



# Berlin Middle-High School

## November Newsletter

### From the Principal's Desk

Many thanks to the parents who responded to our survey on the first newsletter. We are attempting to meet the communication needs of our families, so please let me know if you have ideas for our newsletter. My email is [callain@berlincentral.org](mailto:callain@berlincentral.org).

We continue to work to improve attendance for our building. While we have made great progress this year, research demonstrates that the percentage of students absent from school has increased nationally. One of the major issues is an increase in those students who are chronically absent. In New York State, chronically absent students are those who have missed 18 or more days per school year, for any reason other than being excused by a doctor. Therefore, when your child attends a doctor's appointment it helps to get a note from the doctor so your child's attendance will be counted as a legal absence. Research shows that when students miss as few as ten days per year they are more likely to fail a class. Chronic absenteeism also impacts the other students in the class and their ability to stay on track with pacing of course work. Good attendance is really about maintaining good practices in preparedness for school. Routines for sleep, meal time and homework all help to contribute to staying on schedule and good attendance. Please be aware that family vacations are not a legal absence.

Dr. Catherine Allain, Principal  
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### November Dates & Events

MS Homework Club 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Every Monday & Wednesday

Art Club Third Tuesday of the Month 3:00 - 5:00 pm

11/1 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day

11/5 New Student/ Sports Physicals  
Modified Girls Volleyball End  
of Season Banquet 6:00 pm

11/6 Berlin/New Lebanon Fall Sports Banquet 5:30 pm

11/7 All County - Schodack 2:50 pm  
BOE Round Table Discussion 7:15 pm

11/8 QUARTER 1 ENDS  
MS/HS Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00 am  
Masterminds 2:15 pm  
15 minute Early Release Emergency Drill

11/9 All County Schodack

11/11 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY

11/12 MS Attendance Assembly during MMM

11/13 MSSC Coupon/Pizza Sale Ends

11/15 Area All State - Rehearsal 10:15 am  
Spanish Club - Make & Sell Pizzas 5:00 pm

11/16 Area All State

11/18 MS/HS Half Day Parent Conferences

11/19 FAFSA Night 6:30 pm  
Board of Education Meeting 7:15 pm

11/20 MS Yearbook Meeting 3:00 pm

11/21 Kim Sparkman - New Visions and  
CNA Presentation (11th grade)

11/22 Field Trip MS Principal/High Honor List  
Honk Jr. Performance 7:00pm

11/23 Honk Jr. Performance 7:00 pm

11/25 Honk Jr Performance for BES 9:45 am  
Make A Wish Angels Sale Starts

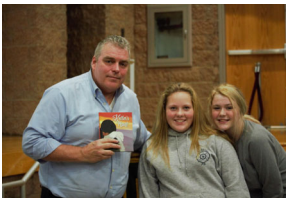
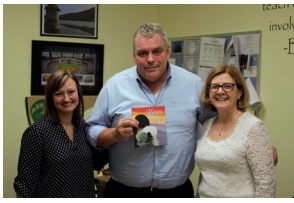
11/28-11/29 Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL

### LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

12/3 Choral Winter Concert 6:30PM (Snow Date 12/4)

12/10 Instrumental Winter Concert (Snow Date 12/12)





## Counseling Corner

Safety is one of the themes that runs through the month of October and November. Every year students honor area firefighters and emergency personnel and attend assemblies about fire prevention and safety. And at the end of October many children and families celebrate Halloween. Safety comes in many forms: talking to children about “stranger safety,” practicing traffic and pedestrian rules, and wearing white or reflective clothing when walking on the road after dark.

Babycenter is an online media company that provides information for parents and expecting parents through websites, apps, emails and print publications. This month, Babycenter provides an article about how to talk with children of all ages about talking with strangers.

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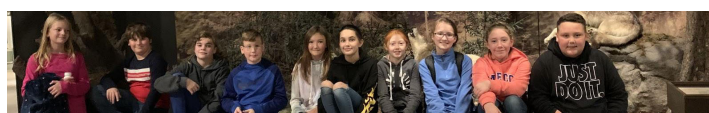
The National Safety Council has a website that currently has tips for Halloween safety and fun. <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween>

Enjoy this time of year, whether it includes Halloween-related activities or taking in the beautiful Fall scenery. Stay Safe.

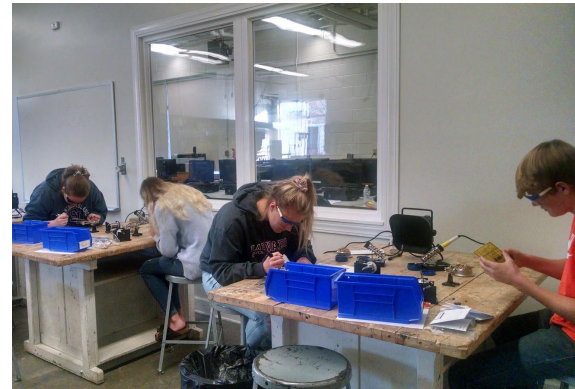
Melissa Putterman Hoffmann  
Berlin School Social Worker

## Yearbook News

Looking for a great holiday gift for your child(ren)? Order your 2019-2020 High School Mountaineer Yearbook by picking up an order form in the main office to pay by cash or check (payable to Berlin Central School District) OR going online to [www.YearbookAvenue.com](http://www.YearbookAvenue.com) to purchase with a credit card. Only \$55 this year!



## Technology



The HVCC Digital Electronics class are learning proper soldering techniques to apply to their first quarter circuitry project, an LED flasher using transistors.

## Middle School Attendance

The 8th grade will be holding an assembly on attendance for the end of the 1st quarter on November 12. It will be during MMM time and only include grades 6-9. Officers from 8th grade will focus on reasons to be at school, ways to help students want to come to school, and incentives for students that do come to school.

## Schoology

Homework and grades are updated daily on **Schoology**. Please check it regularly to stay on top of your child’s grades and assignments. To sign-up and learn more about Schoology go to: <http://berlincentral.org/parents/>. If you need access to Schoology contact [awolff@berlincentral.org](mailto:awolff@berlincentral.org)



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