

BHS MAGIC TIMES

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PARTNERS IN SUCCESS by K. Koennecke

Working together to help students pursue academic success is one of our goals in the Barberton City Schools. This year, BHS is pleased to announce the formation of a grant-funded partnership with Kent State University.

Upward Bound is a program designed to provide academic and social preparation for first generation college-bound students. A group of first-generation and minority students applied and were selected by KSU to work with the pilot group this year. KSU will provide remediation programs, social activities,

and college preparation assistance to these students to help them develop individual plans for post-secondary learning.

Creating partnerships with local service organizations such as Kiwanis and Rotary, or with philanthropic organizations such as the Barberton Community Foundation, allows student at BHS to connect with the larger community in many ways.

Students can learn valuable **soft skills** future employers look for by working with adults from outside organizations,

and through learning experiences outside the traditional classroom.

These groups, in turn, share their pride in our students with support of activities such as the *Rotary Senior Student of the Month*, or the *Magic City Kiwanis Recognition programs!*

Community partnerships allows BHS to offer unique programs such as *College Night, Public Safety and Nursing, Marketing, Machine Trades, and Distance Learning* opportunities for all of our students. That's Success!

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Magic Technology Upgrades!

A number of important technology upgrades have been planned for BHS and throughout the district.

This year students will have greater access to computer labs. Three labs as well as the Media Center are being modified to house new computers and network access for students.

A monthly meeting has been established at BHS to seek feedback and plan for technology integration.

The *Databots* meet monthly with Lyn Downey, the district's technology administrator, to plan and assess the BHS Technology Plan. Each month, faculty members brainstorm

ideas to increase student use and understanding of technology and learning tools.

Faculty members have also been given an opportunity to enroll in the Technology Academy for hands-on professional development training aimed at helping our staff make this school the best it can be!

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Pam Hinton 12th/11th Grade Asst. Principal

Sign up for the October PSAT in the Guidance Department

Oct. 22–26 is the OGT week for 11th, 12th Graders who need to pass OGT! Good attendance is crucial!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer. As the 12th Grade, and 11th Grade Assistant Principal, I would like to welcome everyone back!

There are many important dates and events that juniors and seniors need to watch for to help prepare for life after high-school.

Seniors should make an appointment with their guidance counselor to make sure graduation requirements are being completed in a timely manner. Also, ACT/SAT information concerning dates, times and how to register are

available in the guidance department, as well as 2008 FASFA forms for seniors planning on attending college.

The form can be submitted after January 31, 2008. The earlier seniors file the better chance they have of receiving federal assistance for college tuition!

Take advantage of the many resources and opportunities that BHS has to offer, such as College Night October 16th.

Finally, tradition is very important at BHS. I encourage all seniors and juniors to par-

ticipate in the many exciting activities that occur throughout the year.

Be sure and get involved in, or attend, our athletic events, band or choir concerts and our theatrical productions. I cannot stress how important it is to support our fellow Magics!

I know this will be an exciting, successful year for students who make an effort to get involved in and out of the classroom. Keep the tradition alive by participating. *Go Magics!*

Herman Melville began writing his first stories at the age of 15.

Tim Thorn 10th Grade Asst. Principal

Welcome back Magics! I am excited to work with you and your parents again this school year. My educational experiences include teaching science, member of the school climate committee and coaching varsity baseball and football.

I encourage you to set goals and get involved this year in new programs, activities, and classes. Take time to explore your future

school and career options as well. College night, on October 16, is a great way to start. Your guidance counselor, Mrs. Robison, will be teaming up with me to make this year a successful and rewarding experience for you. Your teachers are also here to help you. Take advantage of their guidance. 10th graders, you will be taking the **Ohio Graduation Test in March**. This is one of

the requirements that must be met to graduate. Ask for help if you need tutoring to prepare for this test. We are all here to make this a successful part of your education. If you need any help please see me.

Together, through hard work, dedication, and responsible behavior, this will be a successful and exciting year! **Go Magics!!!**

MAGIC BOOK CLUB: New List!



The new BHS **Magic Book Club begins its second year** on August 27th. Last year, the group read 6 novels throughout the school year. Over 18 students and 15 faculty members joined the club!

This group is comprised of students and staff

members who will select books from different genres to read and discuss.

March by Geraldine Brookes, is the first book for this year!

The Magic Book Club meets in the Media Center at 3:00p.m. to discuss selections.

Please encourage your student to attend!

Tim Oden 9th Grade Asst. Principal

9th Graders!

It is with great anticipation that I welcome the entire incoming 9th Grade class to Barberton High School. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you as your Assistant Principal.

