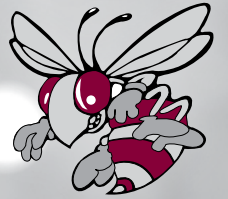


The Focal Point



Fall/Winter 2024

HOMECOMING AND SPIRIT WEEK



Superintendent's Message



Dear Byron-Bergen Community,

As we progress through another exciting school year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our district theme: *Many Bees, One Hive*. This theme represents the importance of each and every individual in our school community—whether you're a teacher, support staff member, administrator, or parent, your role in the education of our students is invaluable. Just like bees working together to support the hive, we rely on each person's unique contributions to create a nurturing and successful learning environment for our children. It's truly

inspiring to see this collaboration in action each day.

Our staff works diligently to provide an exceptional educational experience, but we also know that families play an essential role in their children's success. From supporting study efforts to reinforcing the importance of school attendance, your partnership helps foster a culture of excellence. Together, we can ensure that our students not only achieve academically but also feel valued and supported as they grow into confident individuals.

I also want to take a moment to discuss the importance of safety in our schools. The *See Something, Say Something* initiative is a critical part of our ongoing efforts to keep our students safe. We encourage everyone in our community—students, parents, staff, and neighbors—to stay vigilant and speak up if you notice anything unusual. By working together, we can create a safe and secure environment for all students, where learning can flourish without worry.

As we near the completion of our Capital Project, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the community for your support. This project has allowed us to update several key areas on campus, providing much needed enhancements across the district. These updates will have a lasting impact on our students, and we couldn't have done it without your belief in the vision for our schools.

Lastly, I want to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving as Superintendent for such an amazing district. It is a true honor to work with such dedicated staff, supportive families, and wonderful students. Together, we continue to make Byron-Bergen Central School District a place where every student can thrive.

Warm regards,

Patrick McGee
Superintendent of Schools



Board of Education



Thank you to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. (l-r) Lisa Forsyth, Cindy Matthews, Kimberly Carlson (Vice President), Debi List (President), Heidi Ball, Lynn Smith, Jeffrey Cook.

In Memory of Carol Burchfield



The District thanks Carol for her years of service to our community and sends condolences to her family and friends. She will remain forever a Byron-Bergen Bee.

News from the Board

What a beautiful fall we have had and there's frost on the pumpkins gently reminding us of that cold, white snow that lies ahead.

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes that have finished their season and continue on to sectional play. Your discipline, dedication and sportsmanship represents Byron-Bergen in such a positive light. We are all looking forward to our winter sports starting and those athletes representing B-B. Soon we'll be celebrating the holiday season with our talented musicians and singers. We hope that you can come out and enjoy these performances. A lot of these same students have started to prepare for the upcoming musical which promises to be entertaining. Mark your calendar on March 6th, 7th & 8th for a great show. I am happy to see all the individual art work in our student parking that each student created to express themselves. It is something that will hopefully continue and grow.

Recently I was able to attend the NY State conference for school board members where a large variety of relevant school topics were addressed. Many sessions focused on chronic absenteeism, mental health and artificial intelligence. Who could have guessed 10 years ago that AI would be a topic that we would all be discussing for our community & students. I'm glad that I was able to attend this conference as it is always good to be able to network with other districts and bring back ideas that may be helpful to our schools.

