

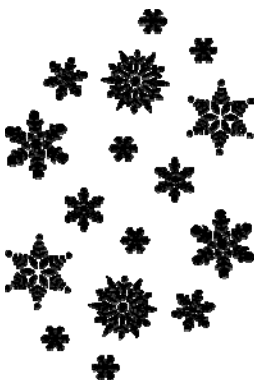
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*Baltimore County
Student Councils*

A Word from your President



*From all of us at
BCSC, we wish
you and your
family and
friends Happy
Holidays and
Happy New Year!
Have a fantastic
break!*

Hey BCSC! I can't believe we are already into December, and winter break is only a week away! As always, Baltimore County has been very busy! We held our second General Assembly on November 10th. We had a visitor, Miss Nina Marks, Student Member on the State Board of Education and current senior at Dulaney High School. She discussed topics including Race to the Top, standardized testing, and how to be an effective student advocate. At the November General Assembly, delegates also had the ability to debate legislation on topics such as the teacher evaluation process.

BCSC is very excited about our annual food drive! I hope all of our schools participated, seeing as it is so important to help out those

in need. All of the cans your school collected will stay in Baltimore County! Last year we collected 29,000 pounds of food and this year we are shooting for 36,000 pounds!

On November 19th, BCSC held our annual Middle School Leadership Conference. Our theme was, "Oh, The Places You'll Go In Leadership." The conference was extremely successful with workshops on Parliamentary Procedure, Leadership, Team Building, and Community Service. The conference also had a mock general assembly, fringees, an icebreaker, and an ice cream social! The delegates at the conference made holiday cards and puzzles for the children at Hopkins during the Community Service Workshop. BCSC also raised

over fifty dollars for Kids Helping Hopkins at the Middle School Conference. BCSC strongly supports Kids Helping Hopkins, and if your school would like to raise money for this great charity, please see one of our charity directors for some ideas! All in all the Middle School Leadership Conference was a "must-be-at" event!

We will have our charity collection at every BCSC event, and please give whatever you are able to give! As always, with any questions, please feel free to email me at

oliviakeithley@gmail.com
or Ms. Fuller at
bfuller@bcps.org.

Happy holidays!

Olivia Keithley

HAVE YOUR CANS BEEN COLLECTED?

Thank you to all the schools that participated in the annual
BCSC Canned Food Drive!

We can't wait until Bull Roast to announce the winners!

Food, Blood and Talent Galore!

At Lansdowne High School, the members of SGA and our advisors have been meeting every Wednesday planning events for the ending 2011 school year and the upcoming 2012 school year. In the month of October the SGA sponsored our yearly homecoming dance in the gymnasium with a "Space" theme. The students within the clubs of LHS came up with different Space ideas for our cart race, and the winning cart at the Homecoming Game won \$100 towards their class to help pay for prom or other events for their graduating class. After the homecoming dance we began planning our Care Drive, an event where students bring in canned food items and toiletries to help support families

in need. The SGA decided to join BCSC in its fun-filled Canned Food Drive from November 1, 2011- December 1, 2011. SGA officers agreed that this should be a competition between homerooms and the top two homerooms will receive a pizza party and lollipops given by our new principal Mr. Miller... great way to start as our new principal, Mr. Miller! Last week our Advisor Mr. Nick introduced the officers to our annual Blood Drive. Our officers met with one of the representatives from the Red Cross to volunteer for December 6, 2011 all day long. Every year we have a wonderful turn out for this event and hopefully we will continue to improve this year. Last

week the officers of SGA approached the discussion of our annual Variety Show. Every year students showcase their talent all over the school and it is so true that hidden talents are what make LHS a great school offering many different courses of study. So please help support our schools in fundraising food and toiletries for the homeless within Baltimore County, take time out of your day to donate blood for those who need operations, and come support our students at Lansdowne HS at our Variety Show in February!

Isaac Saunders Jr.

Lansdowne High

THE TIP OF THE DAY FOR YOUR SGA!

When we're running around trying to successfully organize and complete SGA events, sometimes we forget the little things—such as our thank you's. They can range from a verbal exchange to neatly written words on delicate stationary—either way they are important! You always need to make sure that those who help are thanked in one way or another because they deserve it! It is a great way to keep up the morality of the school and ensure continued support of the SGA. So keep a list of people that need to be thanked and keep your secretary at work!