You are about to embark on one of the most exciting and influential times of your life.

In high school you will learn and develop skills that will enable you to be successful in the future,

while also creating friendships that will last a lifetime.

However, making the jump from middle school to high school can be a time of adjustment for many students.

I encourage all of you to become familiar with our talented staff and utilize their support for you here at Barberton High School, such as our teachers, your counselor Mr. Bruner, the school nurse, school psychologist, and of course, the entire admin-

istrative team.

Another effective way to help you transition and contribute to your overall success, while in high school, is to get involved in the many sports, clubs, and activities offered at Barberton High School. There are over 50 to choose from!

I am looking forward to meeting all of you August 16 at Freshman Orientation. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

BHS is required by law to distribute annual student contact information to the armed services organizations in our community. Please be aware that 10-12 Grade lists will be shared, and you may receive information as a result.

Guidance Department: J. Robison, K. Wylie, C. Sutton, C. Bruner

Look for Testing Calendar information regarding the SAT or ACT soon.

10th –12th Graders, interested in OGT Tutoring prior to the October test, please see your Guidance counselor for more information.

Students can sign up for free for weekly tutoring with faculty members after school in the months of September and October leading up to the test.

All students and parents interested in finding out more information on college opportunities are encouraged to attend the **Second Annual BHS College Night** program on **Tuesday October 16th** from 6:00p.m.- 7:30p.m.

Presentations and handouts on financial aid, transition to college from high school, as well as NCAA Clearinghouse information will be provided throughout the evening in the Auditorium.

Over 60 colleges, universities, and technical programs will have representatives on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding their specific programs for students.

Last year, over 200 Seniors graduated from BHS, earning scholarships awards in excess of \$900,000. Be sure to check out all of the scholarship opportunities you can in our offices throughout the year.

“We are what we repeatedly do”

Aristotle

Important Dates:

9th Grade Orientation Aug 16th 6::00	Open House 1st Home Football v. Kent Sept. 7	Sept. 6	Project LOVE 9th Grade Leadership Forum Sept. 19th
1st Day of School Aug 22	Principal's Coffee 11:30	Sept. 11	Magic Time—Late Arrival for Students Sept. 26
Football @ Perry Aug 24	No School for Students Sept 18th		Homecoming Dance Oct 13
Labor Day— No School Sept. 3			



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***Seniors should be
visiting and applying
to colleges. August
and September are
prime months to sub-
mit to schools of their
choice!***

**COLLEGE NIGHT
OCTOBER 16
6:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendar now!
On October 16th, 2007, at
6:00 pm, Barberton High
School will be hosting the
2nd Annual College Night .
Information on Postsec-
ondary Options will take
place throughout the eve-
ning.

**Parents... if you move or
change phone numbers or
emergency contacts, please
inform the school in writing.**

***“Whatever It
Takes...”***

Welcome to Barberton High School! We are a large comprehensive high school in an industrial community just south of Akron, Ohio. With over 1300 students, we offer a rigorous, relevant curriculum designed to prepare our learners for the global society they will join, from AP courses and career education opportunities, such as Cisco computer programming. We offer a unique distance learning partnership through Akron University.

BHS offers over 50 activities to choose from. At Barberton, performing arts, athletics, academic competitions and community service learning help to shape well-rounded young adults capable of handling the challenges of the modern world.

Our first priority is learning. Our staff works hard to ensure that students will learn in a safe and open environment free from disruptions, with a focus on higher-level thinking skills and applications, in a beautiful new building with state of the art technology. Our community has a storied history of hard work and local support for education. All of these traits help to make the magic in the Barberton Magics come to life!

The Barberton City School District is very close to beginning a major building and renovation project through the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission. This project includes a new middle school to be built on the Norton Homes site if HUD approval is received, a new Santrock Elementary, classroom additions to Johnson Elementary, renovations to Woodford and UL Light being changed into an elementary building. Sixty percent of this project will be funded by the State of Ohio and forty percent will be a local cost. In November, a bond issue for the community's 40% share will be on the ballot. This once in a lifetime opportunity for the city and school district will need your support. More information will be coming in the next several weeks.

Football Kick-Off continues Magic Tradition!

Former Barbertonian and football legend George Izo returned to speak to community members, football players and parents on June 12th at the VFW.

This Kick-Off to the new football era under new Head Coach Brian Staats was organized

for the program with the help of Chuck Ebner and a committee of community volunteers, as well as Athletic Director Matt Szyndler.

Over 300 community members were entertained with stories and motivational messages

reminisced about his career and Barberton Football to the audience.

Many familiar alumni and over 30 new football players turned out for this celebration to start of the new season!