









# BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2023

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 4 - Choir Concert 7pm
- Dec 6 - ELT Schedule
- Dec 11 - No School (Staff PD)
- Dec 11 - Band Concert 7pm
- Dec 13 - ELT Schedule
- Dec 20 - ELT Schedule

### Winter Break

**Dec. 23 - Jan. 2.**



- Jan 12 - Last day of semester
- Jan 15 - No school (Staff PD)
- Feb 10 - Winterfest Dance

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BHS Families,

December is a busy and exciting time both in and out of school. Besides the holiday 'buzz' and changes in weather, December also brings music concerts, new sports seasons, and our last good stretch of academics before we get to the end of the semester (January 12th). We have a staff development day on December 11th. I'd like to share a little more about what we are working on during these staff development days.

The State of Wisconsin provides academic standards for every subject. These standards serve as a guide for what students should know and be able to do by a certain grade. These standards often are complex and full of high-level tasks for students. There are also often more standards than can be covered in a year. As a result, schools have to make decisions as to what is most important and which standards to prioritize and spend the most time on. The dissection and prioritization of standards takes time, but is necessary to bring clarity to the learning process. To be efficient, the teacher and student must both know what the expected outcomes are of a lesson or a unit, and all activities should be in tune with that end goal. Furthermore, the assessments (tests/assignments) must be true measures of those outcomes and be in alignment with the standards.

Our staff has been spending these professional development days mapping out standards and ensuring that the assessments we are giving actually measure a student's ability to do what is asked in the standards. Having common assessments between classes will also allow us to have more productive conversations about student progress and what adjustments need to be made when a student shows they know it or shows that they don't. We are making progress, but the work is continuing. The professional development days we have are necessary for this work to happen and I am confident that the work we are doing will make us a better school.

I want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you find this holiday season to be full of joy and happiness.

Yours,

*Bryant*





# Halloween Fun!





# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical*

The cast, crew, and pit orchestra of *Legally Blonde: The Musical* delighted audiences on three nights of performances on November 9th, 10th, and 11th. Congratulations to all who helped pull off this memorable production!



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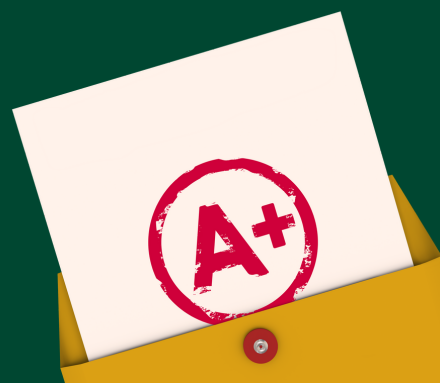
## BHS Instructor Presents at State Conference



BHS Spanish Teacher, Dr. Jody Ziemann, presented at the Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference in Appleton on November 3rd. Her presentation, "Tips and Tricks for New Teachers" spotlighted some of the resources Jody has created in her career, which spans over 40 years!

## Changes Coming to last day of Semester (1/12)

BHS is working on the details of a special day for the last day of the semester. In an effort to improve grades and reduce failures, the day will be dedicated to completing missing work or re-taking assessments for a better score. While details have not yet been finalized, students who have satisfactory grades will not be required to attend school on this day. More information will come in a separate communication prior to January 12th.



