

Broadalbin-Perth High School

January/February 2012

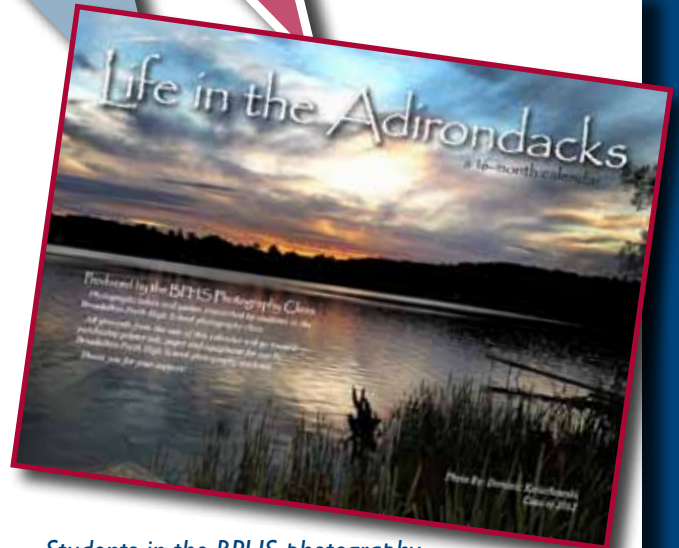
- 2** News and notes from around the high school.
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A note from Mrs. Blowers Principal's Message

Happy New Year! On page 3 is information about the Tools for Schools program offered through Price Chopper. Last year, I was able to purchase most of our high school general supplies from this program. If you have not yet signed up for Tools for Schools, please consider doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Robin Blowers
High School Principal



Students in the BPHS photography class created a 16-month calendar that they are selling to raise money to purchase printer ink, paper and equipment for the class. To purchase a calendar, e-mail teacher George Hanstein at hansteing@bpcsd.org.



Did you know that your involvement in your child's education is just as important now as when your child was in elementary school? Learn what you need to know to help your child succeed with Parent Today. Sign up by visiting www.parenttoday.org.

For the latest information on everything happening at Broadalbin-Perth, visit our district website:

www.bpcsd.org

High School Happenings

- ★ **Jan. 23** – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Media Center
- ★ **Jan. 30** – Third Quarter Begins
- ★ **Jan. 31** – Professional Development Half Day; students dismissed at 10:30 a.m.
- ★ **Feb. 3-4** – All-County Music Festival
- ★ **Feb. 10** – High School Report Cards Mailed
- ★ **Feb. 14** – Valentine's Day
- ★ **Feb. 20-24** – Winter Break
- ★ **Feb. 27** – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HS Media Center
- ★ **Feb. 29** – 8th Grade Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.



Important Numbers

Main Office

954-2600

Athletics Office

954-2601

Guidance Office

954-2620

Social Worker

954-2625

Bus Garage

954-2570

High School Fax

954-2609

Scheduling

The school counselors will conduct career counseling sessions in February. As always, if you have any questions, please call the school counseling office at 954-2620.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences are available at 1:50 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Please call the high school counseling office at 954-2620 to schedule an appointment.

8th Grade Night

The first of several transition and orientation nights will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 29, in the high school auditorium.

Prom/Post-Prom Party

Plans are underway for the prom and post-prom party, which will be held on Saturday, June 2. Parent volunteers are needed for both events. If you are able to help with the set-up of the prom, please contact Harrie Washburn or Christine Kotraba at 954-2600. Donations for both events will also be accepted.

Pops Concert

Please join us at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, for a pops concert in the high school auditorium.

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Parents of children who will be attending pre-kindergarten or kindergarten in the fall should contact The Learning Community office in February at 954-2650. Registration packets for both grades will be mailed in March.

Books Needed!

If you have any paperback books that you no longer want, please think about donating them to our high school English department book room.

Career and Technical Center

Staff from the Career and Technical Center presented their program in 10th-grade English classes. Interested students visited the Center on Dec. 20. There will be a *mandatory* meeting for parents of all interested students at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, in the high school cafeteria.

What you should know about smoke alarms...

If all homes in the U.S. had a working smoke alarm, 890 lives would be saved each year. The biggest cause for smoke alarm failure is missing or dead batteries.

Never borrow a battery or disable your smoke alarm. Replace batteries in your smoke alarm once a year or as soon as the "chirp" warning lets you know that your batteries are low.

Make it a point to change the batteries in your smoke alarm when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time in both the fall and the spring.

Megan's Law

The New York State Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) requires the Fulton County Sheriff's Office to notify schools when a registered sex offender is residing within the Broadalbin-Perth School District. The law further allows school districts to disclose or further disseminate this information at our discretion.

