

## BROCKPORT FOCUSES ON EQUITY WITH FREE MEALS AND SUPPLIES

Brockport Central School District is providing equity for all students with District-provided supplies and free meals for all students for the 2023-24 school year! Our District aims to lessen the burden on our community and create a solution for students and parents that allows for ease and preparedness during the school year.

The District-provided supplies initiative was included in the school budget as a way to give back to the community and create fairness for all families. Eliminating school supply lists also allows for students, parents, and teachers to be sufficient in their readiness for the school year. BCSD is dedicated to our students' learning and creating valuable class time that contributes to their success.

Through the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, Brockport students also have access to free breakfast and lunch this school year. Since the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, there has been an increase in the number of students receiving

“ I am truly proud of our District! Thank you to everyone who has championed District provided school supplies and meals, which ensures that all our students are as prepared for learning as equitably as possible. ”

- Sean Bruno

school breakfast and lunch thanks to this program. Providing students with a nutritious breakfast and lunch is our District's priority as well as creating an environment where all students have the opportunity to thrive. Snacks and additional meals are still available to be purchased.

Offering free meals for students has had a significant impact on Brockport's Food Services with their team working hard to adapt to accommodate the rise in demand for meals. With a 14% increase of all buildings participating in breakfast

and a 17% increase for all buildings for lunch, increased hours at buildings have been implemented to respond to and meet these demands. The Food Service department is evaluating staffing needs and working to add staff to buildings while collaborating with other school buildings to ensure all students who want breakfast and lunch are able to receive and have access to meals.

“As a department, we are very excited about the opportunity to provide free breakfast and lunch for all full day students attending Brockport Central School District,” says Food Service Director Stacey Snyder. “We have a great team of nutritional professionals to prepare, healthy and nutritious meals every day that will help improve student outcomes, achievements, well-being, and behavior that are all tied to daily nutrition. We are excited to see participation increase as the year continues, along with helping safeguard students from hunger, because you can't learn when you are hungry.”





Dear Brockport Community,

Welcome back! As we settle into the 2023-24 school year, our District has many reasons to celebrate and acknowledge our progress.

New this year, we have implemented District-provided school supplies and free meals for all students. This is an achievement that not only creates equity for all families but ensures that we are setting our students up for success, preparedness, and allows for a productive learning environment.

We were also able to expand our full-day UPK program this year, adding additional classrooms for a total of five full-day classrooms while continuing to offer a half-day morning or afternoon option as well. Both programs provide developmental and social emotional learning and growth for our youngest students. In addition to the pre-k options on the Brockport campus, the district is proud to offer opportunities through our choice and community-based partners who also provide wrap-around care.

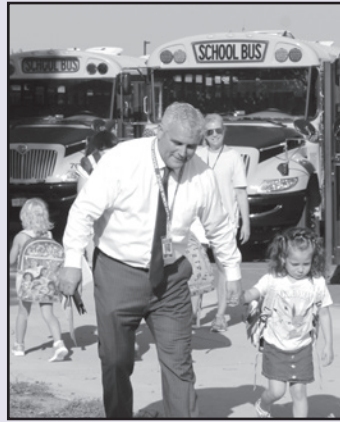
Brockport Schools is also partnering with Rachel's Challenge again this year, to promote the prioritization of relationships within our District as a way to build connections and improve school culture. Students in grades 7-12 saw success during the program last year, and we look forward to continuing our work during the upcoming school year.

Last spring, the District shared a ThoughtExchange with our school community including parents, students and staff members. After reviewing the results of that ThoughtExchange over the summer, I am happy to share that our District has begun to implement some changes that will address the concerns expressed. A few changes include creating an electronic device policy at our secondary schools, increasing mental health supports and addressing vaping within our secondary schools.

I am also happy to share that our District has created a new Data Dashboard to highlight student performance throughout the district, keeping our community informed and the District accountable.

Our students are our greatest investment and thanks to our dedicated staff, families and community partners, we can continue to give back to their growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you to everyone who showed your Brockport Pride by attending our Homecoming events this year! It is always a joy to see our students marching in the homecoming parade and the sea of blue take over the bleachers at the Friday night football game. If you were unable to make our homecoming celebrations, don't worry! We have many events in the upcoming months that we would love to see our school community



attend including the upcoming fall musical Matilda, winter concerts, Class Acts and many athletic contests.

Finally, we will soon be heading into the flu and cold season. As always, if your child has a fever or any COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home until they feel better. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's school nurse for additional guidance.

Enjoy the last few weeks of fall! We look forward to seeing you all on campus this year!

