

FROM THE PTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Thank You, Parents and Staff!

We are grateful to the many BHS parents and staff who energetically helped start the 2009–2010 school year by welcoming the freshman class to Brookline High and helping seniors perfect their college essays.

On Thursday, September 8, sophomore parents—expertly led by Eileen Amy, Robin MacIlroy, Susan Silberberg-Robinson, and Brookline Rotary Club members—threw a lavish barbecue for the 400-plus freshmen and other newcomers to BHS for their first day of school. Thank you, Eileen, Robin, Susan, Sonya Elder, Teresa Vidette, BHS cafeteria staff, BHS custodians, Arnie Marcus, and all the sophomore parents who staffed the barbecue and provided the yummy desserts.

The morning of Saturday, September 26, found 75+ parents and 15 BHS teachers working with 251 seniors at the annual College Essay Workshop (see page 3). This year saw a record percentage (57%) of the senior class attend and a correspondingly large number of parents volunteer—all thanks to the outstanding organization and enthusiasm of the four coordinators, senior parents Randy Kaston and Susan Vishner and English teachers Elon Fischer and Rob Primmer. Thank you!

And thank you in advance, BHS parents, for your support of our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, October 23 (see page 2). Be the first one on your block to donate food at www.mysignup.com/teacher_staff_breakfast or click on the link in your reminder email, coming soon.

Finally, the PTO couldn't sponsor any of these or other events and activities without the financial support of the BHS parent *continued on page 2*

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Great Ship Is Launched



Photo by Shelly Parris

For school folks, the transition from summer to a new school year is dramatic. When 1,750 teenagers arrive at 115 Greenough Street for the first day of school, we all feel like we're blasting off in a space shuttle; the energy required to manage our work lives could be measured in G-forces. Of course, at Brookline High, we do not use an aeronautic metaphor; we use a maritime metaphor. The Great Ship BHS begins a 180-day voyage, during which we hope for calm seas and smooth sailing but also expect storms. This is Voyage #168. We are off to a very good start, although we have already experienced several storms—the death of BHS 11th grader Louis Lee Prowse, and the death of former Superintendent of Schools Jim Walsh. The BHS Crisis Team responded to the death of Louis, a very decent and popular young man. Our students were well supported by our counselors, social workers, psychologists, and administrators. Jim Walsh was superintendent for 13 years. He brought core values to Brookline; he oversaw the major renovation of the high school and several elementary schools; he was a respected and beloved leader who urged us all to “work well with people.” He was my mentor and friend; I, and many others, will miss him.

We expected 1,720 students this September—1,750 arrived. Some of that has to do with the economy and increased enrollments from private schools. The rest has to do with the excellent performance and reputation of our schools. As a result, there are some class-size pressures, with some classes at or above 25 students. The average class size at Brookline High, however, remains at around 20. Late summer and early fall is the season for data. The data are clear—the achievement profile of Brookline High is the most *continued on page 2*

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community. Thank you to all those families (120 as of this writing) who have already made a donation. To those who haven't yet donated, we ask you to do so as quickly and generously as possible.

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Will Teach for Food

Dear BHS Parents,
Please join the PTO in hosting an appreciation breakfast for our teachers and staff on October 23. Every year the teachers are so delighted and grateful for the amazing buffet that is put together in their honor. This can't happen without your help. Please visit the signup website at www.mysignup.com/teacher_staff_breakfast to add your delicious donation and read details about the breakfast. We have put much thought into making these events easier for your participation, so please donate today! Thank you.

—Jo-Ann Winston,
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Special Event Co-Chairs

from the headmaster *continued*

impressive and most equitable in our history. We are inducting more than 40% of the senior class into the National Honor Society. Our MCAS scores are the highest ever, with achievement gaps narrowing. More Advanced Placement (AP) exams than ever in our history (679) were administered last spring. And the AP scores are as high as when one-third the number of students were sitting for these rigorous exams.

