

In the Halls...

What is your New Year's Resolution?



**Freshman
Goda Grigaliunas**

"I really want Jake Foresman to talk to me, he's my favorite senior."



**Sophomore
Mitch Connely**

"I'm going to eat a lot more sandwiches this year. I also joined Planet Fitness to get ripped."



**Junior
Parker Bowman**

"I want to settle down with a nice young Amish girl that owns at least 30 acres of farmland."



**Senior
Joey Clifford**

"I want to join Weight Watchers because spring break is coming up and I really need to get ready."



**Staff
Tanya Clark**

"I want to get at least ten kids to DECA Nationals to represent our school this year."

Why school trips are worth attending

Grace Bautch
Staff Reporter

Many school trips attended by Brighton High School are viewed with mixed emotions. Students often find themselves attending trips that they don't enjoy or find a connection to what they are currently learning. Even though some students have a negative view on school trips we attend, many think otherwise. Students at BHS are offered many opportunities to go on field trips that enhance our learning and life experiences beyond the classroom.

I believe that the field trips taken by Brighton High School are informative, interesting, and a truly great

experience. Many times school trips offer the opportunity for students to visit a place outside the infamous 'brighton bubble'.

Seniors can go to Detroit on Senior Serve, juniors in the Close Up government class have the chance to go to Washington, D.C, and freshmen go to the Holocaust Museum in Flint. Almost every grade gets a chance to go on an educational trip and get a first look at what they are learning.

Although many argue that school trips are a waste of time, I couldn't disagree more. Field trips offer students time outside of the classroom to get a more hands on experience. When you attend a field trip you are getting the opportunity to learn about a subject in a more in-depth

way. A school trip let's students learn about the outside world in real life. Opposed to sitting in a classroom day learning out of a textbook or off the internet.

Our generation is filled with electronics, what happened to going outside and doing something. Field trips give students a chance to move around during the day, not just sit in a classroom. Not only does this encourage students to be physically active but they are also socially active interacting with their friends and classmates.

Not only do school trips improve learning skills, they also interact with students in a way teachers cannot. They can have a fun time while learning, which students enjoy. Going on school trips also allows teens

to be more independent, while learning outside of school.

I think the most important thing to remember when planning or attending a school trip is to make sure it connects with what you are learning inside the classroom. Field trips are about finding real-world experiences and applying them to lessons taught in the classroom. I think that's what makes school trips so important. They offer a classroom outside of the classroom and interest kids more than their regular routine.

Staff and students shouldn't overlook the value of a school trip. They offer a real world, hands on experience, a chance for students to bond with their classmates, and improves their learning experiences.

Following through with New Year's resolutions

Gabby Miller
Business Manager

It's a New Year with new resolutions to not follow through with, far too often people make resolutions and don't follow through with them. We promise ourselves we'll go to the gym or we'll start eating healthy this year. It's all fun and games for a week and then it hits, 'the I'll go to the gym tomorrow, I don't have time today' or 'the just one bite and I'll stop.' eventually people give into what they promised themselves what they wouldn't do.

One of the many resolutions I have heard is 'I'm not buying new clothes this year.' It's hard follow through

with this resolution because who isn't addicted to buying new clothes. This resolution is hard but not impossible to do. When going to a store you could leave your wallet in your car or just remember how much clothes you have at home and tell yourself you don't need new stuff.

A solution to not following through with your resolution would be to have more than one. I learned that having one new resolution and two or so permanent ones every year is the way to go. In my opinion I think that is a good idea, I think that sticking to keeping two and making one new one would help with following through with them because if you fail to do your new one you'll

still have the ones you made before hand and won't completely fail at keeping your promise to yourself.

It's easy for someone to say they are going to do something then forget about it and go back to how they are use to doing things. When talking to students it was obvious that some believed that resolutions weren't important and that everyone eventually gives up on what they were doing because the New Year isn't a New thing anymore. To which I completely agree with, after a few weeks the new year becomes an old thing and a lot of people forget the promise they made to themselves.

