History & Social Studies Electives Awards Excellence Mia Dolan **Excitement/Curiosity** Emma Cheney-Putney **Effort** Alexa Pallutto **Engagement** Andy Evans **Community Spirit** Easton Lewis **Fine Arts Awards Emerging Artist** Kade Barber, Liza Durgin, Asher Eberlein, Gabby Farrell, Brooklyn Kearney, John LaPerle, Emily May, Adriana Perez, Alice Smith, Emma Spaulding, & Gavin Walther **Creative Thinker** Jaiden Caron, Addisyn Carr, Tristannah Dodge, Nicholas French, Brandon Fuller, Zeke Harrell, Jay Howald, Colin Lawrence, Madison Noury, Emily Rodgers, & Carter Somaini **Outstanding Artist** Maisy Cascadden, Mimi Canty, Sawyer Estivill, Nora Otten, Tenyr Pope, Madison Spaulding, Thia Uthmann, & Delilah Wycoff **World Languages Awards Spanish I** Katelyn Bisson, Mimi Canty, & Kirolos Tadros **Spanish II** Braydren Cosgrove & Matthew Howard **Spanish III** Gavin Walther **French I** Zoe Hanna, Julia Perez, & Christine Pompei **French II** Emilia Poczobut **French III** Kade Barber **French IV** Marissa Young **American Sign Language** Lilli Anderson, Maisy Cascadden, Rosie Johnson, & Quinn Premont **Leveled UP Awards** Tristannah Dodge (French), Celsey Podgwaite (Spanish), & Colin Lawrence (ASL) **Clarkson University Leadership** Delilah Wycoff **Clarkson University Achievement** Lillian Charbonneau **Society of Women Engineers: High Honors** Quinn Premont **Society of Women Engineers: Highest Honors** Evelyn Kalat & Sydney Schaller **University of Vermont Citizen Scholar Book Award** Grace Lindheim **JROTC LET 1 Superior Cadet Award** Alenna Sherman **LET 2 Superior Cadet Award** Joseph Quinonez **LET 3 Superior Cadet Award** Harper Spaulding **LET 4 Superior Cadet Award** Gavin Sickles **Music Awards** Katie Burke, Andy Evans, Rosalie Johnson, Lyndsey Laflamme, Lily Maring, Alexander Poczobut, Emilia Poczobut, Kellen Robtoy, Sydney Schaller, Leah Spaulding, & Lilah Thurston **Co-Valedictorians** Mia Dolan & Cadyn Jarvis **Phoenix Mathematics Award** Kooper Raper **Phoenix Humanities Award** Alyssa Fleury **Phoenix Rise from the Ashes Award** Mae Lafar **Vermont Young Playwrights** Julia Perez, Bridget Sheeran, Thia Uthmann, & Veve Woodhouse **Marty Morris 9thGrader** Madison Giannoni **10thGrader** Riley Davis **11thGrader** Elizabeth Howard **12thGrader** Anthony Savoy **Librarian's Choice** Leah Spaulding and Thea Uthmann **Jay Trombley Award** Robert Booth



LIBRARIAN CHOICE AWARDS



SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

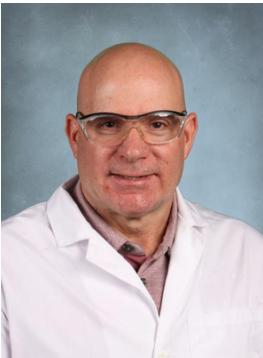


SCIENCE AWARDS

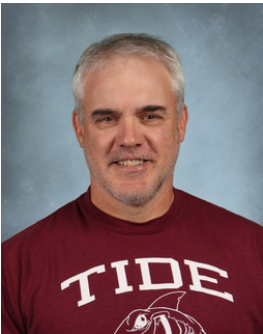


SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

This year's recipient for *Outstanding Staff Person of the Year* is **Brad Bessette** who has served *Spaulding High School* for over 30+ years within the Science Department.



As noted by several students, "...Mr. Bessette is the GOAT, he's awesome, he cares, he always makes me happy." As noted by others, he is so "kind to me, he is an amazing teacher, and teaches class the way a class should be taught. On days I'm sad he always makes me happy and understands my feelings and considers them." His colleagues throughout the building are in agreement and have witnessed his professionalism not only within the Science Department, but also the Phoenix Program. For Brad, he continues to uphold academic standards while being laid back, by being supportive of not only of his students, but also his colleagues as they evolve into their own teaching styles.



PJ LaPerle has been declared *Outstanding Staff Member of the Year* by his colleagues and students. For PJ, this is his second time being recognized not only for his insights, supportive approach, and caring ear.

As noted by one of his colleagues, "PJ has an easy going personality, he is thoughtful and has a sense of humor that works well when building relationships with students. He is often the adult identified by students as one of the people they can turn to in the building when they need someone to listen to them. Even some of our most difficult to reach students find PJ is the person they can relate with on some level. He is always helpful and willing to jump in."

This is a testament not only witnessed by our colleagues, but by many students and student athletes who adore him. For they know, they can rely upon PJ as a coach and/or fatherly figure while also making them laugh and feel supported.



In the spirit of the *Jay Trombley Award*, the Student Council presented **Robert Booth**; fondly referred as Bobby with this award based upon his dedication and loyalty to his alma mater. Faculty, staff, and students alike commend Bobby not only as Co-Department Chair within the Performing & Fine Arts Department, but for instilling passion within his teaching, along with inspiring his students to be & do their best. He's credited for investing in his students and his high school in a meaningful way.