Sincerely,

*Sean C. Bruno*  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 Sean C. Bruno

# CELEBRATING HOMECOMING

It was another exciting homecoming this September, as Blue Devil pride filled our school campus throughout the week! Excitement grew as the week progressed, with students throughout the District participating in themed spirit days. Friday, our Class of 2024 gathered for their official photo before each class competed against another during Brockport High School's pep rally.

It was a beautiful night to show school spirit with a parade including our BHS band, fun floats and enthusiastic marchers! Congratulations to this year's float winner – the Class of 2025 with the CLUE float. Following the parade, Brockport fans cheered on the Blue Devils in an exciting game against the Gates Chili Spartans, with Brockport fighting until the very end to score a touchdown in the final seconds and avoid a shutout. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our school during Homecoming this year.



## Brockport Walks to School

Brockport CSD once again participated in the annual Walk to School Day, which is held the first Wednesday of October. This event, organized by Brockport's Walk to School committee, promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while encouraging safe walking and community engagement. Thousands of schools around the world participate in the event each year.

Over 640 Brockport students and their families walked, biked and scootered to school this year – with more students participating at the middle school and the high school than in any previous year. Barclay once again won the coveted Walk to School Day Trophy, with the highest number of walkers participating. Thirty-nine percent of Barclay students walked to school! Each year the grade level with the highest percent participation from Oliver Middle School gets their class level engraved on the Walk to School Day plaque. Congratulations to our sixth grade class, who had 18% of students participate this year.

Families who lived too far away to walk had the opportunity to park and walk from Bill Gray's or Our Village Optician. Tents containing free apples were set up, along with selfie stations provided by the PTSA. Student athletes from The College at Brockport's women's basketball and men's baseball teams accompanied students on their walk, and cheerleaders from Brockport High School supported families as they made their way to school.

A special thank you to the Brockport Police Department, Brockport Security, Brockport Kiwanis Club, SUNY Brockport, Sweden Town Supervisor Kevin Johnson and numerous community members for helping made the day safe and enjoyable for our students and families. Thanks to Kalir and Robb Farms for the generous donation of apples.



## Back to School



Smiles filled our campus in early September, as students and staff returned to the classroom for a new year of learning, making new friends and participating in extra-curricular activities. Students in grades K-8 have continuing academic growth through the ELA resources piloted last year, in addition to new math resources the District is piloting this year. Clubs have resumed, rehearsals for the Brockport High School musical are underway, our fall athletic season is wrapping up and we look forward to cheering on our winter athletes during the upcoming season. We look forward to welcoming families to campus for what we know will be an amazing year.





# Brockport Board of Education holds REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Brockport Board of Education (BOE) held its annual reorganization meeting on July 14, 2023. The following people were administered their oaths of office:

- Sean Bruno, Brockport Superintendent of Schools
- Jeffrey Harradine, BOE President
- Robert Lewis, BOE Vice-President
- David Stroup, BOE Member
- Michael Turbeville, BOE Member (re-elected)
- Robert Lewis, BOE Member (re-elected)
- Jill Reichhart, Brockport Treasurer
- Deb Moyer, BOE District Clerk

During the meeting, the Board appointed the seat vacated by Daniel Legault to David Stroup. He will serve through the regular election in May 2024, at which time the position will be up for election, in addition to the two seats with terms expiring at the end of the school year.

Regular board meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room, unless otherwise noted on District's website. Meetings are open to the public.



## Recognizing Brockport's Board of Education

Each year, school boards across the country are recognized in October during National School Board Recognition week. We thank our Board Members for their many hours of service and tireless dedication to our District.

**Thank you  
Brockport Board  
members!**

## Board of Education Honors Brockport's Best

BCSD's Board of Education honored five Brockport's Best Award recipients during the regular board meeting held Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Jordan Whitehair, Ricky Noll and Jalen Prior (not pictured) were awarded for their mentorship role on our Brockport Athletic teams. The three students were each involved with the Unified program for multiple seasons and took the initiative to mentor their younger teammates, even after graduating high school!

Don Voorheis and Kelly Keenan were awarded for their vigilance and excellent judgement call in a critical situation. Their quick action helped to prevent a potential tragedy.



## BROCKPORT RECOGNIZES SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Brockport CSD employees. Your years of service and dedication to our District are appreciated and help make the Brockport School community a better place for our students and families.