I attribute these results to several factors. First, we have been able to attract and nurture outstanding teachers and leaders and maintain reasonable class sizes and administrative caseloads. Second, we have a demanding and engaging three-year required core curriculum in the traditional academic subjects. Third, we have attractive and engaging elective programs in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Health and Fitness, and Career and Technology Education. Fourth, we have three alternative educational programs that address the diverse needs of students: School-Within-A-School, the Opportunity for Change Program, and Winthrop House. Fifth, we have exceptionally strong student support services, consisting of twelve counselors, five social workers, three psychologists, a substance abuse and violence prevention program, the BRYT Program (for students returning from hospitalization), Steps to Success (for students in public housing), and METCO (for students who live in Boston). And finally,

The 21st Century Fund invites the BHS community to find out what it takes to be the best. "Studio 21: Join The Journey" is a special forum, featuring six Brookline luminaries, to be held on Friday, October 23, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium.

Tickets are only \$5 for students and

we have our very own engine of innovation—the BHS 21st Century Fund. This young (10-year old) organization raises venture capital for us so that we can create solutions for some of the nation's most challenging educational problems. Teachers Mentoring Teachers, the BHS Tutorial, the African-American Scholars Program, the Good Citizen and the Good Society, and the Ithaka Project are a few of the BHS21 programs that enhance achievement for all students, maintain the vitality of our teachers, and produce exemplary citizens and leaders in our changing global society.

The context for our academic culture is a social/civic culture, one that is grounded in trusting and respectful human relationships, that grants students freedoms, asks students to be responsible within the freedoms, and embraces human imperfection. We build a school culture that almost all students appreciate and honor. This morning, I walked into the beautiful quadrangle. Two students appeared to be picking up some trash. I asked what they were doing. "We have a free block, we want to hang out in the quad, we want it to be clean, so we're just picking up some trash." Even though we espouse freedom and responsibility, I am still skeptical enough about student responsibility to have been stunned by this behavior. I recovered, said "thank you" a few times, and walked into the building. Freedom and responsibility, liberty and duty—that's the deal!

—Bob Weintraub

Local Honorees Speak

\$10 for adults. To purchase, log onto <http://www.bhs21stcenturyfund.org/>, call 617-713-5211, or stop by Room 168B at BHS before this event sells out. This forum is specially intended for the students and families of Brookline, so don't miss this chance to be inspired by these amazing people.

Senior Essay Workshop a Success

The Senior College Application Essay Workshop could not take place without the help and support of parents, teachers, and administration. We are grateful—not just to our parent volunteers but *all* parents who have donated to the PTO, which funds this amazing opportunity for our kids.

This year, 251 students participated in the essay workshop. Students were divided into four groups based on their progress on their college application essays. From “Not Started” to “Multiple Drafts,” kids worked with faculty and parent volunteers to create and improve their essays.

Kudos to Elon Fischer and Rob Primmer, of the BHS English department, for coordinating teachers for the workshop and for creating and refining teaching materials for the students and staff. Many thanks also to all the teachers who taught the workshop classes. Heartfelt thanks go to all the parents who volunteered and to those who jumped in at the last minute to help out but whose names may not appear here:

Barbara Attianese, Mary Jo Benjamin, Nancy Daugherty, Caren Fishman, Julie Fouhy, Carol Genis, Julia Gittleman, Gail Gordon, Betsy Jacobs, Judi Lauerman, Arthur Martins, Lenna Matthews, Drusilla Pratt-Otto, Steve Pratt-Otto, Patricia Schram, Nira Voss,

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As always, we appreciate and thank our BHS custodial staff, and in particular Jimmy Mellett, who all help in so many ways to make all our events successful. Thank you to Paul Priestly in the BHS Copy Center for getting our materials out. Thanks also to Kelli McDermott and Kathy Keaveney in the main office, whose generous and gracious help was invaluable.

