WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

Belonging
Excellence
Acceptance
Respect
Service

MS. BLANK, PRINCIPAL

MR. GOLDBERG, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MEET THE V.I.P. TEAM!

Counseling Department:

Ms. Erin Ryan
Supervisor of School Counseling & Student Services

Mr. Michael Muranelli (A-G)

Ms. Amanda Alayo (H-M)

Ms. Jeanine Isabella (N-R)

Ms. Meredith Safer (S-Z)

Clinicians:

Mr. Tim Pellegrin - School Social Worker

Ms. Meredith Ohmes - Student Assistance Counselor

LOCATED IN THE WELLNESS CENTER

School Nurse:

Ms. Laura Jagielski

Head of Security:

Mr. Michael Toolan

FROM OUR WELLNESS CENTER

CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

Mr. Pellegrin
School Social Worker
Ms. Ohmes
Student Assistance Counselor

Wellness is intended for use when you do not have class or when you have a scheduled appointment.

If you have an emergency and need to go to Wellness when you have class, you must first report to class & ask your teacher to call Wellness to make sure there is an adult present and that you are excused from class.

FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

Ms. Jagielski is our MS/HS Nurse.

Mornings = MS Health Office
Afternoons = HS Health Office

If you need to see the nurse, you must first report to class and ask your teacher to call the nurse. Your teacher will let you know whether to go to the MS or HS Health Office.

STUDENT HANDBOOK AGENDA

Distributed at the end of today's Orientation

Agenda Includes:

- Academic Information
- BHS Daily Schedule
- Calendar Information
- Assignment Book
- Behavior Consequences
- Academic Integrity

Code of Conduct Book - Signed digitally on parent portal

CELL PHONE POLICY

Because you deserve the space to focus, connect, and breathe

- **Starting this year, all personal devices must be powered off and put away when you enter the building. PLACE devices in your locker or out of sight in your backpack**
  This includes: **Smartphones, Smartwatches, Fitness trackers, any internet-connected personal device. NO AirPods or wireless headphones. Wired headphones only.**
- **Devices must remain off and out of sight throughout the entire school day from the moment you enter the building in the morning, including:**
  - **Lunch**
  - **Free periods**
  - **Study halls**
  - **Substation**
  - **Hallway transitions**

RESTORATION NOT RESTRICTION

We're not doing this to take something away—
we're doing this to give something back

- 💬 Real conversations
- 👀 Fewer distractions
- 🧠 More focus
- 😌 Less anxiety
- Need to reach someone urgently or have an emergency?
  - Use a school phone (Counseling, Mr. Pellegrin, Ms. Ohmes, Main Office)
  - Have your parent/guardian call the Main Office
  - Check in/out with security to use the designated area in the lobby

DEVICE USE CONSEQUENCES

First offense – Teachers will give a verbal warning to put the device away. Incident is documented in eSchool as a warning.

Second offense - Teachers will confiscate the phone and notify parents. Incident is documented in eSchool. Students can pick up their phone at the end of the day from school administration.

Third offense – Teachers will confiscate the phone and notify parents. Incident is documented in eSchool. Parent/guardian will be asked to pick up their child's phone at the end of the day from school administration. Referral to counseling.

Subsequent offenses – All of the above, for third offense, as well as a disciplinary consequence.

ZERO TOLERANCE AT BHS

Use of electronic devices for recording, photographing or videotaping is forbidden.