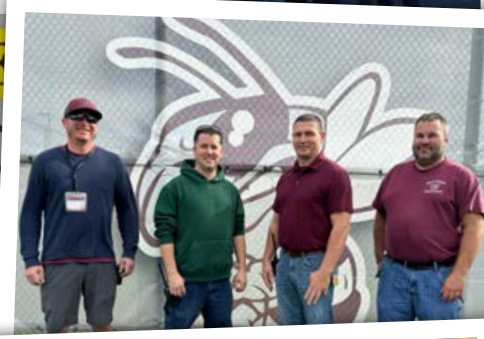
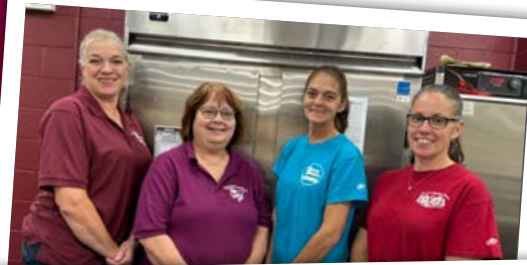
We are winding down on our Capital building project and our campus and buildings are looking amazing. It has been rewarding to see our students and community members being able to enjoy these improvements. Thank you to all for your patience during the work.

Lastly, thank you to our community members that participated in our school safety presentation. We appreciate your interest as well as the questions asked of those on the panel.

Debi List

HELP WANTED

Join Our Team!



Many Bees. A row of icons representing various job roles: a book, a laptop, a mask, a forklift, a truck, a speech bubble, a pencil, a broom, an apple, a soccer ball, and a bee.

- Cleaners - *Full-time, Part-time, Substitute*
- Custodial Worker - *Full-time*
- Building Maintenance Workers - *Full-time or Part-time*
- Food Service Worker - *Substitute*
- Bus Drivers - *Full-time Contract, Substitute*
- Nurse - *Substitute*
- Substitute Teacher / Substitute Teacher Aides

For more information visit:
<https://www.bbschools.org/Employment.aspx>

A row of icons representing various job roles: a graduation cap, a stethoscope, a plant, a microscope, a horse, a microscope, a person, and a bee. **One Hive.**

New Employees



Taylor Childress has accepted the position of long-term substitute for third grade. As a third grade teacher, she will facilitate productive classroom discussions, creating fun learning experiences, and not compromising rigor. Ms.

C is looking forward to her first year teaching and getting to meet her students.

Ms. C earned her Bachelor Degree from Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA in May. She was a teaching assistant at an afterschool program, head summer camp counselor for five years, as well as assistant teacher for 3 years. Outside of work, she loves reading, listening to music, doing crafts, and hiking. She just moved to the area with her fiancé, but also has a mom, dad, and a little sister.



After two years of being a building sub, **Kristina Feldman** has taken on the role of full-time 1:1 Teacher's Aide. In this role, Mrs. Feldman will provide supervision of one student and assist them with their daily activities at school. She is excited to take on this new challenge.

Before coming to Byron-Bergen, Mrs. Feldman was a stay-at-home mom and a CNA at United Memorial Hospital where she enjoyed helping others and learning new things. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband Christopher and two girls Audra and Abby. She enjoys reading, camping, playing cards and board games. Most of all, she enjoys finding hidden gems to go explore as a family.



Please join us in welcoming new Jr./Sr. High School Secretary **Amanda Knauss**. Mrs. Knauss is a Byron-Bergen alum and is excited to grow a career in her hometown. In her new role, she will be responsible for attendance, answering phones, and assisting students and staff.

Prior to Byron-Bergen, Mrs. Knauss worked for Rochester Regional Health as a Medical Assistant where her responsibilities included taking labs, EKGs, throat cultures, vitals and preparing patients for their doctor. She spent almost 10 years at Batavia Ophthalmology where she worked her way up from front desk to Lead Receptionist and Surgery Scheduler. Mrs. Knauss is also a licensed cosmetologist.

Outside of work, Mrs. Knauss enjoys being outside with her family, kayaking, hiking, and relaxing poolside. She lives with her husband of 14 years and their three children, all avid Buffalo Bills fans.



Please join us in welcoming **Jonathon DiCristo** as the High School Counseling long-term substitute. Mr. DiCristo is looking forward to helping the students achieve their academic, social-emotional, and

college/career goals. His key responsibilities include helping students to develop goals and equipping them with the tools and skills to achieve those goals.