—Randy Kaston and Susan Vishner,
Class of 2010 BHS Essay
Workshop Chairs



BBQ Volunteers

Thank you! to all these dedicated sophomore parents who turned out to help at the freshman barbecue and/or provided desserts:

Sue Guzmich, Carl Berke, Tam Thompson, Danit Ben-Ari, Tom Robinson, David Rockwell, Madeline Pearlmutter, Marilyn Tressel, David Leifer, Antonio Simmons, Priscilla Wren, Marta Vasquez, Elizabeth Pickering, Doug Spalding, Ellen Blinder, Gail Gordon, Sarasina Sulijoadikisuno, Carol Kopelman, Lynn O'Kelley, Adelaide Ketchum, Fran Hoy, Jill Friedlander, Sue Poon, Mary Schwartz, Billy Owens, Zora Kikinis, Cherie Gaehde, Betsy Fitzpatrick, Karen Campbell, Livia Kahl, Pablo Alvarez, Claire Craig, Beth Miller, Abhilasha Rathi, Marilyn Tressel, Priscilla Karnovsky, Deirdre Johari, Daria O'Connor, Sara Gall, Tina Kurys, Chini Chan, Nancy Wagman, Shari Lisann, Donna Durkin, Shari Lecker, Gene Thompson-Grove, Julia Speyer, Nancy Scanlon, Lisa Wisel, Theresa Brewer, Robin Manna, Lynn Pittsinger, Kim Nelson, Carol Levin, Ana Vera Wynne, Martine Della Ventura, Alison Smith, Betsy Jacobs, Barbara Attianese, Margo Rosenbach, Gwen Ossenfort, and Shirley Re.

News from B-CASA (Brookline Coalition Against Substance Abuse)

B-CASA Takes on Tobacco

B-CASA's new Parent Resource Network Newsletter is a special issue on smoking. It contains illuminating interviews with teen smokers at BHS about tobacco's ongoing allure, statistics, facts, and tips for talking with your kids about smoking, expert advice, and information about BHS's policy on smoking. Look for a link to the newsletter at www.BCASA.org or sign up to receive quarterly newsletters via email at <http://www.bhs-pto.org/email.htm>.

Celebrity Series Tickets

The Celebrity Series of Boston's *Take Your Seat* performances have started, providing BHS families with the opportunity to see world-class performing artists at incredibly reasonable prices. Tickets are available for \$10 on a first-come-first-served basis. The 2009–2010 season calendar is available at <http://www.celebrityseries.org/>.

Because of the deep discount and focus on education for students, families should try to maintain a 4:1 ratio (four students per one adult) in requesting tickets. Although we recognize this ratio is not always possible, please try to include more children.

Ticket requests for October–February performances must be submitted to the Celebrity Series to Marilyn Tressel, 260 Summit Ave., Brookline, MA 02446 by **October 1**. The deadline for ticket requests for the remainder of the season is **January 8**. Send checks made out to Celebrity Series of Boston and a **self-addressed stamped envelope for each event**. Mark both check and SASE with the **event and number of tickets requested, and please provide your phone number**. Orders received without this information will not be processed. For more information, contact Marilyn Tressel at 617-731-0168 or pagetressel@rcn.com.

Freshman SADD Club

(Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Freshman SADD holds its first meeting of the year, on October 14, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in Room 385A. This club is a great opportunity for freshmen to meet other students and talk with BHS Peer Leaders about some of the social pressures and issues impacting students in Brookline. For more information, please contact the SADD club advisor, Hope Schroy, at 617-713-5149.

Scottish Play Kicks Off Performing Arts Season

Traditionally, the first big production of the school year is the Shakespeare play, directed by Mary Mastandrea. This year's show is "Macbeth," but—as in shows past—the production is Shakespeare with a twist. Stay tuned for more information, but in the meantime, mark your calendars. *Performances are on November 4 at 3:30 p.m. and November 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roberts/Dubbs Auditorium.*

On Back-to-School Night (October 22), the Performing Arts calendar bookmarks will be given out by members of the Friends of Performing Arts (FoPA). The calendar can also be accessed at the BHS website, <http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/Performing+Arts/>.

FoPA's first meeting is Tuesday October 13, at 7 p.m. in the teachers' lounge next to the MLK room off the main atrium. For more information or to volunteer to be a part of this lively group, contact Karen Campbell at 617-739-0873 or karencampbell4@rcn.com. And for up-to-date information on all the performing arts activities at BHS, sign up for the FoPA email list at www.bhs-pto.org/email.htm.

FoPA invites all local businesses to purchase an ad in the upcoming performing arts program book. For details, contact Herb Hough at herbertehoughjr@cs.com.