### 10 Years

- Tina Blodgett, *Bus Attendant*
- Gary Borrelli, *Elementary Teacher*
- Rebecca Cucit, *Elementary Teacher*
- Brianna Davis, *School Nurse*
- Heather Dennis, *Health Teacher*
- Kristin Geroux, *AIS Teacher*
- Donna Hill, *Bus Driver*
- Kristen Kimble, *Science Teacher*
- Rachel Kluth, *Executive Director of Operations*
- Kimberly Martin, *Food Service Helper*
- Jennifer Nather, *Library Media Specialist*
- Christine Ralyea, *School Counselor*
- Spaz Rosato, *Assistant Cook*
- Gregory Schwind, *Math Teacher*
- Heather Sealfon, *School Counselor*
- Josie Snyder, *Science Teacher*
- David Staub, *Custodian*
- Beth Anne Vanill, *Science Teacher*
- Sondra Visca, *Teacher Aide*

### 15 Years

- Kristin Barber, *AIS Teacher*
- Lisa Clemens, *Cleaner*
- Kristin Dettman, *Elementary Teacher*
- Tamara Evans, *Teacher Aide*
- Betsy Foos, *Office Clerk III*
- Shannon Howlett, *Social Studies Teacher*
- Michelle Huck, *Elementary Teacher*
- Michael Huffer, *Head Custodian*
- Lisa Juby, *Bus Operations Supervisor*
- Trina Kenney, *Building Secretary*

- Keri Krull, *Math Teacher*
- Sara Kuhn, *Music Teacher*
- Jessica Mangiameli, *Elementary Teacher*
- Colleen Mattison, *Payroll Clerk*
- Julie Prest, *Bus Driver*
- Maureen Stedman, *Teacher Aide*
- Molly Williams, *Office Clerk III*

### 20 Years

- Claudia Cowling, *Office Clerk III*
- Christina Ewanow, *Elementary Teacher*
- Julie Feeney, *Bus Driver*
- Cynthia Graves, *Teacher Aide*
- Ann Marie Hagen, *Elementary Teacher*
- Beth Hoyt, *Teacher Aide*
- Jaclyn Kelley-Howard, *Elementary Teacher*
- Dawn Latina, *Teacher Aide*
- Tracy Markle, *Nurse Aide*
- John Randolph, *Technology Teacher*
- Jennifer Setter, *Library/Media Assistant*
- Katherine Thompson, *Special Education Teacher*
- Erin Waite, *PE Teacher*
- Michelle Wetzler, *Teacher Aide*
- Diana Wilson, *School Aide Café Monitor*

### 25 Years

- Christopher Albrecht, *Elementary Teacher*
- Lynn Carragher, *Assistant Superintendent for Inclusive Education*
- Sandra Blank, *Bus Driver*
- Tammy Corrigan, *Special Education Teacher*
- Michael DeLoria, *Elementary Teacher*
- Kathleen Dziadkovicz, *Teacher Aide*

- Michael Gagnier, *Math Teacher*
- Barbara Harrington, *Physical Education Teacher*
- Scott Hopsicker, *Social Studies Teacher*
- Lisa Hutchison, *Food Service Helper*
- Cheryl McCauley, *Nurse Aide*
- Barbara Miner, *Teacher Aide*
- Scott Nugent, *PE Teacher*
- Amy Phillips, *Science Teacher*
- Amy Stoker, *Elementary Teacher*
- Kim Wagner, *Assistant Cook*
- Mary Warth, *Art Teacher*
- Michelle Webster, *Cook Manager*

### 30 Years

- Andrea Benham, *Teacher Aide*
- Karen Bourg, *Elementary Teacher*
- Lisa Byrne-Emmerson, *Elementary Teacher*
- Gloriann Jones, *Teacher Aide*
- Lisa Kennedy, *Teacher Aide*
- Kirstin Penders, *Instructional Coach*
- Joseph Setek, *PE Teacher*
- Jodie Shatzel, *Elementary Teacher*
- Julia Wilson, *Elementary Teacher*

### 35 Years

- Pauline Pratt, *Cleaner*
- Paul Swanger, *Maintenance Supervisor*



## Brockport Board of Education appoints new member

Mr. Stroup was appointed to the Board of Education during the Reorganization Meeting in July 2023. He serves as a member of the Board Innovation Committee and is an alternate on the Budget, Policy and Instructional Committees. He also is an alternate on the Monroe County School Board Information Exchange.