Mr. DiCristo has a Bachelor in Psychology from SUNY Brockport and a Master of Education from Liberty University in Virginia. Prior to joining B-B, he was employed through Wayne County Community Schools as a School Counselor at Clyde-Savannah CSD. He is an avid scuba diver, hiker, and connoisseur of yard games.



Joe McNulty is the new Special Education teacher in the Jr. High School. Mr. McNulty is looking forward to working with and building relationships with students this year. In this position he is responsible for ensuring students are prepared and

equipped to succeed in their classroom. Mr. McNulty earned his graduate degree from Roberts Wesleyan.

Before coming to Byron-Bergen, he worked as an aide at Holy Childhood. Outside of school, he enjoys playing and coaching soccer as well as watching football on Sundays (Go Bills!). He grew up in the Rochester area where his parents still live. He looks forward to working at Byron-Bergen!

The latest addition to our team of therapy dogs is **Sunny**, a 1 ½ year old Golden Retriever. She loves everyone and is full of energy to share with others. Her favorite things are long walks in the woods, swimming at the lake, and belly rubs!



Madison Farnsworth joins the Elementary School as a long-term substitute for fifth grade ELA. Miss Farnsworth is looking forward to making strong connections with the kids and helping to guide them through their last year of elementary school. Her key responsibilities are to create a positive learning environment and manage the classroom while fostering independence.

Miss Farnsworth received a Bachelors Degree in psychology and is currently in the process of completing her Masters Degree in school counseling. Before coming to BB, she worked in retail and was a substitute teacher. Outside of work, she likes to focus on planning her upcoming wedding and relaxing with her two dogs at home.

New Employees



Join us in welcoming new Jr./Sr. High School Counselor, **Delaney Normile**. In this new role, she is looking forward to having the opportunities to connect with students and their families. She is also looking forward to working with the celebrated team at Byron-Bergen.

As a school counselor, Ms. Normile's primary role is to help support students in a way that promotes success, in the hopes that the skills learned at school will build a strong foundation to support them after high school. Each student may have different needs, so this will look different from student to student, but typically, school counselors target three domains- social-emotional learning, academic success, and college and career readiness. Counselors interact with students in individual and group sessions, through delivering classroom instructions, and with parents, other faculty and staff, and administration in meetings or via facilitating conversations.

Ms. Normile holds a BA from Nazareth University and a Master's Degree and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Counseling from SUNY Oswego. Before becoming a School Counselor, she worked as Pre-K Teaching Assistant, a Test Administrator for PearsonVUE, and a Props Manager for a Middle School production of *SpongeBob: The Musical*. Outside of work, she enjoys a variety of activities noting that she isn't particular about what activity she is doing as long as she is with her friends and family.



Please join us in welcoming **Erika Paine** to Byron-Bergen Elementary School as a new Second Grade Teacher. Mrs. Paine is looking forward to meeting all her students. As a classroom teacher, she centers her instruction around the whole student by bringing the students into the entire learning process in hopes of solidifying their understanding - and making learning fun!

Mrs. Paine holds a Masters degree in Instructional Design from SUNY Brockport. Before coming to B-B, she was a Fourth Grade Teacher for the Perry Central School District. She was also a Kindergarten and first grade classroom aide for the Batavia City School District.

Outside of school, Mrs. Paine enjoys spending time with her family. She has two little boys who keep her busy. Together, they like to go to the library, go out to eat, and shop the aisles at Target.



Sara Snarr has accepted the position of High School Math Teacher. Ms. Snarr is looking forward to meeting and learning from her students! She's excited to build relationships with them, their families, and this community.

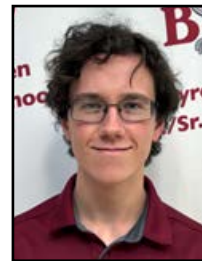
Ms. Snarr holds a Bachelors of Science from Brigham Young University and a Masters from SUNY Brockport. Before coming to BB, she taught math in Rush-Henrietta and Spencerport. She enjoys gardening, hiking, camping, canoeing, and pretty much anything outside. She and her husband Jeff have three daughters and a very sassy and spoiled Jack Russell Shih Tzu mix named Pepper.