News from B-PEN

(Brookline Parent Education Network)

The new Brookline Parent Education Network initiative is dedicated to establishing ways in which parents can stay connected and help support each other around the common social/emotional/developmental issues all our teens face. Two moderated Parent Network get-togethers are planned—November 18 for freshman parents and November 19 for sophomore parents. B-PEN will be making presentations for the junior and senior PTO meetings as well to see if there is interest in facilitating meetings for parents of those classes. Meetings are held in the MLK Room at 7 p.m. and are casual, drop-in style discussion groups. Come with questions, strategies, or interest.

B-PEN's Parent Advisory Committee meets on October 19 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact June Harris, june_harris@brookline.k12.ma.us, or Karen Campbell, karen_campbell@brookline.k12.ma.us.



Brookline SEPAC Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events Fall 2009

Learning Math: Cognition, Language, and the Acquisition of Math Competency, presented by Chris Woodin, Landmark School, October 14, 6–8 p.m., Hunneman Hall, Brookline Public Library.

Meet the Administrators. Special Education administrators will introduce themselves and answer questions, November date TBA, Brookline High.

BHS Launches Anti-Smoking Campaign

Did you hear about the modular half-pipe in front of Brookline High School? On Thursday Sept. 17, BHS was buzzing as students and faculty gathered in front of the school to watch top pro skateboarders and bikers strut their stuff for the Xbox 360 "Get Up Tour." The event, brought to the school by ASA Entertainment, is part of the national Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and helped launch a new anti-smoking initiative at BHS called "Class of 2013 Kicks Butts!"

"The goal is to reach out to the freshman class and prevent them from ever starting to smoke cigarettes," said Drug and Violence Prevention coordinator Mary Minott. "A lot of kids try to quit and can't because it's so addictive. The best way to reduce teen smoking is to prevent them from ever getting started, and we're beginning with this class as a target class to try and change the culture at the high school."

BHS Peer Leaders helped spread the "Kick Butts" word to the class of 2013 by handing out bracelets, providing smoke-free pledge sheets to sign, and talking to the BHS newcomers about the risks of smoking. Throughout the Xbox show, tobacco-related facts were announced and students were quizzed. Xbox-related prizes were awarded at the end for students who remembered the answers. During the event, Peer Leaders were successful in getting some of the current smokers among their peers to trade in their cigarettes for candy.

"We hope the event helps raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco and encourages students to think twice before starting an unhealthy habit that can last a lifetime," said Minott. "And to realize smoking really isn't cool."

BHS Students Promote Environment

The Aspinwall Hill Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Green Neighborhood Fair on Sunday, October 4, 3-5 p.m. in Schick Park, to kick off the Green Neighborhood Challenge and *Brookline 2010* celebration. BHS student environmental activists will get people started on easy steps to make beneficial and money-saving pro-environmental changes. There will be displays and demonstrations about what residents can do to reduce their energy use, carbon output, and expenses.

Advertise in the PTO Community Directory

The PTO is selling ads in the annual school directory, which will go out to all BHS families and staff later in the fall. If you would like to place an ad, please email copy (black and white only, no photos) in PDF format to Karen Hirsch at jkirsch@rcn.com, followed by hard copy of your ad (we need both electronic and hard copies of the ad to ensure accuracy) and payment to BHS PTO, 115 Greenough St, Brookline, MA 02445. Kindly include your name, the business name (if applicable), address, and a phone number and email address where we can reach you if we have questions. You can also pay online with PayPal at <http://www.bhs-pto.org/ads.html>. The deadline for submission is October 31, 2009.

BHS PTO School Directory

Full Page (8½" x 11")	\$500
Half Page (8½" x 5½")	\$250
Quarter Page (4¼" x 5½")	\$100
Business Card	\$50
Inside Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$750
Back Cover (8½" x 11")	\$1,000

Get Some Free Help

The BHS Career Center and Community Service Program maintains a listing of volunteer opportunities for our students. Students can receive academic credit for doing community service. They also receive valuable experience that helps them become caring, responsible adults.

