



Robert Hensley demonstrating his bridge's strength at the Illinois Bridge Building Competition

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Bragging Rights

One of my favorite things about my job is getting to brag about our students. And recently, I've had A LOT to brag about. Physics students Taja Gilbert, Heidi Sosa-Chavez, Antwon Freeman and Robert Hensley participated at the 2020 State of Illinois Bridge Building competition and performed at an exemplary level against other high school physics students. A nother Blazin' Bots robotics team has qualified for State competition, and one of our Robotics teams has qualified for national

competition! Our Chess Team was recognized at their state competition for



The Solo and Ensemble Concert highlighted our students' many musical talents

academic honors. NJROTC unit had a successful annual inspection and has brought home more tro-

phies from their meets. Our unit was selected to host a performance from the Navy Rock Band. Speaking of bands, Bloom Trail recently hosted the district Solo and Ensemble Concert. The audience was treated to an evening of exceptional performances from our district's band and choir students. To keep up with all of our students' many accomplishments- academic, athletic, and artistic- follow our social media. Twitter- @drnavarre and @principalkeene Facebook- Bloom Trail Yearbook

Illinois Science Assessment

All eleventh-graders will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) on March 4th and March 6th. The ISA aligns with Illinois Learning Standards in science. This assessment helps families understand how well students are performing academically

and see whether they are on track to succeed in college. The ISA represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers. The assessment also satisfies federal accountability requirements. This test will

be administered during the regular school day. Students will be testing through their English class. If you have any questions about ISA testing, please call our science coordinator, Kimberly Kimbrough at 708-755-1122 x2252

8th Grade Orientation— Class of 2024

Graduation season may still be several months away, but we are already planning for greeting our in-coming freshmen—the Class of 2024. On Thursday, March 5th at 6:00pm we will be hosting an orientation night for the students and families of the Class of 2024. The evening will begin in the auditorium with a short presentation that will provide and overview of what our newest Trail Blazers can expect when they start high school. From there everyone

is invited to join us in the student cafeteria for an Activities Fair. Students and their families will learn about all the ways they can get involved while at Bloom Trail. Staff and students will be there to share their activities and sign students up. Whether a new family to Trail or returning, we encourage everyone with an in-coming freshman to come join us that evening.



The African-American Culture Club sponsors the annual Black History Month Assembly



BT students donated 40 units of blood at the NHS blood drive

Short Shakespeare!
The Comedy of Errors
 At Bloom Trail
 March 9th 2020
 12:30pm in the
 E. Eugene Neubauer Auditorium

Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Bloom Trail is excited to bring back again this year the Chicago Shakespeare Theater to perform for our English classes. Chicago Shakespeare's Short Shakespeare! series is part of the Theater's nationally recognized Team Shakespeare education programs. Chicago Shakespeare brings Shakespeare's work to life in the school curriculum—through

live performance, professional learning for educators, comprehensive teaching resources, and opportunities for students to perform Shakespeare. This year our students will be treated to *The Comedy of Errors*.



Our Turnabout dance was Lit!

Special Olympics Raffle

The Special Olympics will take place this spring on May 2nd at Thornwood High School. You can help support our student athletes by purchasing a Special Olympics raffle ticket. Tickets are \$5 each or \$25 for a book. The first prize is \$500. For information on buying tickets con-

tact Ms. Gail Plocharczyk at gplocharczyk@sd206.org.



Spring Musical- Moana Jr.



Moana Jr. will be staged March 12-14

The Trail Theatre Troupe is proud to be one of the first schools in America to produce the brand new musical, Disney's Moana Jr. We have a tradition of providing our communities family-friendly entertainment that we are happy to continue this spring. The T3 cast of 37

and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Have a little princess at home? Treat her to a fun day on Saturday and attend our Moana Princess Party. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a meet and greet with Disney Princesses, a

will stage the one hour production at 7pm on Thursday, March 12th and 13th and twice on Saturday, March 14th at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults

keepsake photo with Moana, light meal, crafts and your ticket to the show. Princess parties will begin at 12:30 and 5:30 and require advance purchased reservations. Please contact Lori Orozco at lorozco@sd206.org to reserve your seats.

Bloom Trail offers many ways for students to get involved in the visual and performing arts.

Fine Arts Week: March 16-20

During the week of March 16-20, Bloom Township District 206 will host its bi-annual Fine Arts Week celebration. Throughout the week each school will host a variety of fine arts professionals from the visual arts, dance, music, theater, and the culinary arts communities. The goal of Fine Arts week is to draw connections between the fine arts and the core subjects, and to

broaden the students' exposure to a wider variety of fine arts experiences. Experiences will include Japanese tea ceremony, meditation, opera, Mexican ska band, potter's wheel demonstration, Korean drumming, improv comedy workshop, a one-man-band, muralist, working artist, poetry slam, and elements of dance (modern ballet). Funded through a partnership

with District 206 and the District 206 Education foundation.



Senior Interviews: April 2 & 3

Senior Interviews will take place for the class of 2020 on April 2 & 3rd. The goal of the Senior Interviews is to prepare graduating seniors for the transition into their post-secondary setting and allow students an opportunity to showcase his/her high school accomplishments. The Senior Interview Team will consist of community volunteers from our local organiza-

tions and businesses. During this interview, each student will explain the various pieces from their portfolio. This final component is very important because it is the culminating activity of a process that took four years. Each senior will then present their portfolio in a 10 minute mock interview for their future career. We want to simulate a true interview experience for

each of our graduating seniors and the Senior Interviews will aid in this process.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Amy Inka at ainka@sd206.org.



Senior Interviews- 2019



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At BTHS, Every child is my child

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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— Art from the Heart

The Bloom Trail Art department would like to congratulate the following students on being chosen to participate in the “Art from the Heart” art contest sponsored by Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Artists, Parents and Faculty were invited to the Awards and Recognition evening on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00PM located at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Stein Auditorium.

We are excited to announce that sophomore photography student Alyssa Swinson had her work chosen to be on display at the hospital. She won an award and \$25 gift card. Congratulations Alyssa!

- Markell Johnson
- Madalyn Joyce
- Alyssa Dymek- Jaworowski
- Anthony Thomas
- Cody Smith
- Rubi Zarate (x2)
- Alyssa Swinson



The artwork has been displayed in Advocate Christ Medical Center’s Stein Auditorium and judged February 24th through February 27th.

Alyssa Swinson poses with her award-winning photo