Allison Courtemanche (left) was recognized as the Rookie of the Year & **Gabe Aguilar** (right) was declared UnSung Hero by the Administration and School community. For both individuals are commended for their incredible dedication, providing nurturing and safe spaces for students, along with lending an empathetic ear. It was noted by their colleagues and students alike that Allison & Gabe offer a calming presence for all students and make them feel confident in what they do. In turn, keep up the great work & we are so proud of you!



Congratulations and thank you for everything that you do!



SPRING SPORTS



We are constantly amazed and proud of our community.





BRITTANY BURT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

EDITH & NATHANIEL GOULD SCHOLARSHIP KIARA HOGAN
ELIZABETH CAMPBELL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP LILAH THURSTON
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT CADYN JARVIS



CARROLL & ELIZABETH WHITE MATH AWARD

ELIZABETH SMITH SCHOLARSHIP MASON SHATNEY
ERMA MONTI SCHOLARSHIP KORAL ROBERTS
EUGENE COZZI SCHOLARSHIP KAELYNN BELVILLE, BIANCA CHIUCHIOLO, WYATT GENO, KIARA HOGAN, & TALIA JACOBS
EVA G. SMITH WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP GRACIE LUNT
FRANCIS PINARD SCHOLARSHIP SOPHIA GUARRIELLO & JAIDYN PINARD
GEORGE MARTIN ROBINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP EMMA SWEENEY
GEORGE PHINNEY SCHOLARSHIP CONNOR MACIE & HAYDEN MORRIS
GRANITE CITY GARDEN CENTER KATIE BURKE
GREGG THYGESEN FUND ZACHARY PARKER
IRA & NATALIE ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP EMMA BEEDE
ITALIAN/MUTUO AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP HANA DOBRILOVIC & SOPHIA GUARRIELLO



DR REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

JACK & COLETTE DENTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BIANCA CHIUCHIOLO
JOSEPH LIVENDALE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ELLA COLLINS & HAYDEN MORRIS
KERRI SHANEBERGER FIELD HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP GRACIE LUNT
KIM DOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NATALIE BUZZI, CADYN JARVIS, HANNAH DEAN, & MACKENZIE DOUGLAS
KIWANIS CLUB OF BARRE MIA DOLAN & GRACIE LUNT
KRIS KEMP GOLF SCHOLARSHIP



CENTRAL VT ORTHODONTICS SCHOLARSHIP

LARRY REILLY/BARRE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP ELLA COLLINS & ALEXANDER POCZOBUT
LAURENCE CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP ALEXANDER POCZOBUT
LILLIAN RIDDELL DEMPSEY SCHOLARSHIP ADDISYON CARR
MARILYN GRAY SCHOLARSHIP JULIA LOCARNO
MARIOTTI MAZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP LYLA PIASCIK
MARTHA MORRIS AWARD HANNAH DEAN
PATRICIA MORIN CHADWICK SCHOLARSHIP CONNER MACIE
PATRICK GRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ABIGAIL OAKES



CHUCK CHATOT SCHOLARSHIP



DANTE BOGNI SCHOLARSHIPS



ELIZABETH CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP



PINKY BARTLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NATALIE BUZZI
PRINCIPAL AWARD EARL EBERLEIN
PROJECT GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP EMMALINE AUDY & RYLEE
BELLAVANCE



RICHARD D. LUSSIER SCHOLARSHIP KARLA PEREZ
RICHARD F. PARNIGONI SCHOLARSHIP CADYN JARVIS
RONALD YORK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ETHAN FORTIN, ALLISON FRENCH,
HAYDEN ROCK, & MASON SHATNEY



SHS ALUMNI ATHLETIC AWARD SOPHIA GUARRIELLO & MAX LAPERLE
SHS CLASS OF 1966 MEMORIAL AWARDS MACKENZIE DOUGLAS & GRACIE
LUNT



SHS CLASS OF 1967 SCHOLARSHIP MATHIEU FECTEAU
SHS CLASS OF 1970 SCHOLARSHIP JOEY HAYES-GARCIA
SHS CLASS OF 1979 AWARD MIA DOLAN, JACOB BOISVERT, EMMA BERNES,
ELLA COLLINS, & CADYN JARVIS



TOMASINI SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD EMMA BEEDE
VALEDICTORIANS MIA DOLAN & CADYN JARVIS
VERMONT JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIP CADYN JARVIS
VIRGINIA BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RORY-ANNE GLASSFORD



WILEY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP LILAH THURSTON
WORK BASED LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP LUKE EMMONS, PARKER
HARRINGTON, SOPHIA GUARRIELLO, & GRACIE LUNT
YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHOLARSHIP KAI FECCIA & RILEY FINNERAN



CONGRATULATIONS
class of 2026

Wishing you all the best
 in what lies ahead and good luck.

Donna Putnam

Thank You

for your commitment and dedication
to the
Spaulding High School Community.

Now we wish you health and happy days
in your retirement.

**May your new adventure bring you plenty of
happiness and fulfillment.**

Adam Calder-Rosen | Cate Franks | Williamy Haywood | Michelle O'Donnell | Surayah Pierce-Speight
Eric Recchia | Alice Schafer | Alissa Walkowiak

**thank you for your service to
Spaulding High School over the years.**