



Berlin Middle High School

NEWSLETTER

October 27
2025

Principal's Message

Dear Mountaineer Families,

I want to begin by thanking everyone who attended our Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. We had the best attendance in the past three years! Your commitment to your child's education and partnership with our staff continue to make Berlin Middle High School a special place.

As we continue to grow, we're always looking for ways to improve our communication and family engagement. Later this week, I'll be sending out a short survey (Google Form) asking for your feedback about next year's format. The survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete and will focus on whether families prefer:

- A traditional Open House,
- Daytime or evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, and
- For high school families, whether you prefer team meetings or one-on-one meetings with your child's teachers.

If you'd prefer a paper copy, please contact our main office, and we'll gladly provide one. Your input directly shapes our planning for next year.



Halloween & Spirit Day – Friday, October 31st

This Friday, October 31st, besides being Halloween, we have a special day of school spirit planned.

The first hour will be dedicated to our WEB/LINK program, which is designed as a student mentoring initiative for our 6th and 9th graders—the key transition years into middle and high school. Older students serve as mentors to help these younger Mountaineers build confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging at BMHS.

While grades 6 and 9 participate in WEB/LINK, grades 10-12 will work on creating their class banners. High school banners will be displayed in the gymnasium, and middle school banners will hang proudly in the middle school wing.

The day will culminate with our Mountaineer Pep Rally, organized by our incredible Student Council, who have worked hard to ensure that every student is engaged and involved.

Students are welcome to wear costumes, but please note:

- 🎃 No masks
- 🎃 Attire must be school-appropriate
- 🎃 No weapons or replica weapons



ELA 11 Regents Exam

After thoughtful discussion and review, all students in ELA 11 will take the January Regents Exam. This decision provides several benefits:

- Historically, 11th grade is the year in which students take the most Regents Exams, and completing ELA in January will help reduce their overall testing load in June.
- It gives students an additional opportunity to pass the ELA exam, ensuring they have flexibility and time to improve if needed.
- Those who need additional support will have more time to strengthen skills before June.

This approach helps students manage their academic responsibilities more effectively while building confidence and readiness for graduation requirements.

Berlin Middle High School Veterans Day Breakfast & Assembly November 7, 2025

Calling All Veterans!

Please join us on November 7, 2025, when Berlin Middle High School will be hosting their annual assembly to honor local Veterans.

8 AM - Breakfast
Middle High School Cafeteria
For any Veteran and a guest.

9 AM - Assembly
Middle High School Auditorium

Featuring performances from the band, chorus, and speakers addressing why we celebrate veterans in our BCSD Community.

This year's theme is the impact and importance of service and how to get involved.

Please join us and be honored by our students and community.

Questions? Please reach out to Mr. Robert Gould at rgould@berlincentral.org



Chronic Absenteeism – A Community Commitment

One of our top building goals this year is to improve student attendance. I've personally been making home visits and working closely with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office and the Rensselaer County Probation Department to support families in need.

We've also partnered with the County's Pre-PINS (Person In Need of Supervision) program. Pre-PINS is a preventive service designed to help families address chronic absenteeism before it becomes a legal matter. Together, we identify barriers—such as transportation, health, or motivation—and create personalized attendance plans to help students return to school consistently.

Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success. Every day counts, and we're here to support every Mountaineer, every step of the way.

Quarter 1 & Early Release Drill

A reminder that Quarter 1 ends Friday, November 7th. Report cards will be available shortly thereafter.

Also on November 7th, we will hold our countywide Early Release Drill.

Students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. This annual drill is a state-mandated safety requirement that ensures we are prepared for any emergency requiring early dismissal. It allows us to practice our transportation and communication procedures in a controlled, safe environment.

CREATE AN ARTWORK for a VETERAN

SUPPLIES

See Ms. DeCelle

In Room 105

PAPER / PAINT..

PROCREATE

PHOTOSHOP



Hoosick Falls Community

CAREER & TRADE EXPO

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29, 2025
11 AM - 2 PM

Hoosick Falls Armory
80 Church Street
Hoosick Falls, NY

Free Refreshments

SCAN ME

Trades | Hospitality
Healthcare | Education
Food Service | Business
Transportation | Finance
Manufacturing | Technology
(Pre-)Apprenticeship Programs
Workforce Development Programs
And More...