Joseph Yaeger is the long-term substitute teacher for 8th Grade Math. In this position, Mr. Yaeger is looking forward to getting to know the 8th grade class, working with his new co-workers, and becoming a part of the

Byron-Bergen community. His key responsibilities will be teaching two classes of 8th Grade Math and a class of accelerated Algebra 1.

Mr. Yaeger attended SUNY University at Buffalo for four years studying economics and SUNY Geneseo for two years studying adolescent education in mathematics. Before coming to B-B, he worked as a substitute teacher and assistant tennis coach in the Alexander Central School District. Outside of work, he likes to play racquet sports (tennis, table tennis, badminton, etc), support the Bills/Sabres, and spend time with his family.



Benjamin Zakes is the new Social Studies/Special Education teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School. In this position, he will teach 9th Grade Global Studies and Special Education. Mr. Zakes is looking forward to getting to know the

students and learning as much as he can.

Mr. Zakes holds a Bachelors Degree in History and Adolescent Education from SUNY Geneseo and a Masters Degree in Inclusive Education from Nazareth. Prior to Byron-Bergen, he was a substitute teacher and worked as Social Studies and Special Education Teachers. Outside of work, Mr. Zakes enjoys playing and listening to music, playing tennis, and watching football.



Charlene Williams - Retirement

Congratulations to Charlene Williams on her retirement. She will miss her coworkers with whom she built friendships but is looking forward to working on home projects, crafts, and spending time with her 4 grandchildren (5 in April) in North Carolina.

Jr./Sr. High School Happenings



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the first quarter of school has already been completed. Our students have been busy with their academic classes and participating in fun activities and events. We have celebrated many successes in the classroom, opened up our renovated spaces throughout the building, and held auditions for the musical, **HONK!** Our FFA travelled to Indianapolis for the National Convention, and represented our district proudly!

School Spirit was on full display during Homecoming and Red Ribbon Weeks. Our Homecoming Dance was lit with nearly 300 students participating from grades 6-12. Our Senior Class has set a wonderful tone for our school as they have been actively participating in school events: supporting one another at contest-events, enjoying a Senior Sunset and having as a blast creatively and skillfully painting their parking art spots in September. Grades

6-8 have had meaningful Town Halls and we have many student led initiatives brewing in the coming months.

As we head into Quarter Two of the school year, I can't stress *enough* the importance of communicating with your child(ren) about their academic progress. If your child is struggling, I strongly encourage our students to advocate to our teachers about additional help, staying after school and/or asking for meaningful feedback. If you and your student do have concerns, please reach out to our wonderful staff so we can partner together *#teamworkmakesthedreamwork*.

Go Bees (and Bills!)

Paul Hazard
Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Principal
585-494-1220 x2401

We can't change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.

- Randy Pausch, *The Last Lecture*



Music Notes

Bergen Tree Lighting Ceremony
Monday, December 9

5th & 6th Grade Winter Band & Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 10 • Jr./Sr. High Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Winter Band & Chorus Concert
Tuesday, December 17 • Jr./Sr. High Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Jr. High Winter Band & Choir Concert
Thursday, December 19 • Jr./Sr. High Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

GWMEA Instrumental and Vocal Solo Festival
Saturday, February 1

National Anthem Performance for the Rochester Americans
Friday, February 7



Congratulations to Michael Rogoyski and Jade Wolff. Both students qualified to perform in Area All-State choirs. Michael will perform in York on November 2nd and Jade will perform in Newark on November 16th. Inclusion in these prestigious choirs was based on the scores earned at Solo Fest in June. They will represent NYSSMA Zone 2, which includes eight counties in Central and Western New York. Congratulations!

