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From Principal Donica's Desk New Year, Continued Focus

With the new year upon us, we continue to concentrate on the goals that make us successful as a school. Our dedication to community and positive school culture is on the forefront of our goals as we continue to achieve in the areas of academics and athletics. Students and teachers are diving into the learning journey that a new semester brings. We continue to see growth and improvement in grades and standardized test scores, making Bluffton High School a top performer in the district. We have many exciting events and programs in the pipeline, including athletic events, Prom, senior activities, mentoring partnerships, art shows, fundraisers, Model UN, DECA, and the Bluffton Business Expo.

Our newest event, ESOL Literacy Night, will take place on the evening of January 23rd at 6:30 in the BLHS atrium. This will be a night dedicated to becoming knowledgeable about:

- Parent Portal/PowerSchool
- ACCESS Testing
- BLHS Guidance Dept.

A new parent informational pamphlet will be available at this session. For additional questions, please contact Ms. Ingle at 843-706-8936 or Ms. Ramirez at 843-706-8910.

It truly is **Better to Be a Bobcat!**

**Por favor asista a nuestra Noche de Alfabetización ESOL y adquirir conocimientos sobre: Portal para Padres/PowerSchool, El Examen de ACCESS, Sesión de preguntas y respuestas con el Depto de Orientación Jueves, Enero 23, 2020 a las 6:30pm*

THANK YOU TO OUR BLHS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION:

HOWARD FAMILY DENTAL	LIFETOUCH SCHOOL STUDIOS	O.C. WELCH FORD LINCOLN, INC	CORNER PERK
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PTO FUNDRAISER

SHOE COLLECTION



The BLHS PTO is collecting gently used or new shoes, boots, and slippers from January 13th-March 9th. Collection boxes will be located in the BLHS lobby as well as Lettrs in Old Towne (located on 8 State of Mind Street).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE "HIP TO BE SQUARE" ART SHOW

Artwork from more than 50 Bluffton and May River High School students will be on display from 1/6-2/1 at The Society of Bluffton Artists (SoBA) gallery in Old Town Bluffton.

Bobcats in Action



THY guest speaker Dr. Debbie Lynes presents to Bluffton High School students about what stress is, along with tips and tools on how to manage stress.



Mrs. Sumner's English 2 H class works on an activity entitled "One Word". Students choose one inspirational word that will guide their learning throughout the semester.



BLHS ROTC Company, led by Ashley Coplo, poses by the hydroponic lettuce they grew.



Senior Amber Massimo teaches a group of students a make-up lesson in Mrs. Gordon's class.

Important Information >>> To Remember



Senior Yearbook Ads on Sale

Parents, help your senior remember these years forever with a special message and design from you. Celebrate your senior by placing a personalized ad showcasing pictures and words of expression for your child in the yearbook. Senior Ads purchases will be accepted until February 14th, 2020. Parents interested in purchasing an ad can contact the yearbook teacher, Stan Vaitas, at vilimantas.vaitas@beaufort.k12.sc.us



Model UN News

The Model UN conference and field trip will take place at Georgia Southern University from January 30th-February 1st.



Middle School Tours

BLHS will be hosting tours for middle school students from Bluffton Middle School and H.E. McCracken Middle School on January 30th. They will visit variety of classroom and learn about our amazing programs we offer.



Student Seat Time Reminder

The SCDE has a 120-hour seat time minimum requirement for each high school course. If a student accumulated more than **seven** absences last semester, the student will be required to make up the time **by January 31st** with the classroom teacher before school.



Volunteers Needed

Calling all parents! Our annual career day is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. All community members are welcome to volunteer the time to speak to our students regarding their career or business. Please contact Jesse Mignogna at: jesse.mignogna@beaufort.k12.sc.us .



Teens for Healthy Youth Update

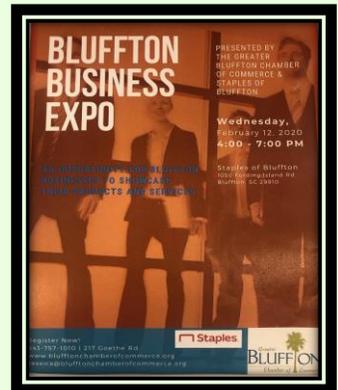
Teens for Health Youth (THY) at BLHS wanted to help their peers deal with the stress experienced near the end of the semester during final exam time. THY invited Dr. Debi Lynes to present on teen stress to Bluffton High School students. Her presentation included what stress is, provided tips and tools on how to manage stress, such as mindfulness, and allowed for a Q and A session. Dr. Lynes is a local therapist and a board member of the LCAHY. After the presentation, attendees were given a teen stress fact card that listed stressors frequently reported by teens and a list of healthy ways to cope with stress adapted from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and produced by LCAHY. THY hopes that providing teens with healthy coping strategies will help prevent unhealthy coping strategies such as the use of drugs and alcohol.



TEACHER FEATURE!
Congratulations to our December Teacher of the Month, Deb Thompson!



TEAM OF THE WEEK
The Lady Bobcats kept the inaugural B-town Classic title at home with an impressive run-through in the eight-team tournament. A great team effort was made. **Go Bobcats!**



BLHS Senior, Sam Quiles, is a tri-athlete. He plays football and lacrosse in addition to wrestling. Sam plans to join the Army after graduation. He is a star student due to his friendly and outgoing nature and his work ethic in his classes.



Phelan O'Keefe, member of the BLHS girls tennis team, played at the #1 singles spot all season. She compiled a 12-4 record and was selected for all region and state singles competition. She was one of the top 32 players in SC girls tennis.



Jessica Midence is known for her encouragement of others. She makes sure her peers stay on task and do their work. She models the importance of hard work and she takes pride in her assignments. This born leader exemplifies the Bobcat