Mr. Stroup is a 1992 BHS graduate. He graduated from SUNY Brockport with a Bachelor of Social Work and minor in Sociology. He currently works for Amazon Web Services (AWS), as Sr. Manager for Enablement Technology. Prior to that he spent 10 years helping Pearson Education lead the transition from print to

digital textbooks, making them more accessible to all. While at Pearson he served as an Advisory Committee Representative to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), where he helped draft the E PUB for Education Specification. He and his wife, Bianca ('95) have seven children - Lilly ('18), Emma ('20), Isaac ('22), Naomi ('25), Levi ('26), Eliza ('30) and Sadie ('40).

Mr. Stroup serves on the worship team at the Brockport Free Methodist Church as a drummer and teaching youth at BVM. He loves making memories with his family and playing cornhole and euchre.



# BCSD would like to welcome:

## New Teachers:

- Megan Richardson – Kindergarten LTS, Ginther
- Brigid McClenathan – Kindergarten LTS, Ginther
- Sofia Palmieri – Kindergarten, Ginther
- Morgan Smith – First Grade, Ginther
- Kimberly Kappeli – Literacy LTS, Ginther
- Michael Anne Pentz – Special Education, Ginther
- Amber Nellett – Music, Barclay
- Sophie DePalma – Speech, Barclay
- Cameron Barnard – Special Education, Hill
- Aimee Murphy – FACS, OMS
- Eric VanPatten – FACS/PE, OMS
- Jessica Varley – ELA, OMS
- Tatianna Riggi – Speech, OMS/HS
- Daniela Cregan – ELA, HS
- Roger Klimek – Math LTS, HS
- Jeffrey Jung, Jr. – Math LTS, HS
- Tatyana Qadiri – World Languages, HS
- Justin Scheg – Science, HS
- Clarissa Steier – Science, HS
- Nathanael Scott – Social Studies, HS
- Ashley Homan – Literacy, HS
- Jeffrey Taylor – Special Education, HS

## New Social Worker:

- Amanda Eggleton – Social Worker, HS



## Brockport appoints Cybersecurity Coordinator

Brockport Central School District has appointed Garrett Hotchkiss as Cybersecurity Coordinator. The appointment was approved by the Board of Education during the Board Meeting on July 14, 2023 and became effective on July 17.



Hotchkiss has worked in the Brockport CEPACS Department since December of 2015. During that time, he has worked in a variety of capacities including microcomputer technician, network technician and, most recently, senior network technician. Hotchkiss has a bachelor's degree in Information Security and Forensics, as well as certifications in Microsoft and Comp Tia Security+.

Hotchkiss brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience protecting systems, networks and programs from digital attacks.

## Brockport welcomes new BHS Assistant Principal

Brockport Central School District welcomes Bobbie Dardano to the high school, where she will fill the role of Assistant Principal. Dardano was approved to the position during the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 and begin with the District on October 30.



Dardano has spent the last 16 years teaching English Language Arts and serving as the department chair at Penn Yan High School. This past summer, she served as the Principal for Penn Yan's extended school year program. Dardano obtained her administrative certification from the University of Rochester and is Nationally Board Certified in ELA.

## Emergency Procedure Review

### Website Alerts

Additional information during emergency situations will also be posted on our District website and social media accounts when deemed appropriate. You may find the information on our website at [bcs1.org](http://bcs1.org) or by searching [@brockportcsd](https://twitter.com/brockportcsd) on Facebook or Twitter. Please remember to check these resources and refrain from calling you child's school in the event of an emergency so District personnel can focus their attention on the safety of students and communicating important information to families.

### Lockouts and Lockdowns

People often use the terms lockout and lockdown interchangeably. At BCSD, a lockout is initiated when there is a potential risk outside the building or District (i.e., an armed person is threatening the community; a suspicious condition, chemical spill or rabid/ aggressive animal exists in the area). During a lockout, exterior doors and windows are locked, outside activities are terminated and instruction continues as normal inside the building.

A lockdown is initiated when there is an impending risk to the building or District (i.e., an armed/violent/aggressive person threatening or attacking a school building or the District; an imminent threat that may involve a specific building or the District). In this case, the same protocols would be followed for a lockout, however, classroom doors are locked and instruction is halted.

The safety and security of students and staff remains a priority at Brockport Central School District. Each year we review our emergency policies and procedures to ensure students, staff and families know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

### Automated Messaging

Our District uses SchoolMessenger, an automated messaging system, to quickly communicate with families via phone, text, and email. In the event of an emergency, such as a lockout or lockdown, calls will be made to all parent/guardian's home, work and cell phone numbers, along with emergency contacts 1-4 listed on the Student Profile Form updated every September (or when there is a change in contact information). The transcribed content of the messages will also be sent via email. Additionally, those who have downloaded the Brockport CSD mobile application will be notified via a push notification. If you do not have the mobile app and would like to download it, search for "Brockport Central" in your device's app store.

