

BROCKPORT TRANSPORTATION

Hardworking. Dedicated. Caring.

These are just a few words to describe Brockport's amazing Transportation Team. Many drivers start their route before the sun, have additional runs throughout the day and often assist with special events in the evenings. They ensure our students arrive to school and return home safely each day. Everyone in the Department, from the office staff and mechanics to the drivers, take great pride in what they do and work hard to provide a positive and safe transportation experience for the District's students and families.

"The last few years, during the pandemic, have been the most challenging I've seen," said Interim Director of Transportation William Brawn. "Billy" retired from BCSD in January 2021 after almost 35 years in Transportation. He returned in December to assist when the existing director took another position.



Brawn explained how Brockport started the school year with 47 drivers managing 52 regular runs. To cover the daily routes, program runs and special events, many drivers regularly make multiple trips, pick-up different routes, switch buses and adjust schedules, as needed. This year, members of the team who typically remain in the office or garage, but have a CDL license and are eligible to drive, have often been found behind the wheel of a bus. Eligible retirees also help to fill the gaps. "We have learned a lot along the way to better manage (Brockport's transportation needs)," Brawn stated. "The District provided great tools, and we have understanding families." New drivers have been hired, and they are working through the training process. Although the Department continues to recruit, they believe those drivers in training will provide much-needed relief.

"Our Transportation Department provides stellar door-to-door service for our students. They are outstanding in what they do and have shown a tremendous amount of dedication and perseverance during these challenging times. As a community, we need to thank them for all they do."
- Superintendent Sean Bruno

For more information on Brockport's Transportation Department, answers to many transportation related questions or to apply to join a great team of drivers, please see the District's website under *Department & Services* then *Transportation*.

If families have questions regarding their child's busing service or a specific transportation request, they are asked to email busrouting@bcs1.org and provide as much notice as possible for any needed changes. Families may also call the Transportation Department at (585) 637-1880. If your call is directed to voice mail, please leave a message. Our team is diligently working to ensure each child has a safe and enjoyable ride to/from school, and they will return your call as soon as possible.



Dear Brockport Community,

During the coldest months of winter many eagerly await the warmth of spring. As a skier, I look forward to enjoying the last months of snow and truly appreciate this time to hit the slopes with students, colleagues and families.

As you look through our newsletter you will see a sample of the outstanding events, accomplishments and activities that are occurring on our campus. With your patience, support and assistance, we have been able to successfully remain open to provide full, in-person instruction and maintain all of our extracurricular and athletic activities. Although we continue to navigate challenges and interpret ever-changing guidance, we are confident that together we will have a successful year.

With the influx of COVID cases, it was necessary for our District to prepare for the possibility of a short-term transition to remote learning. While we do not expect this to happen, we must be prepared if the need arises. In January, teachers, students and staff spent time preparing for a short-term, remote learning scenario. In this event, students will be expected to attend each class, every day and follow their existing school schedules to remain as closely aligned to in-person instruction as possible. Our goal remains to keep our students and staff on campus for full, in-person instruction for as long as we can safely do so.

Our District recently made the decision to initiate a new Student Support Partner Team at our high school. This proactive initiative will provide daily and special-event support. The team will build positive, sincere and trusting relationships with our students and community. They will work together with our exiting staff to increase campus safety and work collaboratively to enhance a positive climate and culture on campus.

A special thank you goes out to those who voted on the proposed capital improvement project in December.



The approved project will allow us to secure continued campus safety and increase the comfort of our learning environments, as well as protect our investment in District buildings and facilities while reducing energy usage and costs. Updates will be posted in future newsletters and on our website as they become available.

I look forward to the many events scheduled in the months ahead, including musicals, concerts, art shows and athletic competitions. While I hope to see you on campus for these activities, we are also livestreaming most events for your viewing convenience. Additional event-specific information will be sent out to families or posted on our District's website.

Stay safe and well. As always, please reach out to me with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Sean C. Bruno
Superintendent of Schools

Brockport's New Director of Transportation

We are pleased to announce that Chuck Studier was appointed as Brockport's new Director of Transportation during the January 18, 2022, Board of Education meeting.



Chuck is a native of Brockport and a BCSD graduate. He started with the District in August of 2001 as a substitute bus driver, became a permanent driver in 2002 and was named Bus Operations Supervisor in 2008. In January of 2021, he was promoted to Brockport's Head Bus Driver. Chuck has been an asset to the District for many years, and we are excited for him to begin this new position.

Chuck and his wife, Jane Agte, have two grown children who live in New York City and Laurel, Maryland. Chuck enjoys gardening, hiking and cooking with Jane in their free time.

