



The Bromfield Bulletin

May 05, 2017

Calendar

May

- 05 AP Testing, Registration
Deadline for 6/10 ACT
- 06 AP Testing, SAT
- 07 AP Testing
- 08 AP Testing
- 09 AP Testing, Registration
Deadline for 6/3 SAT
- 10 AP Testing
- 11 AP Testing
- 12 AP Testing, Fourth Term
Progress Reports, High
School Play
- 13 High School Play
- 16 Gr. 6,7,8 &10 MCAS
Mathematics Session 1
- 17 Gr. 6,7,8 &10 MCAS
Mathematics Session 2
- 18 MCAS STE 1 & 2, Coffee
House
- 19 Early Release, Prom
Celebration
- 20 Celebration
- 24 Senior Final Exams
- 25 Senior Final Exams
- 26 Senior Final Exams
- 27 Ramadan Begins
- 29 Memorial Day – No
School
- 30 Senior Final Exams
- 31 Senior Final Exams,
Grade 6 PAC Meeting.

From the Principals

As students and staff walked into Bromfield last week, it was clear that everyone had enjoyed their week off and appeared ready to get back to work. Spring is generally a very busy time at Bromfield and judging by the past two weeks, this year will be no exception!

The Class of 2017 did a terrific job of presenting their Senior Community Service Projects on April 26th. Although the seniors were a bit nervous, they showed great poise and passion as they discussed the 40 hours of community service they performed.

Bromfield students did exceptionally well at last week's Elizabeth Haskins Mathematics Competition held at Fitchburg State University. Sylvia Ren placed first among all seniors, Michelle Jiang earned second place for the juniors, and Ben Strazdus finished second among the sophomores. Bromfield also had 9 students earn Honorable Mention for their outstanding competition. We thank teachers Peggy Zimmer and Trish Shepherd for organizing and chaperoning such a successful competition for our students.

The Model UN once again hosted a unforgettable Lip Sync last Friday night. It was truly a wonderful community event and all who attended had a great time. Word on the street is that the teacher act may have stolen the show! We thank advisor Bryce Mattie and the Bromfield Model UN for organizing such a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Our middle school thespians participated in the Middle School Drama Festival in Westford last Saturday. By all accounts, the students did a great job and earned a bronze medal for their performance. In addition, Aidan Long and Julia Mara earned acting awards.

Tonight, at 8:00 pm, Gish Jen -- award-winning novelist and nonfiction writer -- will speak at the Upper Town Hall, about her acclaimed new book, "The Girl at the Baggage Claim: Explaining the East-West Culture Gap." A question & answer session will follow and there will be books for sale and signing. The event is free and open to the public.

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We want to make you aware of several events that are happening in and around Harvard in the upcoming weeks. Tomorrow night, The Harvard Schools Trust will host a new fundraiser, the Harvard Hootenanny Hoedown, which will be held upstairs at the Town Hall. The Harvard Schools Trust is a wonderful resource for our schools and we hope you will attend if possible.

On Tuesday, May 9th, the Chelmsford Public Schools are hosting a showing of SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age which is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and to offer parents proven solutions that work. The movie will be shown at the McCarthy Middle School at 7:00pm.

The Bromfield Drama Society is proud to present the classic comedy, The Man Who Came to Dinner by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. There will be two shows on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th in the Cronin Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for an adult and \$8 for students and seniors. The show is suitable for all ages.

We will have a mock accident in preparation for the Prom at Bromfield on Monday, May 15th. The event will begin at 9:15 and will feature both the accident and several speakers who will remind students about the importance of making safe choices.

We also want to let you know that Chief Denmark will speak on May 17 upstairs in the Town Hall at 7:00pm. The topic of his talk is "The Rock: How a single incident impacts a community and exposes the dark side of human nature."

Our juniors and seniors are looking forward to Prom, and Celebration on Friday, May 19th. We thank our senior class advisors, Kristin McManus and Emily Verrochi, and the senior class officers for planning and hosting Prom at The International Golf Club in Bolton. While the Prom will be a great time, Celebration should be just as great if not better. We want to again thank the entire community for transforming our school into a magical and safe place for our students. Again, I ask that if your children are going to be anywhere but home after Prom that night, please make it be Celebration. It is the best way to insure that our students have a great time and stay safe.

Looking even further into the future, The Harvard Public Schools is sponsoring a Parent Internet Safety Presentation. Trooper James Dowling from the Massachusetts State Police Computer Crimes Unit will be presenting "Cyber Safety and Social Media for Parents: Practical tips for parents to help their children navigate the digital world."

The presentation will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. At the Harvard Public Library in Volunteer's Hall.

Finally, we want to remind you that we are actively scheduling for next year. If your child has not made his/her selections via the PowerSchool portal, please have him/her do so over the weekend. Our goal is for each student to have their schedule for next year by the end of the year. Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Have a great weekend!

