

Ballston Spa

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With February break behind us, we are all thinking Spring and dreaming of long sunny days that will come with it. Seniors are looking forward to college acceptance letters, thinking about prom arrangements, or making plans for life after high school while the rest of us keep calm and carry on at Ballston Spa. Planning for next year is a major part of what we do during this time. We held our Incoming 9th Grade Parent Orientation and AP World History Night on February 25th from 6:30-8:30. We encourage all students and families to really get involved and become knowledgeable consumers when it comes to selecting courses and engaging in long term planning. Reviewing teacher recommendations, reflecting on areas of interest and success in current courses and selecting a pathway are all part of making the most of the high school experience.

Teachers in every department have worked to create coursework and expand college and career pathways. This includes a renewed partnership with Schenectady County Community College to, not only offer more college in the high school courses than all area high schools, but to offer a plan to earn an Associates Degree with a 1+1 option. By taking specific courses during the junior and senior year at Ballston Spa, students can earn up to 30 transferable credits at no cost. What a tremendous academic and economic opportunity for our students!

Please check out our [website](#) for an update on the many activities going on. We are pleased that our music students could participate in Electrify B-Spa Music on February 23rd and 24th and provide the ever popular POPs Concert on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Check out the photographic exhibits that our talented students were invited to share [here](#). Congratulations! They have many more opportunities for juried shows and always do a great job showcasing their work throughout the high school, in town, and regionally.

Also, much luck to our Robotics Team that completed their build as they prepare for March competition. Please remember school is closed on Friday, March 25th and Spring Break is not until the week of April 25th.

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