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October 2022 Newsletter

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We welcomed over 400 Freshman on August 30th. Students, along with their parents, attended an orientation day which included receiving their schedules and Chromebooks, attending a presentation followed by the students participating in a rotation of their academic classes followed by a lunch social.



Our Pupil Personnel Services Staff



TOP ROW: Kevin Gentilcore (Supervisor of Pupil Services), Lisa McWilliams (Counselor), Angela Ponist (Counselor), Audrey Carmasine (Attendance Specialist), Robyn Wilusz (Nurse), Morgan Ryan (Administrative Assistant), Valerie Davis (Nurse), Jesse Rich (Counselor)

BOTTOM ROW: Alice Small (Data Services Representative), Jeri Oscovitch (Social Worker), Bryanna Hendrickson (Counselor), Samantha Meade (Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of Pupil Services)

The focus of the Pupil Personnel Office is to support students in and out of the classroom to ensure that they thrive in school, are physically and emotionally safe, and prepare for their future after high school.



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Meet Our New School Police Officer, Andy Amoroso



Officer Amoroso being sworn in as a School Police Officer

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Officer Andy Amoroso who has joined us this school year as our School Police Officer. Officer Amoroso recently retired from the Middletown Township Police Department after 33+ years. He started as a Patrolman in 1989 and was promoted to Detective in 1996. One of the most rewarding positions he has held was as the School Resource Officer at Neshaminy High School. He roamed the halls at Neshaminy for the last five years of his law enforcement career before coming to join everyone here at BCTHS. Officer Amoroso often was a guest speaker at Neshaminy in the driver's Ed, Forensic Science and Law classes. He also gave presentations of situational awareness to various after school clubs. We asked Officer Amoroso to explain the following two questions. See his answers below.

What is the difference between school police (SPO) and the regular police?

School Police Officers (SPO) and School Resource Officers (SRO) are essentially the same, with the difference being that the SRO is employed by a sending police department and the SPO is employed by the school. SRO and SPO are both certified law enforcement officers and maintain the same training standards and certifications, including the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) training and certifications. Both enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of PA, however the SPO only enforces summary offenses that occur in the school setting.

Why do schools have a school police officer?

The goals of the SRO program include providing a safe learning environment, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students so that they can reach their fullest potential. The SPO is trained by NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) using a "triad concept" that divides the school resource officer responsibilities into three areas: teacher, informal counselor and law enforcement officer. By training law enforcement to educate, counsel and protect school communities, the SPO continuously leads by example and promotes a positive image of law enforcement to school students and to the school community.



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Some of the programs we offer

We are pleased to announce that we have received a \$140,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) per Act 55 of 2022, split equally among two components: 1) improve school mental health, and 2) enhance/improve physical safety and security. The grant is effective from August 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024.

We have also received the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 11 Grant, years one (1) through five (5) in the amount of \$500,000 per year, beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2027.



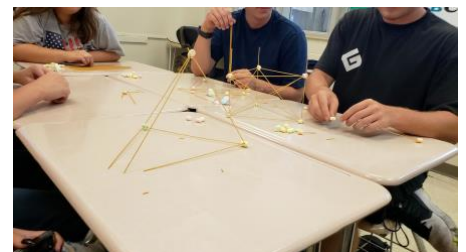
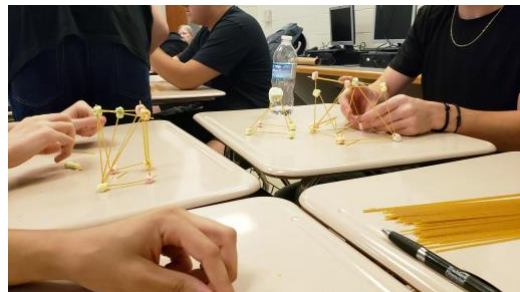
Automotive
 Baking
 Carpentry
 Cosmetology
 Culinary

Dental
 Landscaping
 Photography
 Printing
 Welding

Our Baking and Culinary students hard at work



Team Building Activity in Collision Building Spaghetti Towers



News from Collision Repair Technology

Mr. Bacon's Collision students received a major parts donation from **LKQ Corporation**. They donated close to 100 panels with an estimated value of \$3,000-\$5,000. These panels include fenders and hoods. Students will use these parts to practice metal repair and painting. We extend our sincere gratitude.





FIRE PREVENTION WEEK -October 9 - 15 2022



September 26-27, 2022

Rosh Hashanah/School Closed/Bldg Open

September 29, 2022

Back to School Night

October 5, 2022

Yon Kippur/School Closed/Bldg Open

October 12, 2022

No school - Inservice Day

October 19, 2022

OAC

October 24, 2022

Joint Board Committee Meeting

General Safety Tips:

1. Unplug items you are not using.
2. Use surge protectors.
3. Never leave flames unattended.
4. Keep flammable items away from heat.
5. Don't smoke at home.
6. Remove lint and change filters.
7. Turn off heated appliances when you leave the house.
8. Keep debris away from the outside of your home.
9. Have your furnace checked.

Fire Survival Tips:

1. Have working smoke alarms in the bedrooms and near kitchens and living rooms.
 - interconnected are better
 - check batteries regularly and change them when you change your clocks
 - most have 10-year life span
 - test them regularly
2. Close doors as you leave - slows the spread of smoke, heat, and flames.
3. Draw a map of the house marking the exits from each room and have it available to all residents.
4. E.D.I.T.H. - Exit Drills In The Home
 - have a practice fire drill twice a year - one day and one night - practice using different ways out
5. Designate a meeting spot in your fire safety plan.
6. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
7. Make sure your address is clearly marked outside for the fire department to locate your home.
8. Once outside, stay outside. Never go back into a burning building.