

Class applications allow BHS students more opportunity

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Brighton High School offers many great and diverse curriculum options to its students. Some of these classes require a little more than just prerequisites and good grades. Certain classes require that students fill out an application, and they may or may not be accepted into that class. These classes include DEEP, LINK, teacher cadet, yearbook, newspaper, Bel Canto, and peer mediation.

Peer mediation students are trained to help students resolve conflicts they have with one another. Training requires time outside the regular school day. Their responsibilities are, maintaining mediation standards of behavior and confidentiality, completing all mediation record keeping, public speaking to student and/or parent groups, participation in student assemblies as assigned, peer counseling individual students as needed, tutoring students in the Study Center, and office assistance work in one or more of the offices.

"I like helping out in the counseling office with some secretary work," senior Jaddon House said.

DEEP is a program offered by U of M Flint to high school students. The program allows students to take part in real college classes, and earn real credits too. The classes it offers is pre-medical science, pre-engineering, law/ criminal justice, and business and economics. Taking these classes gives the potential of earning up to 13 college credits.

"It really boosts my confidence with going into my freshman year of college. Also, meeting new friends from other districts," senior Alyssa Carnes said.

Students wanting to take part in the LINK program are trained as a peer mentor who will accompany a student with special needs to his/her general or special education classes. The LINK student will model and support appropriate academic and social strategy and behavior so that the student with special needs may meet success. Training requires time outside of the school schedule before the semester begins with on-going support provided throughout the semester. It does involve some lunch hours. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to, daily journaling and maintaining attendance records, using good communication skills, reviewing and reflecting on current issues and a final project.

"Being able to help someone who needs help," senior Chris Maahs said.

The BHS Times is Brighton's newspaper and is written by the students taking part in the newspaper class. Students are responsible for all aspects of production, including funding of the newspaper. The course stresses news, feature, opinion and sports writing. Also included will be art, photography, and the business aspects of newspaper production. A strong background in English is highly recommended as is a good work ethic and the ability to work with others towards a common goal. As of recently, an app is no longer needed for the class.

"Spending the hour with my friends and writing about things that I'm interested in," senior Andrew Baker said.

Yearbook is a hands-on production course. Students will be responsible for all aspects of the yearbook including advertising solicitation. Students will be responsible for design, content, advertising, and photography of all aspects of publications. It is highly recommended that students have a strong background in English for writing and editing. Grades are determined by quality of work and ability to meet deadlines. This class is co-curricular which means that time outside of class is expected.

"I enjoy how independent the class is, being able to take on that big of a responsibility," senior Milah Graves said.

Teacher Cadet is an innovative year-long activity-based curriculum for high school juniors and seniors. The course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore, and experience first-hand, teaching as a profession. In this program, Teacher Cadets will be involved in the development and application of content, classroom observations, and actual teaching in a variety of educational settings at multiple levels from preschool to high school classrooms.

Exec Board helps Brighton by finishing up platforms

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Copy Editor

The snow is melting, the sun is shining brighter and blue skies are returning. Spring is coming like it does every year bringing new and fresh things, just like the 2016 Exec board's plans for this spring. Every year when a group runs for exec board they try to sell their ideas. If enough people like their ideas for the school, they'll win the election.

Team Relentless was victorious and now this is their time to enact their platforms for the spring. Steven Hall, a representative of this year's Exec Board, wanted to first remind students what one of their most important platforms are.

"One of the platforms that we stressed during the running was getting the community more involved with Brighton High School," Hall said.

The Exec Board has been a presence in the school all year. They worked hard to help set up homecoming and also helped leadership set up the blood drive. Some may recall winter wishes from last month, they were behind that too. Now the members are gearing up for the spring time where their influence will continue to positively affect the school.

"We are going to be trying to get a job fair going on here in Brighton and we're also going to be doing a community service clean up at the Mill Pond in the spring," Hall said.

These are just the beginnings of their ideas coming to this school in the future. Hall says that the team plans on narrowing down more of their platforms later in spring.

Hall says the group has grown closer throughout the year, after having set up so many things, he thinks they've grown together as a team. Their cumulative efforts have helped things run smoothly at the high school, and they've also added new things to keep things fresh.

"You get to spend a lot of time with your exec board doing fun activities and helping out at the school. I had a lot of fun throughout the year preparing homecoming and doing winter things like winter wishes and back to school wishes. It's been a good experience. It's definitely something you should do if you want to get into a leadership position and get to see what it's like to be a leader at this school," Hall said.

The 2016 Exec board still has plans for the rest of the year before handing over the proverbial torch to next year's elected leaders.



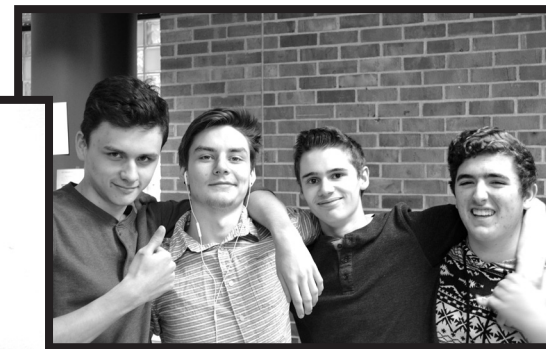
So what's your plan for spring break?