STUDENT ARRIVAL PROCESS

Parent drop-off:

- Students may be dropped off starting at 8:15 am

Bus drop off:

- Last bus will arrive by 8:30 am

Main Entrance:

- All students will enter through the HS main entrance
- Prior to 8:30 am, students may go to their lockers, the CLIFF, or the cafeteria
- At 8:30 am, a reminder bell will sound, letting students know that they should report to their period 1 class.
- Period 1 begins promptly at 8:35 am

Briarcliff High School
Daily Schedule

Period 1 8:35-9:17
Period 2 9:20-10:03
Period 3 10:06-10:48
Period 4 10:51-11:33
Period 5A Class: 11:36-12:18 CLEAR: 12:18-12:48
Period 5B Class: 12:03-12:45 CLEAR: 11:33-12:03
Period 6 12:48-1:30
Period 7 1:33-2:15
Period 8 2:18-3:00
General Dismissal Bus Departure: 3:05 PM Activities Bus Departure: 3:45 PM

"THE CLIFF"

- Library
- Math Lab
- Writing Lab
- College Conference Room
- Amphitheater - Available for class or supervised student use
- Student Help Desk - Technology support
- Teacher offices
- CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

LUNCH GUIDELINES

- Students are encouraged to eat outdoors whenever possible. We have beautiful picnic tables outside the cafeteria.
- All garbage and recycling must be disposed of in the appropriate bin.
- Safety monitors and lunch supervisors must be respected.
- No eating in the lobby or hallways.
- Food deliveries, including DoorDash and GrubHub are not permitted.
- CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

AFTER LUNCH LOCATION OPTIONS

- Remain in the cafeteria/on the patio
- Gymnasium
- The CLIFF
  - Library
  - Writing/Math lab
  - Engineering lab
  - Extra help
- Behavior expectations

WHEN TEACHERS ARE ABSENT...
YOU MUST REPORT TO SUBSTATION

Check Announcement Boards
located in/outside of the following areas:

- BHS Main Lobby
- Testing Center
- Cafeteria
- The CLIFF
- Counseling Center

SUBSTATION EXPECTATIONS

- Find a seat at one of your class' tables as indicated by the substation coordinator.
- Remain seated while attendance is taken by the substation coordinator and/or the teacher/teaching assistant assigned to supervise for the period.
- Listen for directions from the substation coordinator regarding the assignment, either online or hard copy.
- Submit completed work to substation coordinator and/or the TA/teacher at the end of the period.
- CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Visits to the bathroom should be brief, ideally in between classes or during CLEAR.
- Bathrooms will be monitored by faculty, administrators, and security personnel.
- NY State law requires schools to provide access to male, female and gender-neutral bathrooms.
- Gender-neutral facilities include:
  - Multi-stall bathrooms that can be used by anyone regardless of gender. You may encounter people of any gender at the sink or coming in/out of stalls.
  - Single use bathrooms located in the hallway between the auditorium and cafeteria. One person per bathroom permitted at any time.
- CELL PHONE FREE ZONE

EVACUATION & SAFETY DRILLS

- 12 Total Drills per year: 4 lockdown drills, 8 evacuation drills
- During an evacuation, please pay attention to the announcement over the PA system and/or teacher instruction.
- Be prepared for drills where one exit is blocked in order to simulate real-world emergencies. In addition, BMPD will be on site lending support during many of our safety drills.
- Procedures exiting from cafeteria and auditorium

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Ms. Guida is the 11/12 Community Service Advisor
- Each student must complete 8 hours of community service each year, for each of the four years in HS.
- Students must submit a Service Log Sheet with verifying signatures of the service recipient and parent/guardian to Ms. Rutledge, Faculty Office 724. Log sheets are accessible on the Community Service homepage on the BHS website. Due by June 1, 2027
- Speak with Ms. Guida and check your school email for service opportunities.

PSAT

- PSAT Exam will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 8:30 am.

- Bring a check payable to BMUFSD in the amount of $25 (due TOMORROW, 9/4 at 3pm. No Exceptions!) in an envelope with your name on it to the HS Main Office. You must also complete a form to select your registration date.

- Students *must* attend a meeting with Mr. Goldberg on 9/9 or 9/10 in the Amphitheater during your CLEAR period or at 3:00 pm in order to register and download the necessary app to take the exam.

- The exam is being administered digitally, bring your fully charged laptop and charger. Please note that if you forget your laptop you will not be able to sit for the exam.

