

BHS Bulletin 2/20 - 2/25
February 20 - February 25

There will be no school on Friday, February 17, 2012 as this is a Mid-Winter and Monday February 20, 2012 for President's Day.

Drama Club

The results and scores of the BHS Drama Club International Thespian Society (ITS) student core from our regional competition that took place this last Saturday in Olympia. This West Side IE Festival leads to State! We took a team of nine students with five participating in the competition. Students are given a score of I = Superior, II = Excellent, III = Good, IV = Fair, and V = Not Prepared for their competition pieces. Students receiving Superior ratings AND are in the top 20% are automatically qualified for the State competition to be held at CWU in Ellensburg in March. Those students scoring in the top 10%, are automatically qualified for State and also NATIONALS in Lincoln, Nebraska...and... I am proud to announce our very own **Jaren Walker** and her performance earned this high honor!

Allison Otero earned an Excellent rating (missing state by only two points!) and **Steven Montgomery, Abby Walters,** and **Eric Enlow** each earned respectable Good ratings!

The students who went as observers and feed-back specialists were: **Martha Tobiya, Galen Robinson, Celia Way,** and **Kayla Wilson-Potter** ... all who were also a part of "Umik!" and mostly under- classmen and are very excited to compete next year!

Skyward

Parents having problems logging into Skyward should call Carey Bacon at 332-0357 or email him at cbacon@blainessd.org. Mr. Bacon can reset passwords and free accounts that have been locked.

Masonic Award

Applications are available from Mr. Shockey for the 2012 Masonic Scholar-Citizen Award Program. Three junior girls and three junior boys will be selected by the Whatcom County Masonic Education Council as Blaine High School Scholar-Citizens. The top student from BHS will receive a \$500.00 scholarship and the top boy and girl from the county will each receive \$1500.00. Applying for this award gives students the opportunity not only to compete for this award, but also get information and ideas organized on an application which can be used as a template for future applications during their senior year. Students are judged in a multitude of areas including academics, service and extracurricular participation. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 24. For more information see Mr. Shockey.

Career Tips for Students

Figuring out what to do for work is a process that happens over time, rather than a single one-time decision. Career Planning is a developmental, thought-provoking process. You must examine yourself: your interests, your temperament, and your values. You then need to think about what you want in a job.

1. Establish tentative personal/career goals
2. Discuss your career goals with counselors, teachers, and family.
3. Explore occupations and gather career information.
4. Conduct Informational Interviews
5. Develop a Resume of Activities, Honors, and Achievements.
6. Assemble a list of admission requirements and qualifications.
7. Visit college or other education/training sites.

Senior Parents Financial Aid

If your student is interested in any type of school after graduation, students and parents need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA. Students and parents should be getting a signature PIN now and filling out the worksheet. It can be submitted via the Internet now. Schools have a deadline for receiving the FAFSA, and the sooner it is received the better the chance of receiving funds. To apply for the PIN number you need to go to www.fafsa.ed.gov You can begin applying for the FAFSA now. This is not just a 4 year school financial aid form, this is for any type of after high school learning

Assistance League Summer Enrichment Scholarship

Each year Assistance League of Bellingham awards Summer Enrichment Scholarship to students enrolled in grades 6-11. These scholarships are awarded to eligible students exhibiting keen interest in a variety of fields such as music, art, science, debate, drama, leadership, and others. Exceptions from this scholarship is sports programs, religious studies, foreign study or exchange programs, private lessons, or any transportation affiliated with a program. Students may apply for only one scholarship. Applications are in the Career Center, see Mr. Shockey for your application.

Ecology Youth Corps

The Ecology Youth Corps (EYC) is again seeking eager, hard-working young people aspiring to help clean the environment and earn money. Visit the following website to apply online: www.eyc.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eyc/nwro.html This web site will guide you step-by-step through the application process as well as give you further details about the EYC program. If you need a hard copy of the application you may pick one up in the Career Center.