"Staying home." - Jerrold Reams



"Staying home and teaching my WCC students. I will sneak in a trip to the zoo." - Robin Clark




"All going to Mederia Beach in Florida." - Austin McCann, Kevin Goodfellow, Chris King, Kirk Lagosh



Join Newspaper next year!

- 1.) You run the class, from story ideas to distribution.
- 2.) It counts as an English credit.
- 3.) You learn journalism, photography, and InDesign.
- 4.) It is a semester or year long course.
- 5.) It is a class unlike any other in high school.



The class needs more students or it may not run, so see your counselor today!

Brighton seniors vote for class categories

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Staff Reporter

Senior year is a special year. It is the year that everyone has been looking for since they started high school. The glory of being the oldest in the school and upperclassmen is one thing that everyone looks forward to in their high school careers. With senior year, seniors have the ability to do various activities that none of the other classes get to do.

"It's great being able to do everything that seniors are able to do," senior Zach Sybertsaid.

One of these activities so to speak that seniors can do is the senior voting. With this every senior gets a huge packet in which seniors vote the class categories. These categories include the class song, motto and the flower ballot. There are a few options in each category in which seniors can choose from and can only pick one of the choices. Seniors can also submit a baby picture and put it in one of the ten baby picture categories. Seniors then get to vote on which picture they think is the best picture in that category.

Seniors also have the ability to do a mock election where they pick one male and female for the appropriate category they think a person fits into. This usually the seniors favorite part about the voting.

"I really like the mock election part of the voting, it is cool to see who people put in each category," senior Dominik Kudzma said.

It seems that sometimes some seniors will not take it seriously because they do not like the categories given in the packet. But that should not necessarily be a problem because each senior at a point is given a chance to put in suggestions for the classes final categories.

"Everyone can put in suggestions so I do not know why people complain about the categories if they do not like them," senior class council member Leo Lopez said.

After everyone has been given a chance to vote the final decisions for the categories are made by the senior class council.

"We make the decisions for the categories," Lopez said.

Each senior also gets to pick their class favorites. These categories include their favorite class, sport, movie, app and so on. There is also a senior poll, which asks a student yes or no questions. For example, if the student is college bound, are going to miss high school, if one plans of leaving Michigan and the list goes on.

There is also a page asking a student opinionated questions. This seems to get seniors thinking about what they like, which season is their favorite, and what country one would like to travel to if they ever got the chance to. The last page of the packet consists of statements seniors make. This includes a special thank you, senior wills, a serious prediction where one thinks one will be in the future, and finally a remember when statement.

With all the fun activities senior year includes, the senior voting packet seems to be one of the best and most important ones. Seniors pick the categories in which they want their class to be remembered by, which is why it is important.

Spring sports at Brighton help build team character

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Sports Editor

It's the time where the snow starts to melt, and it finally becomes warm enough to do outdoor activities without an excessive amount of clothing to keep one warm. For many BHS students, this means that it is finally time for them to start their spring sports, and for the seniors, it is their way of ending their high school career in a good way, playing their favorite sports with great teammates.

"It's a great way to finish off my high school experience. I've played all four years of high school and have been preparing for the season to start all year," senior baseball player David Kauff said.

In total, there are eleven spring sports that BHS students can participate in, five for boys, and six for girls. For boys there is baseball, golf, lacrosse, rugby, and track & field. For the girls there is golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, and track & field.

One of the best things about being on a team is the friendships formed while on that team. If one is going through a tough time, they know that their teammates will be there to pick them up.

"My favorite thing about being on the track team is how supportive everyone is to one another. I know that my teammates always have my back," junior track runner Maddie Brent said.

Many spring teams at Brighton have been very successful recently. Baseball has been division champions every year since 2012, the girls soccer team were conference champions last year, boys lacrosse have been division and associate champions every year since 2008, and the girls track & field team haven't lost a duel meet in over four years, as well as sending multiple girls to individual states last year.

The teams can be this successful because the BHS athletes are motivated to do their best and make themselves better.

"My goal for this year is to not give up and always try my best. I'm going to work hard to beat my own [personal records]," Brent said

However, the athletes will also push one another as Brighton athletics preaches competition and the players constantly push each other to work harder.

"The competition among teammates brings us closer together as we strive to be the best and play to the best of our abilities," Kauff said.

This is true for all sports and it is the main reason that athletics at Brighton High School can compete at a high level year after year and consistently be successful and also why the Brighton athletes can perform so well. They set high goals for themselves, and more often than not, they are able to achieve them because of the hard work that is put in.

"I want to carry on Brighton's legacy. I want us to be division, conference, and state champions," Kauff said.

It is this high level of play and consistent success that keeps BHS students excited to both play on the teams, as well as come out to the games and cheer on their fellow students as they compete against other teams.