

## In the Halls...

Where are you going next year?



Senior  
**Pete Plummer**  
"Finlandia, in the Upper Peninsula."



Senior  
**Olivia Gosselin**  
"University of Buffalo, Buffalo NY."



Senior  
**Matt Meredith**  
"North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC."



Senior  
**Jadon House**  
"Alma college, in Alma, MI."



Senior  
**Marisa Cruz**  
"College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI."

# Ordering food to school isn't that bad

Colby Campbell  
*Staff Reporter*

Getting rid of out of school food ordering really lowers the student's food choice and gets rid of the support of some businesses due to the fact that they won't be getting as many orders as they would be if we kept the out of school ordering. I think that out of school food ordering should not be taken away because it really limits the options and creates a lot of unhappy students.

Ordering food is one of the many ways that make the lunchroom better and let's you have the freedom to order Jimmy Johns or Hungry Howie's to name some. The rule is going to take place next year, for seniors it's not a big deal but for everyone else it's not the best decision.

Other school have kept this rule so that the students are allowed to order food that's not from the school, and no other school in the district has the problem of getting rid of it. The main reason why the out of school ordering should stay is not solely because they want the

different types of food, but to have the freedom to order if they want and not just have the option of hot lunch and if they bring their own food.

One solution to this problem could be that the students start a petition to stop the rule from being passed down, or they could put in some restaurants in the lunchroom such as Firehouse Subs or Hungry Howies. Having lunch that's not from the school has created many events such as pizza parties and made winter wishes come true if someone wanted food that's not from the

school.

During my earlier years in the high school I ordered pizza and McDonalds all the time for lunch and that really helped my learning because I had something to eat that I enjoyed and kept me focused in my next classes.

Brighton students have come to love out of school ordering and I'm sure would love to have it kept here for everyone else that comes to this school for years to come. I have talked to many students about it and they feel the same way. Out of school ordering should be kept as an option for all of BHS.

## Talent show acts need some more improvement

Cameron Monument  
*Photo Editor*

The annual BHS talent show is a place for students to show off their skills that their peers may or may not know about. Each year there is a wide range of talents shown off during the show. Ranging from pianos to lacrosse sticks, students have a chance to show off a variety of talents, on the condition that they get them approved by the staff running the show. Though some disagree, I'm glad acts need to get approved.

First off, it makes sure the talent show is family friendly. The show is not just for BHS students, it's an event the school puts on open to

the public. The show helps raise money for the school, so it would make sense that the school would want as many people as possible to come. Being family friendly helps out that concern. Secondly, making the acts get approved helps prevent potential pranks people could play during the show. For a lot of people the talent show is a stage to show off their skill, and they want to be serious about it. It isn't some place for people to goof around. I think it is completely reasonable for students to get their acts approved. If the act is appropriate anyways then it shouldn't really matter too much. Making all students get their acts approved ensures a safe and professional show experience.

What are the negatives of making students get their acts approved? Well, some people might say it restricts their free will and creativity. Maybe an act that seems appropriate to most people might not seem appropriate to the school board. This could prevent some really cool and unique acts from being highlighted just because a couple people don't like the idea of it. Also, making each act get approved takes time and manpower. This manpower could be used towards something else more important. Instead of having people approve of the acts more time could be spend on the organization, and presentation of the show as a whole.

Acts need to get approved. Getting

an act approved isn't that much of a hassle and it ensures the show will be appropriate for all ages, the people serious about their acts get respect, and makes sure the school doesn't get in trouble or any bad publicity. If the manpower to approve the acts becomes a problem, perhaps a solution could be to have the student executive board oversee and approve the acts. That way it gets the students involved, give them some responsibility, and lets teachers and staff focus on more important matters. Getting an act approved should be mandatory for any event that any organization puts on to ensure safety and make it feel how the organization wants it to feel.

## Do we really need three dances every year?

Rachel Matuszewski  
*Feature Editor*

Dresses, tuxes, and pictures are only a few elements that come into play when a school dance is scheduled. Class councils work hard on planning the theme, fundraising and decorating for the event. Dances are a great way to unite the student body in more ways than one. Although some may question why we need three dances due to the low attendance at Winterfest, dances do more than highlight the night.

With students working hard in sports, classes, and extracurricular activities, sometimes thinking about the next vacation seems like eternity. Although Winterfest is not as popular as Homecoming or Prom, it gives students something to enjoy when winter break seems far away. School dances are a good way to break up the months and give students something to look forward to. As freshman, students are welcomed into BHS with homecoming

just around the corner. They are encouraged by upperclassman to join in on the festivities, as the dances are something the school never fails to show up for time and time again.

Not only are the Saturday night dances exciting, but the student body leads you through the week with spirit weeks. Student council works hard wracking their brains for unique ideas, and students wait impatiently to know what to wear. Students are always reminded to dress up during Spirit Week because it is a big hit throughout the school. Earning points to represent their class, both students and teachers alike participate in dressing up. Spirit weeks make the days go by quicker as students plan out their attire for the next day. What better way to come together as a whole student body than to walk into the school flooded with school pride. It brings everyone together, as some coordinate with their friends and go all out.