Fall Athletics Round Up

Rich Hannan, Athletic Director



Cheerleading: In B-B's first ever game day cheer season, the athletes worked hard and learned a lot, having fun and improving throughout the season. They also competed at sectionals which was a great experience.



Cross-Country:

Congratulations to our runners on a great season! Several runners set new personal records, with the boys placing 8th out of 35 teams and the girls placing 8th out of 31 teams at Sectionals. Evan Phillips and Rose Wilson earn sectional patches. Evan finished 4th place in D1 and 5th place in all of class D. Rose finished 7th place. Evan qualified to run in the NYS championships where he placed top 25, great accomplishment.



Football: The football team wrapped up their season with a first-round loss at Avon. It was a hard-fought season all year for the boys who stayed positive and supported their teammates. We are looking forward to the future and what these kids and this program can do.

Gymnastics:

The gymnasts had a good year and put up some amazing performances. The team was comprised of both veterans and great young athletes. They wrapped up the season at Section V Championships at Henrietta, placing top six!



Boys Soccer:

The boys Soccer team had a great season finishing second in a very tough league. They made another run to the Section V Championship Finals where they lost a heartbreaker to East Rochester.



Girls Soccer:

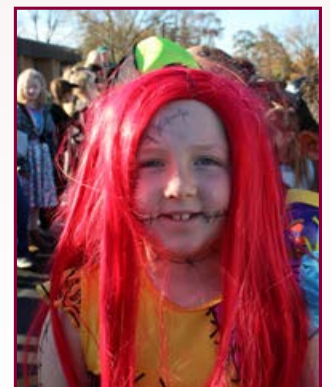
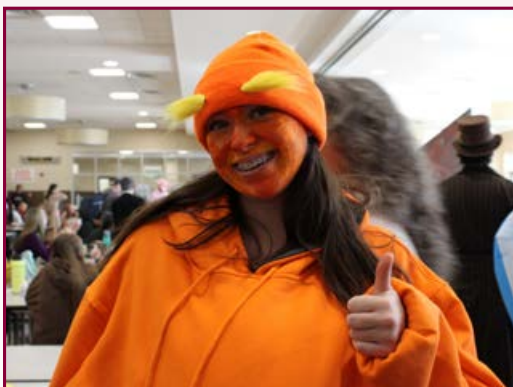
The girls had another fantastic season and secured a GR League Title as well as a class C2 Section V Title. They advanced to the NYS Final 4 for the 3rd time in 4 years. Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Program as they are the NYS Champions for the first time in program history!

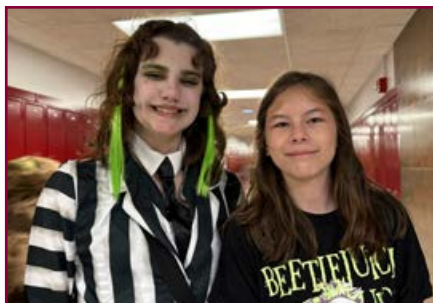


Volleyball: The Girls Volleyball team had a great season, winning the GR League title! They had a great post-season run and made it to the Section V Finals where they lost a tough match to Bloomfield.

Red Ribbon Week and Halloween

Red Ribbon Week kicked off on October 23rd and culminated in Halloween celebrations. Red Ribbon Week is an annual awareness campaign in the United States that aims to prevent drug and alcohol abuse, tobacco and smoking, and violence.

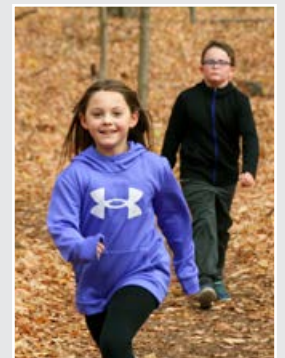
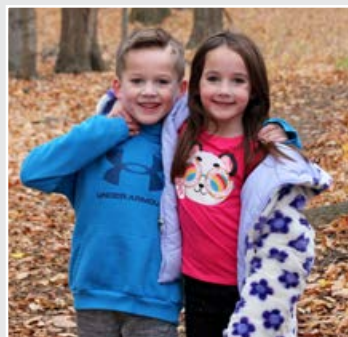




Many Bees. One Hive.

