

HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Grade 12 Post-Grad Party Fund Raisers**
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LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT BEHS

Local merchants are supporting Bristol Eastern High School through a variety of programs available to their shoppers. **ShopRite and Big Y** have established a program for several years now in which their shoppers may designate purchase points toward a school of their choice. The school is able to redeem those points for a wide variety of materials in support of the school's programming. At Bristol Eastern, we have received library books, office supplies, science videos and Pre-K materials for our Child Development program. This year **Stop and Shop** is running its **A+ Program** to provide needed dollars to fund activities at Bristol Eastern. **PriceChopper** also offers its customers the ability to support Bristol Eastern via its "**Tools for Schools**" Program. **Target Department Stores** have already mailed in several donations this year based upon the registration and purchases of their customers. These dollars will be used to fund our spring Academic Honor Banquet awards.

B.E. STUDENTS "GIVE BACK" TO THEIR COMMUNITY

Despite the negative media image of young adults, they are some of the most generous of community members. Whether the activity be a school blood drive, raising money for charities both at home or beyond our local borders, or pitching-in to help with muscle and time, Bristol Eastern students have shown themselves to be a concerned and energetic positive force for the improvement of our world.

The Spanish National Honor Society recently raised \$163 to benefit an orphanage in Ciudad Bolivar, Colombia. This is the second year that our students have raised funds for this organization.

The **Spanish Club** is currently raising funds for a youth group in the rural regions in the southern section of Colombia. These funds will be used to promote positive activities for young people who have suffered from the ravages of the guerilla warfare underway in their province.

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BE STUDENTS REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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The **Bristol Eastern LEO Club**, a school youth group affiliated with the local Lions Club, has several projects underway. **A coat collection project** to provide warm outerwear for the season is just one of their endeavors.

Scarves, mittens and gloves will also be accepted. Club officers recently made a presentation to the school faculty regarding the club's **Clearwater Initiative** to provide potable drinking water to a village in Central Africa. Fund raising to support the Clearwater Project, a dream of a Connecticut soldier killed in Afghanistan who had been previously stationed in Africa, is the goal of the **BE LEO's**.

The **Career and Technical Education Honor Society** has organized a holiday gift drive for a needy Bristol family to bring the cheer of the season to someone in need.

Our **United Way Youth Board** representatives have volunteered to ring the bell for The Salvation Army at local stores and recently participated in the Holiday Parade.

The **BEHS Animal Rights Klub (BARK)** is collecting donations for local animal shelters this holiday season. The club is collecting chew toys, rawhide bones, gently-used pet blankets, towels, detergent, pet food, toys, collars/leashes or any other pet supplies you no longer need. Donations can be dropped-off at the Main Office even after the holiday vacation.

Class of 2011 students are holding a stuffed animal drive to benefit SAFE and Heather's Teddy Bear Organization, two groups who provide stuffed animals to comfort children in crisis. The class is also collecting gently used shoes, sandals and sneakers for donation to Soles 4 Soles, a group providing footwear to the needy.

The **BE Student Council and UCONN Family Development** students are assisting St. Phillips House, a facility for AIDES victims, with a monetary donation and grocery supplies. The **student council** members also contributed to IMPACT, a group dedicated to assisting grieving parents who have lost children and teens due to illness or tragedy.

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project received a needed assist by **the entire school community** as we adopted twelve families for the upcoming holidays.

WE ARE B.E.—WE CARE!!

NEWS NOTES

The Lance, **our school yearbook**, is currently taking orders for the SY 2009-2010 issue. The cost this year is \$82 per copy and **orders must be in by the February recess**. Orders can also be made online via **Jostens.com**.

In lieu of paying their library fines, students have been offered the option of donating an article of non-perishable food by the **Library-Media staff**. All collected food will be donated to the local Salvation Army food pantry.

Teens in the Driver's Seat students have assisted in the creation of similar youth safety programs at both St. Paul Catholic and Haddam-Killingworth High Schools. They also have instructed in the driver's education classes for the Bristol district as well as for the AAA.

SENIOR PHOTOS NEEDED

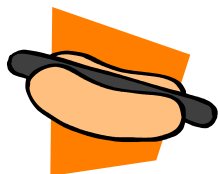
The Post-Graduation Party Committee is requesting a kindergarten photo of EVERY SENIOR that they may keep. We cannot guarantee a return, so please be sure it is one with which you can do without or a copy. If you do not have a school photo available, any photo around the age of five years would be welcomed. **Please write the name of your child on the back side for identification purposes.** Please put the photo in an envelope addressed to Pam Luft and have your son or daughter drop-off the envelope in the Main Office. The Committee thanks every parent in advance for their help and looks forward to a memorable party this coming June.

HELP NEEDED

The All-Sports Booster Club is looking for parents of BE athletes to assist with their winter season concession stand. Experienced parents will be teamed-up with any parent new to the task to assist with the operation. Volunteers need only to work one or two games, and the club would schedule volunteers for athletic contests other than those in which your son or daughter may play.

This is the key fund raising means for the All-Sports Club and contributes directly to the three end-of-season banquets provided free to all BE athletes. In addition, the club contributes to equipment needed by our athletic program as well free senior pictures during each season.

