

# W.S.C.S NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

## Ninth Grade Orientation

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from Bangor High School. Ninth grade orientation/registration is fast approaching. If you are considering registering your son or daughter at Bangor High School, please be aware of the attached Ninth Grade Orientation timeline.

The activities shown on the timeline are a very important aspect of our registration process. Parents are encouraged to attend the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to help ensure proper course selection. We want your son or daughter to make a smooth transition into high school. The goal of the parent meeting is to provide you with information you will need to ensure that your soon or daughter begins his or her high school career on the right track.

We look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the guidance department at 992-5516.

Bangor High School Guidance Department

Cecile Achey, Freshman Counselor Bangor High School

## Boosters Reminders!!

### BROADWAY REDEMPTION

Please continue to bring your returnables to Broadway Redemption (between Tri-City Pizza and Jiffy Print). Tell the person at the register that they are for COHEN Boosters. There is no need to wait for them to be counted.

### THE GROWING PLACE

Please bring your unwanted used children's and women's clothing to the Growing Place on Outer Broadway. Indicate that the proceeds are to go to the Cohen Boosters!

1290 Broadway

Phone: 947-9055

[www.growingplace.biz](http://www.growingplace.biz)

### BOTTLE DRIVE

Boosters will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, February 11. If you would like to donate, please email Tamara Wood at [tamarawood1@roadrunner.com](mailto:tamarawood1@roadrunner.com). Last year, the drive was held at the Cohen School parking lot. This year, the Boosters will be driving around to houses of those who indicate they would like to donate. We will email a reminder the day or two before to remind you.

### BOX TOPS

Please save your Box Tops and bring them to the designated box in the office.

### MIGUEL'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

#### FUNDRAISER

Coming up!!!! The Boosters will be holding a fundraiser in conjunction with Miguel's Mexican Restaurant. When you eat at Miguel's anytime between 4:00 pm and closing, 10% of all sales go to the Cohen Boosters! More information and the date to follow!

# **Ninth Grade Orientation - Class of 2016**

## **Thursday, March 1, 2012:**

William S. Cohen 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Bangor High School for Step Up Day from 9:00-11:30. While there, they will attend a presentation in Peakes Auditorium to address the registration process for 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses, as well as general information about the high school.

BHS students will lead small groups of 8<sup>th</sup> graders on tours of the building and answer their individual questions. The day is intended to familiarize students with the high school as well as ease concerns they might have regarding the upcoming transition to high school.

## **Wednesday, February 28, 2012**

Parent Night at Bangor High School in Peakes Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. A general discussion will lead into a more specific elaboration of course requirements. The presentation will include administration, guidance, and department heads and will focus on course work available to ninth graders as well as the overall program of studies, course leveling, academic planning, and graduation requirements.

## **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Students must submit their Green Registration Cards to the WSCS Guidance Office for review by this date. The cards will be submitted directly by the Guidance Office to Bangor High School in advance of the March 16th deadline.

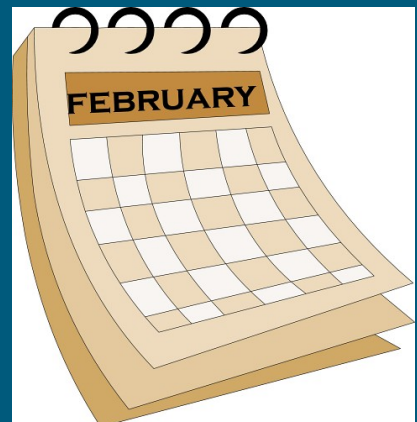
Mark Your Calendar!

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**February 28, 2012 - Bangor High Information  
Night for Eighth Graders and Parents**

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**February 20 - 24  
**Winter Vacation****





## **YEARBOOK NEWS**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!  
EXTRA YEARBOOKS WERE ORDERED!  
\$20.00 EACH  
GET YOURS NOW!  
SEE MRS. SOUCIE IN THE LIBRARY



### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Just a reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about your student's grades, classes, etc., please contact their teacher to set up a meeting.