If you would like to have a Brookline High student volunteer assist you, please send information about the work needed, including a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address. Students will read a listing and get in touch with its contact person directly.

The Career Center also keeps a Job Book, which lists paying jobs for students. Please let us know if you have any paid student jobs as well. Call 617-713-5019 or email janet_gottesman@brookline.k12.ma.us.

—Janet Gottesman,
Career Center and Community
Service Coordinator

MOONLIGHTING

SAVE THE DATE!
November 16 is
Moonlighting,
BHS's wild and
wacky faculty/staff
variety show.
Fun for the whole
family!

Unleash Your Inner Party Planner

Do you like to throw a good party? Here's your chance to help host the most important celebration of the year for Brookline High School seniors and make a lasting contribution to the community at large.

After-the-Prom Party is looking for someone (or some two or three) to organize this treasured Brookline tradition for the June 2011 prom. Joan Hyde and Ann Devlin, who have been involved with the project for almost a decade, have co-chaired the ATPP for the past three years (even though Joan's youngest graduated four years ago.) After the 2010 celebration, they are planning to move on and are looking for dynamic volunteers to step into the oversight role to keep the party going.

"It's an important project," asserts Joan. "What could be more vital than keeping our kids safe? It does take a village." Since the ATPP began 20 years ago, no BHS student has been injured or killed in an accident on prom night, a night Dr. Weintraub calls "one of the most dangerous nights of the year for teenagers in our nation." Instead of renting hotel rooms or driving to the Cape post-prom, nearly every BHS student who attends Senior Prom goes back to the school afterwards for a safe, alcohol-free, all-night shindig.

BHS Dean of Students Diane Lande believes, "For high school seniors, prom is such an important night, long anticipated. After-the-Prom Party extends the celebration and keeps the students off the roads and together as a group. It's a big deal, and we are incredibly grateful to the [volunteers] who put in all the hours and creative energy, really put their hearts into it, extending the memory of the prom through the whole night. These are nights that kids remember forever."

Joan says the kids are often overwhelmed at how much time, love, and attention goes into creating a special night that's just for them. "It really makes an impact," she says. "But it's also really fun for the volunteers. I've made great friends that I otherwise wouldn't have met if I hadn't been involved in this. And it's not clique-y at all. It's a very inclusive group, and we'd love to have parents of younger children, even middle school, join us. It's a terrific way to get to know and become part of the BHS community. And it's a great feeling to wake up the day after the prom and know every kid had a great time, and more importantly, was safe."

Over the years, Joan and Ann have systemized the plans for ATPP (such as timeline, contacts, and

entertainers), creating a kind of blueprint for the project, and many of the committee heads will remain in place for 2011. So the primary mission of the new organizers is to, well, organize, to "lead the troops" and keep track of the big picture. Volunteer(s) can shadow the current chairs during preparations for ATPP 2010 to get a feel for what the position entails. (The kick-off meeting for the ATPP 2010 is in January.)

This is your chance to make an impact on Brookline students on one of the most memorable occasions of their four years at BHS. And remember, President Obama urges everyone to invest in their communities by becoming a volunteer.

Yes, you can. It'll be a blast!

For more information, or to volunteer, call Joan Hyde (617-734-5984) or Ann Devlin (617-277-8720.) ATPP is looking for additional volunteers for this year's party as well, especially a chairperson and members for the Prizes Committee. Check out all the different ways you can contribute by visiting <http://bhsatpp2010.sign-up-sheet.com/>.

IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 3: SATs
- 5: Freshman PTO meeting*
- 7: Sophomore PTO meeting*
- 12: No school – Columbus Day
- 13: FoPA meeting
- 14: Freshman SADD meeting
- 17: PSATs
- 19: B-PEN Committee meeting
- 20: Junior PTO meeting*
- 22: Back-to-School Night – 6:30

23: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast

- 23: Studio 21: Join the Journey
- 24: 21st Century Fund Gala
- 24: ACTs

November

- 2: Sophomore PTO meeting*
- 3: No school – professional day
- 4: Junior PTO meeting*
- 4: Senior PTO meeting*
- 4-7: MacBeth