## BHS MUSIC CONCERTS



**Choir**  
**Monday, Dec 4th, 7pm**

**Band**  
**Monday, Dec 11th, 7pm**



## BHS BAND IN HOLIDAY PARADE

## FALL SPORTS ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS



Caliber Hartzke - 1st Team 100 back

Peyton Zamzow - 1st Team 50 free

Caliber, Peyton, Reese Nowicki, and Brianna Pacurar - 2nd Team 400 free relay

Caliber, Peyton, Reese, Kyla Manata - 2nd Team 200 medley relay

Caliber, Reese, Kyla, and Peyton - 2nd Team 200 free relay



Thomas McCarthy 1st Team All-ECC

Emma Boegh 1st Team All-ECC

Audrey Shattuck 2nd Team All-ECC

Abby Shattuck 2nd Team All-ECC

Aubrey Kurczek HM All-ECC

Katera Hartzke HM All-ECC



Claire Bartol - 1st Team All-ECC

Jane Hoffman - 2nd Team All-ECC

Camille Bruce-DeMuri - HM All-ECC



Wyatt Hamersma - 1st Team All-ECC RB

Wyatt Hamersma - 1st Team All-ECC DB

Aaron Bartol - 1st Team All-ECC WR

Aaron Bartol - 2nd Team All-ECC DB

Hayden Luedtke - 1st Team All-ECC OL

Trevor Clark - 2nd Team All-ECC OL

Trevor Clark - HM Team All-ECC DE

Jakob Martin - 2nd Team All-ECC OL

Jakob Martin - 2nd Team All-ECC DT

Jacob Warren - 2nd Team All-ECC OLB

Camden Johnson - 2nd Team All-ECC ILB

Carter Hess - HM All-ECC RB



**Emma Boegh**  
**State XC Qualifier**



**Wyatt Hamersma**  
**All-Region RB/DB**



**Claire Bartol**  
**All-State Hon. Men.**

### AVCA Best and Brightest (Volleyball)

1st Team-Camille Bruce-Demuri, 3rd team- Claire Bartol

### WFCA Academic All-State (Football)

Wyatt Hamersma, Alivia Davey, Trevor Clark

## Wordsmiths of Berlin

In November, WoB sponsored its 9th annual fictional short story contest, open to any BHS students. All five students who submitted short stories received feedback from a panel of four volunteer faculty judges; the top three stories received cash prizes and had their stories published in the *Red n' Green*. Arianna McCormick won the contest with her story "Spread Upon the Northern Lights." Aidan Pierstorff took second with "The Perfect Revenge," and Andrew Rozek was third with "The Banquet."

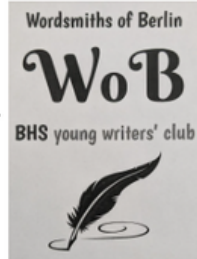


In December, the Wordsmiths are planning a seasonal poetry challenge for homerooms, with the winning homerooms receiving holiday-themed cookies.



On Friday, January 19th, WoB will be hosting its 9th annual Poetry Slam. This is a poetry performance competition, open to any local poet of high school age or older (**Yes, it is open to the adult poets out there!**). Each contestant reads or recites two of his/her own, original poems for the audience. Judges for the contest are chosen from volunteers in the audience. The top two poets receive trophies, and all contestants receive Poetry Slam medallions. It is a great opportunity for area poets to have a public voice and to be

recognized for their talent. The Poetry Slam will be held at 7 p.m. in the Berlin High School auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Please come out and support the local poets! For anyone interested in entering the contest, poems must be submitted electronically to the Wordsmiths' advisor, Andy Reise, no later than January 17th at [areise@berlin.k12.wi.us](mailto:areise@berlin.k12.wi.us). Please use the subject line "Poetry Contest."



## NHS/Key Club Serve Others

On November 2 Berlin High School Key Club and National Honor Society members spent part of the afternoon raking for elderly community members. It was a beautiful fall day for this collaborative community service project.



## Art and Spanish Students Enjoy Art Show



Berlin High School art students and Spanish 4 & 5 students, along with teachers Mrs. Angela Breunig and Dr. Jody Ziemann visited a pop-up art gallery exhibit in Ripon on November 6. Students enjoyed viewing the large abstract landscape paintings of Barcelona, Spain by Dick Folse as well as asking questions of the artist.

# Get to Know Student Services



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## **What do school counselors do? We do a variety of jobs at BHS including:**

- Academic Counseling (Individual Meetings Once a Year)  
Scheduling
- Career Planning (Sophomore Career Unit)
- College/Tech School Applications and planning
- Personal/Social Issues
- Junior Parent Meeting (Always during Junior Year in January/February)  
P.S. Parents are invited!

