

Welcome

Ballston Spa's New Students & Class of **2021**



Introductions

Ms. Jensen

Principal: Ms. Kristi Jensen

Assistant Principals: Mr. Gianleo Duca , Mrs. Nicole Holehan & Mr. Anders Rasmussen

Dean of Students: Mr. Ted Snyder

Administrative Aide: Ms. Amy Wert

K-12 Science Coordinator: Ms Diane Irwin

BSHS PTSA: Susan Douglas, Susan Filburn and Kelly Mulrain

Class Of 2021 President: Ryan Bacher

Student Council President: Jacob Durfee

School Monitors:

Mrs. Ahl, Mrs. Burmaster, Ms. Krupski, Ms. Overocker, Ms. Pinkston, Mrs. Plante, & Mrs. Vanasdale

Teacher Assistants:

Mrs. Banker, Ms. Bouchard, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Gemerek, Ms. Hinman, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Mayhew, Mr. Meyers, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Woodyard

School Counselors:

Ms. Colleen Abbale , Mr. Kevin Flores, Mrs. Mara Gallagher, Mrs. Christy Knapp, Mr. Bill McAleese, Mrs. Cathy Roy, Mrs. Nicole Stehle, & Mrs. Lyndsey Wilcox

High School News

Ms. Jensen

- Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday after school until 3:30 pm, starting Wednesday, September 6th
- Late bus runs – Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, starting Tuesday, September 12th
- Student drop-off and pick-up in loop between soccer field and tree line. Please do not drop off or pick up in the staff parking lot
- High School Meet the Teacher Night – September 19th at **7:00 pm**; please try to be at school by 6:45 pm because first period begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Thank you!

School Map/ Lockers

Mr. Rasmussen

A-HALLWAY

Each hallway has a letter, followed by the
number of the floor level.

2---, GROUND FLOOR
3---, GO UP THE STAIRS

C-HALLWAY

B-HALLWAY

RAMP

RAMP

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Mr. Rasmussen

BLOCK 1	7:30 – 8:30	7:30 – 8:30	7:30 – 8:30	7:30 – 8:30
BLOCK 2	8:34 – 9:37	8:34 – 9:37	8:34 – 9:37	8:34 – 9:37
BLOCK 3	9:41 – 10:41	9:41 – 10:41	9:41 – 10:41	9:41 – 10:41
BLOCK 4	10:45 – 11:43 Integrated Pre-Algebra-5 <div>Lunch 3 11:45-12:15</div>	10:45 – 11:13 DDP PLTW/UHS-5 <div>Lunch 2 11:17-11:43</div> DDP PLTW/UHS-5 11:45-12:15	<div>Lunch 1 10:45 – 11:13</div> - English 9 Regents-9 11:17-12:15	10:45 – 11:43 Global History 9-13 <div>Lunch 2 11:17 – 11:43</div> Global History 9-13 11:45-12:15
BLOCK 5	12:19 – 1:19	12:19 – 1:19	12:19 – 1:19	12:19 – 1:19
BLOCK 6	1:23 – 2:23	1:23 – 2:23	1:23 – 2:23	1:23 – 2:23

Study Halls

Mr. Snyder

- Study Halls are work periods
- Eight students may sign up to go to the Library from Study Hall
- Students may see teachers if there is an Advisory period, or they may go with a pre-signed pass to the department offices
- Students can make School Counselor appointments during Study Halls
- Students can use the computer labs with a pre-signed pass from the staff in those labs
- Study Halls are great opportunities for students to get ahead with their work or get extra help, and must be proactive

LATE TO SCHOOL POLICY

Mr. Duca

What is “late to school”?

Students who are not in their Block I class when the bell rings are considered late to school.

- 4th late- lunch detention
- 5th & 6th late- after school detention
- 7th late and more- Alternate Learning Area

Consult student agenda or website for district policy on excused and unexcused absences and tardies.

- *New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)* prohibits acts of harassment and bullying, including cyberbullying, and/or discrimination, by employees or students on school property or at a school function, including but not limited to such conduct those based on a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex (Education Law §12[I]). Cyberbullying is defined as harassment or bullying which takes place through any form of electronic communication (Education Law §11[8]).

