

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



HOME OF THE WOLVERINES



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD WINNER

Danika Loucks was overwhelmingly selected by the BRCS faculty and her senior classmates for the prestigious “DAR” Daughters of the American Revolution Award for best exemplifying the outstanding qualities of **DEPENDABILITY, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP** and **PATRIOTISM** in her school, home, and community.

Dependability: truthfulness, honesty, punctuality

Service: cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility

Leadership: personality, self-control, initiative

Patriotism: unselfishness, loyalty to American ideals



Congratulations, Danika! We are very proud of the outstanding classmate, student, teammate, leader, and volunteer that you are. Danika plans to attend college to study Speech and Hearing Sciences where she will continue to assist and support others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Superintendent’s Conference
March 13 - No School

Spring Recess
April 3-10 - No School

Memorial Day
May 25 - No School

BRCS SPELLING BEE 🐝🐝🐝🐝

On December 19th, 26 middle school students participated in the 11th Annual Middle School Spelling Bee. For 19 rounds, two students went back and forth until a champion was crowned. This year’s champion is 7th grader, Eivin Elling. 8th grader, Wheeler Koch won second place. Eivin will be completing in the qualifier round in February to qualify for the regional Spelling Bee to be held later this spring. Congratulations to both young men!





Dear Bolivar-Richburg Wolverine Family,

I hope everyone had a restful February break with a chance to recharge your batteries, helping us to get to Spring break at the beginning of April.

Like me, I'm sure everyone is anxiously awaiting the warmer weather. These last few months have been a barrage of sickness, snow, frigid temperatures, and then back to the sickness part! The good news is that our students are in the best of hands when it comes to nursing care. The Board of Education recently approved the beloved Dr. Kassas as our district's School Physician. He is supported here by our two all-star school nurses, Stephanie Pierce and Jordan Dowling. It should also be mentioned that our local "retired" nurse, Deb Lynch, has been in and out of the two buildings, helping to fill the gaps. As many of you have unwillingly experienced, flu season hit hard this school year. We are extremely grateful to have the team that we do, caring compassionately for all of our students and staff!

I would also like to recognize the custodians and grounds crew, both inside and outside of our buildings. Cleaning up the snow, the salt, the muck, and mire of our winter months is no easy task. They arrive early in the morning hours and work long after the school day is done to keep Bolivar-Richburg both beautiful and safe.

I'd like to thank our bus drivers and monitors who have braved the back roads of Allegany and Cattaraugus County during the snow season. They ensure that our students arrive, depart, and make it home safely through the toughest of conditions. The majority of these trips take place in the darkness of early morning, or after the sun goes down at dusk, so I truly thank them for the courage and diligence that they bring to their daily duties.

It would be a major injustice to overlook our Food Services team. John Mesler and his cast of cooks, keep both students and faculty fed with the best of meals. Imagine feeding over 600 people, two meals a day, five days a week! They take an extremely chaotic process and continually make it look easy. We thank them all for their hard work and patience!

Lastly, February brings about the school budget season. I want to ensure all taxpayers and community members that we are in the middle of diligently constructing a fiscally responsible budget for the 2026-27 school year. I would like to remind you that on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00, we will be having our Budget Hearing meeting at the MS/HS to inform the community regarding next year's proposed budget.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have!

Respectfully,
Jeff Margeson, Superintendent

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL PETITIONS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

Petitions are available from the Superintendent's Office at the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. weekdays, or by emailing Amy Shelp, District Clerk, at ashelp@bolivarrichburg.org. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before April 20, 2026. Petitions will be filed for three full three-year expired terms.

- 1. Expired term of Aaron Duell for three (3) years.**
- 2. Expired term of Jarrod Bell for three (3) years.**

Each petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters in the district and must state the name and residence of the candidate..

BY: Amy Shelp
District Clerk
Bolivar-Richburg Central School
100 School Street, Bolivar, NY
14715



Qualifications listed on back cover.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we reach the halfway point of the school year, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and reflect as there is so much to celebrate! These past few months have been filled with so much growth in all areas. The progress we are seeing is a true reflection of the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the perseverance of our students. I feel genuinely lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community.

With spring on the horizon, we're gently preparing students for state assessments by emphasizing effort over stress. We want our students to feel supported, confident, and proud of what they've learned this year. Per NYS requirements, 3rd-5th grade students will continue with the Computer Based Testing (CBT) format. This is our fourth year using CBT at BRES and teachers and students continue to be comfortable with the format. Please see the anticipated state assessment dates below.