Our District may periodically use the automated messaging system to share other important information or last-minute event changes. Information classified as "non-emergency" will be primarily sent via email or text.

STAY IN TOUCH!

### Download our App

The Brockport Central School District mobile application features easy access to school calendars, contact information, social media and more. Additionally, users will have the option to receive push notifications from the District and specific schools regarding closings and other updates.

The app is free and available for download on iPhones and Androids. Search for Brockport Central in your App Store or Google Play to find and download the app.

### Follow us on Social Media

BCSD maintains an active presence on Twitter and Facebook. These channels offer another way for the District to communicate news, photos and information with students, families and community members. Find and like us on Facebook by searching Brockport Central School District and follow us on Twitter [@brockportcsd](https://twitter.com/brockportcsd).

### How to Help During Emergency Situations

- Listen carefully to automated phone calls and messages you receive. Please listen to the entire message, then visit our District website for more information at [www.bcs1.org](http://www.bcs1.org).
- Don't panic. Just like you, we make your children's safety our main priority. We have procedures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. We practice emergency drills multiple times each year with our students and staff and consistently review our safety procedures.
- Avoid calling your child's school. We will notify you as more information becomes available.
- Don't rush to campus. If there is an actual emergency on our campus where law enforcement or emergency personnel need to respond, it is critical to keep the campus clear so they can quickly resolve the situation.
- Keep your contact information up-to-date. It is important to have a current email address on file in addition to home, work and cell phone numbers.

Please remember to notify the Registrar's Office when your contact information changes at (585) 637-1857 or [registrar@bcs1.org](mailto:registrar@bcs1.org).

## SAFETY TIPLINE

You can help keep Brockport CSD safe!

Contact the District's confidential Safety Tipline if you are aware of any activity that could potentially put students, staff or our school property at risk.

Call 1-877-453-0006 or visit [www.bcs1.org/tipline](http://www.bcs1.org/tipline).

In the event of an emergency, call 911.



# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## Barclay embraces Purposeful People

Barclay is implementing the Purposeful People character education program this year, with a focus on developing specific character traits each month. The program is designed to promote positive values and behavior among students. To start off the year, the school is focusing on respect in September, responsibility in October and gratitude in November. Each month, students will partake in activities related to each monthly character trait. For example, second graders are doing a “respect chain” in the library, and third graders are focusing on creating respect pencils.



## Practicing fire safety at Ginther

Ginther students had the opportunity to explore a fire truck this October, in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters from the Brockport and Hamlin Morton Walker fire departments visited the school to review important fire safety measures and discuss the importance of practicing fire drills. Students also had the opportunity to climb in their fire trucks, see their equipment up close and talk with the firefighters about their uniforms.



## Music lessons start back up at Hill School

Students at Hill School began band and orchestra lessons in late September, with fourth grade students having the opportunity to select an instrument to try for the first time this year. Students have been working with Ms. Reinhardt, Mrs. Pompilli and Mr. McArdell during individual lessons on a weekly basis and as a full group once a week, before school. They are sounding amazing! We can't wait to hear these musical students perform during the winter concerts in December.



## Oliver students love to read

Oliver students demonstrated their love of reading during the Scholastic Book Fair this September. The annual event is organized by Brockport PTSA volunteers who help set up and man the fair, helping students find the perfect book. Popular choices this year included books about history and the top seller this year, *Five Nights at Freddy's*. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success. The next Scholastic Book Fair will take place at Hill School at the end of October!



## BHS welcomes new students

BHS hosted a breakfast at the end of September for students who are new to the school this year. During the breakfast, students played *In it to Win It* games to get engaged with one another, including a crowd favorite cookie eating contest! Welcome to Brockport to all of our new students!



## One School, One Book connects BHS students

Brockport High School is once again participating in a One School, One Book initiative. This year, all students in grades 9-12 will be reading and discussing *For Every One* by Jason Reynolds. *For Every One* is a series of poems for the young dreamers of the world. Reynolds originally wrote these poems as letters to himself over a three-year period, while he struggled as a writer in NYC. The series of poems was eventually performed at the Kennedy Center for the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. The poem discusses the difficulty of facing struggles and the importance of perseverance and passion when it comes to pursuing your dreams. The initiative was kicked off with a short introductory video from Reynolds who will be later joining BHS for a virtual visit on November 16th. Over the next few weeks students will engage with the text through all areas of the curriculum. There will also be opportunities to participate in book discussions on his additional works. The goal of the initiative is to not only engage our school in a shared reading, but also to foster community connections and to embrace the power of literacy.



