Bobcat Connection



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Not only has last term already come to an end, but so has 2017! We look forward to the new year, new programs, and new clubs on our campus. We are so thankful for our amazing students, whose hard work makes BHA a school we are proud to attend.

C2C Commitment to Community

C2C is a program beginning this term which encourages students to give back to our school and to our community. Students who fully participate in the program have an opportunity to earn a cord at graduation recognizing their achievements. If you are interested in receiving more information regarding C2C, please check out our website.

BenTalks

We are so proud of BHA's 2nd Annual BenTalks speakers this year! They turned out in a major way and represented themselves, their school, and high school students in general with poise and confidence. Each speaker absolutely wowed our community judges. Congratulations to all of you on a phenomenal job.



Safe Relationships

Last term, students had an opportunity to participate in an advisory lesson focused on healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries, including social media. These advisory lessons are broken down by grade level with age-specific content. So far, the feedback has been amazing from our students and we look forward to continuing the program.

Content Night

Humanities Night was a great success! Thank you to the families who came to BHA to see what your children have been up to in their humanities courses. Our History, Music, Spanish, and English teachers do a fantastic job keeping the students engaged in learning, so it's great to be able to share those experiences with their family members.

Day of the Dead

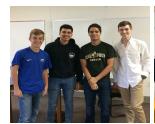
Thank you to Mrs. Nava & Mrs. Maldonado for teaching our students about Day of the Dead. Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a celebration of life and death. While the holiday originated in Mexico, it is celebrated all over Latin America with colorful calaveras (skulls) and calacas (skeletons), and by people of Mexican ancestry living in other places, especially the United States. The multi-day holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey. This year, our Spanish classes participated in making altars to remember those in passing.





MCM

Our students did it again! They participated in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling. This is a 36 hour competition for high school students that challenges teams to clarify, analyze, and propose solutions to open-ended problems. The contest attracts diverse students and faculty advisors from over 900 institutions around the world.





Sophomore Luncheon

The Sophomore Luncheon was a blast! We thank all the families who came to visit their children during lunch. The students loved having you there and it was wonderful seeing the joy on all of their faces! We look forward to doing this annually, however, our families are always welcome to join us!

Blood Drive

Interact Club organized a school-wide event at the beginning of November as an opportunity to give back to the community. Interact Club partnered with American Red Cross and organized a Blood Drive. BHA registered 37 donors, collected 30 units of blood and had 32 first-time donors. Those donations can potentially help save up to 90 lives!







College Visits

Juniors and Seniors had an opportunity to visit UC Berkeley and St. Mary's College of California last term. Students came back excited and ready to embrace the college culture. A key part of deciding which college to go to is finding a good fit. And a great way to get more information is to visit the colleges in person. However, we know it's nearly impossible to visit all colleges, therefore we are thankful for the representatives that come to us. Last term, a representative from Swarthmore College visited BHA and informed the students of their endless opportunities. Most importantly, they promote a debt-free college experience! Also, a representative from UC Santa Cruz came to BHA as well to talk with seniors about the UC admission process and what they look for in essay questions. Students appreciated the feedback from the representatives and applied their knowledge to their applications.



UOP Visit

UOP came out to talk to our students about their Community Involvement Program (CIP). CIP is a comprehensive need-based scholarship and retention program for first-generation college students from the Stockton community who have demonstrated the potential for sustainable leadership, community awareness, and involvement. The program serves the educational needs of low-income students by providing access to college along with a wide range of support to the CIP Scholars as they pursue higher education. This is a great opportunity for our students!

Dinner with a Scientist

Ms. Chi participates in Dinner with a Scientist annually, providing students with an opportunity to attend. At the event, students were able to meet and speak with different scientists and STEM professionals to get a better idea of the professions available. On a side note, Ms. Chi was excited to meet an R&D Scientist who works with Clorox who helped create Clorox Wipes!



Homecoming Week

BHA did it again...And they didn't let the rain stand in the way! Students put in a lot of hours to complete class floats and decorate the hallways to show their school spirit and college aspirations. Congratulations to Riley Graddy and Jasiel Escalera Talavera, who were voted by BHA as Homecoming Queen and King.



Red Ribbon Week

Student Council did a fantastic job coordinating Red Ribbon Week. The National Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people. The epic Lip Sync Battle is something that will not be forgotten as all grade levels participated... along with Mr. Worley!



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