



BORAH HIGH SCHOOL

THE LIONS' DEN

NOVEMBER 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a crazy and wonderful month for activities at Borah High. Homecoming Week was filled with sports, fun, carnivals, caravans, music, royalty, dancing and celebrations. Thanks to everyone who prepared the events and participated in celebrating the Borah Lions. Congratulations to all of the of fall sports as their seasons are ending and we head into winter activities. The soccer teams enjoyed their inaugural season in Wigle Field. The boys' team played on outstanding championship game against Centennial. The football team will finish their season in Madison this weekend while the volleyball team and cross country will be in Coeur d' Alene for State competition. Good Luck to the traveling Lions! Please continue to check the website for calendar events as we begin winter activities.

Wow! We are so proud of the Roaring Lions Marching Band for placing first in the District III Marching Band competition!! Congratulations to Mr. Sullivan and all the Roaring Lions!

Congratulations to these outstanding Lions recently honored:

Students of the Month:

Natalia Equez

Darian Gustaveson

Duy Nguyen

Artist of the Month:

Cristina Warner

Kathryn Corp

Sandra Walker

Lions Pride Award:

Mary Shake

Matthew hard

Jacob Inman

National Merit Scholars:

Commended Students – Michael Bingham, Paul Callahan, Clinton Peter, Andrew Ward

Semi-Finalists – Jordan Bishop, James Whitlock

Distinguished Student Award - Clinton Peter

Rotary Scholar – Paul Parker

We are very excited to see you at Parent/Teacher conferences on November 4th and 5th. 4:00-7:00 pm. First quarter report cards will be waiting for you and the teachers will be available for short conversations regarding your student's progress. What an opportunity to check in and plan for the second quarter of the semester. See you on November 4th or 5th, no appointment necessary.

Bonita Hammer

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- *Main Office 854-4370*
- *Attendance Office 854-4374*
- *Fax Number 854-4371*

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HEALTH LINES-FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

It has been a busy fall with the flu hitting Borah pretty hard! We were anticipating a school H1N1 vaccine clinic here at school but that has been put on hold for now due to shortage of vaccine. There will be community vaccine clinics starting this Saturday and going every Saturday, with the exception of Thanksgiving week-end, indefinitely. Only those fitting in to "priority" groups will be allowed to receive vaccine at these clinics. For more information on these clinics log on to School Fusion, go down to Nurse Notes tab and then to Nurse News. Also Central District Health Department has set up an H1N1 hotline to answer any questions you may have. That number is 321-2222.



COUNSELING SUPPORT GROUPS

Borah High is once again offering support groups to students who would like to attend. If your son/daughter has requested to participate or has been referred to a support group, you will receive a letter in the mail. Support Groups are designed to offer a safe place for students to relate directly to other students in a controlled environment with structure and boundaries. Topics covered include communication skills, relationships, family dynamics, social skills, peer pressure, grief, etc. Support Groups are designed to impact school participation minimally, however, students will miss one period per week for eight weeks on a rotating basis. Students are responsible for making up any lost work. Participation is completely voluntary. If you have questions or concerns about Support Groups, or would like your son/daughter to participate, contact Becky Woodland, social worker, at 854-6916.

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

Come one come all and mark your calendars for November 19-21st to come and enjoy the wildest show in the west. Join Cristina Warner (11th) as Annie Oakley and Lucas Morse (10th) as Frank Butler as well as many other Borah students as they tell the story of Annie Oakley, the best shot around, who manages to support her little brother and sisters by selling the game she hunts. When she's discovered by Col. Buffalo Bill, he persuades this novel sharpshooter to join his Wild West Show. It only takes one glance for her to fall head over heels for dashing shooting ace Frank Butler, who headlines the show. She soon eclipses Butler as the main attraction which, while good for business, is bad for romance. Butler hightails it off to join a rival show, his bruised male ego leading the way, but is ultimately pitted against Annie in a final shoot-out. The rousing, sure-fire finale hits the mark every time in a testament to the power of female ingenuity. Come out and join us November 19-21. Tickets go on sale November 1st!

