

2021-22 BHS Fine Arts Boosters Board Meeting  
September 13 @ 7pm  
BHS

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:10 pm

Reports of Officers

- Secretary – Jamie Brashler
  - Attendance
    - **Present:** Jamie Brashler, Jeri Broderick, Jenny Bulgarelli, Keith Colgrove, Tricia Davis, Lynette Farmer, Sakina Hamwi, Elizabeth Kitzman, Elizabeth McCoy, Jeff Roth, Rachel Sepe, Jenny Shannon, Jen Shimp, Danielle Thome, Suzanne Trent
    - **Absent:** Mary Beaubien, Annmarie Dymon, Kelly Henry, Leah Lazzari, MaryBeth Norton, Liz Szarek, Deb Watson
  - Elizabeth McCoy moved to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes; Suzanne seconded, and the motion was passed by the Board.
- Treasurer – Jeff Roth
  - Jeff presented the 2021-22 budget. Tricia moved to approve the budget; Keith seconded, and the motion was passed by the Board.
- President – Jeri Broderick
  - Jeri noted the 2021-22 schedule is posted.

Report of Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts – Brigid Tileston

- Dr. Hunt asked several students to perform at Willow Creek for 220 staff on August 19. Brigid reported the staff were really moved by the students –there were tears in the audience.
- In honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, photographs by BHS alumnus and official FDNY Ground Zero photographer Gary Marlon Susan are on display in the Clair E. Smith Gallery at BHS until early November. Due to high interest, an additional weekend was added.
- Winter Wonderfest will be December 3 - 5 at BHS. Changes this year include switching from a drive-through to walking event with a lighted tunnel from the west parking lot, student ice sculptures by the tennis courts, photo props / backdrops created by tech students, a covered spot for Santa, a recorded student orchestra performance to coincide with the tech student light show, BHS-TV presentation on the side of the building, and hot chocolate inside the building. Brigid said there will be lots of performing areas and that student groups and 220 schools can decorate a designated Christmas tree.
- Due to Covid restrictions, BHS is evaluating seating options for performances. Options include allowing for a vacant seat between groups, varying performance schedules, and/or streaming live events.

Reports of Discipline Representatives

- Band – Open
  - Brigid said performs did a great job at the assembly and are happy to be back at football games.
- BHS-TV – Kelly Henry (absent)
  - Two students were nominated for CTE Presidential Scholars Applications.
  - BHS-TV assisted with the first day for teachers that featured a plethora of Fine Arts students
  - BHS-TV photographed and filmed Senior Night featuring Fine Arts students.
  - BHS-TV students promoted girls and boys athletics via a photoshoot and video session with the help of Amy Jessup and the incredible tech crew. This was a unique opportunity for the athletes and the video students. Thank you to everyone that helped!

- BHS-TV students interviewed BHS alum Connor Stickney about his recovery from a motorcycle accident and his involvement with Bravehearts Horseback Riding.
- BHS-TV alum John Bach will be coming to work with BHS-TV students as a visiting artist. John most recently photographed for the Chicago Bears.
- Choir - Lynnette Farmer & MaryBeth Norton
  - Our annual choir student picnic was held on September 3rd on the front lawn at BHS. This outdoor event included fun activities and games, as well as performances by each of our a cappella groups! That same night, we enjoyed a Choir Parent/Guardian Meeting & BBQ.
  - We kicked off our 19th annual mum and kale fundraiser. Profits earned from this sale go directly into individual student fundraising accounts. The sale will run through September 15. The plant pick up will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd between 12-5PM. Families are responsible for picking up their orders that day.
  - We have a variety of items available for the 21-22 choir spirit wear sale! Orders are due this Friday.
  - Madrigal Audition took place on September 10th with callbacks being held today.
  - The Spotlight Production is designed to feature our incredibly talented freshman class! This freshman-only variety show will take place in mid-October.
  - The Choir Concert will be held September 28th. Tickets go on sale tomorrow. Two tickets per family.
- Dance – Danielle Thome & Jenny Shannon