NYS 3-5 Assessments:

ELA Assessment: April 21st & 22nd

Math Assessment: May 5th & 6th

5th Grade Science: May 12th

Looking ahead to next school year, I encourage you to consider one of our Early Childhood Programs if you have a young child at home. The 3-year-old program is housed within our Early Childhood Building in Bolivar and is a half-day option, morning and afternoon. The 4-year-old program is housed at our Elementary School and is a full-day program. You can find the enrollment forms for each program at the back of this newsletter.

Important Reminders:

March 13: Superintendent's Day - No school for students

April 3-10: Spring Recess

Sincerely,

Megan M. Duke, *Elementary Principal*

HALF DAY PRE-K NEWS

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Julie

We've been busy in 3PK! Each day children explore the world around them through structured and unstructured play-based learning opportunities. Students are learning to interact with their peers, learning to use language when dealing with conflict, and most importantly—how to be a good friend.

Through the last few months, our themes have included winter weather and snow, arctic animals, kindness, and a Jan Brett author study. Our own Pre-K library helps to reinforce these themes with book choices in the classroom as well as books that students will soon be able to choose to “check out” each week. Thank you, Miss Julie, for being our classroom librarian!

Each day is a new adventure in Pre-K 3.



FULL DAY PRE-K NEWS

Miss Glover and Mrs. Mitchell

Greetings from the Pre-K4 classes! We have been super busy in Pre-K4! The students have worked hard on writing their names as well as identifying their names. They are learning to identify their classmates' names. The students are working on learning the letters in their names by building, writing, and painting their names.

In December, students learned all about "Families and Communities." We had so much fun learning all about families and how they love us and help us grow and change! Students also learned about family traditions and celebrations, communities, and community helpers. Students had the opportunity to share with the class some of their family's holiday traditions. Thank you to all the families that helped with these projects—they were fantastic! Thank you to all of our families who made a gingerbread with their child at home and sent in for the hallway decorations! It was so nice to see all the different gingerbread while we learned the Classic Tale: "The Gingerbread Man".

In January and February, your child learned all about "Animals." The students learned the name of many animals, how animals' body parts help them survive, and animal baby names and their mothers. They even took a closer look at all of the animals they have learned about and sorted them into groups of animals, such as birds, insects, fish, and mammals. Students also worked on practicing telling stories, learning nursery rhymes, rhyming, alphabet letters/sounds, drawing, and writing their names and even some animal names.

In math, students explored two- and three-dimensional shapes and objects. They learned to identify circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles. Students continue to work on counting up to 20, one-to-one correspondence, counting a set of objects to tell "how many" up to 10, and number recognition 6-10.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Broughton, and Mrs. Putnam (Mrs. Stuzman)

The kindergarteners have been working hard the last couple of months. They have been learning all about Native Americans, Kings and Queens, and Presidents. We also had many fun days to celebrate the holidays. During Christmas we decorated our hallway as the North Pole and won the school wide door decorating contest. We also had a special Kings and Queens Day where everyone dressed their best. We rotated classrooms this day and were able to act as royalty by building castles, making crowns and learning to ballroom dance. The kids had a blast!

Although we've reached the hard part of winter, we have a lot more fun activities planned for the next few months. We have the REV Theater coming in a couple weeks to perform a live interactive play for the students. We also have the 100 day of school celebration and Valentine's Day coming up in February. We're really hoping March comes in like a lion and out like a Lamb. All the kindergarteners are hoping for an early spring!



2ND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Louser, and Mrs. O'Neil

Wow this school year has been flying by! We just finished our mid-year testing and our students did a great job. We have learned about Westward Expansion in the U.S. and completed our Christmas Around the World unit. We have been working hard on learning to add and subtract numbers within 1000, and will be moving into shapes, fractions, and time. Our students are improving in their comprehension and vocabulary skills, and for writing, we are focusing on RADD (Restate and Answer the question, with two Details). We have had a great first half of the year and are looking forward to seeing the growth of our students in the second half!

3RD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Hackett, Ms. Livingston, and Mr. Butler

Time is flying here in the elementary school, and third grade has been buzzing with excitement! Our students have been mastering their multiplication and division facts, tackling fractions with confidence, and showing just how much they've grown as mathematicians. In ELA, we traveled the world learning about different cultures, and now we've turned our attention to an exciting unit all about wolves!

Learning has been extra fun with special days like Investigation Day, where students got to learn through hands-on activities and teamwork. These experiences have made school both meaningful and memorable.