7: SATs

- 9: Freshman PTO meeting*
- 9: National Honor Society Induction
- 11: No school – Veteran's Day
- 16: Moonlighting
- 18: B-PEN Freshman Parent meeting
- 19: B-PEN Sophomore Parent meeting
- 24: Harvest Dance
- 25: Early dismissal – 12:00
- 26-27: No school – Thanksgiving

* See the 2009-2010 PTO Meeting Calendar for details



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Child(ren)'s name & grade(s)

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- \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50
- \$100 \$250 \$500 Other

The BHS PTO also accepts corporate matching funds. Please check with your employer and, if matching funds are available through your employer, kindly forward the necessary forms to BHS PTO, 115 Greenough Street, Brookline, MA 02445.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help in the following areas (see reverse side for descriptions). Watch for notices and emails about upcoming meetings. Please check all that interest you!

- After the Prom Party Special Events

Note that email addresses provided here will NOT be added to any PTO-maintained email list (go to bhs-ptu.org to subscribe to email lists) but will simply be forwarded to the appropriate committee.

**COMMUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**BROOKLINE COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

Forum for Parents

Join a lively and interactive discussion with Brookline Center clinicians Emily Newmann, LICSW, and Howard Yaffe, LICSW. **A Forum for Parents: How to Listen So Your Kids Will Talk** is free and is held on Wednesday, October 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King room, BHS. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to stephanieharrington@brooklinecenter.org or 617-277-8107. This series is generously sponsored by Rachel and Phil Sher.

**Brookline Solo-Parent
Families Group**

Whether solo by divorce, single parent by choice, death, separation, never married, or other circumstance, please come share, laugh, talk, enjoy—with or without your kids! We meet monthly on Sundays at 4:00–5:30 p.m. If you are interested but can't make the meeting, please join our email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brooklinesp>.

Our first meeting this year is Oct 18 at 93 Fuller Street #3, 781-541-0233 (home of Claire Hsu, a Devotion-district parent). Other meeting dates for 2008–2009 are Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, and June 6. RSVP/Questions to Priscilla Wren (BHS/Runkle parent) at 617-383-5031 or prwo@hotmail.com or Pablo Alvarez (BHS/Pierce parent) at 617-734-0456 or palvarez@palvarez.net.

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2009–2010 PTO MEETING CALENDAR

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Room, unless otherwise noted. For updates, check the PTO website (www.bhs-pto.org).

<u>Freshmen</u> Class of 2013	<u>Sophomores</u> Class of 2012	<u>Juniors</u> Class of 2011	<u>Seniors</u> Class of 2010
Monday, 10/5 <i>"Overview of Freshman Year" – Making Use of Academic and Other Resources</i>	Wednesday, 10/7 <i>School Academic & Social Supports</i>	Tuesday, 10/20 <i>College Testing, Overview of College Process – Naviance, ACT/SAT</i>	Wednesday, 10/21 <i>meeting cancelled</i>
Monday, 11/9 <i>Help Your Child Make the Right Choices</i>	Monday, 11/2 <i>Finding Balance</i>	Wednesday, 11/4 <i>Financial Night Auditorium</i>	Wednesday, 11/4 <i>Financial Night Auditorium</i>
Tuesday, 12/1 <i>Social Networking Sites, Time Management</i>	Wednesday, 12/2 <i>The Alphabet of High Stakes Testing: MCAS, PSAT, SAT II, ACT, SAT</i>	Monday, 12/7 <i>Junior Year Stresses & Perspectives</i>	Tuesday, 12/08 <i>Presentation by BCASA</i>
Wednesday, 1/13	Tuesday, 1/12 <i>Sex and the Sophomore</i>	Tuesday, 1/19 <i>Guidance Night</i>	Wednesday, 1/20 <i>Changing Dynamics in the Family</i>
Tuesday, 3/2	Monday, 2/1	Wednesday, 3/10 <i>College Alternatives</i>	Wednesday, 3/3
Wednesday, 4/7	Tuesday, 3/9	Tuesday, 4/13 <i>College Fair</i>	Monday, 4/5
Wednesday, 5/12	Wednesday, 4/14	Wednesday, 5/19	Tuesday, 5/4
	Monday, 5/17		