Burke High School

Harry A. Burke Newsletter

2019 Burke Summer School

Dates: June 3rd – June 28th
Time: 7:30 am – 11:30 am
* Students may take up to four courses per day
- Recovery courses are 55 minutes long
- Accrual courses are 110 minutes long
- Students registered for less than four recovery courses may have an early release/late start.

Cost: Free
Location: Morton Middle School (due to construction at Burke)
Transportation: Students who received transportation during the 18-19 school year will qualify for summer school transportation. The deadline to register and receive transportation is March 8th, 2019.

Summer Graduation: Details regarding a summer graduation ceremony will be sent home during the first week of summer school. Summer graduation will be on Friday, June 28th.
Registration: Students must register for summer school with their assigned School Counselor.

Questions?

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“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

~ Winston Churchill ~

AP Capstone
Research, Academic Rigor, Distinction

Congratulations Burke!

For being the first high school in Nebraska to offer the AP Capstone Diploma Program.

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BURKE YARD SIGNS

DON’T FORGET TO ORDER YOURS!

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Students in Ms. Kawecki’s English 6 class visited UNO’s IDEAS room this semester to work on stop-motion animation films. The project was part of a grant funded by the Nebraska Arts Council and the Burke High School PTO. The films are related to the concept of a "wall". As part of the project, students brainstormed various types of figurative walls and considered their meaning in terms of their own lives, the literature read, (*The Crucible, Fahrenheit 451*, speeches, short stories, and poetry), and current events. Students were then asked to determine how they could portray their concept of a wall in a physical sense using a variety of objects (Legos, glass, clay, tissue paper, etc.) Students created ten short stop-motion animation films that are still in the process of editing. Each film contains figures and text that was manipulated in a way that provided commentary on its meaning (erased, placed on a figure, a cityscape, coming out of water, etc.). The films demonstrate ways to reimagine the research paper and blend art and writing.

Mrs. Peggy Reinecke, a local digital media artist worked with the students at the beginning of the process when they pitched ideas, for an entire day in the UNO IDEAS room when they created the films, and for a final tutorial and consultation as they began the editing process.

The students hope to premiere their work at Film Streams later in the year.
Congratulations to the following students that received the Nebraska School Activities Association award for academic and activity excellence for winter activities:

Carter Wachholtz & William Spech – Boys Swimming
Elizabeth Richardson & Samantha Wood – Girls Swimming
Karrin Ledwich & Sydney Roseby – Girls Basketball
Billy Kenedy & David Moreano – Boys Basketball
Carter Wachholtz – Debate
Kevin Castle & Dylan Sales - Wrestling

This award recognizes students for their academic achievement while participating in NSAA activities.

District Music Contest

Congratulations to Burke High School Singers in their performance at District Music Contest:

- Men’s Chorus: II
- Concert Choir I+ (1’s from all three judges)

The following students are eligible for 1+’s as they have only one judge. A score of “1” is the highest rating possible.

**Soloists:**
- Aidan Schmidtke: II
- Joseph Wright: I
- Kaylea Halstead: I
- Grace Loux: I
- Gemma Morales-Torres: I
- Lindy Pratt: I
- Sara Tiemann: I
- Marquise Howard: I

**Duets:**
- Nathaniel Belshan & Savannah (Sam) Morrison: I
- Hanna (Jade) Johnson & Kaylea Halstead: I
- Nathaniel Belshan & Alex Rooker: I

**Trio:**
- Audrey Saucier, Hanna (Jade) Johnson, & Maddisun (MJ) Ingram: I
CONGRATULATIONS to the 2019 Prom Court!
Juniors-- Lauren Gearhart, Tatum Lundgren, Jaylen Starks, and Tyreece Wynn

Seniors -- Jacob Anania, Nate Hron, Billy Kenedy, Elijah Merritt, Mason Williams, Boston Reid, Camille Adair, Kylabay Channita, Paris Henderson, Kaitlyn Lorenzen, Riley McClellan, Jasmin Ortiz, and Syd Roseby.

Burke's AP Calculus students attended a production of "Calculus, the Musical!" presented by UNO Dual Enrollment on Thursday, April 4th at Baxter Arena. They enjoyed fun and educational musical parodies of Calculus concepts. Seven Burke students also qualified in the top 100 from seventeen metro area schools to participate in the Calculus Bee which followed. Kevin Castle, Sawyer Knight, Cole Niebur, and Clara Perez competed in the semifinals while the rest of the Calculus students participated from the audience via smartphone app and cheered them on. We're proud of our contenders and looking forward to competing again next year!
From NAG (Nebraska Association for the Gifted) Our Graduating Senior, Leta Hollingsworth Scholarship Winner, is Samantha Wood from Omaha Burke High School. Samantha's future plans include continuing her journey in the medical field! Congrats to all of our scholarship winners!