Information on sex offenders living within Fulton County and/or the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District can be obtained from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services Web site, www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us, or by calling 1-800-262-3257. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Blowers at 954-2600.



Nurse's Notes

As you are all well aware, cold and flu season has arrived. One of the most important things you can teach your children to do to prevent the spread of these illnesses is to wash their hands frequently, particularly after blowing their noses. Also, it helps to clean items such as telephone receivers and doorknobs where germs from one hand are just waiting to be picked up by someone else. Another important point to remember is that taking antibiotics for a viral infection will not cure the infection.

Spring sports physicals are Friday, Feb. 10. If your 10th-grade student has not had a sports physical or a physical by a personal physician, she/he will need one.

Scoliosis screening for freshmen will be conducted during February. If there is a concern, I will notify you by mail. Please feel free to call me at any time during the school day at 954-2610. – Rebecca Brunelle, R.N.

Earn money for BPHS through Tools for Schools

Log on to www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools
and sign up using **school code 15713**

From now until the end of March, every time you use your Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card, Broadalbin-Perth High School gets credit towards free educational equipment!

Don't have a Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card? Sign up for one at any local Price Chopper. Tell the clerk at the customer service counter that you want to earn credit for TLC and you can start earning credit as soon as your new card is processed.

Attention current Tools for Schools participants!

If you enrolled your AdvantEdge Card prior to August 2010, you will need to re-enroll your card this year.

No Internet access? No problem!

Fill out this form with your Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card information and we'll complete the sign-up process for you!

Ask your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors for their AdvantEdge Card numbers and we'll sign them up, too!

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Please return to the main office at The Learning Community at Broadalbin-Perth by Sept. 30, 2011.

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** By providing your email address, you agree to receive emails from Price Chopper regarding the Tools for Schools Program.



A little respect, please...

The following story is excerpted from Parent Today, a new online resource available free of charge for B-P families. Visit www.parenttoday.org to sign up to receive a twice-monthly e-newsletter and to access all the Parent Today articles.

My teenager was upset. She had been waiting to drop off our puppy at the groomer's when an older woman entered the shop. Hannah stared wordlessly as the woman strode past her to the counter, her small dog in her arms. The woman started to speak before the clerk had returned the phone to its cradle.

"This is Molly. I need her done by noon." The woman didn't seem to care that she didn't have an appointment and ignored the fact that she had cut in front of a waiting customer. "Just tell Freddie and he'll have her done by noon," she said, referring to the regular groomer. She had to be somewhere else to be and couldn't wait for Freddie to come out.

"Mom, she was so rude," my daughter said after she recounted the story. "If she had somewhere to be, she could have at least asked me if she could go first. I felt like she ignored me because I'm young."

The bottom line: She felt disrespected.

Teaching respect can be a tough job in a society where public displays of rude behavior are commonplace: fights between professional athletes, parents clashing during athletic events, children and/or parents acting aggressively toward teachers. When the people children idolize—sports figures, entertainers, or even a friend's parent—express anger inappropriately in public, it increases the challenge for parents trying to instill a respectful attitude in their children.

So, how do you teach respect to children when the adults around them don't always behave in a respectful manner? Your words and actions are the model your children will use to frame their behavior.

The Golden Rule

Parents need to spell out why respect for others is necessary — and expected. The Golden Rule of "Do to others as you would have them do to you" should be reinforced with statements of expected behavior.

For example, there are appropriate and inappropriate ways to express anger. If a child shoves a friend who steps in front of him in line, explain to the child that it's OK to be angry. A parent can then talk with the child to determine alternative behaviors

to pushing, such as using words to express the emotion or walking away.

Set a good example

Hand-in-hand with the Golden Rule is the saying, "Actions speak louder than words." Adults need to model the kind of behavior they want their children to have. And respect is a two-way street: Treat children with respect, and they will learn what it means to respect others.

Treating children with respect includes asking their opinions, listening to their responses and being considerate of their feelings. Of course, validating your son's opinion doesn't mean letting him dictate the family's actions. But acknowledging that you have heard him is a step toward making him feel respected.

Teach with love

Children are constantly learning, and they need our help in figuring out how to behave and express their emotions appropriately rather than punishment for the inappropriate expression of feelings. If your child lashes out at you because you ask her to pick up her room, screaming at her will only exacerbate the situation. Instead, explain that her response is disrespectful. Teachable moments such as this—and occasions in which the child sees others behaving disrespectfully—allow you to discuss how to express feelings in a respectful manner.

Pet Policy

Please remember that pets are not allowed on school property without the permission of an administrator. Thank you for your cooperation in making our buildings and playing fields safe.

Tobacco Free School Zone

All employees, students and visitors of the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District must understand that the use of tobacco and/or tobacco-related products at any school, at all functions and at all times is strictly forbidden on school property.