**DIGNITY FOR ALL
STUDENTS ACT**



Incident Report

Mrs. Holehan

Ballston Spa

Educating Everyone Takes Everyone

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kristi K. Jensen, Principal

INCIDENT REPORT FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ DATE: _____

DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT: _____

LOCATION: _____

INCIDENT TYPE:

Examples: Name calling, Verbal altercation,
Physical altercation, Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs,
Bullying, Theft, Parking Lot Accident

NAMES OF STUDENTS INVOLVED AND THEIR ROLES: *Offender – Witness – Victim*

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (Use back if needed): _____

Student Signature: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY ADMINISTRATOR:

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION: _____

ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Clubs and Activities

Mrs. Holehan

- Anime/International Club
- Best Buddies
- Biology Club
- Book Club
- Senior Class
- Junior Class
- Sophomore Class
- Freshman Class
- Communications Club
- Environmental Club
- Interact Club
- Music Activities/ Tri- M
- NCBI
- National Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Outdoor Club
- Peer Mentoring
- Robotics Club
- Science Club
- Ski Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Students Helping Students
- Swing Dance Club
- Troupe/ Drama
- Yearbook



Science

Ms. Irwin

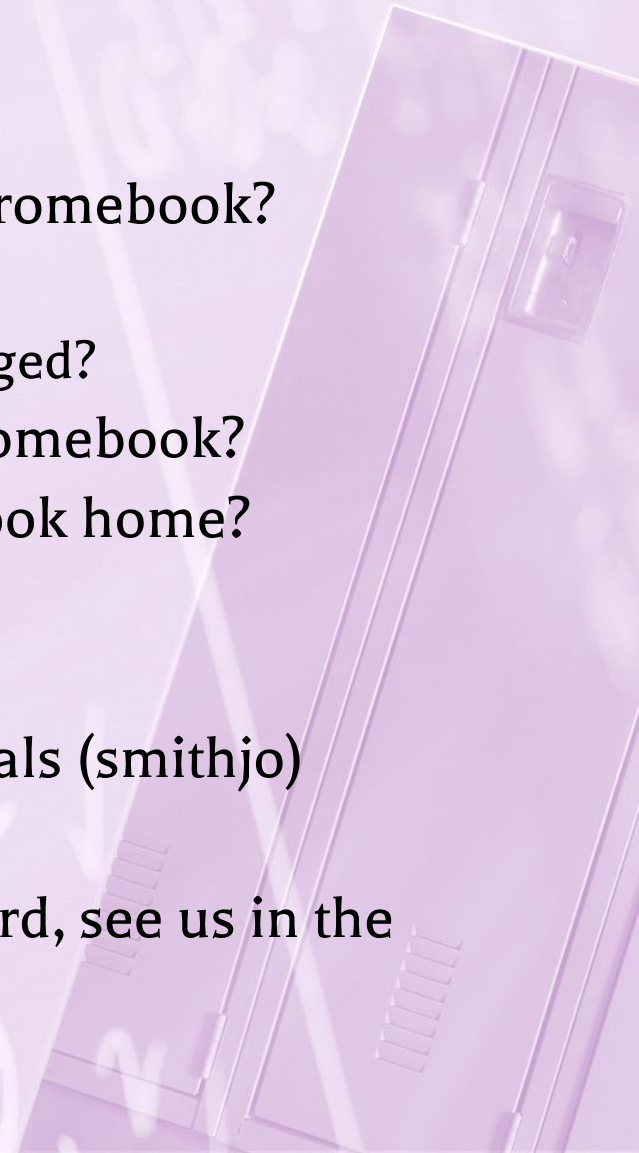
- The majority of students will be taking Living Environment (i.e. Biology) in 9th grade. The course culminates with the Living Environment Regents exam.
- A change from 8th grade is that NY State requires that all students in Regents level classes have 1200 minutes (20 hours), in addition to class time, for laboratory experiences.
- NY also requires that students submit satisfactory written lab reports upon completion of a lab. Students must complete satisfactory lab reports in order to take the Regents exam at the end of the year.