## Recognizing Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country and is a great way to kick off conversations about drug prevention. Oliver Middle School and Brockport High School hosted a variety of activities throughout the end of October to raise awareness and take a stand against drugs. Students dressed up for the themed days, posters were created and pledges were signed to remain drug free.

If you have questions, or feel your child may be using drugs, please contact our Delphi Prevention Counselors – Amanda Fisher at Brockport High School can be reached at 637-1975 and Molly Smales at Oliver Middle School can be reached at 637-7449 ext. 6137. Information regarding Delphi Counseling can be found under the Related Services tab on both the high school and middle school web pages.

## 2023 Capital Improvement Project

Brockport Central School District's Board of Education voted to move forward with a \$28.270 million Capital Improvement Project that will be brought to voters on December 12, 2023. The District utilized its building condition survey (state required evaluation of school facilities by architects and engineers) to identify work that will be completed as part of the proposed Capital Project. The reconstruction work and improvements to be made will protect our investment in District buildings and campus facilities.

In addition to reconstruction and maintenance costs (roofing, window replacement, general construction, plumbing, HVAC, LED lighting and masonry), the proposed project will reduce energy usage and save utility costs. The District will utilize NYS building aid (est. 87%) and \$5.745 million from the 2021 Capital Reserve fund, allowing the District to complete the proposed \$28.270 million 2023 Capital Project with **NO TAX IMPACT** to local taxes. More information about the proposed Capital Project will be distributed to homes and posted on the District website in the near future. A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. at Hill School.





# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Fall Athletic Highlights

Varsity Soccer Senior Robert Crissman was selected as Division 3 Player of the Week for week number two of the season! Robert helped the team post two shutouts during the second week when they played Canandaigua and Pittsford Sutherland. Congratulations Robert!

Varsity Soccer Senior Mia Tyndell was named Bill Gray's Player of the Game during the team's September 15 match against Churchville-Chili School district, where she helped bring the team to a 1-0 win!

Varsity Cross Country Senior Nate Fisher has taken first place during multiple cross country meets this season, including the McQuaid Invitational at the end of September and the John Izzo XC Classic, where he was presented the medal by the longtime Brockport coach John Izzo. The Boys XC team was ranked 7th in the NYS Class B week one mile-split state rankings.

## Fun Run and Middle School Mile

Students in grades 2-6 showed their school spirit during homecoming this year by participating in the annual Fun Run and Middle School Mile. Over 200 students in grades 2-6 participated in this year's event.

Students warmed up before their event, thanks to the help of the BHS cross country team who also served as the lead runners to guide the athletes throughout the courses. Students in grades 4-6 ran a mile, and students in grades 2 and 3 completed a half-mile course. Races started and ended at the high school stadium with family members and friends cheering. Thank you to the student participants, cross country team, physical education teachers, staff and families for making it a wonderful event!



## Winter Athletic Registration

Registration for the winter JV/V season will open on Friday, October 13 and modified will open on Friday, October 27. Please be sure your student-athlete is signed up on FamilyId prior to the first practice and the yearly physical is submitted.

## BHS Drama Club Presents *Matilda*

Brockport High School Drama Club is thrilled to announce their upcoming production of *Matilda*, based on Roald Dahl's beloved novel. With music and lyrics written by Tim Minchin, the show follows the story of Matilda, a precocious young girl with an extraordinary imagination and a love for books. Despite facing challenges at home and at school, Matilda discovers her own power and uses it to stand up against the tyrannical headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. This Tony Award-winning musical features catchy songs, impressive choreography, and a heartwarming message about the importance of standing up for oneself and others. Don't miss the chance to see Brockport High School's talented students bring this beloved story to life on stage.

Seniors include Autumn Richey as Agatha Trunchbull, Phoebe Ha as Mrs. Wormwood, Julia Hunsinger as Miss Honey, and Jyannah Ware as Bruce. Junior Kiersten Gingrich plays the title role of Matilda, and the show has over 80 students participating in the cast, crew, and pit orchestra.

Join us November 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and November 11 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Brockport High School Auditorium. Tickets are available for \$15 beginning September 29 at Brockportdrama.com or for \$20 at the door.



## National School Bus Safety Week

Held during the third full week of October each year, the National School Bus Safety Week is an active public education program aimed at addressing school bus safety. This year's theme is 1 Bus + 1 Driver = a BIG Impact on Education.