We were excited to have Ms. Lee Stover and Mr. Tyler Siecke in attendance at our April monthly meeting.

Ms. Stover gave us a tour of her outdoor gardens and her vision for that space. Burke’s school yard is a mini ecosystem, which offers students the opportunity to interact with and better understand complex natural systems. She believes that “play” is an important part of learning, and that it is healthy for her students as well. Ms. Stover stated her appreciation for the current leadership and the support of the PTO for the implementation and development of our continuously expanding outdoor classroom.

Mr. Siecke provided us with information about Burke’s Focus Program. Students in the program are not only exposed to the general high school curriculum, but also learn and grow in the Focus extra-value standards – leadership, communication, and technology. Focus’ unique class schedule (core classes in one day, all in a row, with the same three Focus Program teachers) allows students to gain a deeper understanding of both core and extra-value standards.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Tuesday, May 7th – Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday, May 14th – Seniors Honors Night & PTO Teacher of the Year.
PTO Spotlight – Teacher of the Month

Our March Spotlight Teacher of the Month was Ms. Laura Luckinbill, Mathematics. She teaches Probability/Statistics and Honors Algebra 3/4.

Ms. Luckinbill has been a teacher for 28 years and has loved the school environment since she was a child. Ms. Luckinbill wants all of her students to succeed in math and empowers them to be their own self-advocate. She has worked with her students to develop routines to encourage independent learning, believing that students learn from their mistakes. She challenges them by incorporating alternative knowledge into math projects, showing them that math is more than just adding and subtracting, but an integral part of everyday life. Her efforts to build accountability into students’ daily work allows them to fully understand the lessons, and create confidence in their ability to retain information and succeed.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the 2019 Academic Honors Ceremony

A BIG shout out to the Hospitality Committee for all of their tireless effort this school year.
Looking for ways to help? Let us know; we’d love to work with you!

PTO Spotlight – Teacher of the Month

Our April Spotlight Teacher of the Month is Ms. Lee Stover. Ms. Stover has been a high school teacher for 13 years and this is her tenth year at Burke as a science teacher. She credits her inspiration for becoming a teacher to her elementary teacher Mrs. Millikan and her mother. Mrs. Millikan had high expectations and the patience of a saint and her mother highly values education and early on she instilled in her a sense of pride in learning.

Ms. Stover loves Burke’s massive grounds and school yard and envisions it as an extension of the traditional classroom. She believes taking kids outdoor exposes them to direct experiences with nature, fostering true inquiry based learning with real world connections. Ms. Stover has observed students who are often disengaged in the traditional classroom come alive with curiosity when they are working outdoors.
If a student is in a district or state athletic or academic contest during AP exams, he/she/they must notify AP Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Luethge, by May 5 of this conflict and an alternate date will be scheduled by The College Board to take the exam at Burke High School.

The AP exam dates and times are scheduled by The College Board and must be a priority. [https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees)

The cost of the AP exam is paid for with your dual enrollment tuition to UNO and/or Midland University. If your student receives the ACE or OPS scholarship to cover the cost of dual enrollment, please note, it is the expectation that students will sign up for and take the AP exam that has been paid for by the State of Nebraska grant.

A $25 fine has been assessed for any student who is dual enrolled but not taking the AP exam. The fine will be on student accounts and must be paid in full before graduation or receipt of diploma and transcripts.

MAY 17th Testing is at UNO. Students will need to provide their own transportation.
A MESSAGE FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, if you know your child/student must leave the school building during the school day, please call the attendance office as early as possible. This allows staff to locate your child and send passes so your student is released from class at the appropriate time. Please allow a 30-minute window, if possible.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, if you know your child/student is going to be absent from school, please call the attendance office as soon as possible to let us know. You can call the night before the absence, or even during the middle of the night, and leave a message. This allows attendance office staff to code your child’s absence appropriately without the need to contact parents/guardians to validate their child’s excused absence from school.

Registration for the 19-20 school year update
Counselors are meeting one on one with students to review credits and to help students plan their courses for the 19-20 school year. Students had until April 19th to make adjustments to their course choices for the 19-20 school year.

Upcoming dates of interest:

May 8-9 - Senior Finals
May 10 - Senior Make up finals
May 14 - Honors Night for seniors - Seniors are invited and recognized for scholarships received and academic excellence
May 22 - Last day of school
May 23 - Graduation Commencement Rehearsal at Baxter area, 9:30 a.m.
May 23 - Graduation Commencement Ceremony at Baxter arena, 7:00 p.m.
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### Homework Assignment Request:

Attendance Office Line 1: 402-557-3230
Attendance Office Line for 2: 402-557-3231
Thank you to all of the Burke High School family, parents/guardians, students, staff, alumni, partners in education, and OPS Board of Education for your support of the Omaha Public Schools and Burke High School.