

Berlin Brothersvalley High School

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Principal's Corner

As the leaves fall and the weather turns colder, a successful 2017-18 school year rolls on! The first quarter of the school year has been highlighted by many positive events. Our students have been working diligently in the classroom, in athletics and the performing arts, as well as in the community. We can all be proud to be a part of the Mountaineer educational community. If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to email me or contact the BBHS office.

Brian Thompson, BBHS Principal



Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 14 and 16
from 3:30-7:00p.m.

Early Dismissal

There will be a 1:00p.m. student dismissal on
Tuesday, November 21

Act 80 Day-No School

Wednesday, November 22.

Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, November 23-
Tuesday, November 28.**

School will resume on
Wednesday, November 29.

Holiday Choral Concert

**Tuesday, December 12
at 7:30p.m.**

Holiday Band Concert

**Friday, December 15 at
7:30p.m.**

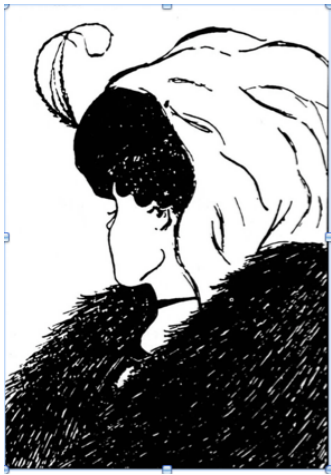
Scheduled 2-Hour Delay

Wednesday, December 13

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



Guidance Corner



Take a look at this picture. At first glance you may see the profile of a sad old woman with a scarf tied around her head and her chin tucked into her fur coat. Or do you see the side view of a beautiful young woman with a dainty nose and long

eyelashes headed out for the evening with a plumed hat, necklace, and fur coat? Were you able to see both images after having them described to you?

What we see is a matter of perspective. How we view the world around us determines how we approach all elements of our life. This school year, Mrs. McMillen has challenged the students at BBHS to see things differently. Facing a new challenge in life? Think about how this could help in the future to make decisions and guide your path. Is someone being unkind? Use this situation to evaluate how you treat others and make changes if needed. Are you watching someone else take the easy way out? Think about how you can develop your work ethic to become more productive with the resources you have.

Changing your perspective can take some time but if you commit to seeing things through a new lens, or reframing it, you can turn a negative into a positive. And that is certainly something to be thankful for! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Dates:

November 20, 2017—ASVAB Testing for 10th and 11th Grade

December 2, 2017—SAT test (Registration deadline November 2)

December 7, 2017—BBHS FASFA Night at 6pm

Students of the Month

Each month during the school year, students are recognized by teachers for demonstrating positive behaviors in a program called Mountaineer PRIDE. All students who are nominated by teachers have their Mountaineer PRIDE cards displayed outside the gym. At the end of each month, BBHS staff members select a student from each grade level to be recognized as the student of the month. The Mountaineer PRIDE program is sponsored by Snyders of Berlin.



Above: Mountaineer PRIDE cards on display. Below: Students of the Month for September (Left) and October (Right).

School Performance Profile Released

The Pennsylvania Department of Education recently released 2017 School Performance Profile (SPP) scores for public school districts and charter schools across the Commonwealth. The SPP calculates multiple performance measures that include Keystone exam achievement and growth, graduation rate, and performance on national exams such as the SAT and Advanced Placement exams.

For the second consecutive year, BBHS was near the top of the pack in Somerset County. With a 2017 SPP score of 78.2, BBHS ranked 3rd out of 11 county high schools. Since 2014, BBHS has shown an improvement of 19.1 points on the SPP. Below is a table illustrating 2017 scores for Somerset County high schools.

School	Grade Configuration	SPP
Somerset	6-12	84.0
Rockwood	7-12	79.4
Berlin Brothersvalley	9-12	78.2
North Star	9-12	76.9
Meyersdale	9-12	73.7
Conemaugh Township	6-12	71.9
Windber	9-12	69.9
Salisbury	7-12	60.8
Shade	7-12	60.2
Shanksville	9-12	59.2
Turkeyfoot	7-12	53.8

More information about the SPP and statewide school performance can be found by visiting www.paschoolperformance.org.

District 5 Champions!

The Lady Mountaineer Volleyball team claimed their second straight District 5A championship with a 3-0 victory over McConnellsburg on November 2!



BBSD Honors Our Veterans

On Friday, November 10, BBSD welcomed veterans and community members to the annual Veterans Day program. Retired USMC Col. Joe Betta engaged the audience as the guest speaker. Performances by the BBHS chorus, band, and 5th grade chorus entertained those in attendance. Thank you to all the veterans who have served our great nation! We are forever grateful!