**Our overall job is to provide assistance to students, parents, families and teachers to assist in making the educational process as effective as possible. If you ever have a concern with your child or school, please feel free to give us a call or send us an email and we will try to help!**

## BHS Staff & Students Partner with ThedaCare to Discuss Social Media/Mental Health

ThedaCare and the Berlin Community Health Action Team (CHAT) hosted a day-long Plunge on Youth, Social Media, and Mental Health. Five youth and community leaders from all sectors, such as healthcare, education, government, business, faith communities, philanthropy and more attended. The group met at the Boys and Girls Club as well as Berlin High School to learn first-hand about social media's impact on youth. The day was spent hearing from the youth panel, expert information given by a researcher from the University of Michigan and discussions about future plans for change. The goals of a plunge are to establish a common understanding of the health concern, build connection, and move to action together.



## Student Council Raises Over \$750 in Gobbler 5K



Funds raised from the event go into the BHS Angel Fund, which benefits students in need. Thanks to all who participated!





# BHS Students Submit Entries for State Art Show

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Art Education Association and Performance Services, announces the annual Wisconsin Art Exhibits and Awards. This experience is open to all Wisconsin public school students enrolled in grades 7-12. The theme for this year's show is *Art that Inspires*.



BHS Senior Mataya Raisleger is submitting her work, *Sweet Dreams*. This is an acrylic piece over stretched canvas. Here is more from the artist:

"My painting is based on a dream that I frequently have: I'm in an art gallery, following someone who seemed to be a special person to me, who could also be perceived as the dream itself in the painting. All the paintings in the gallery were covered, which to me symbolizes the unknown future, which is often a fear of mine. I remember there being one painting that was uncovered, but I don't remember what it was. I decided to make the uncovered painting look like a window that could take me back to reality or wake me up from my dream. And to give it one extra hint of being dreamlike, I added wings on my back because I fly a lot in my dreams. The mood I hope to convey is a calm, pensive, Deja vu/nostalgia. I think people could also relate to not wanting to wake up from dreams, which is the main idea in this painting."

Melanie Resop, BHS Junior, also is submitting her acrylic drawing on stretched Canvas. Here is Melanie reflecting on her work, *Judge Her Beauty*.

"My work shows a teary-eyed girl who has nothing on her face and she's almost looking into a mirror and is seeing these different versions of herself. One version has a lot of contour, blush, and concealer. Another has mascara running and smeared lipstick. And one has a puffy face with tears and she's pulling at her cheek and she has chipped nail polish. Judgmental eyes surround the girl. I want to communicate being afraid of judgment that stems from beauty standards. A fear of being herself because she won't be fitting anyone else's image. I hope to convey a mood of worry and sadness. To show anxious feelings about everyone's eyes being on you."



# BHS SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB INFO

Registration is now open for Ski & Snowboard Club for the 2023/24 season! We will be traveling to Nordic Mountain for four trips this season. Ski & Snowboard Club is open to any BHS student, regardless of their experience level.

All students attending Ski Club trips should plan on attending ALL FOUR trips. The discounted rates are for students who sign up for four trips. Students who are unable to attend a trip WILL NOT receive a refund for the missed trip, unless they have sustained an injury that will prevent them from participating. This is policy per Nordic Mountain.

We will leave BHS at 4:00p and will return at 9:00p.

2023/24 Dates  
January 16, 2024  
January 23, 2024  
February 13, 2024  
February 20, 2024  
February 27, 2024 (Make Up - If Needed)

To sign up, please visit: <https://shop.nordicmountain.com/groups>  
Use group code: berlinhs24  
Due Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024



For more information, check out the following links or contact Mr. Marshall.

[23/24 Parent Handout](#)  
[Ski Club 2023-24 Registration](#)

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# Jumpstart Your Future with YA!

Discover the incredible opportunities that await you as a Youth Apprentice.

Our team will guide you through the program details and application process, and answer all your questions.