Dances also bring school pride out in people. For some who do

not participate in a sport, they have the opportunity to get involved in games at the assembly. The assembly always gets students roaring from the aux gym for the upcoming game and dance. Leadership works hard to get everyone excited, and everyone wonders what the athletic director will do. Students also have the opportunity to get involved in something bigger than themselves, like building floats for homecoming. Activities like these are something we all can rally around and work toward, which is something that wouldn't happen if we had less dances.

Like any Hollywood movie may express, high school dances create memories for all. For the seniors leaving, they are counting down their last test, school day, and dance. Prom is blossoming throughout spring with promposals and buying dresses. Seniors are planning which tables to dine at and who they will meet up with. It's one more chance to enjoy each other's company before they depart to colleges or their

future careers.

Although there is much to look forward to with each dance, the low attendance in previous years causes problems for class council. With not as many attending as expected, it has become less popular, bringing up the question if we should have three dances at all. It also sends administration into stress with the responsibility of keeping track of so many students and keeping everyone safe.

Nonetheless, the student body in charge of the dances have made changes to Winterfest to bring more in. This year, they created a black lights' dance which changed up the atmosphere of the traditional Winterfest dance. More fundraising has also gone in to pay for Prom, as student council is always on a budget for dances.

Regardless, I think student council does a great job planning and executing the dances. They are important to the students and need to continue as something everyone can look forward to and enjoy.

## College day and college decisions for seniors

Kailyn Braun  
*Opinion Editor*

Every year as seniors get ready to take their final exams and turn in their last couple of assignments, Brighton has a college day. On college day all the seniors wear whatever college they're going to spirit wear to school. College day is very exciting it basically tells everyone where your going and that you've committed to the next chapter in your life.

Our time at Brighton High School is ending and our 12 years of boring classes that we believe won't help us in the future are ending. We fi-

nally have to put what we learned in those boring classes to the test to now pass college classes that actually mean something towards our future.

This year college day is on Friday May 9th. For seniors this leaves 3 weeks left of school for them, so it's pretty exciting. Most colleges by May 1st stop taking housing payments and it's the deadline for committing to whatever college you decide to go to. So for a lot of people it's decision time to decide where you want to go to college next year. Or if you are not going to college it's still usually a deciding day for what you are going to do next year or in the future.

Picking what college to go to is exciting but it's even more exciting to wear your college spirit wear to school and show all your friends and classmates where you're going next year. Lots of people go out of state or in the U.P. For college so it's interesting to see where everyone is going. Whether they are going somewhere in Michigan or out of state it's still exciting to know where everyone is going and what they are majoring in.

As seniors wrap up this year, their last year in high school it's exciting to wear your college shirt to school and get excited about next year. High school is one big chapter in life but college is an even bigger chap-

ter because that's when it really just comes down to what we want to do for a career. College is more important than high school in some ways because it is what leads to what careers come after college.

College day doesn't have to be where you are going it can also be your favorite college or where you are going after community college or where you wish you could go. College day is a very important day for seniors it marks the end of senior year and our whole high school career, but it marks the start of adulthood and college. College day will soon just be a fun memory we have from high school.

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# Point/Counterpoint: Should students be able to buy a lunch with a negative balance?

## Point

Curtis Holdwick  
Staff Reporter

This new rule was put into effect on May 2nd and it's going great. There is nothing negative about this rule. It is both fair to the students and the school. Some may say that it is unfair to students, and that would be true if the lunchroom staff cashiers didn't inform you when your balance was low. Since they do though, it is very good for the school and students.

The rule was placed so late in the year as a test to see how the system works. They're sampling it to see and determine if they should use it all year next year. In my opinion, they should keep the rule. It solves

many of the issues that were relevant in the lunchroom.

Now that students can no longer go negative, the schools won't lose nearly as much money due to negative balances. Students used to be able to buy a meal without money, so they were basically getting free meals. Also due to this rule the students that buy a lunch later, the ones that wait for the lines to die down, have a larger selection because there aren't meals being given to students for free.

Students used to be able to "beat the system" by going negative but still getting meals. Now, that will no longer be problem. An obvious positive to this is less students with a negative balance. Negative lunch account balances are nothing but

a hassle to students, parents, and especially the school. Now, at the end of the year, students won't have a negative balance to pay back, and the school won't have to hunt down the students with a negative balance.

Personally, I hate going up to buy a meal and there only being two packs of Bosco sticks, no more cheese bread, and only a few pieces of pizza. Now though since this rule has been in place there are many more options to choose from due to no meals just being handed out. If there is talk about throwing this new rule away, it should not be done. It benefits everybody involved so taking it away would bring nothing but more issues.