As we head into the coming months, we will begin shifting quickly toward state test preparation in both English Language Arts and math. We'll be reviewing skills, practicing strategies, and building confidence so students feel ready to show all they know. We also have some fun events coming up in our classroom, so stay tuned for more third-grade adventures!



4TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Perrin, and Mrs. Ferris

In science, we wrapped up our plant and animal unit, and moved onto our Waves unit, one of our favorites! We will be playing with sound and light to see how it all works and makes sense! For some extra fun, we were able to have the Liberty Balloon Company come and teach us all about the science behind hot-air balloons. We talked about it, got private lessons from the pilot, and got to walk inside of it to see the size of one up close! It was a memorable experience. With it being closer to spring, you will start seeing field trips in the works. Make sure to check Parent Square and your child's folders for more information! Wonderful things happen in 4th grade...stay tuned for it all!

In Math, we finished our Place Value module, Multiplication and Division modules and moved on to Geometry where we learned to identify types of lines and angles. We also learned how to use a protractor to measure those angles as well as identify lines of symmetry. We are currently in the middle of our last big module for the year—Fractions!! Once we have completed this module, we will begin reviewing what we have learned so far and preparing for our upcoming Math State Assessment, which will take place at the beginning of May.

We have been full of enthusiasm for ELA! We have been learning how to compare two texts and type a three-paragraph essay about the inferred similarity. The students thought it was difficult at first, but they have really shown their inner rock star qualities by pushing through and conquering this task! We are so proud of them! The students have also been learning the five different ways authors structure text: description, cause and effect, problem and solution, compare and contrast, and sequence of events. We are currently learning about theme, narrator's point of view, and reviewing to prepare for the NYS State ELA Assessment in April. The hard work these students have put in is surely paying off!

A couple of testing reminders for your students include getting a good night's sleep each night the week of the test, as well as getting to school on time, so they have a chance to eat breakfast before we get started each day. Students will be keeping their iPads at school during these testing weeks, so they are charged and ready to go. We know they will do an excellent job showing us how much they have grown this year!

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG PRE-KINDERGARTEN SIGN-UPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

In order to identify all children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten in September of 2026, we are asking those parents who have eligible children to complete this form and return it to the elementary school by April 1, 2026. Your child must be 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2026. This information is necessary when we initiate Pre-Kindergarten sign-ups in the spring. We will use this information below to generate a mailing list for sending the actual registration packets. **Students currently attending the 3-year old program will automatically be sent a packet.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Child's Full Name _____ M/F Date of Birth _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Maiden Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Child Resides With: _____

Please check one: Prefer half-day program Prefer full-day program

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BOLIVAR-RICHBURG KINDERGARTEN SIGN-UPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

In order to identify all children who will enter Kindergarten in September of 2026, we are asking those parents who have eligible children who **DO NOT CURRENTLY ATTEND THE PRE-K PROGRAM** to complete this form and return it to the elementary school by April 1, 2026. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2026. This information is necessary when we initiate Kindergarten sign-ups in the spring. We will use this information below to generate a mailing list for sending the actual registration packets. **Students currently attending the Pre-K will automatically be sent a packet.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Child's Full Name _____ M/F Date of Birth _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Maiden Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Child Resides With: _____

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BOLIVAR-RICHBURG PRE-K 3 SIGN-UPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

In order to identify all children who will enter Pre-K 3 in September of 2026, we are asking those parents who have eligible children to complete this form and return it to the elementary school by April 1, 2026. Your child must be 3 years of age on or before December 1, 2026. This information is necessary when we initiate Pre-K 3 sign-ups in the spring. We will use this information below to generate a mailing list for sending the actual registration packets. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Child's Full Name _____ M/F Date of Birth _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Maiden Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Street Address: _____
House # Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from above)

Phone Number where you can be reached between 8:00AM and 3:00PM _____

Child Resides With: _____

Please check one: Prefer AM Prefer PM

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FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Hillman

5th grade science has been filled with lots of exciting learning! In our science class, we have studied Earth's spheres and discovered how these spheres interact with one another with our science kit, "Models of Earth." We specifically looked at water distribution on our planet and came up with ways to sustain our water usage. We completed an interesting research project on extreme weather and how we can stay safe in different kinds of weather. Ask your child some of the ways we can reduce the negative impacts of extreme weather!



