



# Berlin Brothersvalley High School

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## Principal's Corner

I would like to wish everyone in the Mountaineer Community a Happy 2018! With the new year comes the heart of winter in Somerset County! As we have already seen in 2018, Mother Nature can wreak havoc on our school schedule and extracurricular activities. Be sure to check our Web site, [www.bbsd.com](http://www.bbsd.com), for up to date schedule changes. Additionally, if you would like to receive phone or text notifications from BBSD, contact our administration office at 267-4621.

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly halfway through the 2017-18 school year! While 2017 has been a year of success for our students, I am excited to see what 2018 has in store! If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to email me or contact the BBHS office.

Brian Thompson, BBHS Principal

**Act 80 Day-No School**  
Monday, January 15

**End of 2nd Marking  
Period/Semester 1**  
Wednesday, January 17

**Report Card  
Distribution**  
Wednesday, January 23

**Scheduled 2-Hour  
Delay**  
Friday, February 16

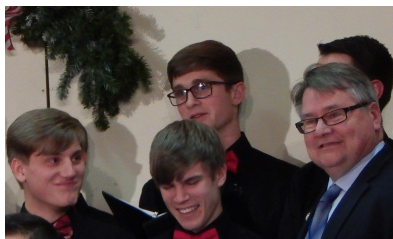
**School In Session**  
Monday, February 19  
(Snow Make-Up Day  
from 1/5/18)

**Be sure to like BBHS  
on Facebook!**

## The Performing Arts at BBHS

### Chorus/Show Choir:

- On November 21, Berlin had 14 choral students representing our school at County Chorus held at Somerset HS.



• In December, the BBHS concert choir recorded three selections for WJACTV's "A Choral Christmas"

which aired on Christmas day.

- The BBSD Choral Concert packed the auditorium on December 12th.
- On December



17th, BBHS Show Choir toured three area nursing homes to perform.

- Upcoming:

Three students, Gabrielle Hoover,

Grace Romesberg, and Heather Thomas, will be participating in District Chorus at the end of January. The festival will be held at Portage Area HS.

### Musical:

Rehearsals have begun for our April 6-8, 2018 performances of the classic, West Side Story. In addition to rehearsing, students are working to raise funds to support the production through

an upcoming hoagie sale and our annual program ad drive for patrons of the musical!

On March, 10 students will be traveling to New York City to work with Broadway professionals in 6 workshops on various theater topics. The students will also have the opportunity to attend a matinee performance of the musical Hamilton!

### Band:

This winter, the 5th-12th grade concert bands performed a concert themed "Festive Celebrations" alongside the Somerset County Community Band. We had an excellent turn-out for the concert and the students represented themselves well!



In addition to the concert, students from the 7th-12th grade band entertained the elementary school with some festive music just before winter break and we ended our 2017 by welcoming Dr. Roderick Booker,



director of music at Westmoreland College and emeritus director of bands at Hempfield HS, to conduct a rehearsal.

The rest of this school year is an exciting time for the band program. We are looking forward to a reboot of the Berlin Jazz Band to debut in our spring concert. This band will be extracurricular and will be part of our ongoing band co-op with Rockwood and Shanksville.

In the near future, we will be participating in a Concert Band contest with the 7th-12th grade band at the end of March. We will be one of eight concert bands from throughout the area that will play for several college faculty members to be rated and critiqued.

We would like to wish two of our own BBHS students, Anah Baily and Emily Hong, all the best as they travel to Northern Bedford High School to participate in the PMEA District VI Band.

## Mountaineer Athletics Update

The winter sports season is in full swing! As of January 9, 2018, our teams have shown promise that the Mountaineers will once again make their presence known in the postseason. Here are our current records as of 1/9/18:



Girls Basketball: 8-1  
Boys Basketball: 7-3  
Wrestling: 4-5  
Rifle: 1-1

For updated District 5 rankings and playoff dates, visit

<http://district5.piaa.org/sports/index.html>.

## Mountaineer Athletes Named to All-State Teams

While the fall season brought great success to our Mountaineer teams, three student-athletes have garnered recognition on respective all-state teams.

Mountaineer junior Lexi Dorcon and sophomore Kiera Booth were both named to the PA Volleyball

Coaches Association "A" All-State Team.



On

the gridiron, Mountaineer senior Carter Raupach wrapped up his successful kicking career by being named to the PA Sport's Writers "AA" All-State Team.



Congratulations to Lexi, Kiera, and Carter on earning their state-wide recognition!