Please join us in congratulating Chuck!

DRIVERS NEEDED

Brockport CSD needs bus drivers, and we are hiring now! Experienced drivers, as well as those with little to no experience, should apply. Training is provided.

As a Brockport employee, you will receive:

- Competitive Pay
- Health Insurance
- Paid Time Off and Holidays
- NYS Pension Plan in Retirement
- Flexible Schedules

If you are interested in driving a bus for our District, or would like to learn more about what is involved, please visit our website at www.bcs1.org/departments_services/transportation or call us at (585) 637-1880 or (585) 637-1915.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Universal Pre-kindergarten for 2022-23

Brockport will again offer a grant-funded universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) program. The program, with a strong focus on early learning, will start in September and follow the school calendar. Children will attend school five days a week for two and a half hours a day during morning or afternoon sessions. Since the grant requires a collaborative effort between BCSD and area childhood education agencies, some children will attend private schools, in addition to the majority of students who will attend Brockport's Ginther School.

To be eligible for the UPK program, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2022, and a BCSD resident. Families are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements, as transportation is not part of the NYS Education Department grant.

If your child is not yet registered to receive UPK-related mailings and should be, please call the Registrar's Office at (585) 637-1857. Applications will be mailed in March to all eligible families.

Frequently asked questions about the program may be found on the Ginther School's website under "Academics" or you may call the school at (585) 637-1830 for more information.



Kindergarten Parent Info Night

Parents of children who will attend kindergarten this fall are invited to attend an information night on **Monday, March 7 from 6-7 p.m.** at the Ginther School. Topics will include screening, registration and support services, easing the adjustment to school and kindergarten readiness activities to practice at home. Guided tours of the building will also be provided.

Children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2022, to attend kindergarten in September 2022. If your child is eligible for kindergarten and you have not received a student information form, please contact the Registrar's Office at (585) 637-1857 or registrar@bcs1.org.

Career Internship Program

Submitted by Morgan Prey, CIP Communication Intern

Brockport High School's Career Internship Program (CIP) started 20 years ago by a former BHS business teacher. Sue Sodoma, the District's Business and Career Education Department Chair, has served as the CIP Coordinator for the last eight years. Brockport seniors can gain experiences with a variety of internship opportunities, including: sports management, athletic training, dairy farming, communications, nursing, speech pathology, museum curator, social worker and veterinary technician, to name a few.

In a student's junior year, counselors will meet to discuss future goals and plans. The internship program is available as an option for students to learn more about what they might want to do in the future. Once accepted, juniors meet with Mrs. Sodoma to identify potential career interests. Together, they work to find an appropriate mentor. CIP students can do up to two internships to gain insight into

"I have been able to gain insight on what a vet does. I've learned new terms and how stressful (this job) can be."
- Emmalee Lehman, Internship: Veterinarian

their career field of interest. In addition to the internship, students attend seminars to learn more about CIP, then what other careers are available and responsibilities as an employee. To earn high school credit, students must successfully complete 108 internship hours.

The internship program typically has 20 to 30 students. Several of the CIP students, who have completed the program, have been hired for their career choice or have gone on to college to pursue their degree. For more information on the CIP, email Suzanne.Sodoma@bcs1.org or ask a BHS counselor for the application.



"I was offered a full-time position when I graduate, and I enjoy the hard work when farming."
- Maddie Broskin, Internship: Dairy farm

BHS inducts new NHS members

The Brockport High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently welcomed 21 new members. NHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, service, leadership and character.



The induction ceremony began with a welcome from BHS Principal Michael Pincelli, followed by opening comments and an overview of the honor society from NHS advisers Patricia Arnold and Rebecca Barrett. Current NHS officers also discussed the importance of the four pillars upon which the society was built.

“I hope you think of this as the beginning of a life-long opportunity to live up to the ideals that you put forth in your (NHS) application essay. Be the best version of you, you can be.”

- Michael Gagnier

Keynote speaker and BHS Math Teacher, Michael Gagnier, discussed the hard work and dedication it takes to become a National Honor Society member. He encouraged inductees to think of how they will continue to embody the four NHS pillars throughout high school and beyond.