**Here are a few tips from the National Association for Pupil Transportation to keep our children safe:**

### Walking to the Bus Stop

- Walk young children to the bus stop
- Encourage children to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers, and groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk, if there is no sidewalk stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay close to the edge of the road.
- Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street or driveway.

### Getting On and Off the Bus

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on or off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.



## Transportation welcomes Ginther students

A special thank you goes out to our incredible Transportation Team for hosting our Ginther School Bus Safety Training this August. Our incoming students and their families were able to meet bus drivers and learn about bus riding rules and safety procedures ahead of the first day of school.



## Students welcome Transportation team back to school

Brockport students gathered at the Transportation Department this August for a surprise welcome back for our bus drivers, attendants, mechanics, and operations team members ahead of the department's Opening Day. Students held signs and cheered on the transportation team as they made their way into the building at the start of the day. Thank you transportation team, for keeping our students safe every day!



## BROCKPORT TRANSPORTATION IS HIRING!

The Brockport Central School District needs bus drivers and attendants, and we are hiring now! Experienced drivers, as well as those with little to no experience, should apply.

As a bus driver in Brockport, you will enjoy:

- A paid on-site training at our transportation facility. at our transportation facility.
- Flexible scheduling throughout the year and during summer.

- Outstanding working conditions being part of a great team.

- Great benefits including health care.

To learn more about these opportunities to drive a bus for Brockport, visit the Brockport Central Schools YouTube account to watch our new recruitment video! You can also contact the Transportation Department directly at (585) 637-1807 or visit the Brockport Employment website by selecting the employment quick link button at [bcs1.org](http://bcs1.org).





## Brockport BEST Foundation's "Farm to Table to Excellence" Dinner

A BIG "thank you" to everyone who supported BEST's recent FARM to TABLE to EXCELLENCE Dinner. We had music and appetizers in the orchard, hayrides, and dinner in the greenhouse at Kirby's Farm Market. Check out our website BrockportBEST.org for photos.

The dinner and your generous contributions enable us to continue and expand our support of BCSD students. Brockport BEST Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and all fundraising proceeds are directed to BCSD students. Our dedicated board is completely voluntary and dedicated to the success of BCSD students: Andrew Pacitto (President), Leslie Bull (Vice President), Lynn Moulton (Secretary), Jeanne Pacitto (Treasurer), Alicia Fink (Past President), Joan Fenton, Richard Fenton, Jo Matela, Paige Pye, and Terry Ann Carbone (Liaison to the Board of Education).

### Keep in touch with the Brockport BEST Foundation!

✉ [BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com)

🏠 [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org)

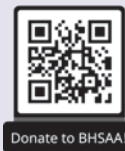
🐦 [@BESTBrockport](https://twitter.com/BESTBrockport)

📘 [BEST in Brockport Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/BESTinBrockportFoundation)



## Alumni Association provides opportunities for seniors

Brockport's Alumni Association funds three scholarships totaling \$1500 each year, in addition to the annual Senior Award Recognition dinner. Donations made to the Alumni Association go directly to help fund the scholarships and dinner. The organization has generated over \$35,000 for seniors since its founding. If you are interested in making a donation or joining the Alumni Association, please use the QR codes below.



### Will you help us enrich the education of BCSD students?

Donations are accepted any time of the year and can be submitted electronically either via BEST's secure website at <https://www.brockportbest.org/donate> or by mail at:

Brockport BEST Foundation  
P.O. Box 265  
Brockport, NY 14420

Dear Community Members,

As a reminder, the Brockport Continuing Education program has a number of upcoming programs scheduled to begin in March. Please see the list of upcoming programs and, if interested in registering, visit the Continuing Education page on the Brockport District website ([www.bcs1.org/ContinuingEducation](http://www.bcs1.org/ContinuingEducation)) for more information.

Thank you for your support and participation in our program. We encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

*Katrina Schwartz*

Katrina Schwartz,  
Program Secretary

*Brandon Broughton*

Brandon Broughton, Director of  
Continuing Education

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- Morning swim
- Monday night volleyball
- Men's floor hockey
- Becoming a notary public-online
- Becoming an Electronic Notary Public-Online

Detach and mail in form with a copy of Permit/license.