10th Annual Turkey Trot

On November 7th, elementary students took part in the 10th Annual Turkey Trot. Students concluded the fall wellness curriculum with a loop of the nature trail in the crisp fall air. Students were also invited to donate wrapping supplies for the Annual Holiday Community Service Project. Great work, Bees!



Elementary School *News*

Kristin Loftus, Elementary School Principal



The 24-25 school year has had an amazingly strong start! Core Values (Be Respectful, Be Accountable, Be Responsible, and Be your Best Self), routines, and expectations have been set and practiced throughout the school! We repeated some events to kick off the year with expectations in the same way as last year. Mrs. Kaercher (Coordinator of Student Services) and I went into each classroom to speak with students about the Core Values as well as

the Code of Conduct. In addition, Mrs. Kaercher shared a video with all students about Core Values in the Cafeteria. We were also fortunate to bring each bus together again with their bus driver and Mr. Wilkins (Head Bus Driver) for a bus meeting to discuss how we all need to follow Core Values and look out for each other since the bus is a community in itself! With all that said, students are in the routine and are thriving!

We kicked off the year with a full school assembly to reintroduce composting in the cafeteria. Mr. Doug from Impact Earth returned to share what composting is and how we do it during lunch at school. He also shared the impact composting has on our earth and how it makes wonderful soil to use in gardens. Last year we were able to use the soil we made for our planters in the front of the building!



At the Elementary School we have also had many special events so far! Fire Safety Day was on October 7th with a special morning filled with visitors from the Bergen Fire Department, South Byron Fire Department, and EMTs. The day started with our final fall fire drill and then watching all the trucks and emergency vehicles come in like a parade! Students were excited to see the fire trucks and learn about what to do if there is a fire and learned about the importance of smoke detectors. The 5th graders had the opportunity to spray the hose this year as well! Open House was a success on October 10th where 85% of our families came to the school to meet staff. The last full week of October was full of spirit to recognize Red Ribbon Week, teaching students how to stay drug free and healthy. Students ended that week with the annual Halloween Costume Parade on October 31st!

In November, we will focus on building wide student goals around reading fluency (reading fast, smooth, and automatically) and math fluency! We will be teaching students about fluency and strategies to improve it and then provide a challenge that gets families involved! Stay tuned for more information about how we need your help at home! Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up in November on the 22nd, 25th, and 26th and the first report cards will go home at the beginning of December.

I'm so proud to work in such a supportive, small community. Working together with so many dedicated people who serve in many different roles, makes Byron Bergen CSD such a special place to be. We are many bees, working to support one hive!

Elementary entrepreneurs launch *Busy Bee Cafe*

On October 25th, Natalie Malick's 3rd through 5th-grade students relaunched the Byron-Bergen Elementary School beverage service. Formally known as the Coffee Cart, the students renamed the program Busy Bee Cafe and created a new logo, menu, and loyalty program cards.

"The idea for the rebrand really started with the students," said Malick, a 12:1:1 Teacher at Byron-Bergen Elementary School.



Busy Bee Cafe is more than a beverage service. Students learn small business skills such as money management, inventory, ordering, and comparison shopping.

"I like the money part," said a participating student. "They give me one dollar and I give them fifty cents back."

"One of the great aspects of this project is that the kids work toward short-term and long-term goals," said Malick. "They need to get the service ready for Friday, but they also need to plan for every additional Friday this year."

Busy Bee Cafe is a stationary self-serve beverage counter outside of Malick's classroom. Previously a morning service, the cafe now opens at 11 a.m. every Friday and offers a wider variety of beverages including sparkling flavored waters.

