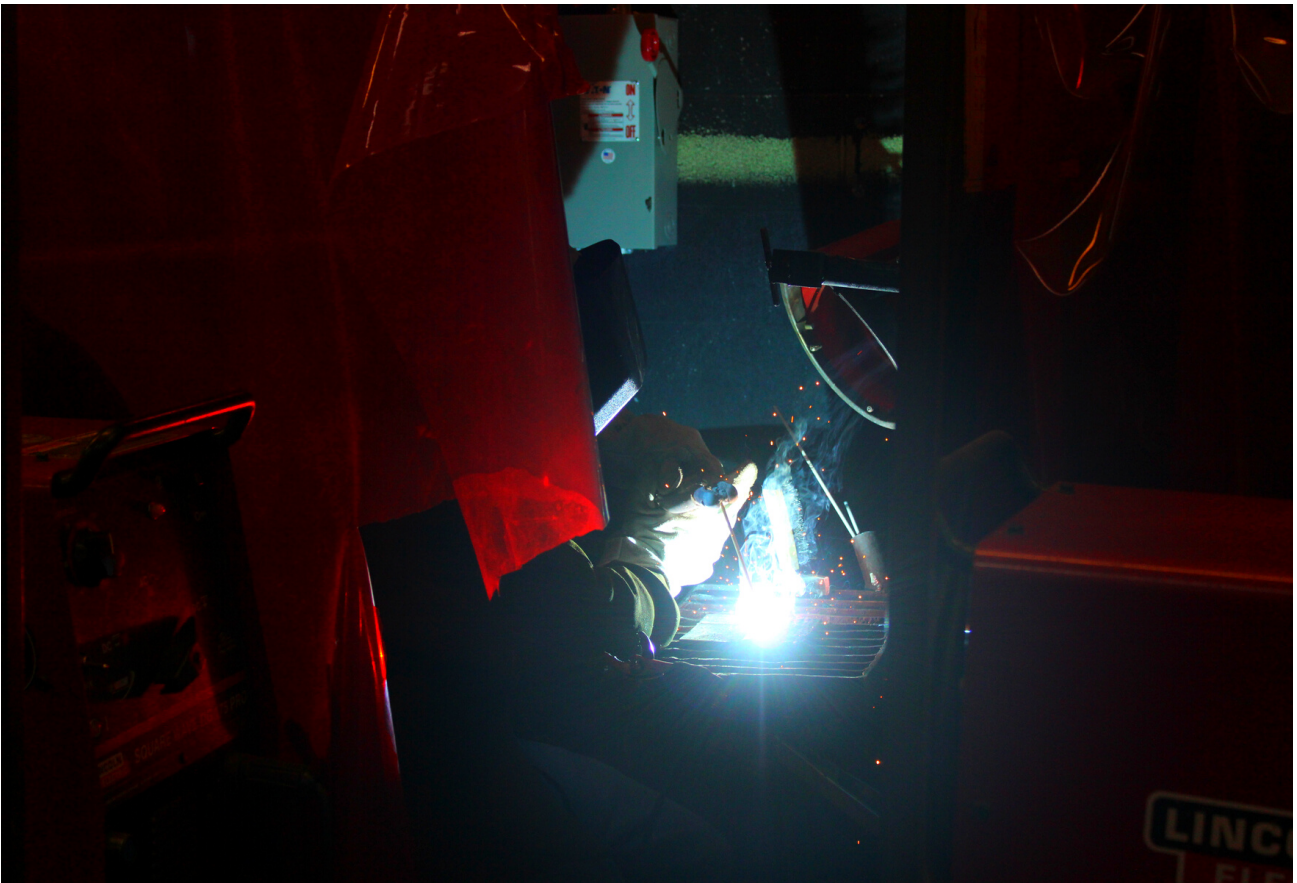




Burlington Community School District

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

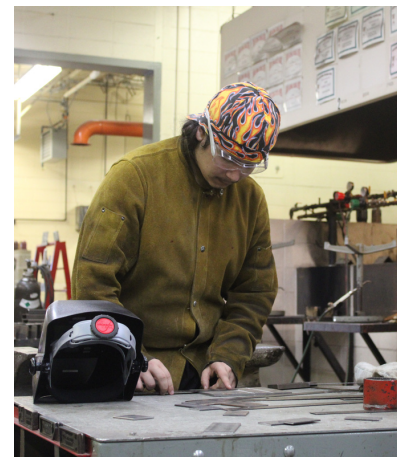
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Career and Technical Education opportunities continue to grow at Burlington High School with pathways & registered apprenticeship opportunities in welding, construction, culinary arts, health sciences, computer sciences & more.

## BCSD QUICK SIX

1. October 10 & 24 - the BCSD School Board will meet at 6:00pm
2. October 7 - TWO HOUR EARLY OUT
3. October 21 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
4. Check out the upcoming events page for information on Fall music concerts & more!
5. October 4 - Join us at 6:30pm at Grimes Elementary School for a performance from original Author of the Pete the Cat series - Eric Litwin! This is a free family, community event sponsored by the PiECES Afterschool program.
6. Congratulations to Stephen Kastantin & Tanihya Autry for being named BHS Homecoming King & Queen!