Chromebooks

Mrs. Bongo

- What is a Chromebook?
- How will my classes be different?
- What do I need to do to take care of my Chromebook?
- What if I forget my Chromebook?
 - What do I do if my Chromebook isn't charged?
- What if I lose, break, misplace, etc my Chromebook?
- What if I don't want to bring my Chromebook home?
- How do I use it outside of school?
- How do I login to my Chromebook?
 - username- last name and first two initials (smithjo)
 - Password is the same from last year
 - If you can't remember your password, see us in the library



Parent Program 9:30-10:30

Students: Follow “A” day schedule

Health Services: Mrs. Sheila Rabideau and Colleen Ferlo, School Nurses

**Graduation Requirements , Transcript, Naviance, School Tool & Role of the Counselor
IB Diploma-** Mrs. Stehle & Mrs. Knapp

ECHS- Ms. Diane Irwin & Mrs. Adrienne Snow

Bring your own device - Marissa Bongo

B-Spa Connected- Anders Rasmussen

Access to information, & Building Leadership Team/PTSA involvement - Kristi Jensen

Health Services

School Nurses

Mrs. Sheila Rabideau & Mrs. Colleen Ferlo

- If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please call the attendance office @ extension 2378 and send a note upon your child's return (see legal excuses in code of conduct).
- Physical education notes need to be specific regarding the physical restrictions denoted by the doctor.

Student Counseling Services

1. Initiate teacher, student, counselor, parent conferences, as needed.
2. Regularly review with students their educational progress and career plans.
3. Assist students in coping with peer pressure and emerging personal, social, and emotional needs.
4. Provide information to assist students in career planning.
5. Assist students in discovering the benefits of participating in various curricular and extracurricular programs.

Naviance

- Students access their account every year with their counselor during course selection, in order to explore career and college interests and develop post-secondary goals. This is a web based program that stores the materials necessary for college, military, and career readiness.
- How to login:
 - www.naviance.com (a link is available through the school guidance webpage)
 - Username: Student's last name + first two letters of first name
 - Password: Student ID#
- Through Naviance families have access to:
 - Career Interest Inventory
 - Resume writing
 - College and career searches and information
 - Scholarships
 - College applications
- *Naviance will be demonstrated at **Meet the Teacher Night** in the cafeteria.

Parent Portal of School Tool

- Steps to obtain an account:
 - 1.** www.bsccd.org
 - 2.** Parent Resources
 - 3.** Parent Portal
- With a Parent Portal account, parents/guardians have access to the following student information:
 - Student Record (basic information)
 - Contact Information
 - Schedule
 - Attendance (daily and course absences)
 - Grades (Marking Period Averages and Final Grades)
 - Assignment Grades
 - Email communication with teachers and counselors

NYS Credits for Graduation:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Regents</u>	<u>Advanced Regents</u>
English	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	3 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Health	½ credit	½ credit
The Arts	I credit	I credit
Foreign Language	I credit	3 credits
Physical Education	2 credits	2 credits
Elective Courses	3.5 credits	1.5 credits
Total Units of Credit:	22 Credits Required for Graduation	

Additional Diploma Options:

*To earn the **Advanced Regents**, the student must complete one of the following: Foreign Language (**total of 3 credits**), CTE (Career and Technical Education) (**total of 5 credits**) plus I credit in foreign language, The arts (**5 credits**) plus I credit in a foreign language.

**Honors (average of 90 or higher on all required exams)

***Math Mastery (score of 85 on 3 exams) & Science Mastery (score of 85 on 3 exams)

Regents Exams & Diploma Types

Regents Diploma

English (Common Core)

Global History

U.S. History

Algebra I (Common Core)

Science (Earth Science or Biology)

Advanced Regents Diploma

English (Common Core)

Global History

U.S. History

Math (Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2)

Biology (Life Science)

Any Physical Science (Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics)

- Students Entering Grade 9 in September 2012 – Must attain a passing score on FIVE required Regents examinations and will receive a **Regents endorsed diploma**.
- Students who score 65 or above in eight Regents examinations will receive an **Advanced Regents diploma**. **Regents Exams** in the area of: (2) Science, (3) Math, (2) Social Studies, (1) English

What is the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP)?

“Education for a better world.”



- It is a rigorous, two-year program of study that leads to exams in six different subject areas and is aimed at developing **global citizens** and **lifelong learners**.
- The program offers a balanced, inquiry-based curriculum noted for its depth, challenge, and international perspective.
- Students also engage in community service, individual research, and an inquiry into the nature of knowledge.

Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries

ECHS

- Provides high school students with opportunities to develop college and career readiness skills and pursue college coursework on a college campus with college faculty.
- Students participate in transdisciplinary problem based learning.
- 9th Grade students accepted into the program attended a Summer Bridge Program.
- 9th Grade students in the program will have an advisory on their schedule & English 9 Media Class.
- Students will visit the TEC-SMART Campus once a month in 9th grade.
- Pathways: Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Computer Information Sciences, Mechatronics, or Clean Energy.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

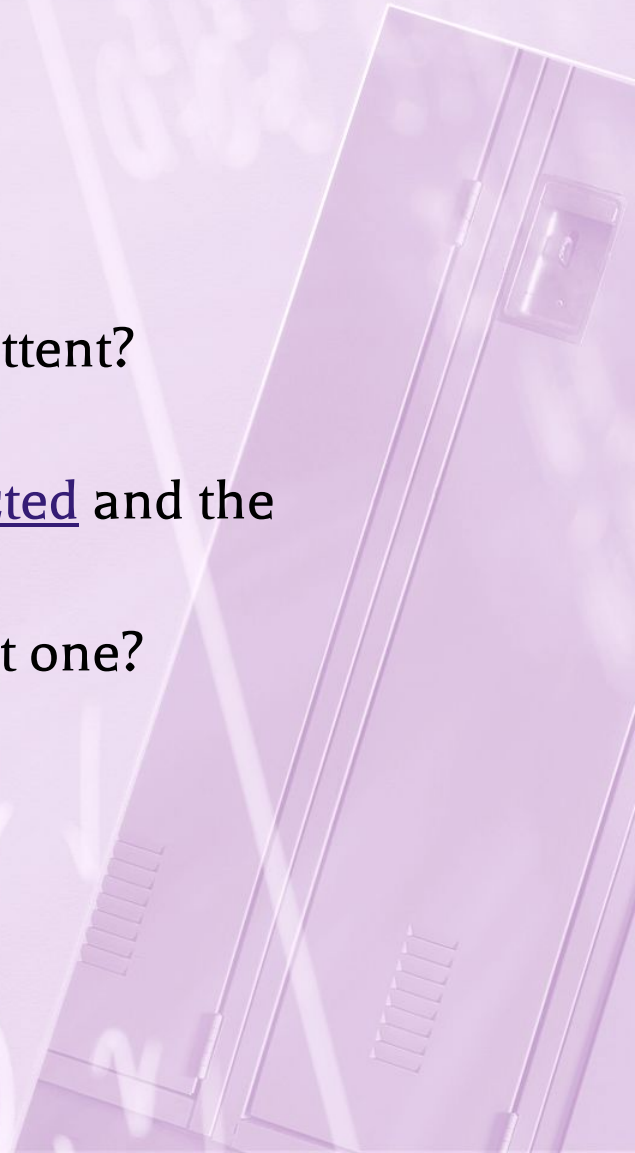
- The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy is strictly instructional
- No devices smaller than a 7" screen are allowed
- Students must abide by the District's RUP
- The use of cellular data on student devices is prohibited
- Students without a personal computing device will not be at a disadvantage
- All students and staff will be web filtered
- District technology staff cannot troubleshoot personally owned devices

Google Suite (Formerly known as Google Apps for Education)

- Middle and High School Students
- Chromebooks
- Google Drive will replace network storage
 - More easily accessible from home and BYOD devices
- Google docs, sheets and slides will replace Microsoft Office
- Gmail – to and from teachers only (closed circuit)

B-Spa Connected

- Filtered internet all the time
- Breakage and loss
- How are the Chromebooks managed?
- What happens to their work each year?
- What if we don't have internet or it is intermittent?
- What about apps and chat features?
- Where can I learn more about [B-Spa Connected](#) and the Chromebooks in the high school?
- If I haven't picked mine up yet, where do I get one?



School Messenger

- The Ballston Spa High School is utilizing [SchoolMessenger](#) to notify families of school information and events mainly by email. In the event of a school closing or emergency, we will also use a text or phone call to provide information as quickly as possible.
- To receive text messages, parents first have to text the number 68453 to the system and then respond with the word “YES” from each wireless device they wish to receive texts on (otherwise the text is blocked by cellular companies).
- The High School is also using the system to place attendance calls in the event of a student being marked absent. Please be sure we have the most recent phone contact information and email address in your student(s) record. Parents also have the option to modify which messages they receive, and can choose how they receive messages, by setting up their own contact preference profile using School Messenger’s [Contact Manager](#).

Appreciation/Invitations

Thank you for coming!

- Please follow us via Twitter: @BSPAHS for school updates and photos
- Our School website is www.bsccd.org/High.cfm
- You are invited to be a part of our Building Level Team; the first meeting is on 9/25 at 2:30 in the high school main office conference room.

