



The Bromfield Bulletin

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Calendar

From the Principals

November

- 11 **2pm Boys Varsity Soccer Game at Lunenberg (rescheduled from 11/10)**
- 15 Report Cards
- 16 Early Release 12:05pm
- 17 College Night for Students with Disabilities 7pm TBS Library
- 18 Blood Drive 6am-2pm Gym
- 18 Grades 7 – 9 Glow in the Dark Dance
- 19-20 NAHS Craft Fair in the Cafeteria
- 21 – 22 Half Day 11:05am Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break *
- 30 Half Day 1:05am Parent-Teacher Conferences

* School Closed

It was certainly an amazing couple of weeks since the last issue of the Bromfield Bulletin! We hope all of you were able to weather both the storm and the ensuing power outage and are now back to a sense of normalcy. We want to commend all of the people who helped bring warmth and food to the Harvard Community via the community shelter that was set up from Bromfield from Chef Paul and his staff to our school nurse, Colleen Nigzus to the student and community EMTs and finally to facilities manager Mark Force and his staff.

As we look back upon the first term of school, we are continually impressed with the outstanding work of our students and staff. The staff gives our students a wide variety of ways to demonstrate their knowledge; some of these assessments utilize traditional methods such as tests, quizzes, and essays or papers while others use authentic tools such as debates, oral presentations, simulations, lab experiments, creating art using a myriad of materials, or composing and/or performing music, or conversing in a foreign language. It is incredibly impressive to see our students do so well in all of these tasks. We take great pride in the relevant and meaningful learning that takes place at The Bromfield School.

Our students are excelling outside of the classroom as well. All of our fall athletic teams have had excellent seasons and have managed to persevere in the face of uncertain schedules due to the storm. The Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams will compete in the district meet on Saturday after doing very well in the league meet last week. The boys followed an undefeated regular season with a first place finish at the league championship while the girls finished a strong third. Our golf team had a solid season which concluded with a nice showing in the district meet. The girls field hockey team followed their outstanding regular season (13-1-4, league co-champions) with an equally impressive run to the district quarter-finals where they lost a tough game to Quabog. The girls soccer team also advanced to the quarter-finals where they lost to an excellent West Boylston team in a terrific game. The boys soccer team has followed their league championship with a run to the district semi-finals - this game will be played tomorrow 11/11 at 2pm in Lunenberg. The Maynard-Bromfield Cooperative Football team continues to work hard and will finish their season with a tilt against Clinton on Thanksgiving Day. We hope you will be able to attend to support our Bromfield athletes as they conclude their inaugural season as part of the Maynard program. We would be remiss if we did not laud our Crew teams who had a number of outstanding finishes in their meets this fall in both regional and state-level competitions.

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December

- 2, 3 Middle School Musical 7pm
Cronin Auditorium
- 4 Middle School Musical 3pm
Cronin Auditorium
- 3 SAT and Subject Tests
- 7 Early Release 12:05pm
- 8 6th Grade PAC mtg
8am Rm 232
- 9 Dance (TBD)
- 10 ACT Test
- 12 8th Grade PAC mtg
8am Rm 336
- 12 Chorus Themed Concert
7pm Cronin Auditorium
- 12-16 Progress Reports Issued
- 13 Band Themed Concert 7pm
Cronin Auditorium
- 14 7th Grade PAC mtg
8am Rm 340
- 21 Early Release 12:05pm
- 26-30 Vacation *
- 30 Registration Deadline for
1/28 SAT and Subject Tests

January

- 2 Vacation *
- 13 Teacher Professional
Day *
- 13 Registration Deadline
for 2/11 ACT Test
- 16 Martin Luther King Day *
- 21 Grades 9-12 Snow Ball
Dance 7-11pm Gym
- 23 Band Concert 7pm
Auditorium
- 24 Term 2 Ends
- 24 Chorus Concert 7pm
Auditorium
- 25 Early Release 12:05pm
- 27 Grades 7&8 Snow Flake
Dance 7-10pm Cafeteria
- 28 SAT and Subject Tests

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Bromfield students are doing a great job in other extra-curricular activities as well. The Drama Society performed a series of one act plays over the past two weekends and earned rave reviews. The Academic Bowl Team continues to be very successful. The team continues to do well in the weekly contests and competed for a spot on the WGBH Quiz Show last weekend. They will also compete in the HFT Tournament at Harvard University this weekend. Bromfield will recognize Veteran's Day on Monday as Scott Broadbent has organized a meaningful breakfast program in the school cafeteria. While the program will be more low-key in previous years, we anticipate that it will be a nice recognition for our veterans and we will thank the soldiers who have done so much to protect our country.