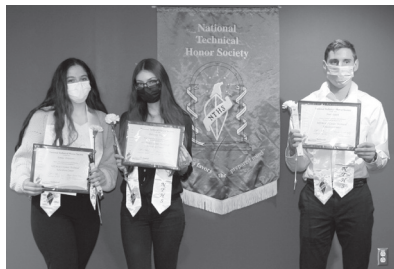
Congratulations to our new BHS NHS Inductees:

Olivia Allen
Yausmaris Amores-Aguiar
Maggice Chen
Jillian Cordeiro
Owen Cummings
Berit Dauenhauer
Jessica DiFilippo
Desilets Dubois
John Galbreth
Makayla Haibach
Julia Hunsinger

Jason Kleehammer
Noelle Natale
Adriana Passalacqua
Gregory Rightmyer
Nicolas Rugari
KhaNy Sangasy
Caleb Tribotte
Natalie Utz
Sophia Visconte
Jyannah Ware

NTHS Inductees

Three Brockport High School WEMOCO students were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. NTHS is the premier honor organization that recognizes career and technical education students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, leadership, service and character.



Congratulations, Emma D’Ettorre (Dental Assisting), Dalianny Vega (Cosmetology) and Sean Lippa (Residential and Commercial Electrical).

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Congratulations to all of our winter teams on a successful season. We are truly amazed with each athlete's perseverance and are excited to see the unity, dedication and team-spirit they have shown. Thank you to the spectators for consistently wearing masks for our indoor events. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

- Unified Bowling finished fifth in their class.
- Our combined Portside Royal Hockey team had a terrific inaugural season.
- Indoor Track had several high-ranking athletes, including senior Jacob Miller, who is one of the top runners in Section V for the 600 meter race.
- We were grateful to again host the Doug Westcott and Katie Sweeting Basketball Tournaments.
- Our wrestling team continues to prove why they are one of the top teams in Section V. They were one of six teams in Section V to qualify for the Division 1 Dual Meet Championship.

We look forward to an incredible spring season with registration opening mid-February.



Celebrating Black Scholars

Congratulations to Brockport's Black Scholars, who were recognized during the 37th Annual Early Recognition Virtual Ceremony: Salute to Black Scholars Program held by the Urban League of Rochester. Black Scholars are high school students of African descent who have maintained at least a "B" average throughout their high school years. The distinction provides honorees with helpful programming and scholarship opportunities in their senior year.

Congratulations to the following students:

Jayden Asbie	Naria Pearl	Prophecy
Tevin Byfield	Larkin-McClary	Wood
Mary Kingsley	Bryce Tyndell	Philiasohia
Sarah Kingsley	Jyannah Ware	Wood

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Ginther's Social/Emotional Growth

Despite the circumstances schools have been facing during the pandemic, kindergarteners at Ginther have shown incredible social/emotional growth this year. Learning to communicate and socially engage through play is a top priority for these classes, and it shows whenever you walk into a classroom.



Barclay's Good Citizens

The second-grade class at Barclay has been working on being a good citizen within the classroom and community this year. As a way to show their good citizenship, the class decided to donate items to a local animal shelter. Way to go second-graders!



Hill Students Dig

Mr. Albrecht provided his students with 11-million-year-old dirt from North Carolina to explore during class! The class learned about the formation of sedimentary rock and the development and understanding of fossils. Time was also spent identifying shark teeth. At the end of the day, students were able to keep the specimen they had so much fun learning about.

BHS Prepares for 2022-23

High school counselors have been meeting with students from eighth to eleventh grades to discuss their goals, identify resources available and develop their schedules for next year. A Junior Parent/Student night was held to provide information on what to expect during a child's senior year. BHS sophomores had the opportunity to attend the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Tour Day, held at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, to explore CTE programs of their choice, meet teachers and learn about the curriculum. Current seniors also checked in to discuss future plans.



OMS Students Share Amour

In December, a thousand homes were destroyed by Colorado wildfires. A French teacher from Colorado's Monarch High School sent out an "SOS" for support for her students; 13 of whom were without a home due to the fires. OMS French students answered the call for help and sent some "amour and amitié" to their French peers. They helped to fill a "bucket o'kindness" of support and well-wishes to those students affected by the fires and still trying to learn French each day. Computer activities done in Brockport were sent to bring smiles, and the students constructed a brand new activity using Monarch's school mascot as the mystery image!

Un grand merci pour votre gentillesse!



Driver Education

Dear Parents and Students,


Welcome to our Driver Education Program at Brockport High School. This is an exciting time for your child that comes with a great deal of freedom and responsibility. Our Driver Education Program is offered to anyone who desires expert instruction from highly qualified teachers prior to receiving a NYS Driver's License. Our Driver Education Program is a comprehensive experience that includes both theory and practice. This program is an investment in your child's future; providing them with the necessary knowledge and experience to become a safe driver.

