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BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Barnstable High School News for: **December 20, 2011**

Keeping the public informed of excellence at Barnstable High School.

Hyannis, December 20, 2011:

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- **Barnstable High School Interact Club was recognized at the 8th Annual NOAH Shelter Telethon due to the club's fundraising assistance.** The Interact Club helped raise the funds that support the residents of the NOAH shelter during these winter months.
- **On Friday, December 9th, the Barnstable High School Student Council members brought over 600 toys and 18 bicycles to the "Toys for Tots Stuff a Bus" drive.** We are so proud to witness the true generosity of the Barnstable High School student body and the leadership shown by the B.H.S. Student Council members; it is moments like this that show what Barnstable High School is all about.
- **Karolina Atsalis and Autumn Harrington, both seniors at the Barnstable High School, have been selected as interns for Steve Heslinga, the present Cobb Trust Fund Trustee.** These two young ladies work with Mr. Heslinga to help highlight the benefits that the Trust provides for the Public Schools in Barnstable. Enoch Cobb was a local business man who left over 100 acres to the town of Barnstable. In his will, he specifically asked for the money from the timber sold to be used to purchase books for the public schools in town. The Fund is used today to "enrich the educational experience of the public school students and increase the efficiency of the public school system." The money itself is now used for grants for different events throughout the Barnstable Public School System. **Here is a list of a few of the activities from last year, sponsored by funds of Enoch Cobb:** 1) **Art Students Beyond the Classroom for grades 8-12:** Seniors were able to put on an art show at the end of the year, displaying their own personal work from their years in high school. Both Mrs. Andrulot and Mr. Lopes were provided with this grant. 2) **John F. Kennedy Library Field Trip for grade 11 in U.S History:** Students were given the chance to experience a piece of history with an educational, outside of school trip. Mr. Eno was given this grant to expand his students' knowledge of history. 3) **Spring Astro Jam for grade 12:** After a full year of Astronomy, seniors in Mr. Gyra's class displayed their talents and knowledge of the universe in a unique community event. 4) **Challenge Day for grades 8-12:** Students at Barnstable High School were given the chance to experience a day of acceptance. 5)

Collaborative Electronic Student Share Boards in Chemistry: Mrs. Brown was provided with this grant to enhance the teaching of chemistry in her classes. Each lab table was provided with an iPad.

- **Barnstable High School Freshman, Caleigh McDonald, has designed and installed a model of Leonardo Da Vinci's Flying machine, "The Ornithopter," in the Science Atrium.** This 12 foot replica of the Ornithopter is suspended from the ceiling, adjacent to the Artist David Lewis' famous work, "The Elder."
- **Music Department Chair, Jayson Newell, has been awarded the 2012 South Eastern Massachusetts Bandmasters Association (S.E.M.S.B.A) "Director of the Year."** When you hear the Barnstable High School students play their instruments, you will know why he so richly deserves this honor. Congratulations Mr. Newell!
- **Encore performances of "It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play" will be held December 21 and 22 at 7 PM in the Knight Auditorium.** This unique performance takes the movie we all love and presents it as an old-time radio show complete with live sound effects and live music right on stage. So come back to December 24, 1946 with us and experience this classic piece done in a completely original way. And if you want to have even more fun, come to the show in your best 1940s outfit! Tickets are \$10 unless you bring an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item - which entitles one to a \$2 discount.
- **The Art Department continues to host the paintings of artist Joseph Vincent Diggs in the BHS Art Gallery.** Mr. Diggs is an alumnus of BHS who is a distinguished visual artist working oil paint, poly resins and collage. His subjects range from beautiful landscapes to vibrant abstracts. Come and enjoy this beautiful art display in the Main Lobby through January 3rd.
- **Also, over a dozen Barnstable High School student are represented at the Cape-wide student art exhibition titled "Through Young Eyes" at the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis.** The exhibition, which runs through January 15th 2012, represents a large-scale collaboration between the museum and schools Cape-wide.

Check out our upcoming sporting events on: <http://www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/bhs/sportclubs/sports.html>