Spring Sports

Spring sports sign ups are now in the office, baseball, boys golf, girls golf, boys soccer, softball, girls tennis, boys and girls track. Be sure all your paperwork is in and physical is current before Spring sports start Monday, February 27, 2012. Any questions see Connie in the office.

Required items:

- Orange packet (NOT needed if student has already done a sport in the fall or winter)
- Concussion form (NOT needed if student has already done a sport in the fall or winter)
- Sport specific inherent risk form
- Current physical
- Participation fee
- ASB card
- Athletic practice transportation form (needed for baseball, golf, soccer, softball)

YEARBOOK

Purchase the 2012 yearbook for \$45.00 in the high school office.

WELPA Testing

It is time for the Washington English Language Proficiency Assessment - WELPA. The WELPA is an annual measure of progress for English Language Learners (ELL), with questions in each of the four language domains—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It is administered annually in February/March to all qualified students in the State Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program (STBIP), as well as to all qualified Title III students to determine eligibility for continued supplemental English Language Development (ELD) services. This year the window for this test is February 6, 2012 to March 9, 2012. All students who qualify for ELD services must be tested annually with the WELPA.

Senior Projects

Parents, please keep informed on your son's or daughter's senior project progress; it's a grad requirement. Ask them where they are in the process. All seniors should have had their letter of intent approved. For all those who have completed their letters, they are either finishing their twenty hours or if they have done that, are completing their self-evaluation essays and compiling evidence. Also, mentors should be filling out the required evaluation form. Furthermore, all seniors should be working on their portfolios now, even though they are not officially due until spring. Remember, even though they are seniors, frequent reminders may be necessary.

Senior Parents

This year's trip will be an evening adventure across the border in Canada. Be sure your child has a current passport, enhanced ID or Nexus card. We can only accommodate 90 students so get your deposit in for your senior before all the spots are taken!

Attention senior parents: The after graduation trip planning is in full swing! Our next meeting will Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. @ The Blaine Public Library. The more the merrier!

If you do not want to help with fundraising, please pay a 2nd installment of \$40 to offset the cost of your senior's trip. Again, make checks out to BBC Class of 2012 with your student's name in the memo spot. Deposits should be turned in to Mrs. Nelson at the HS office. Please come and share your ideas. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Becky Grasher @ 332-6922.

Transcript Request

Seniors if you need transcripts to send to any of the colleges that you are applying to, you need to pick up a transcript request form from the career center or the office. Fill out the form and turn in to Ms. Nelson or Connie Pilon in the office, or give to Mr. Shockey in the career center.

SAT Question of the Week

The editor denied any knowledge of the reporter's alleged unethical interview techniques, claiming he had been ----- her finished work but not of her journalistic practices.

- A. cognizant of
- B. wary of
- C. acknowledged by

D. bemused by

E. vindicated by

SAT

The next available SAT will be given on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The deadline without having to pay a late fee is Friday, February 10, 2012. To sign up for this test students need to go to www.collegeboard.com. For more information contact Mr. Shockey in the Career Center.

ACT

The next available ACT will be given on Saturday, April 14, 2012. The deadline without having to pay a late fee is Friday, March 9, 2012. To sign up for this test students need to go to www.ACT.org. For more information contact Mr. Shockey in the Career Center.

Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

The Blaine Dollars for Scholars scholarship is now available in the career center. Pick up your hard copy to fill out so you can now type it on the scholarship section of the career center web page. This can not be saved as all seniors have been told. Recommendations are that students fill out the hard copy by hand then fill out the online version and add items to the printed out application. Seniors then can put the hand written application in their portfolio, which fulfills one portion of the senior section of the portfolio. Any questions contact Mr. Shockey in the career center.

Harley Owners Group Scholarship

Seniors: If anybody in your family, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.. own a Harley-Davidson motorcycle you are eligible to apply for the Mt. Baker Chapter Harley Owners Group scholarship. Pick up an application in the Career Center.