FIFTH GRADE ELA

Mrs. Smith

ELA class has been filled with lots of reading and writing. We continue to read informational and literature-based texts. Our current module focuses on new or improved technologies that have been developed to meet societal needs and how those inventions have changed people's lives. Our writing focus has been responding to questions based on the articles or stories we are reading in class. Short responses are scored using a 2-point rubric. The extended response, which is an essay based on paired passages, requires an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Essays are scored using a 4-point rubric. This is helping students prepare for the upcoming state tests which will be administered April 21st and 22nd.

Our "Wolverine PAWS" recipients certainly make us proud! Congratulations to Orion Hawley, Elianna Sherman, and Hollis Vaughn. To be selected, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits.

Please continue to support your child at home each night by checking their agenda, red folder for homework assignments/important notes, and making sure their iPad is charged. All 5th graders are required to read at least 25 minutes every night, which should total 500+ minutes per month as part of the school wide reading program. Remember, reading is knowledge!

ELEMENTARY ART EXHIBIT

Our elementary students had work displayed in a regional art show at the Regina A. Quick Center at St. Bonaventure University.





JUNE 2026 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17	THURSDAY, JUNE 18	TUESDAY, JUNE 23
8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
English Language Arts	Algebra II	Algebra I	Life Science: Biology Living Environment	U.S History and Government
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Physical Science: Chemistry	Physical Science: Physics	Global History & Geography II	Earth Science	Geometry

Note: Regents exams will be held in the Lower Gymnasium. Please realize that regents examinations cannot be given at a time or date other than listed above according to New York State regulations, so please try to avoid making appointments and vacation plans on regents examination days.

IMPORTANT: According to NYS Education Department regulations, no student may be admitted to a morning exam after 10:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. to an afternoon exam. In addition, no student may leave a morning exam before 10:00 a.m. or an afternoon exam before 2:00 p.m. This policy assures that no students share any test information exiting or entering exams.

COLLEGE BOUND JUNIORS & SENIORS FUTURE PLANS:

Seniors - should be finalizing college choices by May 1st and making sure college deposits have been paid, scholarship applications have been submitted, financial aid forms, orientation registrations and other college tasks are completed. Contact Mrs. Hooker for assistance with any questions you may have. Documents about scholarship searches, college selection, financial aid and the "Senior Spring To-Do List" are all available on the guidance webpage.

Juniors - College bound juniors should be setting up and attending spring college open houses as well as touring colleges to explore campuses of interest. March 17th, juniors were given the opportunity to attend the Penn York College Fair at Saint Bonaventure University to explore colleges and majors of interest. Mrs. Hooker is happy to assist with college and career searches. During April, all juniors will meet individually with Mrs. Hooker to select senior year courses and map out tasks for their future career, military and college plans.

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY WILL BE Thursday, May 1st, for seniors, faculty and staff! May 1st is the national college commitment date when colleges often require a deposit to confirm attendance at their institution. Wear a shirt to represent your future plans after graduation- your college, military branch or your future employer.



PLEASE CHECK THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE WEBPAGE FOR INFO ON DRIVERS ED, REGENTS EXAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, MILITARY, COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWS, ETC.



Dear Families,

Each year in education seems to pass by faster and faster. It's hard to believe that we are past the half-way mark of the 2025–26 school year! In reflecting on the first half of the school year, it is clear that our students, staff, and families have been working together to create a vibrant, supportive learning community.

Over the past months, classrooms have been filled with meaningful learning experiences that challenge students to think critically, collaborate with peers, and take pride in their growth. Teachers have implemented engaging lessons, differentiated instruction, and innovative strategies to meet the diverse needs of learners. From hands-on projects and thoughtful discussions to literacy and math skill-building, students have demonstrated perseverance and curiosity every day.

Beyond academics, our school community has celebrated important milestones and moments of connection. From our National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions to musical experiences and recognition at All County festivals to athletics and everything in between, we have strengthened relationships and fostered a sense of belonging. These experiences remind us that learning extends far beyond textbooks—it is built through shared experiences, empathy, and teamwork.

As we look ahead to the second half of the school year, we remain committed to maintaining high expectations while supporting every student's journey. Please keep the following events in mind over the next few months:

- NHS induction ceremony on 3/4
- Superintendent's Conference Day on 3/13
- Spring Musical – Once Upon a Mattress on 3/13 and 3/14
- Spring Recess on 4/3-4/10
- NYS ELA Exams for Grades 6-8 on 4/21 and 4/22
- NYS Math Exams for Grades 6-8 on 5/5 and 5/6
- NYS Science Exam for Grade 8 on 5/12

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school community. Together, we will make the remainder of the school year a time of continued growth, achievement, and inspiration.