## Counterpoint

Trevor Kracht  
Staff Reporter

Starting May 2nd, students and faculty members will not be able to purchase a regular lunch if they don't have enough money. Now this may not sound all that absurd however, this has not been like this all year long. It doesn't matter if you owe one dollar or thirty. It stops students from getting their favorite meals and instead being forced to have a bad tasting ham sandwich. This is a problem and needs to be changed.

When someone goes up and attempts to purchase a meal only to realize that they do not have the money for it then, it puts that student on the spot and makes them feel embarrassed. This slows up the line because the lunch lady then has to get a ham sandwich. The worst part is that this rule applies to students who don't always have the opportunity to get their negative balance fixed. I don't think this is fair and needs at least an adjustment.

We have an outstanding cafeteria and different array of options. Some even have the food made to your order and likings. However, when you put your order in and request the

lunch staff to make it, you shouldn't have it thrown away and wasted just because you have a negative balance. I feel this is a pure waste of food and shouldn't be allowed to happen.

A solution to this problem would be to allow students who owe any amount above ten dollars to be exempt. This rule is aimed to reduce the amount of students with negative balances. I do think that is the right thing to do however it should not be applied to students who don't owe much money. Also I believe that students should be warned before they have their food taken away.

# BHS handbook is a paperweight

Justin Bennett  
Staff Reporter

Wait, we have a handbook? That is probably what everyone reading this is saying to themselves right now after reading the headline. Yes, we do, and I guess because that nobody remembers we have a handbook nobody remembers to follow or enforce the handbook. Every day students are breaking about every major rule in the handbook, and the staff are in no hurry to enforce the rules.

For the record, I'm not here to start a debate whether the rules in the handbook are crap or not, I'm here to report what the rules are and what I've seen during my four years at BHS.

Now, you can't talk about handbook violations without talking about cell phones and the dress code. Look around any class at any point in the day and at least half the class will be on their phones.

Now, teachers are supposed to take phones the second they see them out unauthorized, but hardly anyone does that.

Same problem with the dress code, the school is supposed to make someone change their clothes if what they're wearing violates the dress code, sending them home to change if needed. However, unless you have Robin Clark, nobody cares about enforcing it.

While those two rules get the most attention, there are lesser known rules that get broken just as often. Take the rule against indecency, for instance. BHS has rules against public displays of affection such as kissing in the halls. Just try and go through the day without seeing at least three couples making out or doing something else along those lines, and you'll see how little this rule is enforced.

Considering that every major rule in the handbook is being broken, it's clear that someone is doing their job wrong. Obviously, the entire

student body isn't going to change their behavior overnight; therefore, it's going to be up to the staff to actually start enforcing the handbook if they want it to have any authority what-so-ever.

That being said, I'm not saying students should get a free pass to do whatever they want until someone yells at them. If students think they can do whatever they want and only occasionally get a slap on the wrist for it, then they've got another thing coming. Life isn't fair, people, so if you think the world will bend over backwards for you, then you better go and pick out your cell in prison and spot on the street corner now.

Everything needs some sort of rulebook or organization to run effectively. However, when that rulebook is completely ignored, it might as well not even be there. The staff needs to learn to enforce the handbook, and the students need to learn the world isn't going to put up with their crap for much longer.

# Staff Editorial: Where should commencements be held?

It's always been a question since the tradition began in 2009, "Should BHS have the commencement ceremony at the school, or at Eastern Michigan University?" Although traditionally, BHS has had the ceremony at the high school, it has become tradition since the late 2000's to have it at EMU. We believe that of all the places to have commencement, EMU tops all, especially when it comes to size, location, and quality facilities available to us for use at the ceremony. It's easier, faster, and extremely enjoyable.

We believe that Brighton's commencement has found where it belongs at Eastern, and they will hopefully continue to have the ceremony there. Not only is there far more space for friends, family, and other loved ones to come see you walk across stage and collect your diploma, but there is a plethora of added bonuses to an EMU commencement. The location is seen to be much nicer, no doubt because it's a university complex, and has a "Jumbo-tron," which is useful to the crowd for seeing their sons, daughters, cousins, or significant others, as well as facilities that are looked after day in and day out, and an atmosphere everyone can enjoy on such a special and emotional occasion. Some people have expressed their displeasure with the location, and believe Brighton ceremonies should be at BHS. There have been problems in the past with uncertain weather, limited seating, and crowd control at BHS facilities, but through the EMU convocation centre, it's been smooth sailing.

There have been 119 class years since the dawn of Brighton Area Schools, but the class of 2016 is definitely one of the most celebrated, loved, and soon-to-be-missed classes to ever walk the halls of BHS. We look forward to seeing so many bright youngsters enter the adult world and grow as people, and no matter where we are in 20 years, we will always remember these final days of public school, and especially our ceremony on June 11th, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. Although opinions are out there, and there have been plenty of complaints and disruptions, we believe BHS have made the right choice in location, and that commencement will be a joyous occasion of emotional and mental excitement.

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