Upcoming events include the "Glow in the Dark Dance" sponsored by the Sophomore Class for Grades 7, 8, and 9 next Friday, November 18. The dance will be in the Bromfield Cafeteria from 7-9:30 pm. The sophomores promise that all who attend will have a great time. We also want to remind you that school dismissal will be at 11:05 on both November 21 and 22 to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please remember that Wednesday, November 30 will also be a Parent-Teacher Conference Day. You can sign up on-line for conferences. All information is located on The Bromfield School Website. Please remember that conference sign-ups will close on Thursday, November 17 at 11am. Finally, you will be able to view your child's report card on Tuesday, November 15. Instructions for viewing your child's report card are on the Bromfield Edline page. Please contact us if you have any question about viewing your child's report card.

Finally, we want to thank all of you for your cooperation during the town sewer project. We are very aware of the inconvenience caused by the loss of the back parking lot over that past two weeks and are relieved to have student parking again available in the back lot. We will continue to update you when the construction affects Bromfield.

Have a great weekend!

James F. O'Shea
Principal

Scott M. Hoffman
Associate Principal

Sixth Grade Team PAC Meetings

Welcome to The Bromfield School! The sixth grade year brings on many new and exciting experiences. Communication between parents and teachers is essential in making each student's transition as smooth as possible. With that in mind, our "Parent and Communication" meetings are opportunities to share what we are doing and what is coming up in each academic class. We also discuss 6th grade events and general information. PAC meetings are held quarterly, from 8 - 8:30 am in room 232 in the sixth grade wing. The following are the dates of this year's 6th grade PAC meetings:

Thursday, December 8

Monday, March 5

Wednesday, May 9

*We look forward to your
feedback. Please email any
suggestions to
bulletinnews@psharvard.org*

Community Organizations

Harvard Schools Trust Membership Drive

It's that time of year to either renew your membership with the Harvard Schools Trust or join us for your first time! There are many benefits

to being a member of HST, the greatest being your support of educational enrichment in Harvard's outstanding schools - Hildreth and Bromfield.

It's easy to join online via paypal:

<http://www.harvardschoolstrust.org/Donate.aspx>

Here are some friends who have already joined or renewed for this school year, 2011-2012:

<http://www.harvardschoolstrust.org/CurrentbrMembership.aspx>

And if you are interested in volunteering or becoming more involved in this great organization, please email Heidi Hynes at hynespr.com@gmail.com or call 978 – 302 – 1198.

Parent Teacher Organization-PTO

www.harvardpto.org

A warm welcome to all Harvard Schools families! The Harvard Schools Parent-Teacher Organization conducts fund-raising activities throughout the school year to support the Hildreth Elementary School and the Bromfield School. Monies raised are used to provide curriculum enrichment activities, purchase equipment such as SmartBoards and computers, provide Science Fair awards, fund teacher appreciation initiatives, and more. Please consider joining the PTO as a member. Both on-line and paper forms for the 2011-2012 school year are now available at

www.harvardpto.org/membership.html. The PTO is in need of volunteers to help with fund-raising activities. Members are not required to volunteer and volunteers are not required to be members, but please consider both! There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities from helping for an hour on a specific day to becoming an activity chair. You can indicate which month(s) or weeks you can help, and best days of the week/hour(s) of the day! Please contact me at 978 456-3949 or qancellor@aol.com to find out more or to add your

name to our volunteer pool. We thank you in advance for your support of the Harvard Schools!

Fanfare!

November 19 at 3pm Fanfare! hosts a Home Concert to support the music programs in Harvard's schools. This event will be at the Chapman house, 42 Willow Road and features Tre Corde, a trio consisting of Tim Ray on piano, Eugene Friesen on cello and Greg Hopkins on trumpet. Tre Corde is a unique trio, with brass and string performing with the piano. Check them out at <http://www.agitatedcatmusic.com/trecorda/bios.html>

If you enjoy classical music as well as jazz, this event is for you.

Tickets for this intimate concert are limited and are \$30 each, which includes wine and appetizers. Find more information at <http://www.FanfareforMusic.org> or contact jpnchapman@yahoo.com. Support our school music programs!

Harvard Public Library

<http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/childrens.html>

Game Hour! – Grades 3 - 6: Thursdays from 4 - 5pm
This drop-in, after school game hour for children in grades 3 - 6 is facilitated by teen volunteers. Play an assortment of great games, including Set, Scrabble, Mille Bornes, Apples to Apples, Slamwich, Quiddler, and Hoopla.

Teen Book Groups:

Grades 10 – 12 ~ Wednesday, November 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm . New members are always welcome ~ pre-register and we will reserve a copy of the book for you.

Upcoming Holidays when town offices will be closed:

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24
Christmas, Monday, December 26
New Years Day, Monday, January 2nd