Scott Hoffman
Principal

Robin Benoit
Associate Principal

Julie Horton
Dean of Students

The Harvard Schools Trust (HST) will hold its last board meeting of the school year on June 13th. Teachers looking to secure grant funding for educational enrichment projects may send in their grant requests in by **Friday, June 2nd** if they would like them to be considered before next school year. The HST grant application is quick and easy at: <http://ow.ly/yF0W30bqJYD>

The Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Linda Dwight, Superintendent, Scott Hoffman, Principal, the Bromfield School, and Sue Frederick, Principal, Hildreth Elementary School, and the wonderful staff at Harvard Public Schools for their support in bringing additional enrichment programs to the schools.

With appreciation,

Harvard Schools Trust Board or Directors

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Bromfield School Council

2 Parent Rep. Openings - Due May 11th

We are still seeking candidates for the Bromfield School Council. There are 2 open Parent Rep. positions.

- One Three-year Parent Representative position;
- One one-year Parent Representative position (this is to complete the term of an outgoing parent).

You are eligible for a position if you will have a student at the Bromfield School during the 2017-2018 school year. If interested in being a candidate:

Send a personal statement that tells about yourself and interest in the position (to be used as your statement on a ballot in case we hold an election) up to 225 words in length to: info@harvardpto.org by Thursday, May 11th.

Questions: info@harvardpto.org

Harvard Public Schools Annual Special Education Presentation

Has your child recently been evaluated for special needs or been placed on an Individual Education Program (IEP)? Do you have questions about the special education process? There will be a presentation for parents on “Parents, Students, and Schools as Partners: The Rights and Responsibilities of Special Education.” The Director of Pupil Services, Marie Harrington, the Special Education Coordinator from the Bromfield School, Catherine Polis, and the Special Education Coordinator from Hildreth Elementary, Heather Montalto will be available to meet and speak with parents. This is an opportunity for parents of students with special needs, or with suspected disabilities, to learn about the special education process and the services provided in our schools. The meeting will be in the Library of the Bromfield School, on Thursday, May 18th, at 7 p.m.

Celebration Needs Your Help - You, yes You! Parent or not; Parent of Jr/Sr or not !!

Celebration* involves over 100 volunteers, many of whom we still need to find! Come join the fun. Adults of any age are welcome. You do not need to have a Junior or Senior @ Bromfield to get involved. In fact, it's great to get involved even in when your kids are in middle school to 'pay it forward'.

Helping on the day/day after really is fun. It does not commit you for anything beyond (but many join committees the next year as it's so cool). Help is still needed in the following ways:

- Help set up or chaperone on the 19th, tear down on 20th, or make a food donation. Visit the [celebration website](#) to sign up
- Check out our '[Borrow list](#)' of items we are looking to borrow (or have donated) to help complete our transformation of Bromfield
- We are also looking for recent graduates to help with entertainment on the night. Great way to relive memories! Visit the [sign-up page](#).

We are also pre-selling t-shirts for delivery as your student checks out of Celebration. This year's commemorative 'classic design' t-shirt is being offered now for a \$10 per shirt pre-event pricing (\$12 at or after the event). To pre-order, visit <http://www.bromfieldcelebration.com/buy-shirts>.

As always, any and all help is very much appreciated. Thanks to those who have signed up so far. Anyone who volunteers enters a raffle to win a \$25 gift card to Carlson's Orchards.

AND - don't forget the public open house on Friday, 19th May 9pm-10pm, where you can experience the school's transformation for yourself.

Bromfield Apparel Store

Bromfield Families:

The Harvard PTO is offering Bromfield apparel and accessories year-round through our new online store. A portion of every purchase will go toward PTO funding which directly benefits our schools. The store can be accessed through the Harvard PTO page on the Bromfield site at <http://harvardpto.org/> or directly through Northeast Promotion & Apparel at <https://bromfield.itemorder.com/sale>.

Please note that orders may take up to three weeks to process. In store pick up is available to avoid shipping costs. Northeast Promotion & Apparel is conveniently located right off of Route 2 at 297 Hamilton Street in Leominster. If there are any issues or concerns regarding an order, or to check if your order has come in, please call Northeast Promotion & Apparel directly at [978-840-1813](tel:978-840-1813). Any other questions can be sent to info@harvardpto.org.

Enjoy your new apparel!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
 AN EVENING WITH GISH JEN
 8:00 PM
 FRIDAY MAY 5
 HARVARD TOWN HALL

**THE GIRL
 AT THE
 BAGGAGE
 CLAIM**

**EXPLAINING
 THE
 EAST-WEST
 CULTURE
 GAP**



CHIEF DENMARK
 "The Rock: How a single incident impacts a community and exposes the dark side of human nature"

7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY MAY 17
 HARVARD TOWN HALL

[REGISTER NOW - Gish Jen THIS FRIDAY May 5](#)

[REGISTER NOW - Chief Denmark May 17th](#)