## 2023-24 Driver Education Enrollment Winter & Spring Sessions

**Driver Group Choices (Pick 3 different choices for each block)**

**Block 1:** Choice #1 \_\_\_\_ Choice #2 \_\_\_\_ Choice #3 \_\_\_\_

**Block 2:** Choice #1 \_\_\_\_ Choice #2 \_\_\_\_ Choice #3 \_\_\_\_

**Must attend 2 drive groups per week, 1 from Block 1, 1 from Block 2.**

**Circle Session preference:**

Winter Session (Jan - Mar)

Spring Session (Apr - Jun)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Office of Driver Education

**Questions may be directed to Trina Kenney by calling 637-1961 or by email to: [trina.kenney@bcs1.org](mailto:trina.kenney@bcs1.org)**

**Mail Enrollment Form and Payment to:**

Brockport Central School District  
Office of Driver Education  
Attn: Trina Kenney  
40 Allen Street  
Brockport, NY 14420-2296



Everyone was rockin' their HOCO shirts this year!



## COMING SOON...

### Our annual Brockport Spiritwear Sale!

Grab a new Blue Devils tie-dye for yourself or a holiday gift for someone special!

Join us at our

### November PTSA Meeting

to share your ideas for the school year!

11/20/23 @ 9:45 a.m. • Hill School

### Follow us on social media

We will keep you updated on school info, events and news!

📘 [Brockport PTSA](https://www.facebook.com/BrockportPTSA)

📧 [@BrockportPTSA](https://twitter.com/BrockportPTSA)

## THANK YOU for a great September & October PTSA Volunteers!

Parents, students and teachers have been volunteering for Ginther bus and lunch duty, homecoming t-shirts, decorating selfie-frames for Walk To School day and so much more. Keep watching for more opportunities to help out!

### Hill School Book Fair!

October 31 – November 3

### G.R.A.N.D. Lunch

(Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts/Uncles, Neighbors and Devoted Caretakers!) Join your Hill Student for lunch on November 1, 2023 and shop the book fair together. More info coming soon!



Questions or concerns? Contact us at: [Brockportptsa@gmail.com](mailto:Brockportptsa@gmail.com) or [www.brockportcentralptsa.org](http://www.brockportcentralptsa.org)

# 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

**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 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 High School eastside (poolside) parking lot. 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 their 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 makes a safe driver. A current NYS Learner's Permit must be brought to all classes.

**Registration directions:** Please send your payment, completed registration form and a copy of the student's learner's permit to the address listed on the registration form. **The cost is \$470 for residents, \$490 for non-residents.** The registration deadline for the Winter Session will end on January 17, 2024, for the Spring Session, March 27, 2024. **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 e-mail 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.

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 5-Hour Course material is included in Driver Education. The loan of a text is included in the class fee.

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

**Instructors:** Dana Mallaber, Pamela Hasen & Brian McCue

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

## Drive Groups for Session II

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.	Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25
	B	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26
	C	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
	D	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
	E	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
	F	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

BLOCK 2	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	G	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Feb. 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
	H	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Feb. 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
	I	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Feb. 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
	J	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Feb. 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
	K	Friday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, Apr. 9**
	L	Friday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, Apr. 9**

Driver Ed Session High School Room 192 Theory Classes	
Monday	Tuesday
1/29	1/30
2/5	2/6
2/12	2/13
2/26	2/27
3/4	3/5
3/11	3/12
3/18	3/19
3/25	3/26

## Drive Groups for Session II

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 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10
	B	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4
	C	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
	D	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
	E	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
	F	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

BLOCK 2	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	G	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	H	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	I	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	J	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	K	Friday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7
	L	Friday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7

Driver Ed Session High School Room 192 Theory Classes	
Monday	Tuesday
4/15	4/16
4/22	4/23
4/29	4/30
5/6	5/7
5/13	5/14
5/20	5/21
No School	5/28
6/3	6/4
6/10	



# BCSD launches Data Dashboard

Brockport Central School District has launched a Data Dashboard that works as an all-encompassing visualization of our student performance. The Dashboard highlights Brockport's Enrollment and Demographics, PK-5 Reading Proficiency, 3-8 State Assessment Results, Regents Results by Course, Graduation and Post Secondary Data, Athletics Enrollment, Performing Arts Enrollment, Clubs and Student Participation, and Electives. We track and analyze this data to help understand our progress and where we have regressed. This new dashboard allows Brockport to remain transparent and keep our community informed, while providing our District the opportunity to be held accountable in order to align with our goals for our students.



# August graduates celebrated

Congratulations to our Class of 2023 August graduates. We are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the very best!



# Early Release Drill Reminder

BCSD will conduct an early release drill on Wednesday, November 8. All schools will be dismissed 15 minutes early. As such, all buses are scheduled to depart 15 minutes earlier. Please remember to make alternate transportation arrangements for your child, if necessary. This drill does not impact UPK or afternoon WEMOCO students. We practice safety drills such as this periodically to ensure students and staff know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

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