December 13,  
2023



5:30 PM -  
6:30 PM



Virtual  
Meeting



Register Online



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# Berlin Area School District | 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

JULY 2023						
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1 - 2 No School - Winter Break  
 12 End of First Semester  
 15 No School - Teacher Work Day

AUGUST 2023						
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15-18 New Teacher Days  
 22-24 No School - Staff Development  
 28-29 No School - Staff Development  
 31 First Day of School

FEBRUARY 2024						
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 22 No School - Staff Development  
 23 No School

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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4 No School - Labor Day  
 29 Homecoming

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21 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences  
 22 No School  
 25-29 No School - Spring Break

OCTOBER 2023						
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 26 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences  
 27 No School

APRIL 2024						
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15 No School - Staff Development

NOVEMBER 2023						
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10 No School - Staff Development  
 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

MAY 2024						
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10 No School - Staff Development  
 24 Graduation  
 27 No School - Memorial Day  
 31 Last Day of School

DECEMBER 2023						
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11 No School - Staff Development  
 25-29 No School - Winter Break

JUNE 2024						
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Today's Learners.  
 Tomorrow's Leaders.

# Berlin High School - Winter Sports' Schedule 2023-2024

Revised October 30, 2023

Boys' Basketball (5:45 JV & JV2 - 7:15 V)			Girls' Basketball (5:45 JV - 7:15 V)		
November 21	WLA	H	November 14	Green Lake/ Princeton	A
November 28	Wautoma 5:30p.m.	A	November 16	Waupaca	H
December 4	Weyauwega-Fremont (V)	A	November 21	Mayville	A
December 8	Westfield	H	November 28	Westfield	H
December 9	Saint Croix Central @Wis Dells	A	December 1	Kewaskum	A
December 12	Ripon	A	December 5	Wautoma	H
December 15	Waupun	H	December 7	Ripon	A
December 19	Markesan	H	December 9	Chilton @Wis Dells (V)	A
December 21	Winneconne	A	December 14	Waupun	H
December 28	Lomira	A	December 21	Winneconne	
January 4	KML	H	December 28	Lourdes (V)	
January 8	N. Fondy 5:50p.m.	A	January 2	Omro	A
January 11	Plymouth	A	January 5	KML	H
January 15	Omro	H	January 9	Pardeeville	H
January 18	Kewaskum	H	January 12	Plymouth	A
January 23	Adams-Friendship 5:30p.m.	A	January 16	Markesan	H
January 26	Laconia	H	January 19	Kewaskum	H
January 30	Ripon	H	January 22	Lomira	A
February 2	Waupun	A	January 25	Ripon	H
February 5	Waupaca	H	January 29	N. Fondy	A
February 8	Winneconne	H	February 1	Waupun	A
February 13	KML	A	February 6	Winneconne	H
February 16	Plymouth	H	February 9	KML	A
February 22	Kewaskum	A	February 15	Plymouth	H
			February 20,22,23	Regionals	TBD
Wrestling			Boys' Swimming		
November 28	Scrimmage	H	December 2	Plymouth Invite	A
November 30	Berlin Quad	H	December 9	Appleton West Invite	A
December 1	Kimberly JV Invite	A	December 14	Chilton Triangular	A
December 2	Kimberly Invite	A	December 16	Port Washington Invite	A
December 5	Weyauwega-Fremont Tri	A	January 6	Cedarburg Invite	A
December 7	Wautoma Quad	A	January 11	Chilton Triangular	A
December 14	Waupun Dual	A	January 13	Fond du Lac Invite	A
December 18	Lomira JV Invite	A	January 18	Plymouth Triangular	A
December 21	Winneconne Dual	H	January 25	Plymouth Triangular	A
January 4	KML Dual	A	January 27	Shorewood Invite	A
January 5	Port Washington Invite	A	February 3	Kiel Conf. Meet	A
January 11	Plymouth Dual	H	February 9	WIAA Diving Sectional	TBD
January 13	New London Invite	A	February 10	WIAA Sectional @Plymouth	A
January 18	Kewaskum Dual	A	February 16-17	WIAA State @Waukesha South	A
January 25	Markesan Quad	A			
January 27	Wisconsin Dells Invite	A			
February 2	ECC Tournament @Waupun	A			
February 5	Columbus JV Invite	A			
February 10	WIAA Regional @Richland Center	A			
February 17	WIAA Sectional @ Wisconsin Dells	A			
February 22,23,24	WIAA State @ Madison Kohl Center	A			