Interested? Contact Mike Rivers or stop by the concession stand to leave your name and contact number.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

In our mobile society with ever changing street addresses, cell phone numbers and internet providers, it is particularly difficult for us to contact some parents from time-to-time. We need your help. **When your street address, home or cell phone number, or email address changes, it is important that you share those changes with us.**

Simply call your house office to provide us with the needed information. We will update our files in the event that an emergency at school requires us to contact you immediately. We are also billed by the USPS for returned mail when the address has changed as well. Help us spread our dollars and ensure that you receive all of our communications by providing us with mailing address changes as they occur.

THANKS!!

BEHS VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

Saturday, January 16, 2010 will be the date for our first annual Volleyball Challenge to support our post-graduation party project. All BE parents, students and staff members are invited to form a team, register and "bring it on"!!

Teams of 6-8 people can register and individual enrollments also will be welcomed. The registration fee is \$10 per person for participants and spectator tickets will be \$3 on the day of the event. Registration forms are available in either house office.

Pizza and refreshments will be served. See you on Saturday, January 16!!

BEHS TAKES STATE AWARD

At a recent state Career Pathways Conference, Bristol Eastern High School was honored for the academic and career-oriented performances of our students as indicated on the 2009 Career and Technology Education State Assessment. **Bristol Eastern students placed fourth in the State of Connecticut** on this assessment which is designed to test their academic and vocational skills in one of four career areas: Accounting, Information Systems, Child Development and Pre-Engineering. Students whose program focus includes one of these areas were assessed on a specific state test to assess their knowledge of vocational operations as well as basic academic skills.

NEWS NOTES

BETA, Bristol Eastern Troupe of Actors, recently produced two shows for the Eastern audience. *The Foreigner* was our successful November production and kept the audience laughing throughout the show. *The Grinch* was our seasonal fare in December and was enjoyed by both young and old. Senior student, Taylor Hartz, adapted and directed *The Grinch* for the BE stage.

Students in **Mrs. Lowe's program** are actively assisting in our building recycling program each week as well as assisting two community groups, Bristol Chamber of Commerce and The Salvation Army, on mass mailings and the community soup kitchen.

ASVAB results were recently delivered for those grades 11 and 12 students who participated in the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, an assessment designed to assist students with their career planning. Questions about your child's results can be directed to Mr. Larry Hochman in the BE College and Career Center (860-584-7876 EXT 190).

NEWS NOTES

The **Class of 2013** will be offering "Lucky 13" T-shirts from January 4-15. Orders will be taken during all lunches and sale proceeds will benefit the class treasury to support class activities.

Personal Finance and Investment students have been sharpening their skills through mock purchases of blue chip, index and foreign stocks; practicing online banking and bank statement reconciliation operations; preparing federal tax forms and maintaining a personal budget. All of these skills are vital as our students move into the adult world and independent living.

THE CAPT IS COMING!!

Important dates this coming March surround the school administration of the Connecticut Academic Performance Test to all grade ten students as mandated by state law. This assessment is used to determine our school's **status under No Child Left Behind** federal legislation. Bristol Eastern has done well enough in the past to be one of few Bristol schools never to have been on the federal sanctions list. We hope the performance of this year's sophomores, the Class of 2012, will continue our trend of success.

Important dates on which we need every sophomore in attendance, well-rested, and ready to go with breakfast are as follows.

Date	Test Area
March	
1	Editing and Revising
2	Writing 1
3	Response to Literature
4	Writing 2
5	Reading for Information
9	Mathematics 1
10	Science 1
11	Science 2
12	Mathematics 2

HELP SUPPORT THE BEHS SENIOR CLASS GRADUATION PARTY FUNDRAISERS

Thus. Jan 21st – Pasta dinner at the Elks Club 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\$10 pp includes pasta, meatballs, rolls, salad and drinks

Tickets will be sold at the basketball/wrestling games

Need sheet cakes donated for dessert as well as raffle items

CONTACT: Lolita Teague at lteague2@yahoo.com or 860-329-7256

Becky Rioux at ctblazetravel@comcast.net or 860-329-7316

Sat. Feb. 6th – Dance at the Polish Club – 7:00 p.m.

\$15 pp/cash bar/bring your own snacks

Band – **Bottom Line**

CONTACT: Jackie Abreu at abreuboxers@att.net

Sat. March 6th – Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

CONTACT: Ann Wojsnarowicz at the4wojs@aol.com

NOW till June 2010 – Bottle/Can Collection at “REDEEM IT” on Riverside Ave Drop off your returns @ Redeem It and make donation to BEHS Grad Party

We need all parents/students from the 2010 class to participate

Ask family members and neighbors to help!

CONTACT: Lisa Anderson at lisa.anderson2@ge.com

Monetary Donations Needed – Payable to BEHS Grad Party

Mail to: Ann Wojsnarowicz, 15 Rudolph Place, Bristol

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**BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS AND
PEACEFUL HOLIDAY SEASON**

**FROM
THE BRISTOL EASTERN LANCER FAMILY**