"Mrs. Malick and Mrs. Ladley do a great job working with students to put all of this together," said Byron-Bergen Elementary Principal Kristin Loftus. "It is a wonderful lesson in all the pieces that are necessary for starting and running a business! What better way to help students understand why learning math, reading, and problem solving in school is so important."

All proceeds from Busy Bee Cafe are put toward the continuation of the program.

Fire Safety Day

Pesticide Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a program that requires all schools to provide you with information about pesticide product applications made throughout the school year. Under State law, the school is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-eat pastes, forms, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals.

In the event that an emergency application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. To register your name with the school to be on a 48-hour notification list, send a request to Byron-Bergen Central School District Office, 6917 W Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416. A written request must be submitted annually.

Transportation Notice

To comply with New York State law, parents/guardians who are sending their child to a private or parochial school for the 2025-2026 school year must make a request for transportation, if needed, to our Transportation Department prior to April 1, 2025. State Education law states that the timely filing of the request for transportation is the responsibility of the parent or guardian and does not require the home school district to accept a request that is received after April 1, 2025.



Byron-Bergen FFA tops off award-winning season with strong show at Nationals

On October 21, 2024, members of the Byron-Bergen FFA traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the FFA National Convention. The trip caps off a successful competition cycle for the B-B FFA which began Spring 2024.

In April, chapter members competed at SUNY Cobleskill in the Agricultural Mechanical and Technical Systems Career Development Event (CDE). The team comprised of Justin Deleo, Gary Donofrio III, Jackson Lundfelt, and Kasey Pagels earned first place ranking in the state and the honor of representing New York at the National Convention. Individually, Donofrio placed 10th, Deleo placed 3rd and Lundfelt placed 1st in the state.

In May, B-B FFA competed at the state convention in Buffalo. The chapter's floriculture team was comprised of Ruth Kuipers, Grace Mundell, Paige O'Brien, and Brook Pagels. Ruth Kuipers placed 10th individually. In junior tool identification, Grant Kuipers placed 2nd individually and the team of Hunter Jarosinski and Trevor O'Brien placed 3rd. Donofrio was the winner of the state swine production-entrepreneurship proficiency. B-B FFA put forward two teams in the Maple contest; Team 1 of Carter Kuipers, Donofrio, K. Pagels and Deleo and Team 2 of R. Kuipers, J. Lundfelt, Taylor Lundfelt, and B. Pagels who placed 4th in the state. Jackson Lundfelt was the 1st place individual.

The New York State Fair brought more competition and more success. G. Kuipers placed 1st in the state in Junior Poultry Evaluation. In Senior Poultry Evaluation, Ellie Tanner placed 3rd for individuals. The team of B. Pagels, K. Pagels, T. Lundfelt, and E. Tanner placed 2nd in the state and went on to compete at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in Springfield, MA in September. The team placed 6th and T. Lundfelt placed 6th individually.

Also at the Big E, The Vegetable Crops Identification/Horticulture team of R. Kuipers, T. Lundfelt, Grace Mundell, and B. Pagels placed 1st, qualifying them to compete at the National Junior Horticulture Convention held in Lincoln, NE later this year. Individually, Mundell placed 10th and R. Kuipers earned 1st place honors.

The team of C. Kuipers and K. Pagels placed 1st in Diesel Troubleshooting. In individual rankings, Kuipers placed 1st and Pagels placed 2nd. In Junior Small Engine Troubleshooting, Hunter Jarosinski and Trevor O'Brien placed 2nd as a team. Jarosinski placed 3rd individually and O'Brien placed 4th.

"The students have been absolutely brilliant this year," said B-B FFA Advisor Jeff Parnapy. "I was so proud to take them to Nationals again this year and watch them compete against the best in the country."