### **BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

The next Boosters meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 6th, at 6:30 PM in the Cohen Library. We will discuss the 8th Grade Send Off. The March meeting will be held Monday, March 5, 2011.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The Cohen School Student Council has an exciting February planned. We held a Blue and Gold Spirit day on Jan. 31st, and many of the Council members helped sell food at the big Crosstown Hoops Challenge basketball games of the Cohen Eagles vs. the Doughty Dogs. The Eagle mascot made it's appearance at the games cheering on the other Eagles.

The Student Council is excited to have on loan for the month of February, the "Wishing Well Coin Spinner" from the Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis Club. Dan Guerette, a Kiwanis member, graciously brought the wishing well over to the school. The money in the wishing well will be donated to The Children's Miracle Network. It's located in the hall by the cafeteria, so be sure to spin your coins--the bigger the better--into it!

Also at the games, the Council began offering a raffle of an ipod 4. The raffle is continuing through February. Tickets will also be sold at the second Cohen School dance on Feb. 10th. Please contact a Student Council member, Mrs. Krautkremer, or Mrs. Lajoie if you'd like to purchase a raffle ticket. They are sold one for \$1.00 and six for \$5.00. All the money will go toward one of the charitable organizations that the Council votes to support during this school year.

To add to all the other events, the Council will be taking orders for chocolate truffles, which will be given out to recipients on Valentine's Day. The truffles are sold two in a bag, from Speciality Sweets. They can order for family members, friends, teachers, and special someones. This was a very popular fundraiser last year.

It was agreed to match Mr. Stanhope's Boys A basketball teams' donation to the Komen Cancer fund. The boys donated \$1 each game and wore pink ties.

All of these activities have kept everyone very busy. We appreciate the dedication the students have, getting to the early Friday meetings. And, of course, our thanks go to those parents who have to drive their children to school for the meetings.

Sheila Krautkremer  
Computer Lab-205/Title I

## William S. Cohen Good News for January 2012

Twenty one students competed in the 2011 National Geographic Geography Bee Finals on Tuesday January 10th in front of a large, very appreciative crowd. Several rounds of very tough questions were needed to finally crown this year's champion. The winner for the third year in a row, an eighth grade boy, will now take a test in an attempt to qualify as a Maine representative at the National Bee later this spring. Many thanks go to Bee Master and event organizer Ron Bilancia, judges Betty Jamison, Gordon Bowden, and Kris Smith.

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Several classes of Mrs. Susi's grade 8 English had the pleasure of listening to two guest speakers who discussed the juvenile justice system and the restorative justice system. School officer Warner explained how a juvenile is treated under Maine law. Mrs. Trudy Eldridge leads restorative justice circles in Waldo County and described how this system of justice is very effective for juveniles to learn and heal from their mistakes. The two speakers had read the novel, *Touching Spirit Bear*, that all eighth graders read and were able to relate their information to the novel. Students asked very relevant questions and gained insight into our local justice systems for juveniles.

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The Cohen Intramural basketball league has 108 players and 9 staff members as coaches. The afternoon games have been very close and exciting! Not only does the program provide a place for students to play some basketball, but it also encourages a sense of community at Cohen. 16 Cohen basketball team members are officials & scorekeepers for the games and, unlike the NFL, there is very little trash talk... just some good old fashion fun!

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In the regional program this year, we have had the highest number of volunteers *ever* in the community awareness program! About 30 sixth grade students volunteer in our classroom on a weekly basis. They have created artwork to hang on our classroom walls, read books aloud to our students, made a variety of treats to send home to each of our students' families around the holidays, and provided assistance and encouragement during our adaptive physical education classes. Most of all, the volunteers bring a new and vibrant energy with them when they come into our classroom. I am amazed by their interest in our students and our program, and in their willingness to commit to helping others. We look forward to many more fun projects and good times to come throughout the rest of the year!

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**GOOD NEWS!!**