#### ORCHESIS

- Over the summer, the company has been learning and rehearsing choreography (choreographed by our 4 student artistic directors) for the Homecoming assembly on Zoom. Since school has been back in person, we have been able to rehearse our Homecoming choreography in-person as a large group in outdoor settings and in smaller groups by grade indoors.
- We are rehearsing in-person for our Fall Concert in October. We have 12 student choreographed dances, 3 guest artist dances, 1 freshman piece choreographed by Orchesis Assistant Stephanie Naumowicz, and a new full-company finale number choreographed by Orchesis Director Katelyn Reyes. The girls are VERY excited to have this new opportunity to come together as one with a closing number incorporating all dancers in the company in small group sections at a time on the stage!
- We look forward to our Giordano Dance Chicago residency during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> with the company's live performance on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Orchesis dancers and fine/performing arts class students will have the opportunity to benefit from this experience!
- Orchesis is having an upcoming fundraiser on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Oberweis in Lake Zurich from 9:00AM-10:00PM. 20% of orders will be donated to Orchesis.

#### DANCE CLASSES

- Dance classes will begin dressing for class on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, the dance students have been continuing to work hard and staying actively engaged! We have also been able to take a moment to enjoy the weather for a wellness walk outdoors and with no technology!
- Intro to Dance and Dance 1 classes are wrapping up our ballet unit. We will begin our jazz dance unit very soon in preparation for the Giordano Dance Chicago residency in October. Dance 2 and Dance 3 classes have been progressing through modern dance techniques and dance improvisation as well as working on choreographic and performance elements in dance.
- All dance classes are being educated on the how the benefits of dance, art, and movement positively affect physical health, mental health, and overall well-being!
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- Drama - Noelle Boncher-Garcia (absent)
  - Auditions for Almost Maine and the experimental Madea began last week.

- Our Fall Experimental is Medea written by Eurpidies and directed by seniors Paul Lazzari and Margaret Higgins. Performances are November 4th, 5th and 6th in the black box.
- The Fall Play is Almost, Maine by John Cariani with performances November 11th, 12th and 13th in the auditorium.
- Unlike last year, performances are live with an audience at 60% capacity due to COVID restrictions. More specific information will come out prior to ticket sales!
- This year we will be participating in the 24-Hour Theatre Project where students will write, direct, act and tech 10-minute plays and monologues in 24 hours! On Friday, September 24th students who signed up to be writers will come to the black box and stay for as long as they need to get something on paper for our performers! The next morning our directors, actors and technicians will join us to rehearse/memorize/block/fabricate/tech our shows in time for a 7pm curtain! All ticket proceeds go to Drama Club and are used to offset apparel and event costs for Drama Club members. Come join us at 7pm on Saturday September 25th in the black box to see what we create!
- Drama club participated in the Co-Curricular Fair during lunch hours on September 8th to try to reach as many new members as we can! Our goal to expand our outreach in the school and on social media to try to get people involved! Our Drama club board already meet with BHS TV and filmed a spot for this week talking about our season and the many opportunities we have for students to get involved.
- Homecoming will be happening on Saturday October 2nd- and the Drama Club will be hosting a float for the parade.
- Our next full group drama club meeting is September 14th where students will sign up to be involved with the 24-Hour Theatre project. There are no auditions and it's a very small-time commitment so it's a great opportunity for students to try something new! Sign up order is based on class, and we will start with our seniors and fill down from there. We hope for this event to be annual, so everyone has an opportunity to be involved over their time at BHS.
- On October 27th we will be hosting a Halloween murder mystery party lead by our Drama Club Board!
- We have also signed up to volunteer for Winterfest taking place on December 3rd-5th!
- Orchestra - Debb Watson (absent)
  - Brigid said performers did a beautiful job at the Willow Creek performance on August 19.
  - The American String Quartet is performing at Barrington's White House on September 11. The ensemble will also work with BHS students. It is an honor to have some of the finest performers in the country working with our students.
- Visual Arts - Open
  - Juried District 220 student creations from recycled materials will be on display to celebrate Citizens for Conservation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year on December 16.
  - Students will participate in the Annual Harper Area High School Art Show.