Below is important information about the program and the process for registering your child. Thank you for your interest and participation in our program. Please contact us at (585) 637-1961 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Jerrod D. Roberts
Coordinator of Driver Education



Trina J. Kenney,
Administrative Assistant

Enrolled students will receive instruction in the classroom, behind the wheel and on the road, as required by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Those successfully completing the class will receive an MV285 certificate that gives the holder the privilege to receive a Class D operator's license when reaching age 17, allowing them to drive after 9 p.m. Students must be 16 years old and hold a valid NYS Driver Permit or License to be eligible for the course. The Pre-Licensing Five-Hour Course material is included in Driver Education. The loan of a textbook is included in the class fee.

Most insurance companies will offer a discount on compulsory car insurance upon request.

Instructors: Richard Barrett, Jerry Graf and Dana Mallaber

Classroom instruction: ALL students must attend ALL classroom instruction in the Brockport High School Room 192.

Please note: Student must be present for the first theory class to be allowed entry into the course. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the first class. (Late arrivals will not be admitted and, if registered, will forfeit course enrollment). No early dismissals from theory class are allowed.

Students must have the following for theory class:

- Permit/license
- NYS Driver Manual
- Notebook/folder
- Writing materials

Students must be prepared with the following for each car class:

- Permit/license
- Sunglasses are encouraged
- Appropriate footwear (i.e. no backless sandals)

Driving groups: will start and end at the east-side (pool) parking lot of the high school. Driving classes may be rescheduled at the instructor's discretion due to inclement weather. Should a make-up driving class be requested by a student due to extenuating circumstances, the instructor will reschedule at his discretion. Driving groups may be rescheduled to place four drivers in each time block. Every effort will be made to accommodate rescheduling conflicts. However, the instructor reserves the right to create a schedule that is most effective in terms of number of students scheduled for each driving group. Scheduling of, or transportation to, the road test are not included. Parents or other qualified adults should plan to devote time for enrolled students to practice the skills learned in this class. Only experience and good judgment will make a safe driver. A current NYS Learner's Permit must be brought to all classes.

Registration directions: send your payment, completed registration form and a copy of the student's learner's permit /license to the address listed below. **The cost is \$470 for residents, \$490 for non-residents.** The registration deadline for Session III will end March 18, 2022. **Please select your drive groups, listing your choices in order of preference. First priority will be given to resident seniors, then resident juniors, then underclassmen and non-residents. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.** You will be notified by email or telephone, and a list will be posted in the high school if you have been accepted and enrolled. If a registrant did not get into the session, they will be notified in writing and placed on a priority list for the next session.

Drive Groups for Session III

You must have one Drive Group in Block 1 and one Drive Group in Block 2

BLOCK 1	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	A	Monday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 4, 11, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23 June 6
	B	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 5, 12, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	C	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 5, 12, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	D	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 5, 12, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	E	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 5, 12, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
	F	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 6, 13, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 1

BLOCK 2	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	G	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 7, 14, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2
	H	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 7, 14, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2
	I	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 7, 14, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2
	J	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 7, 14, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2
	K	Friday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 8, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 June 3, 8* (*Wednesday)
	L	Friday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 8, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 June 3, 8* (*Wednesday)

Driver Ed Session III: High School Room 192, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	
Mondays	Wednesdays
4/4	4/6
4/11	4/13
4/25	4/27
5/2	5/4
5/9	5/11
5/16	5/18
5/23	5/25
5/30- Memorial Day No School	6/1
6/6	-

Driver Education

Safe Driving Techniques (Five-Hour Course)

The NYS Bureau of Motor Vehicles requires five hours of classroom instruction as a prerequisite for obtaining a driver's license. Applicants affected by this regulation are those applying for a first-time driver's license, those applying for a driver's license because of a lapse of a one-year renewal grace period, and those applying for a new license as a result of revocation of a previous license. The five-hour training period must be completed prior to the applicant applying for a road test. Persons having completed a regular driving education course do NOT need this program.

The following regulations are applicable to all prospective registrants:

- Registration must be completed by mailing the registration form or in person at Oliver Middle School by noon the Tuesday immediately preceding the class. There is a seven-person minimum to hold this class. Registering on time reduces the risk of cancellation.

- Students will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.
- Applicants must bring their valid learner's permit to register.
- Applicants must pay the \$40 registration fee upon registering and completely fill out the registration form.

An official completion certificate, which is valid for one year from the day of issuance, will be given upon completion of the five-hour program. This certificate must be presented when applying for a road test. It does not qualify participants for reduced insurance rates.

