

Your School District Connection

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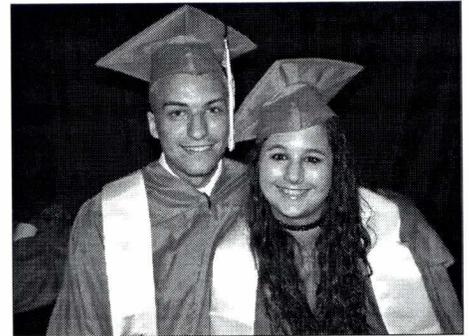
Inspiring all learners to
achieve excellence

— BHS Class of 2006 Stands Out —

School has now come to a close for another year, and it's time to take a look back at some of the exciting news from the past year and to celebrate our distinguished Class of 2006 Graduates! We offer our heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2006. Here, we share some of their success stories:

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM: Academics

97% of the class of 2006 will continue their education;
74% have enrolled in 4-year schools, 21% in 2-year schools, 2% in a trade school or will serve our country in the military.
8 National Merit Scholars • 15 National Merit Finalists
17 National Merit Semifinalists • 28 National Merit Commended Students
158 Illinois State Scholars • 116 Qualified Merit Recognition Scholars
2 *Daily Herald* Northwest Suburban Academic Team Members



SUCCESS IN THE ARTS: Fine Arts

Art Portfolios are in the top 1% of the Nation
Two students are IMEA All-State Honors Orchestra inductees
Two students are IMEA All-State Honors Band members
BHS Chamber Choir wins first place in the Classical Division at the International Choir Festival, Verona, Italy
Two students chosen to perform at the Illinois State Theater Association Festival

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD: Athletics

Won 76% of athletic contests

State Champions: Girls' Tennis Doubles;

BHS Varsity Poms

State Runners-Up: Boys' Wrestling; Girls' Tennis, Girls' Swimming

Regional Champs: Girls' Volleyball; Boys' Golf; Girls' Soccer;

Boys' Soccer; Boys' Wrestling (also MSL West Coach of the Year)

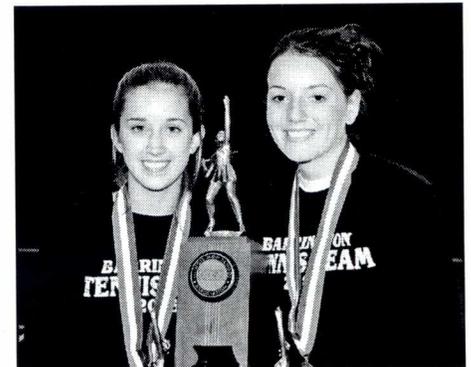
Sectional Champs: Boys' Swimming; Girls' Water Polo;

Girls' Track & Field; Boys' Tennis; Girls' Softball

MSL Champs: Girls' Softball; Boys' Tennis; Girls' Soccer

MSL West Champs: Girls' Basketball; Boys' Volleyball; Boys' Track & Field

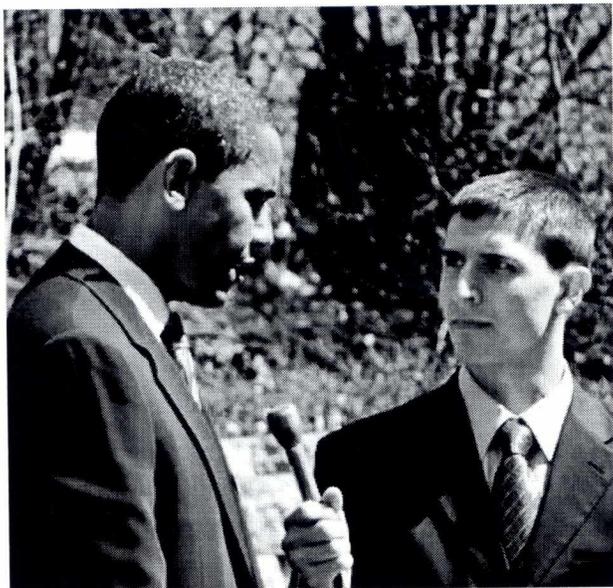
Daily Herald Paddock Cup and Trophy for excellence in athletics in the Mid-Suburban League for an unprecedented 3rd consecutive year.



SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY: Volunteer Service

During their four years at BHS, 500 members of the Class of 2006 volunteered more than 37,000 hours of community service, including two graduates who had 1,400 and 1,900 hours each! Fifty-two members were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, and six were awarded the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. Two senior girls were honored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for their volunteer efforts; one student was honored for starting the first youth-directed Habitat For Humanity group in our area, Youth United.

Senator Obama Speaks at BHS



On April 27, U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-Illinois) held a town hall meeting at Barrington High School. BHS-TV obtained an exclusive interview with Senator Obama following the town hall meeting. The newscast may be viewed online (www.CUSD220.org) and on Channel 97, the educational channel in the Village of Barrington (major funding for BHS-TV was provided by District 220's Educational Foundation).

District 220 Has Lowest School Tax Rate in the Neighborhood

It may come as a surprise that District 220 has one of the lowest tax rates in our area. But it's true. A \$600,000 market-value home in District 220 would have paid school taxes in 2002 of about \$6,700. But if the same house were located in one of our surrounding school districts, the taxes would have been more—in some cases, they would have been over \$10,000. (The school tax rate is applied to a property's EAV—Equalized Assessed Value—not the property's market value. Thus, a house with a \$600,000 market value would have an EAV of approximately \$200,000, which is the taxable portion).

This occurs because many of our surrounding districts are "dual districts," where homeowners pay school taxes to two school organizations. Unit districts like District 220 have one school organization educating all students from pre-K to grade 12. But dual districts have two school organizations (one for high school and one for elementary schools). Residents of dual districts pay taxes to both organizations. The chart below shows the difference:

Area School District(s)	2002 Tax Rate	School Tax \$ (Rate x \$200,000 EAV)
<i>Palatine 211 + Palatine 15</i>	5.26	\$10,520
<i>Crystal Lake 155 + Cary 26</i>	5.23	\$10,460
<i>Stevenson 125 + Kildeer 96</i>	4.90	\$ 9,800
<i>Lake Zurich 95</i>	4.37	\$ 8,740
<i>Naperville 203</i>	4.32	\$ 8,640
<i>Carpentersville 300</i>	4.13	\$ 8,260
<i>Arlington Heights 214 + Elk Grove 59</i>	3.75	\$ 7,500
Barrington Community 220	3.35	\$ 6,700

Source: 2005 State Report Card

Change in Start Times for 2006-07 School Year

BHS:

7:20 a.m.–2:35 p.m.
(Wed. dismissal: 2:03 p.m.)

Middle Schools:

7:55 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
(Wed. dismissal: 2:20 p.m.)

Elementary Schools:

9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
(Wed. dismissal: 3:10 p.m.)

Due to an increase in the length of the school day for the elementary and middle schools, all District 220 schools will start and end at different times during the 2006-07 school year.

The school day has been lengthened at the middle school level in order to increase instruction time and to allow for adequate time for changing classes at the crowded middle schools. At the elementary level, students will see an increase in time for physical education, as a result of new state requirements that aim to address the national obesity epidemic. Teacher training will continue on Wednesday afternoons. Earlier this spring we identified a pilot program involving four late start dates which were planned to provide blocks of time for staff development and training activities. Due to a major reduction in two grants, we have had to reprioritize our training initiatives and will not be piloting this program during the 2006-07 school year. **There will be no late start dates for next year.**

The Referendum: What's Next?

On March 21, District 220 voters did not pass the referendum to build two new 5–8 middle schools and create K–4 elementary schools. Because the referendum did not pass, the Board of Education and the district administrators have been working hard to come up with alternative plans and next steps for addressing the very real overcrowding concerns at the middle and elementary levels.

To better understand residents' views on the proposals, we are conducting a telephone survey (designed and executed by an independent research firm) and we have been holding focus groups with key constituents. Thank you to the residents who have shared their thoughts! Your input will help shape a plan to address the overcrowding at the middle and elementary schools.



The decision has been made to maintain the elementary school boundaries as they currently exist for the upcoming 2006–07 school year. The Board of Education and the administration acknowledge that many classes will be “over-sized” during the upcoming year. However, we are committed to working with the community to help address class sizes and avoid unnecessary disruption of the elementary school attendance assignments.

Please stay tuned for more information on this important topic, and please discuss these issues with your neighbors and friends. The quality of our schools is paramount to the success of our community, and we must encourage open and respectful discourse among all our Barrington-area neighbors regarding the success of our schools.