If your SGA is looking for more activities, see if you can do something to appreciate your teachers and staff this year. Some suggestions include: putting notes in everyone's mailbox, filling mugs with candy, or organizing an appreciation breakfast. The possibilities are endless and can be as creative or as simple as you want!

Abbie Ruppel

Caroling, Caroling Through the Books

Carver Center's National English Honor Society held a holiday book fair fundraiser at the Barnes and Noble in Towson this month. Students participated in the event by sing-

ing Christmas carols, wrapping presents, and reading books to children. The event was open to the public and a portion of the proceeds for all books purchased during

the fair went to benefit the NEHS. Everyone in attendance had a great time and it's sure to become a Carver Center tradition!

Anna Cohee

The SMOB Report

HEY BCSC HOW DO YOU FEEL!? The 2011-2012 school year is looking great and the Baltimore County Board of Education has been hard at work! I am Logan McNaney from Lansdowne High School, and I am extremely excited to be serving as your Student Member of the Board.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the High School Honors Concert. Those students were recognized at our December 6th meeting of the Board.

At the December 6th meeting the Board of Education voted on policy, reviewed new Superintendent rules, and received a comprehensive report on high schools. Schools are performing well with a system wide graduation rate of 81.5%. Also system wide, the Advance Placement passing rate is about 65%, with a goal of attaining 70%. Among the results,

PSAT/SAT scores, dropout rate, and suspension rate were questioned.

In relation to the 5000 series of policies which affect students there are a couple updates. Policy and rule 5330, Social Events, has been recently introduced and passed. The Superintendents Advisory Board has been discussing the ELECTRONICS POLICY. There has been talk about creating a new policy and we need your help! What are some examples about how a cell phone/electronic device can be used for educational purposes? If you have any suggestions feel free to let me know via word of mouth or email.

Lastly the Board of Education will be meeting Wednesday, December 14th, along with the search firm Hazard and Young. We will be negotiating in Administrative Function details about the new superintendent

search. Fortunately as Student Member, I will have voting rights in selecting the new superintendent!

My goal this year is simple: communication. If you would like to know what the Board of Education is up to, then follow me on Twitter (tweet tweet)! That's right, your SMOB tweets (not about useless "#teamiphone" updates but news from the Board of Education). If you want to keep up to date, follow me at www.twitter.com/lmcmcnaney. Also feel free to come by during board meetings, or send me an email at lmcmcnaney@bcps.org. Feel free to talk to me any time...your comments are welcome!

Logan McNaney

THE ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

Did you know every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil? Recycling is so important, now more than ever! BSCS wants to make a difference. All Baltimore County Schools have single-stream recycling, meaning glass, metal, paper and plastic can all be recycled together. I know some schools have rumors that the recycling boxes are just dumped with the regular trash, but is it really true? I firmly believed this rumor until I talked to the custodians myself. It was easy too- I simply asked my principal if I could talk to them and I asked them about single stream recycling and what we can do to fix the current lack of participation. Then, I meet with my ecology club and we made posters with many designs to be hung in the classrooms. Now, students are informed by eye-catching posters and pictures.

So, if you really want to make a difference, speak up! There are many people in your school who are there to listen. If you have any questions or would like to share what your school is doing, please feel free to email me at dherlihy19@verizon.net. Let's go green BCSC!

Devin Herlihy

Spirit Days!



Dumbarton Middle School's Twin Day and Pink Day!



Middle School Leadership Conference!

On November 19, middle schoolers got to participate in an exciting event called the BCSC Middle School Leadership Conference. To start out the day, students played a crazy game of name bingo. During this game they got to meet new people and build friendships. The delegates also were involved in fun workshops in which they tested their skills in leadership, team building, parliamentary procedure, and com-

munity service. The best part was that all of these workshops revolved around the theme of Dr. Seuss. In these workshops, delegates got to build houses for the Grinch while being blind folded, construct Dr. Seuss puzzles while only being able to see two pieces, decorate the cat's hat, illustrate a Dr. Seuss inspired map about themselves, and make decorative holiday crafts for Kids Helping Hopkins. Throughout the course

of the day not only did middle schoolers meet new friends by fringing and developing leadership skills but they also received a delicious lunch, some sweet ice cream, and hip t-shirts. Overall, the Middle School Leadership Conference was a complete success and a fantastic Saturday. Can't wait for next year!

Alex Toma

Hereford Middle