### Reports of Standing Committees

- Membership - Mary Beaubien, Jenny Bulgarelli, Lynnette Farmer, Elizabeth McCoy & Rachel Sepe
  - We kicked off our membership drive this morning with Brigid's email to all our Fine Arts families, supporters, and alumni. Please spread the word about becoming a Fine Arts boosters Member. No donation is too small. Funds are used to support the Fine Arts programs at Barrington – things like scholarships, visiting artists, uniforms, and supplies and equipment.
- Alumni – Tricia Davis
  - Jeri confirmed there is a FAB alumni database. Seniors are asked to provide their personal (non-BHS) email accounts at graduation.
  - Tricia reviewed some ideas for the year including:
    1. Collaborate with BHS Alumni Association to access email database
    2. Work with local vendors to offer discounts with FAB membership - to add value to members who have graduated or even for people who do not currently have kids at BHS
    3. Establish social media presence - FB or Instagram (again maybe work with BHSAA for this)

4. Identify value of alumni membership - is it to just to keep in touch? We need to figure out why it's valuable to someone to be a member after they graduate and especially if they no longer live in the area...
  5. Offer opportunities to donate to improve facilities and offering a name plaque or a brick
  6. Offer livestreams of shows/performances to alumni if they have a FAB membership but don't live in the area
- Playbill – Liz Szarek (absent)
    - 245 businesses are being contacted (either by email or mailer) for sponsorship.
    - Emails were sent 9/7/21 and hard copies will be delivered to Melissa for mailing out on 9/13/21. Deadline is October 1. We have one sponsorship already--MJ Miller Jewelers. Jeff should receive payment from them (\$700). I will check with him closer to the deadline.
  - Scholarship - Annmarie Dymon (absent)
    - Annmarie proposes **Oct 11- October 24** as the Stipend Application window.
    - Updated application into a google form. The link can be shared on the website, through social media, etc. <https://forms.gle/XiWTZd5iDASWzm1y5> I will make the link active on October 11, so it can be posted on the website at any time.
    - Sent an image that can be used for promotional purposes.
  - Fundraising - Danielle Thome, Suzanne Trent, & Deb Watson
    - We will not include citrus in the fundraiser this year.
    - We will sell Lou Malnati's gift certificates for \$13 as before (we pay \$8 for each.)
    - We will sell toffee as in past years for \$20 (we pay \$14.50 for each.)
    - We would like to propose these additions to the fall fundraiser:
      - a) gourmet caramel apples (buy for \$6.50/sell for \$8.50)
      - b) small bags of cinnamon glazed nuts (buy for \$3/sell for \$5)
 Research was done to consider Long Grove Confectionery apples; however, they only have three choices available which are not as decorative as we wanted. Cost is \$5. We will use Sinfully Sweet Apple Company for gourmet apples and cinnamon glazed nuts.
    - Danielle can coordinate the design for the sales forms with Annie Loizzi
    - We are hoping Jeff can once again have a Weebly form available for online ordering
    - We propose an October sale with late-November/early-December delivery
  - Student Board - Sakina Hamwi
    - Application forms went out on 9/7 to the student body with a 10/1 deadline to apply. As of 9/13, nine applications have been returned.
  - Publicity - Open (no report)
  - Website – Noelle Boncher-Garcia (absent)
    - The “Welcome” page has been updated with the new board meeting dates.
    - On the top of the welcome page, there is an Announcement with the upcoming board meeting time, location and zoom link. Noelle will post this before each meeting.
    - Please email Noelle if you have any updates.
  - Concessions – Keith Colgrove
    - Keith has the key and is setting up for a fabulous year!
  - Senior Recognition – Mary Beaubien & Elizabeth Kitzman (no report)
  - Member At Large – Leah Lazzari (no report)
  - Advisor – Jen Shimp
    - Jen asked members to encourage other parents to fill the open FAB Board positions. She graciously agreed to help with Publicity until the position is filled.
    - Jen noted that she has the FAB Christmas tree decorations from Winter Wonderfest at her home.

- Suzanne distributed post cards with Madrigals and acapella group booking information for members to distribute to business contacts.

Adjourn: Elizabeth McCoy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Tricia seconded, and the motion was passed by the Board at 8:34 pm.

**October 11, 2021, at 7 pm in the Black Box Theatre. Please enter BHS through door #3.**