I think overall that people are making their resolutions things that

are quite hard for them to follow through with. They are telling themselves that they won't do something they are use to doing every day. I believe that we should start making resolutions that aren't so hard to follow through with like maybe 'I'll start running one day a week then start going to the gym.' or 'I won't dessert every day.' or maybe even making smaller ones and like I said before making multiple ones could be a good ideal so if you don't follow through with one you have a few others to fall back on. Setting reminders on our phone could be another way to remind you as well.

Your ACT/SAT score determines your future

Jack Hook
Staff Reporter

The ACT and SAT are major tests that could set your future. Getting a certain score may or may not get one into a college that one wants to go to. Sure you can retake these tests to get a better score, but it would be better if you could get the score you want to the first time. That is where the practice ACT and SAT come into play and these practice tests are very beneficial and could really help a student.

Sure these practice tests cost money, but the benefits outweigh the costs in this situation. My advice to someone if they are debating to take the test or not is that they

should take it, from my experience taking the practice ACT, it is a good study tool and it gives one an idea of what to expect when the time comes to take the real test.

Taking one of these tests will give one an idea of what to expect on the real test. One will be prepared for it and taking the practice test could be difference from getting the score that one would want or not getting it. This could also save one a lot of money if they get the score wanted because the test would not have to be retaken and this would be doing your parents a favor by saving them money.

Our school held a Practice SAT back on January 16, so those who took it really have gotten a head start so to speak. From my experiences from

taking a practice test, students who took this test really are ahead of students who did not take a practice test because they will be going into the tests prepared and will have an idea of what to expect and those who have not taken a practice test prior, will be unprepared for the test and will not know what to expect.

Just saying from my experience, a practice test very well could be the difference between you getting your set score and maybe having to retake the test.

The practice test may take up four hours or so of your day, but the time spent taking the practice test could save one from having to spend more money and time to take the test again. If you don't get

the score you want or if your score didn't change then you just spent 4 hours taking a test where you didn't do any better, then you have to take it again until you get the score you wanted or anything higher.

It has been said that 55% of people who retake the ACT and SAT will do better, but still that does not mean that you should not try hard the first time and shoot to get the score you want the first time. So the time spent taking the practice most likely could save you time, money and relieve some stress. The practice test could save you from ever taking the real test again in the future and could potentially get a student a higher test score. The practice tests are a great way to prepare one for what to expect.

The new dance called "the dab" is the new fad

Ian Magnell
Patch Editor

There is a new dance that has spread very fast on social media and even into the National Football League, called the dab. I for one am not a very big fan of this new dance. Some people think that the dance itself is related to taking dabs which is a purer form of THC but its origin is unknown. The dance does have a meaning to it though, for when people do it, they show that they are confident in their so called "swag". It

has grown popular by some football players such as Cam Newton (quarterback for Carolina Panthers) and also Odell Beckham Jr. (wide receiver for NY Giants). To me The Dab is overrated

This dance is not the first to bring up much controversy over it. In 1956, rock and roll sensation Elvis Presley was becoming a national phenomenon. He had previously done many performances on national television, but it was his performance on The Milton Berle Show that triggered his controversy. Also, a more recent dance that was

looked down on, is the Superman dance from the song Superman by Soulja Boy because of the words that were said in it.

If you were to go onto social media, you will probably see this dance many times and I do not think that this is a good thing at all. This makes people cockier about themselves and brings other people down. We are teaching our youth to be mean to others and assert their dominance over others. Parents especially are starting to worry about their children seeing this and are trying to do something about it, although it

has already spread so much around the internet.

Many people do the dance and don't even know what they are doing, more importantly stating. I think that we need to try to stop the dab dance from spreading any more than it already has because even news casters are starting to do it on live television so the kids at home can easily see it and may be connecting the dance to smoking. This later in life might have an affect on the children's lives.

