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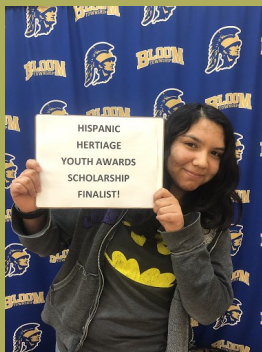
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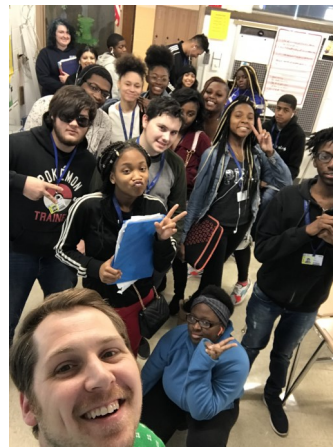
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Senior Claudia Serrato is a finalist for the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Award Scholarship.

Commendable Status

Bloom Trail is proud to announce that for the second year in a row, we have achieved an Illinois State Board of Education rating of Commendable for the 2018-2019 school year. ISBE designations for high schools are determined by several factors. Some of the data that is considered is our graduation rate, freshmen-on-track percentage, achievement in English language arts and math, and our rate of chronic absen-



Mr. O'Connell and his Pre-College Math class— perfect attendance! Go Seniors!

used this formula to determine school ratings. We are spending time this month looking at our last two years' data to see where we have grown and where we would like to make more progress. As a staff, we are continuously looking for ways to further improve our school, to be sure we are serving our communities to the best of our ability.

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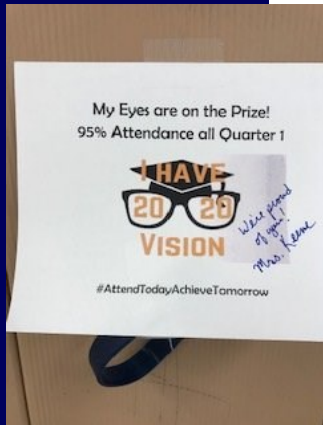
Breakfast with Santa

The Bloom Trail Parent Cop hosted its annual community event, Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning December 7th in the Bloom Trail cafeteria. BT families, staff, and community members joined us for pancakes,

face painting, children's crafts, raffles, and a chance to speak with Santa. Thank you to our parent, staff, and student volunteers who made this such a special event.



#AttendTodayAchieveTomorrow



Seniors got a surprise on their locker if they had 95% attendance or better in first quarter.

We are pleased to report that our focus on student attendance is getting results. Our numbers show that our overall attendance continues to improve over last year. Every month we honor the class that had the best attendance. So far this year, we are averaging just over 92% attendance. We are focusing a lot of our attention on our seniors. In years past, the sen-

iors class has had the lowest attendance of the four classes. This year's seniors are coming school with better frequency than last year's seniors, but have yet to win an attendance challenge. Last year as juniors, they had the best attendance in the school, so we expect a lot from this class. Remind your students that good attendance is linked to good grades, better in-

terpersonal relationships, and improved health.

October	2019-2020
All Students	92.59%
Seniors	90.76%
October	2018-2019
All Students	91.65%
Seniors	88.48%

The 5Essentials Parent Survey is still open: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>

Robotics Club Headed to State

Congratulations to the Bloom Trail robotics team, the Blazing Bots for qualifying for the State Robotics Competition coming up this spring. Our Robotics Club, sponsored by Mr. Clausing and Mr. Madison, is only in its second year and already has enjoyed much success.



The Blazing Bots have a few more competitions this winter at which to hone their skills before heading to the State Competition. For all of the details, see the article in The Patch, <https://patch.com/illinois/chicagoheights/bloom-trail-robotics-team-takes-second-place-vex-robotics>

Mrs. Totos' Sociology Students Packing Thanksgiving baskets for area families



5Essentials Parent Survey

The 5Essentials Parent Survey is still open. It only takes about 15 minutes to complete and will provide us with useful information on how to best serve our families and communities. You can access the survey from the

link on the left side of this page or from our school website.



Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday, December 18th	Thursday, December 19th	Friday, December 20th
Exam Period 1 8:10-9:35	Exam Period 3 8:10-9:35	Exam Period 6/7/8 8:10-9:35
Exam Period 2 9:40-11:05	Exam Period 4/5/6 9:40-11:05	Exam Period 9 9:40-11:05

We have only two full weeks of school left before the end of the semester and final exams. For freshmen, this is most likely a new experience. Final exams assess a student’s learning throughout the entire semester since school began in August. It is a student’s opportunity to

show all they have learned and the skills they have mastered this fall and winter. Semester exams count for 20% of a student’s final grade in every class. That semester grade will be used to calculate the honor roll and earn credit toward graduation. Soon, teachers will begin

to go over what students will need to know and do in order to be successful on their exams. It is important that students use these final weeks to catch up on any missed work, quizzes, or tests and prepare to do their best work on their examx.

Semester Exams are worth 20% of the final grade in a class.

Giving Tuesday— Education Foundation

On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Bloom Township Education Foundation participated in Giving Tuesday, a day on which we are encouraged to think beyond our own needs and help others. The Education Foundation supports the students and teachers of Bloom, Bloom Alternative, and Bloom Trail by helping fund

#GIVING
TUESDAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
Encouraging a CULTURE of Giving

Support Bloom & Bloom Trail Students

YOUR HELP Makes a HUGE Difference!

Our Goal: \$15,000
An alumni donor will match the first \$5,000 raised

THE DOLLARS RAISED WILL SUPPORT...

The Robotics Program 2023 Fine Arts Week
District 206 Hand-Choir Project Environmental Science Project
The Music Technology Project Crane-Scheidler Family Scholarship
The Track & Field Equipment Project Shirley Kline Teacher Appreciation Award

Please go to www.sd206.org/foundation to donate
THANK YOU!!

programs, such as Robotics, and through its mini grant program that awards individual teachers the funds to develop special projects for their classes that they may not otherwise be able to do. It’s not too late to donate, go to <https://sd206.org/foundation/>.

Positive Climate Celebration

Bloom Trail is continuing its tradition of rewarding students who are on the road to success. At the end of first quarter, we held our Positive Climate Celebration. This is a special, invitation only party for students with good grades, no referrals, and few tardies to class. Students who qualified

spent 9th period on November 15th enjoying snacks, a DJ, basketball and volleyball, and balloon creations. Congratulations to the over 250 students who were able to enjoy this celebration.





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Counselors

Mr. Tom Doyle– Freshman Counselor

Mrs. Laura Lauritsen– students A-G

Mrs. Marcia Jones– students H-O

Mrs. Amy Majewski– students P-Z

Mr. Tim Connolly– Special Education Counselor

Mrs. Amy Inka– Post-Secondary Counselor

Deans

Mrs. O’Leatha Watson– students A-G

Mr. Tom Tong– students H-P

Mr. Timel Moore– students Q-Z

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2020 for being named Illinois State Scholars. Students are selected by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission as State Scholars based upon their high school grade point average and their SAT scores. Our State Scholars are:

- Fernanda Carmona**
- Robert Hensley**
- Precious-Favour Jagun**
- Estefany Morales**
- Evelin Munoz**
- Vrushhabh Patel**
- Karla Porrata**
- Claudia Serrato**
- Raquel Trevino**

At the November meeting of the School Board, senior students Lester Coney and Deja Jackson were recognized as the Bloom Trail students-of-the-month. Both students are young people with a sense of purpose. Both maintain excellent grades while

taking challenging classes. Lester is involved in several sports and volunteers with Special Olympics. Deja is a PE leader for our students with disabilities and is active in Student Council. Both students have been accepted to multiple universities and have big plans for after they graduate. The Bloom Trail family can’t wait to hear about all that Lester and Deja accomplish in the future.



Our Illinois State Scholars from the Class of 2020