Go Wolverines!
Mrs. Talbot, Secondary Principal

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hello, B-R Community!

As part of our continued commitment to transparency and strong communication, we ask that you please ensure your contact information is up to date. This includes home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts.

Keeping this information current helps ensure you receive all important school-to-home communications in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Main Office.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

We are B-R!

Sincerely,
Jim Pettit
MS/HS Assistant Principal



SPRING COLLEGE FAIRS FOR JUNIORS

This website has all of the information for the spring national college fairs and how to register to attend virtually or in person: www.nacacfairs.org

The St. Bonaventure University Penn York College Fair will be held on the morning on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. All juniors will be invited to attend this event. We will be bussing interested students over.

Visiting campuses is a critical way to learn about all they have to offer students.

Coming soon! Senior Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top Ten Scholars will be announced soon!

FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS FOR SENIORS: THE NEW BETTER FAFSA

The rollout of the third year of the “New, shorter, better FAFSA” financial aid app has gone well! The programming glitches have been fixed and it should take most families less than an hour to apply for financial aid. Seniors have been reminded to be sure that they have filed the correct financial aid applications for the colleges to which they have applied—mainly the FAFSA and NYS TAP applications. In addition to all colleges requiring the FAFSA, some colleges have their own application or use the CSS Profile and, more importantly, their very own filing deadlines. Students should call their college financial aid department or check the website to verify forms and deadlines. We have several good financial aid resources available for parents linked on our HS Guidance website, including a presentation called “Basics of Financial Aid,” which provides step-by-step instructions for applying for financial aid.

SAT AND ACT UPDATE FOR COLLEGE-BOUND SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Due to the pandemic, many SAT and ACT test opportunities were canceled or restricted for health safety reasons. Currently, 84% of colleges have gone “test optional” for the current senior class. Test optional means you MAY submit an SAT or ACT score if you have one, but that it is not required in order to apply. It is recommended to check colleges of interest websites to see if SATs/ACTs are required.

Students can register for these tests online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT and www.sat.collegeboard.org/register for the SAT. I am glad to assist if students run into technical problems while trying to complete their registrations. If a student normally qualifies for free or reduced lunch or receives government financial assistance, I may be able to give them a fee waiver, which waives the fees to take the SAT and the ACT exam twice during their junior or senior year. Students need to request fee waivers in person at the Guidance Office. STUDENTS MAY TEST AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WOULD LIKE AND COLLEGES WILL OFTEN CONSIDER THE HIGHEST SUBTEST SCORES.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Our local scholarship applications are linked electronically on our Guidance website, which can be accessed via the following QR Code:



On this page you will find a large amount of scholarship information, web links to search sites as well as actual scholarship applications along with the deadlines. Seniors are encouraged to get an early start on completing scholarship applications as often they involve writing essays, attaching transcripts, letters of recommendation, and/or financial documents. Please call (928-2985) or stop into the Guidance Office if you need assistance! REMEMBER TO BE “NEAT AND COMPLETE” WITH YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!

10TH AND 11TH GRADERS TO SELECT COURSES FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

During the months of March through May, sophomores and juniors will meet individually with their school counselor to select courses for next school year. Parents are required to sign the student schedule request form to show approval of the courses selected for students in grades 10 and 11. However, parents are more than welcome to set up an appointment to be present when I schedule your child. Please e-mail me at hhooker@bolivarrichburg.org or call me at 928-2985 if you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s choice of courses for next year or if you would like to come in to meet regarding course selection. A course description booklet will be available on the Guidance Website soon.

CHESS CLUB

Ms. Renyck

Chess Club continues to meet after school from 3:10-4:10 in Ms. Renyck’s room. We welcome new members at any time. If you are interested in joining, please see Ms. Renyck, and she will add you to the Teams page.



ART CLASS

Ms. Stopha

There has been much creativity happening in the middle school art room since before Christmas. Evangline Combs won the Ugly sweater contest and was awarded a \$10 gift certificate.

Also, three middle school artists were chosen to represent BRCS in the juried middle school show at St. Bonaventure's Regina A Quick Center. Alison Dunn (8th grade) was chosen for her drawing in the style of Tim Burton, and Duke Allen and Sawyer Garfield, both 6th graders, were chosen for their radial symmetry designs. The show runs from Feb 4th to March 16th, so please stop and see the display in Olean.