Scholarships - Due Date

Masonic International Scholarship - February 25, 2012
United Steelworkers Fallen Workers Scholarship - March 1, 2012
Washington State Employee Credit Union - March 5, 2012
WASA/Pemco 21st Century Educator Scholarship - March 5, 2012
Puget Sound Engineering Scholarship - March 9, 2012
Ewing C. Kelly Foundation Scholarship - March 12, 2012
U.S. Bank Scholarship - March 15, 2012
Careers That Work - March 15, 2012
Harley Owners Group, Mt. Baker Chapter - March 15, 2012
Washington State Association for Justice - March 16, 2012
Blaine Dollars for Scholars - March 29, 2012
Washington Waterfowl Association - March 30, 2012
Odenza Vacations Scholarship - March 30, 2012
ESA of Washington Scholarship - March 31, 2012
Matt Herzog Memorial Scholarship - March 31, 2012
Assistance League Summer Enrichment Scholarship - April 11, 2012
Brayton/Harshman Scholarship - April 15, 2012
Trans-Ocean Products Scholarship - April 19, 2012
Gilda's Club Scholarship - May 1, 2012
Blaine Soccer Club - May 1, 2012
Cafe Il Nido - May 30, 2012
DeVry Scholarships - May 30, 2012
Health Lifestyles Scholarship - May 30, 2012
Washington Wine Industry Foundation - June 1, 2012
Man Mac Scholarship - June 15, 2012
Big Sun Scholarship - June 22, 2012
BBG Scholarship - June 30, 2012

Sports Week - 2/20 - 2/25

Check with the Blaine High School sports information hotline each day on all sports at Blaine High School (thanks Mr. Miller). The phone number to this hot line is (360)332-0303.

Monday - 2/20

GBasketball - Practice

GTennis -
GGolf -
Softball -
BGolf -
Baseball -
BSoccer -
Track -

Tuesday - 2/21

GBasketball - Practice

GTennis -
GGolf -
Softball -
BGolf -
Baseball -
BSoccer -
Track -

Wednesday - 2/22

GBasketball -Practice

GTennis -
GGolf -
Softball -
BGolf -
Baseball -
BSoccer -
Track -

Thursday - 2/23

GBasketball - Practice

GTennis -
GGolf -
Softball -
BGolf -
Baseball -
BSoccer -
Track -

Friday - 2/24

GBasketball - Practice

GTennis -
GGolf -
Softball -
BGolf -
Baseball -
BSoccer -
Track -

Saturday - 2/25

GBasketball - Regional Final (winner to Yakima - loser out) - Stanwood - TBA

Saturday practices for Spring sports will be a coaches decision. Ask your student to check on Saturday practices. There may be athletic events on Saturday.

Go to nwcathletics.com for updated schedules, scores, stats, and more.

If you know someone that would like to receive this weekly bulletin have them send an e-mail to bbsbulletin-subscribe@blainessd.org If you have any other questions or concerns with regard to receiving the bulletin by e-mail, contact Mr. Shockey at rshockey@blainessd.org or you can call me at 332-6045. If you would rather not receive this on a weekly basis, please send a blank e-mail to bbsbulletin-unsubscribe@blainessd.org and your address will be removed

SAT Answer

To be “cognizant of” something is to be informed about or aware of it. The sentence indicates that the reporter’s interview techniques were allegedly unethical — that is, the reporter was accused of using techniques that do not conform to approved standards. If the editor was unaware of the reporter’s journalistic practices, he could plausibly deny any knowledge of — and responsibility for — her techniques, whether ethical or unethical. Therefore, it makes sense to suggest that the editor would claim that he was cognizant of only the reporter’s finished work and not her journalistic practices.

- **Question Type:** Standard Multiple Choice
- **Section:** sentence completions
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- **Responses:** 113,229
- **Correct:** 58%
- **Incorrect:** 42%