Fee: \$40
Minimum enrollment: 7
Maximum enrollment: 24
Instructors: John DeBaun and Rich Fiorito
Location: Brockport High School, Room 156
Time: 3:15-8:15 p.m.
Dates: Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 18 and Jun. 8

Detach and mail enrollment form, copy of license/permit and payment to: Office of Driver Education, BCSD, 40 Allen St., Brockport, NY 14420

2022 Driver Education & Five-Hour Course Registration Form

2022 DRIVER EDUCATION

Driver Group Choices (Pick 3 different choices from each block, ranking them by preference)

Block 1: Choice #1 ____ Choice #2 ____ Choice #3 ____ **Block 2:** Choice #1 ____ Choice #2 ____ Choice #3 ____

2022 FIVE-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE REGISTRATION

Available Dates (Circle Choice): 2022 Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 18, Jun. 8

Please print name as it appears on permit/license

Name: _____
Last First Middle Name or Initial

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Parent Email: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ District Resident (Circle One) Yes No Gender: _____

High School Attending: _____ Are You (Circle One) Senior Junior Other

Learner's Permit/Driver License #: _____ Date Issued: _____

Please list any special needs (test mods, physical limitations, etc): _____

Parent Signature _____
(not needed for five-hour course)

Questions may be directed to Trina Kenney at (585) 637-1961 or trina.kenney@bcs1.org

Make checks payable to: Brockport Driver Education

Continuing Education

The mission of Brockport's Continuing Education Program is to offer continued learning opportunities that meet the needs and interests of our community. Our latest course offerings can be found on our District website, under "Community" then "Continuing Education".

Follow us on Twitter @BCSContinuingEd to stay up-to-date on new and returning classes and updates!

Brockport PTSA

The time is always right to do what is right. ~ MLK *everychild.onevoice.*

The Brockport PTSA spread holiday cheer and appreciation to our BCSD staff by setting up Hot Cocoa Bars at all nine district buildings. Thanks to our Jaime Piedimonte-Bennett, Al Pulcino and Kristy Hart.

Thank you to the students and families who participated in the elementary Winter Break Bingo! We received over 160 completed bingo boards back and distributed a dozen book prizes to our random drawing winners. See our BrockportPTSA Facebook page for photos and winners!

Mark your calendar! Remaining 2022 District PTSA meetings: Mondays, March 21 & May 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Spring 2022 Book Fairs: Barclay - March 7-11 and OMS - April 4-8
Thanks to our Lynn Rodriguez, Tricia White and Al Pulcino.

BrockportPTSA@gmail.com BrockportCentralPTSA.org BrockportPTSA [@BrockportPTSA](https://www.facebook.com/BrockportPTSA)

Brockport BEST Education Foundation

Building Excellence in Students Today

The Foundation was established in 2014 as a 501c3 nonprofit with the sole purpose of providing support to Brockport CSD students and teachers through grants and scholarships. Additional information and grant applications are available through the BEST website. If you are interested in making a donation, please visit the website or mail a check to: Brockport BEST Foundation, P.O. Box 265, Brockport, NY 14420.

Keep in touch with the Brockport BEST Foundation!

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BHS Drama Club presents

**Rodgers & Hammerstein's
CINDERELLA**
(2013 Broadway production)



Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is a musical that is derived from the fairy tale Cinderella, particularly the French version. The story concerns a young woman

forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother. She dreams of a better life, and with the help of her fairy godmother, Cinderella is transformed into an elegant young lady and is able to attend the ball to meet her prince. In this version, however, she opens the prince's eyes to the injustice in his kingdom.

Leading our cast are seniors Maya Benzan, Greta Hall, Zach Thomas, Avery Williams and juniors Sonni Amoroso, Cole Mesiti, Ella Wallis, Rylee Pierce, Bella Viola and Brennan Kuhn. **Join us March 17-19 at 7 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium** to enjoy our tale and be inspired to see what is possible for you and your family.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and will be available starting mid-February at www.Brockportdrama.com or www.our.show/brockport-high-school-drama-club/51923.



Winter Recess Reminder: We will have no school February 21 – 25. Have fun and stay safe!

Terry Ann Carbone, President
Term Expires June 30, 2024

Jeffrey Harradine, Vice President
Term Expires June 30, 2022

David Howlett, Trustee
Term Expires June 30, 2025

Daniel Legault, Trustee
Term Expires June 30, 2026

Robert Lewis, Trustee
Term Expires June 30, 2023

Kathleen Robertson, Trustee
Term Expires June 30, 2024

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Term Expires June 30, 2023

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