OUTDOOR CLUB

Mr. Thornton and Ms. Renyck

So far this year, the Outdoor Club has enjoyed hikes at Pfeiffer Nature Center, Sprague's, and Rimrock Trail (in Bradford). Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join at any time. Please see Mr. Thornton or Ms. Renyck if you are interested. We will add you to our Teams page.free to contact me. Go Bills!

NATIONAL CTE MONTH



February was National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month! Recently, the CTE Center at Belmont held their annual recognition ceremony celebrating CTE students and their accomplishments during the second quarter. Following the ceremony, students from each school gathered for a photo to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to their programs.

FFA NEWS

On Saturday, January 31, two students represented Bolivar-Richburg at the FFA District Leadership Development Events. Liz Learn and Kya Lutes competed in events focused on public speaking and employment skills. Kya placed at the district level in Creed Speaking and People in Agriculture. Her People in Agriculture presentation highlighted local butchers and included an interview with Bolivar's own Ed Elling. She will advance to Sub-States at Alfred State College on March 14.



TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

Parents are reminded that written requests for transportation to non-public schools must be received by April 1, 2026, to be eligible for the 2026-27 school year. Please send requests to:

Jeff Margeson,
Superintendent
Bolivar-Richburg Central School
100 School Street
Bolivar, NY 14715

ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT/COMMUNITY MEETING

Bolivar Campus Lecture Hall

Monday,

March 16, 2026

3:20-4:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

LIBRARY CLUB

The BRCS Library Club recently donated \$200 worth of supplies to the SPCA. We also had an art class make collars for the animals and one of our awesome science teachers donated some food for the animals.

The kids then visited the SPCA to make toys and visit the animals. Our club has also purchased new books for the kindergarteners and Pre-K students, along with enough treat bags for all the elementary students to celebrate Read Across America Week. A visit to the Pre-K and Elementary buildings has been planned for the end of February to welcome in Read Across America Week and to read to the little kids. We have one more fundraiser to help raise money to do this all again next year. Thanks for supporting us!



ATHLETIC NEWS

Mr. Allen, Athletic Director

Our winter sports season is finishing up.

Congratulations to the following teams who will be recognized by New York State as Scholar Athlete teams: Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Boys Volleyball, and Competitive Cheer. These teams maintained a combined GPA of 90% or above during their seasons.

We have seen successful seasons out of our Boys and Girls Basketball teams, Boys Volleyball, Competitive Cheerleading, Wrestling, and Indoor Track and Field. At the printing deadline for this newsletter most teams have not competed in sectionals.

Spring sports sign ups have begun with varsity and JV practices starting on March 9th. Please sign up on the athletics website.

Sports physicals for next school year will be taking place toward the end of May. Your students will be given opportunity during their gym classes to sign up for school sports physicals. These are provided to your students at no cost. You can also obtain a physical from your own physician, at your own expense. Please provide a copy of this physical to the school nurse. If you do not want your child to receive a school physical for sports please contact the Athletic Office or Nurses Office and we will make note of this.

For complete schedules of the spring season, check out the athletic calendar on the school's website. You can also sign up to receive text or e-mail notification on all of your favorite Wolverine sports teams.

Be Loud...

Be Proud...

Be Positive...



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**BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING LIST**

When it is necessary to delay school opening, close school, or dismiss early, the following TV and Radio Stations will be contacted.

Channel 2 TV **WGRZ-TV Buffalo**

AM Program

Channel 4 TV **WIVB-TV Buffalo**

AM Program

Channel 7 TV **WKBW-TV Buffalo**

AM Program

WJQZ, Wellsville **103.5 FM Radio**

WLSV, Wellsville **790 AM Radio**

WQRZ, Olean **96.3 PM Radio**

POP! WMXO, Olean **101.5 FM Radio**

BIG OLY, Olean **107.1 FM Radio**

WPIG, Olean **95.7 FM Radio**

WBEN, Buffalo **930 AM Radio**

The District will also use ParentSquare to notify families. Please contact the guidance office to update telephone numbers. Thank you.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON A SCHOOL BOARD**

- Must be able to read and write.
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age or older.
- Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election.
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
- May not be a current employee of the school board.
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

**PHONE NUMBER, CUSTODY, OR ADDRESS
CHANGES?**



Please contact the Guidance Office at 585-928-2986 if you or your children have a phone number, e-mail address, custody order, emergency number, or address change that needs to be made in our PowerSchool student information computer system. Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible as it is especially important to have for possible health or safety precautions to stay in communication with you.