BORAH HIGH SCHOOL

- 11/7 SAT Test
- 11/4 & 5 Parent Teacher conferences
- 11/6 No School**
- 11/25 Early Release
- 11/26-27 Thanksgiving vacation**
- 12/5 SAT Test
- 12/10 Progress Report #2
- 12/12 PLAN test / ACT (not at Borah)
- 12/18 Early Release
- 12/21-1/1 Holiday Break**
- 1/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No School**
- 1/20-1/22 Finals
- 1/22 End of First Semester
- 1/23 SAT Test (Not at Borah)
- 1/25 No School**
- 1/29 1st Semester Report Card
- 2/1 Sophomore Parent Night - 7 PM
- 2/6 ACT Test (Not at Borah)
- 2/15 President's Day Holiday - No School**
- 2/26 Progress Report #3
- 3/13 SAT Test (Not at Borah)
- 3/26 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/29-4/2 Spring Break**
- 4/9 3rd Quarter Report Card
- 4/10 ACT Test
- 4/13 Career Fair
- 5/1 SAT Test (Not at Borah)
- 5/7 Progress Report #4
- 5/3-5/14 AP exams
- 5/25 Graduation 7 pm - Taco Bell Arena
- 5/31 Memorial Day-No School**
- 6/4 Last Day of School



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2009–2010 COLLABORATION DAY BELL SCHEDULE

(Wednesdays-see dates below)

0 Hour	6:50 – 7:45
1 st Period	7:50 – 8:44
2 ND Period	8:49 – 9:45
	<i>(video announcements)</i>
BREAK	9:45 – 9:55
3 rd Period	10:00 - 10:54
4 th Period	10:59 - 11:53
LUNCH	11:53 - 12:58
5 th Period	1:03 - 1:57
6 th Period	2:02 - 2:56
7th Period	3:01 - 3:56

Collaboration Days

- November 11
- December 9
- January 13
- January 27
- February 10
- February 24
- March 10
- March 20
- April 14

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0 Hour	6:50 – 7:45
1 st Period	7:50 – 8:49
2 ND Period	8:54 – 9:55
	<i>(video announcements)</i>
BREAK	9:55 – 10:05
3 rd Period	10:10 - 11:09
4 th Period	11:14 - 12:13
LUNCH	12:13 - 12:48
5 th Period	12:53 - 1:52
6 th Period	1:57 - 2:56
7th Period	3:01 - 3:56



Visit Borah at <http://borah.schoolfusion.us/>



WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

SNOW: When a heavy snow hits the area, our main criterion is whether or not students can safely walk to school and whether our school buses can run safely. In most snowy conditions, students can safely walk and our buses can run quite well.

COLD: Cold Weather is more serious than snow when making school closure decisions. On bitterly cold days we have major concerns about students walking to school. Additionally, there are problems starting our buses and keeping them running. This affects our ability to pick up children at their scheduled time, and causes a far more serious problem than a late bus would during more mild weather. The real temperature would most likely have to be below zero, and other factors (roads, wind chill, bus delay) would also need to be considered before a decision to close schools could be made.

ICE: Ice is our biggest problem. Freezing rain and/or refreezing of melted snow make our roads, streets and sidewalks extremely treacherous for pedestrians, cars, and buses alike. Such conditions may force us to close, even when it sometimes appears that no severe weather exists.

How is the decision made to close or not to close school? Representatives from transportation agencies, the weather bureau, the highway district, city and county law enforcement agencies, and school administrators, including the Superintendent, check the roads and monitor information throughout the night and early morning hours. We confer by telephone between 5:30 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. to reach a decision which insures the safety of students.

If the decision is to close schools, that information is immediately given to the local media by the District's Administrator of Public Affairs/Public Information & Communications. Time permitting, storm/emergency information will also be posted online at <http://www.boiseschools.org/emergency/>

Only under the most severe conditions would a decision to close schools be made in time to announce it the night before. The most important understanding we need to have is that when the children's safety is secure, we plan to have school.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Girls Basketball Try-Outs begin Monday November 2nd. Freshman and Sophomores will report to the New Gym from 3-4:30. Juniors and Seniors will report to the New Gym from 4:30-6:00. On Tuesday, everyone will report to the gym from 3-5. Teams will be made on Wednesday. In order to try out, each girl must have a current physical and IQ Form on file with Mr. Mitchell. Questions - contact Coach Pincock at alyson.pincock@boiseschools.org

GET THE WORD OUT

The Professional Learning Committee, *Get the Word Out*, is gathering all that is good about Borah. Great things happen at Borah that we are not all aware of. Students, teachers, and staff please tell us about any projects, achievements, victories, interesting students, or anything else that will help tell the story of what is wonderful about Borah.

Areas the committee is focusing on are:

Excellence

Community

Caring

Service

After Borah

Arts

Athletics

Clubs and Activities

Human Interest Stories

Tradition/ Legacy



Josh Ritchie, Borah's Transition Counselor, will be collecting the information. Please e-mail him at Josh.Ritchie@Boiseschools.org or stop by and tell him in person. You can write up the whole story or just send a quick note and he will follow up.