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Point/Counterpoint:

Are movie spoilers good or bad?

Point

Ricky Hogan
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People watch movies for so many different reason whether it is an escape from their life, for entertainment, or experience something through the eyes of somebody else. When people go to get all these thing it can be assumed they would like to experience it first hand and not have it spoiled for them and the life of the movies robbed from them especially when it is a large blockbuster film. So in the end spoilers are so rotten then can be smelt from a mile away

For my first point, people get so

trapped into their own worlds that they can't possibly imagine a life besides their own and they couldn't possibly imagine anything besides that. That being said, not everybody has the same schedule. Not everybody can make it to the opening night or even set aside two hours to go to the movies and see them when they first come out.

The second thing is that people are not all comfortable in the same situations. So with the influx of people that crowd theaters, some people get really uncomfortable with so many people they do not know in a confined space like that. Not to be grim but with all the mass shootings, and terrorist attacks that have been going on it leaves people with

an eerie feeling that make leaving the comfort of your own home hard.

But the most important is the connections that people make with the movies. Some people literally devote their whole for the films that they love. A great movies can do this to someone and fill them with a euphoria that nothing else can compare too. It become the highlight of people day, week, year, or even life, so it is understandable when you want to scream and share it with the rest of the world. But it's just not acceptable and those thing should kept inside. Like how long it took a person to stop wetting the bed or Hon Solo dying in Star wars, who would want people spoiling that for them.

Counterpoint

Justin Bennett
Staff Reporter

People often complain about spoilers ruining the movie to them, but if they care enough about the movie to complain about spoilers, they would have seen it at release, not a week later. Nine out of ten people who have any intention of seeing the movie in the first place see it at release or a day or two later. The rest either don't really care, have no sense of urgency, or spoil themselves. Considering most movies come out

on Friday's, you have not only release to see a movie before it gets spoiled in casual conversation, but the weekend after as well before you're on the highway to the spoiler danger zone. If you don't see the movie by then, you've got no-one but yourself to blame if a major plot point gets spoiled in water-cooler conversation.

When a new movie comes out, people are going to be talking about it in both person and on social media. The earlier paragraph covered in-person spoiler avoidance, and there's another easy solution for avoiding social media spoil-

ers: stay off social media! It's not Twitter's fault you accidentally saw a tweet about a character's tragic fate, stay off it until you see the movie. That goes double for looking up things about the movie, Wikipedia's not to blame if you got an ending spoiler while looking up a backstory. Know the risks, if you go meandering around the depths of social media, or go looking up the things about the new movie, 99 times out of 100 you will get spoiled.

You don't need to lock yourself in a fallout shelter to avoid getting spoiled, you just need to understand the concepts of caution and

Tardies shouldn't result in detentions

Jake Foresman
Copy Editor

The current tardy policy is three detentions in the same class in one quarter results in a detention. Some teachers are lenient on this policy though, giving students more chances before giving them a detention. This tardy policy is very acceptable and easy to follow.

There is no reason why any student should be late in any hour after first hour without a valid reason. Having seven minutes of passing time is more than enough time to get from class to class.

Some students who are regularly late to classes are probably doing something wrong. Even if their second hour class is all the way by pooh's corner and their third hour class is gym class they should be able to make it to class in seven

minutes with time to spare. People who are always late to class are most likely talking to their friends for too long and not leaving themselves with enough time to get to class. There's an easy solution for that, don't talk to your friends as long and give yourself enough time to get to class.

Being late to first hour is a different story. It's much easier to be late to first hour than it is to be late to any other hours. With how early students have to wake up, maximizing the amount of sleep is something most students try to do resulting in them rushing to get to school. With the traffic around the school it is more understandable to be late to first hour.

Due to this, first hour tardy policies should be a little different. The tardy policy should be: students who arrive five minutes late do not receive tardies but any students who arrive

after five minutes will be marked tardy.