We believe . . .

A Message from Your Superintendent

Our educational philosophy states that...

We believe in providing our community with an exemplary educational system that inspires all learners to achieve excellence.

We aspire to be among the very best school systems within a global community, with students who are well-prepared to make a life, a living, and a difference—and each year as our students graduate, I am reminded of how much learning and growth our students experience during their time with us. Our students, as individuals, and our schools, as organizations, continue to excel in so many ways.



Mary Herrmann, Ph.D.

There are many indicators we use to monitor our progress and success as a district. In addition to our internal measures, this year Barrington High School was again recognized as one of *Newsweek's* top 1,000 high schools in the nation. In addition, our District received the SchoolSearch Bright A+ award for academic achievement, ranking us in the top 5% of all Illinois school districts. We also earned Standard and Poor's recognition as an “Outperformer,” meaning that a significantly higher percentage of students has consistently scored proficient or above on the state's reading and math tests when compared to other school districts with similar demographics.

We have much to be proud of in Barrington Community Unit School District 220. It is essential for us to continue to work together to provide the facilities and staff we need to ensure that we are able to fulfill the high expectations we have for our students and our schools. Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful summer.

Mary B. Neumann

District 220 Strategic Goals

Community & Trust • Resources • Instruction • Staff Development • Staffing • Instruction — Technology

Resources: To design and clearly communicate a financial plan that will instill confidence and support and will generate sufficient revenue to meet all the district's current and future resource requirements.

Physical Examination and Immunizations are Required

Preschool, Kindergarten, Fifth, and Ninth Grade students must submit a completed health examination form and immunization record prior to the first day of school. To assure your child's entry on the first day of school, please forward the completed examination form to the school nurse as soon as possible this summer! The examination must have been conducted within one year prior to entry. Immunizations must be up-to-date as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health, or the appropriate objection must be presented.

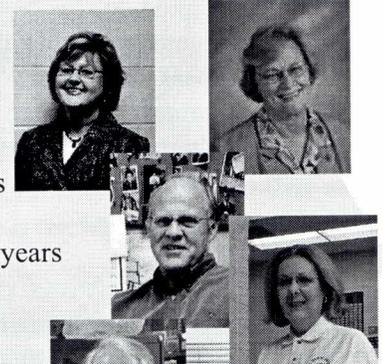
Per School Board policy, students who do not meet the examination and immunization requirements will not be allowed to start school. High school students (primarily pertaining to incoming freshmen) will not be allowed to register for classes until these requirements are met. Freshmen need an updated physical examination and a Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster. The CDC is recommending the Tdap booster as it also contains a pertussis booster.

Dental examinations are due for all Kindergarten, Second Grade, and Sixth Grade students. The dental examination can be submitted to the school health office at any time prior to May 15, 2007. The dental examination must have been between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2007.

Congratulations and Thank You to Our Retiring Staff Members!

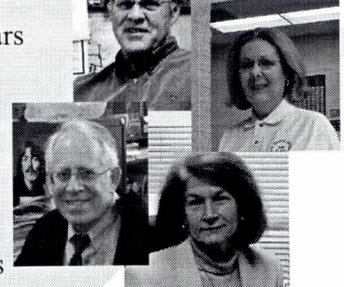
Barrington High School

Ruth Abbate, 10 years
Carol Bentivegna, 6 years
Dave Engel, 27 years
Timothy Hull, 31 years
Judy Mascolino, 25 years
Stanley Olszewski, 25 years
Barbara Russo, 13 years
Margarita Vanderbusch, 33 years
Judith Zielinski, 19 years
In memoriam, Carla Walsh



BMS-Prairie Campus

Sheryl Campen, 33 years
Mark Ponzo, 32 years
Barbara Van Kleunen, 20 years



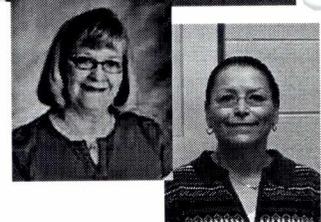
BMS-Station Campus

Christine Evans, 31 years
Leonard Sabourin, 36 years
Robert Siegworth, 32 years



Sunny Hill Elementary

Barbara Briesch, 22 years
Victoria Reichelt, 15 years



North Barrington Elementary

Carla Engelson, 34 years

Hough Street Elementary

Linda Rubens, 24 years



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