Employers from NY, VT and MA

Event Partners & Participants

AmericanJobCenter SUNY Apprenticeship Programs at SUNY

Hoosick Falls Trade and Career Expo – Thursday, October 30th

On Thursday, several of our students will attend the Hoosick Falls Trade and Career Expo, an exciting opportunity to explore hands-on career pathways and meet with local professionals in fields such as construction, health services, technology, and manufacturing.

This event connects classroom learning to real-world opportunities and helps students begin thinking about future career and technical options.



BMS Student Council Visits Liberty Ridge Farm

Attention BMHS Dramateers: Rehearsals will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday until 3:00 pm. Please be sure to sign up for the 3:15pm bus during lunch!

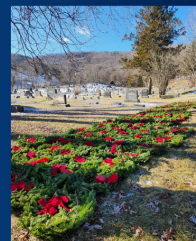


Fall Sports Awards
November 12, 2025 5:00 PM
Berlin Middle High School

BNL Booster Club will be providing refreshments!



December 13, 2025
Ceremony at
Berlin Community Cemetery
12 PM



Please help us
Remember, Honor, and
Teach on Saturday
December 13th at 12PM
by sponsoring a wreath,
volunteering, or inviting
friends to help.

Berlin CSD National Honor Society is once again participating in Wreaths Across America at the Berlin Center Cemetery. The ceremony will take place Saturday, December 13, 2025. If you would like to order a wreath please visit this link:
www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NYBRLN
or the QR code.

NHS is looking for veterans who would like to participate in the ceremony and help us to recognize each branch of the military. If you are interested or have questions please reach out to Ms. Karen Day at kday@berlincentral.org.

JV & Varsity Masterminds Coach Recap 10/24

The Berlin Masterminds hosted and competed in their first competition of the school year on Friday night. Congratulations to Mackenzie Lowell, Anthony DeLaurentis, Nate Goodermote, Lillian VonSchilgen, and Charlie Young, who all played on the Varsity team and won their first match against Hoosic Valley 320-0. They fell short on points to Troy High, and their match against Tamarac was rescheduled. – Coach Christian

Congratulations also go to Markell Popov, Valentina Popov, Madison Rontey, Penelope Haas, Lillian Howard, and Tyler Lumpkin, who had a clean sweep while playing on the JV team. They won their matches against Tamarac 160-10 and Troy 220-0. – Coach Overocker
Good Luck this season Mountaineers Masterminds! We are rooting for you!



Three Berlin High School Musicians Perform In Hartwick Honor Band



BCSD Shares Appreciation for Its Board of Education Members

Berlin Middle-High School Music Dept.

SEEKING

Raffle Donations

WE NEED YOUR HELP:
We are looking for donations of gift cards, handmade goods, or monetary donations to help purchase goods for our December Calendar Raffle! These can be of any value, but \$10 and up would be the most helpful! For gift cards, please aim for between \$10-50 as a maximum value so we can save bigger prizes for holidays in December.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Gould or Mrs. Modesitt. We can't wait to get this fundraiser started! Thank you for your donations towards your student's music education!!

Mrs. Gould, jgould@berlincentral.org & Mrs. Modesitt, gmodesitt@berlincentral.org

Attention Class of 2026 HVCC Instant Admission Day is 10/30



Throughout the month of October, BCSD staff have been sharing different ways to stand up together against bullying, encouraging Mountaineers to be UPstanders and stand up for kindness and respect. This week, School Resource Officer Deputy DaLessio visited several middle school classes to talk about cyberbullying. Students were able to ask questions, and Deputy DaLessio shared tips and resources with the students to combat cyberbullying. One of the tips included: What you post online today can affect your future tomorrow; choose respect and kindness in every comment, message, and post. Find Deputy DaLessio's presentation here <https://berlincentral.org/2025/10/24/sro-deputy-dalessio-presents-on-cyberbullying/>

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust as we work together to make this a remarkable year for our students.

Together, we are building something special here in Berlin: a community where every Mountaineer rises.

Warm regards,
Meghan and Dave