At Nationals, the team of Deleo, Donofrio, J. Lundfelt, and K. Pagels was named a Silver Emblem Team in FFA Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE. J. Lundfelt was named a Gold Emblem Individual, Deleo was named a Silver Emblem Individual, and Donofrio and Pagels were named Bronze Emblem Individuals.



"It's a remarkable achievement," said Parnapy. "For an FFA chapter that was only founded seven years ago to earn recognition at Nationals alongside teams approaching their 100-year anniversary is astounding. I can't wait to see what next season brings."



Student Art Showcase

"Eclectic Art"
Ian Pulcini, Grade 12
Clay Loom



"Mountain Bird"
Amelia Hammond, Grade 3
Mixed Media

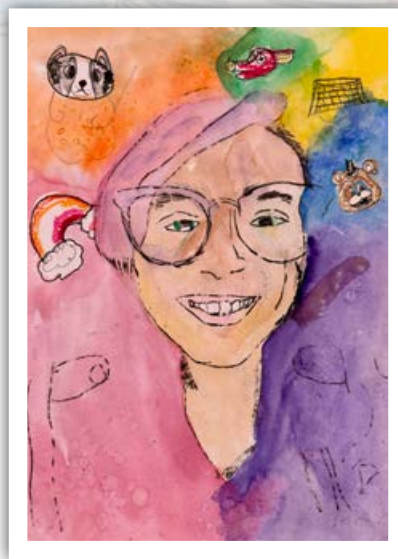


"Paper Mache Scarab"
By: Aislee Taylor, Grade 6
Paper Mache

"Sunflowers"
Kimber Beverly, Grade K
Paint on Paper



"Selfie"
Lenore Dumuhosky, Grade 5
Mixed Media





Byron-Bergen Central School District Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee Information: Please provide the below information about the person you wish to recommend for the Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame.

Name: _____ **Year of Graduation:** _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone #: (____) _____ **Work or Cell Phone #:** (____) _____

Is Nominee: living deceased

Briefly describe those achievements, accomplishments or contributions that cause you to nominate the individual named above for Alumni Hall of Fame recognition. You may add additional pages, newspaper clippings, or other supporting evidence if you so desire. Please include accomplishments in the following areas:

- School Contributions/Activities while at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Subsequent Contributions to Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Educational Achievements
- Job Related Achievements
- Professional Honors and Awards
- Professional Affiliations
- Community/Civic Involvement
- Other

If possible, please list other people to serve as resources for Byron-Bergen staff to research additional Nominee information:

Name: _____ **Daytime Phone #:** (____) _____

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Person Submitting Nomination:

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Address: _____
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Please return this completed form by the annual nomination deadline (first Monday in April) to:

Byron-Bergen Central School District
District Office - Attn.: R. Stevens
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Byron-Bergen is excited to present the adorable *Honk!* on March 6th, 7th, and 8th! All performances will take place in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of a special 2:00 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday.

Since it first hatched in the 90's, Stiles & Drewe's *Honk!* has winged its way around the world in over 8,000 productions. Winner of multiple awards, including the 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical, this heartwarming celebration of being different will delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit, memorable score, and soul-stirring messages of love and acceptance.

Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets an entire flock of unique characters and finds out that being different is not such a bad thing.

The cast of *Honk!* features 46 exceptionally talented Byron-Bergen students spanning every grade from Kindergarten to 12th grade, as well as an outstanding production crew of set and costume designers, musicians, teachers, and community members. The *Hairspray* and *Beauty and the Beast* creative team is back, including band director Kevin Bleiler as the ensemble conductor, vocal teacher Joe Paris as the vocal director, professional dancer and teacher Solange Rodrigues as the musical choreographer, and sixth grade teacher Alyson Mercedes Tardy as the musical director.



Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for Senior Citizens and Students. Tickets will be sold in advance on the Byron-Bergen Schools website starting the first week of February. We are excited to welcome everyone to this uplifting and inspiring show.

**Honk the Musical* is presented with special permission from Music Theater International (MTI).

March 6, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2025 - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