Taking the SAT: \$45.00
(essay fee included)

Taking the ACT: \$32.00
(additional \$15 for essay)

Preparing for them: *Priceless*

Math Prep

When: **Every Monday and Wednesday at noon**

Where: **Room 415 with Mr. Hofstetter**

Verbal Prep

When: **Every Tuesday and Thursday at noon**

Where: **Career Center with Mrs. Lecertua**

Come and bring your lunch!

THE BORAH SENATOR AND BORAH TODAY.COM

October 12 (already distributed)

November 17

December 16

February 9

March 15

April 22

May 19

The Senator is also beginning to launch an on-line newspaper at BorahToday.com. Check it out (although it might still be under construction most of this semester)!

THE PLAN (PRE-ACT)

Sophomores Only!

When: December 12, 2009

Time: 7:30-Noon

Place: Borah High school

Cost: \$20.00

Benefit: Practice taking the ACT test. Your test booklet is returned with the "correct answer" list when you receive your scores to help you better prepare for future test!

Last day for refund: September 18, 2009



SAT/ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES

SAT National Test Dates (Register for SAT Tests by logging on to : www.CollegeBoard.com)

Test Dates (At Borah)

November 7

December 5

January 23

March 13

May 1

June 5

ACT National Test Dates (Register for ACT Tests by logging on to: www.act.org)

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
Dec. 12	Nov. 6	Nov. 7-20
Feb. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 5-15
Apr. 10 (at Borah)	Mar. 5	Mar. 6-9

Borah Code #130-043 for SAT/ACT

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

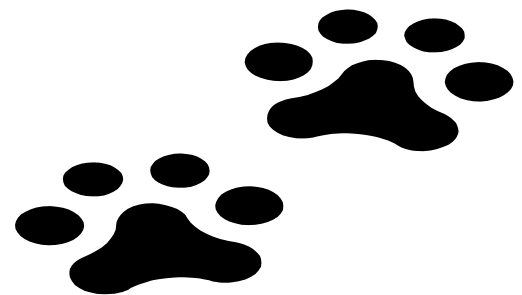
- Parents are required to call the school's **ATTENDANCE OFFICE, 854-4374**, for each day the student will not be in attendance.
- An answering machine is available 24 hours 7 days a week for your convenience in making calls to the Borah High School attendance office.

ABSENCES

- A student who is 20 or more minutes late to a class is considered absent for that class.
- All absences, either for a partial or entire day, need to be excused by a phone call from a parent/guardian within 48 hours of the absence.
- Even though an absence is "excused", it will still count against the student's attendance unless one of the following occurs:
 - Medical documentation is provided from a health care provider.
 - Legal documentation is provided proving required attendance for a court appointment.
 - A student is placed in in-house detention.
 - A student is participating in a school sponsored activity (i.e., field trips, performances, class competitions, sporting events sanctioned by the district).
- (NOTE: Club sports such as drag team, hockey, lacrosse, swim team, bowling team, ski team, and ultimate frisbee are not sanctioned sports and district policy dictates that they cannot be considered "Activity Absences". These still need to be excused by a parent, but can definitely be appealed if the student exceeds the 9 absence limit.)
- In the event that a student will be gone for 3 or more days, for any reason, a "Pre Arranged Extended Absence" form is available for convenience of gathering homework. This is obtained by the student **prior** to the absence, and is signed by a parent/guardian verifying the dates for which he/she is excused. A copy is then submitted to the attendance office upon completion of all signatures.

PERMIT TO LEAVE SCHOOL

- In order to leave campus during the school day, a student must obtain a Permit to Leave ("PTL"). **Students who leave before acquiring a permit to leave will receive a truancy.** Obtaining PTL's are accomplished by the following:
 - A phone call placed by a parent/guardian in **advance** to the attendance office specifying time and reason for leaving (it is appreciated if arrangements are made for the student to pick it up either before school, at break, lunch, or between classes in order to avoid a classroom interruption).
 - The student shows the PTL to the teacher and is excused to leave at that time.
 - If returning to school, the student needs to check back in at the Attendance Office upon arrival for a pass to class.



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Would like to welcome you to Parent Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 4,
2009
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
OR
NOVEMBER 5, 2009
4:00 PM-7:00 PM

We welcome you to enter
through our main doors
anytime between 4:00
and 7:00 PM
We will have maps of the
teachers' locations.

Thank you,
Borah High School
Home of the Lions!



Parent Teacher Conferences are an excellent time to meet your son or daughter's teacher and receive valuable information regarding their success at Borah High School.

Due to time constraints the meetings will be limited to 2-3 minutes. If you feel the need to visit with a teacher for a longer period of time, we request that you schedule a meeting with the teacher through the student's counselor.

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