THIS IS BURLINGTON

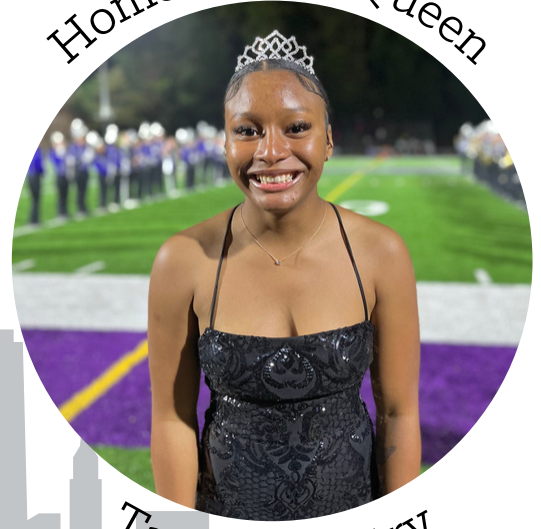
# Homecoming at BHS *New York at Night*

Homecoming King



Stephen Kastantin

Homecoming Queen



Tanihya Autry



## Feature

### BHS SEES SUCCESS IN THERAPEUTIC LEARNING CLASSROOM

The Therapeutic Learning Classroom (TLC Room) at Burlington High School is a unique space for students to be in a safe, productive learning environment to fit their needs. Schools around the state are looking to add this type of resource for students as the number of success stories continue to grow.

“This is a place their brains can rest.” says Ms. Kristensen. Kristensen has been an educator for 32 years and has served in the Burlington School District for the last decade. When asked if she could imagine a resource like the TLC classroom 32 years ago she shook her head no. “Our students are changing, and we should change with everything in our world. I’m proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish here.”

Seniors Karlee Bush and Claire King visit the TLC classroom to focus on productivity. The pair comment on Ms. Kristensen’s ability to make students feel welcome. “She cares for everybody and makes us feel comfortable.”

Karlee explains the importance of the classroom to her own path through high school. “Without this class I would not be on track to graduate.”

Ms. Kristensen praised the student-led initiative to have a class at Burlington High School dedicated to mental health education, and appreciates district administration for supporting the process of providing additional support and resources for students.

Burlington High School has mental health resources such as a licensed mental health counselor on staff, the TLC learning classroom, and the student-led Mind Blowing Connections Club to name a few.

The TLC classroom is host to the Mind Blowing Connections Club, which Ms. Kristensen serves as an advisor. The group hosted a Suicide Awareness Walk in the Spring of 2022 to raise awareness surrounding mental health issues and connect attendees with resources and support. Students were the driving force of the advocacy and were guided by BHS staff. On a cold, rainy day over 200 members of the Burlington community gathered to be a part of the effort. Some joined to honor a loved one, some joined with friends, but all gathered in support of their fellow Grayhounds.

When Kristensen was asked about the future of the TLC classroom she said, “If it’s going to help one student, go for it.”

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# BURLINGTON ACTIVITIES DEPT.

To view the Activities schedule [click here!](#)

## THE RECAP



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BURLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board Meetings on Mondays at 6:00pm**

October 10 & 24

October 7 - TWO HOUR EARLY OUT

October 21 - NO SCHOOL

## BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

October 6 - Conferences

October 24 - BHS & ESMS Fall Orchestra Concert at ESMS Auditorium at 7:00pm

## EDWARD STONE MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 4 - Conferences

October 24 - BHS & ESMS Fall Orchestra Concert at ESMS Auditorium at 7:00pm

October 27 - ESMS Fall Band Concert at ESMS Auditorium at 7:00pm

## ALDO LEOPOLD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

October 18 - Orchestra Concert at 7:00pm location TBD

October 20 - Conferences (No PiECES)

October 24 - Conferences (No PiECES)

## VIBE VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM

October 13 - Fire Safety Event at JMEC

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS & CORSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

October 4 - Join us at 6:30pm at Grimes Elementary School for a performance from original Author of the Pete the Cat series - Eric Litwin! This is a free family event sponsored by the PiECES Afterschool program.

October 20 - Elementary Conferences (No PiECES)

October 25 - Elementary Conferences (No PiECES)



## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

[Click here to view the PiECES Calendar](#)

**and activities!**

**Saturday Movie! Hocus Pocus!**

October 8 at 1:00pm at the Capitol Theatre

**Saturdays with PiECES**

October 8 & 15

**NO PiECES**

October 7, 20, 21

There will be PiECES at the elementary level on October 24th and at Aldo on the 25th to work around the conferences schedule.

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## AT BCSD WE ARE RAISING GRAYHOUNDS!



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