Please see Mr. Goldberg, Testing Coordinator, with any questions. Main Office, dgoldberg@briarcliffschools.org

JUNIOR SIGN-OUT PRIVILEGE

Juniors may have the privilege to sign out and leave school prior to 3:00 pm as follows:

- **Students are permitted to sign out at the END of their academic day, in which there is <u>no scheduled period 8 class</u>. Substation is considered part of the academic day.**
- **Students must have a <u>signed Junior Release Permission Form</u> on file in the HS main office.**
- **Students must report to the main office EACH TIME to sign out and receive their "exit ticket" to hand to our security personnel at the front entrance.**
- **Bus transportation is not available. Therefore, students must arrange their own transportation home to use this privilege.**
- **Please note: Academic or Code of Conduct concerns may restrict this privilege.**

CLASS OF 2028

Class Advisors: Ms. Boyer & Ms. Safer

Co-Presidents:

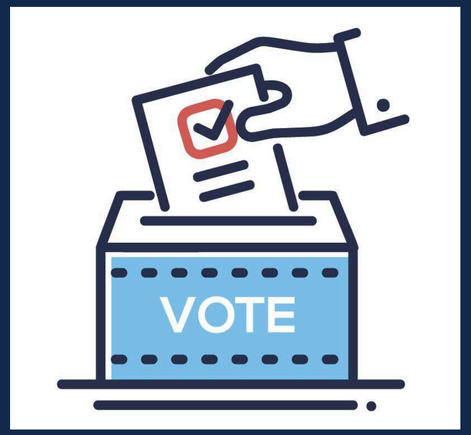
Ellena Downing and Dorentina Ivezaj

Secretary:

Eli Berzofsky

Treasurer:

Owen Lynch



Student Government meets every Monday in Room H122

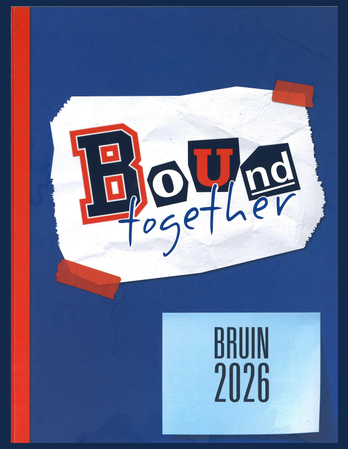
STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS/ADVISORS

Co-Presidents: Sofia Cruz and Hannah Tashiro
Secretary: Emily Isbell
Treasurer: Kevin Pahk
Advisors: Ms. Huber and Ms. O'Brien

Student Government meets every Monday in Room H122

YEARBOOK

Advisors: Ms. Bendlin & Ms. Sipe



- Order now through Dec 31st for discounted price of $110
  - www.yearbookordercenter.com
  - Use school code # 4501
- From Jan 1st - May 1st, price increases to $125
- After May 1st price increases to $135. You may purchase through the advisors, while supplies last.
- Worker bees needed for yearbook staff! Please see Ms. Bendlin & Ms. Sipe ASAP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Back-to-School BBQ Today: Thursday, September 3rd
Spirit Week: Oct 13th - 16th
Pep Rally: Friday, October 16th
Underclass photos: Tuesday, September 29th Wednesday, September 30th, Make-up photos: Wednesday, October 28th

YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When our students are not at Briarcliff High School, we notice because we care.

If/when you are absent, late, need to leave early:

- **Parents/legal guardian must call in each absence, lateness, early dismissal to Ms. Kim Manghise in the HS Main Office @ 914-769-6299**

- **Use www.briarcliffschools.org/parents/hs-parents**

SDM
SCHOOL DISMISSAL
MANAGER

OUR ADVICE TO YOU…

- Enjoy High School!
- Maintain a healthy school-life balance
- Be here every day!
- Take time to eat lunch and relax during CLEAR
- Get involved in clubs, class events, athletics, extra-curricular activities
- Manage your time
- Use your agenda/MacBook to keep track of assignments
- Ask for help if you need it! Don't wait!

IT’S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR!

MIGHTY BEARS™
BRIARCLIFF
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