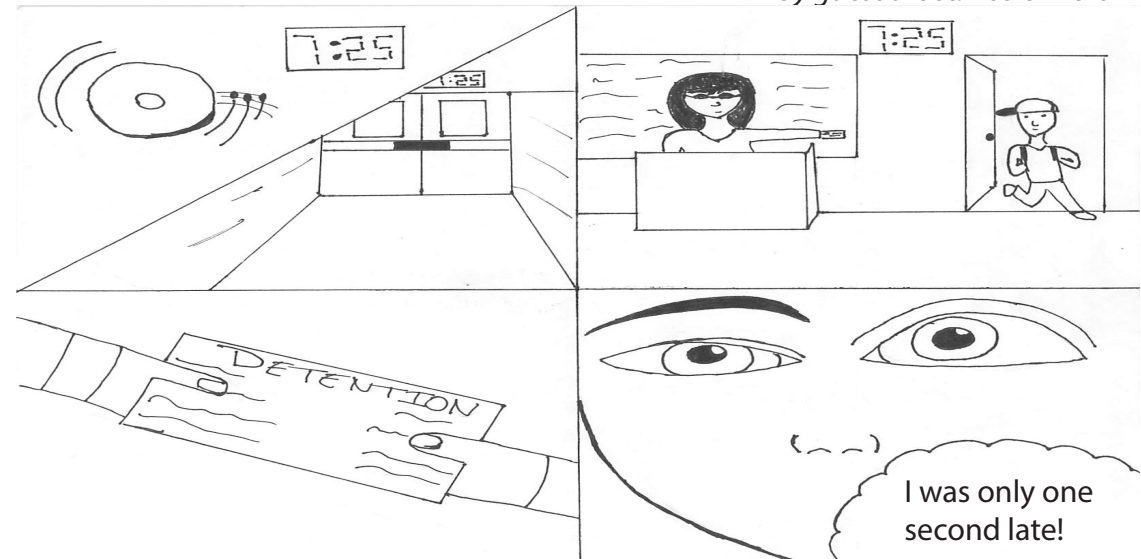
This policy would be appropriate because the traffic around the school usually causes some students to be a little late and usually actual class work doesn't start until about five minutes or more have passed.

If students are arriving five minutes late in first hour often then they have to change something about their schedule. Whether it's waking up earlier to get to school on time or cutting something out of your morning schedule, students should not be arriving to school late more than once a week.

The current policy is acceptable and should remain the same except for the one minor change for first hour tardies. Students should abide by the policy and if they can't they need to change something about their schedule.

Cam's Corner

by guest artist: Rosie Ekblom



Staff Editorial:

New A+ grading scale a good thing for BHS students

This year Brighton High School's administration has implemented some new changes to its grading scale; we now have the A+ grading scale. An A+ on the new scale is a 96.5% and above. This A+ will only show up on your quarter grade. You will not be able to see the A+ on your transcript or semester grade. We believe this is a positive change.

This new scale will be very beneficial to the students. This new A+ grading scale will help the students who do well in school, but are poor test takers keep that A that they deserve. Another positive would be it helps the kids who actually deserve it. It won't help the kids who don't even try. There are very few negatives about this change. The negative things would only be more work for administration right now because they can't get it to work in the computer system.

This will help the students who get an A in class and don't do as well on the exam. For example, if you got two A+ and you got a B on the exam your grade in the class would still stay in A, while on the other scale it would have been an A- for the semester.

This change in the scale will only help an estimated 10-15% of the students. Many students can get A's in their classes while passing the exam with a grade high enough to make your grade stay a solid A is another story. This new grading scale is basically another way to weigh grades.

Many students don't even know that the scale is already in place. They have the scale set up already, they are just having trouble getting it to work in the computers. So, the students that this affects requires school administration to go back in and change the grades by hand on a hard copy. With the change it creates more work for all BHS staff right now, while in the end it should save them time.

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