

# BARON BLAST

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Baron Pride Spirit Committee



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## At Thanksgiving

We are grateful for our wonderful teachers,  
administrators and staff!



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## Tattle Newspaper plans journalism Night at Round House Theater



B-CC High School's student newspaper, **THE TATTLE**, is organizing Journalism Night: Dying to Tell Us. The event scheduled for **Monday, December 8th** will be held at the **Round House Theater in Bethesda (4545 East West Highway)** from **7:00 - 9:30 pm**. The event, sponsored by Bethesda Magazine, will explore the dangers of the journalistic profession and the length to which journalists go to get us the news.

Journalism Night will be a panel discussion featuring six journalists who have been victims of heinous crimes, who have been pursued by governments or who represent organizations that fight to protect freedom of the press.

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# B-CC SHINES IN NOVEMBER!



Tickets will be sold at the door and are free for students and \$10 for adults.

The journalists that will be appearing include:

- David Clark from AFP
- Jay Solomon, Wall Street Journal
- Sebastian Rotella, ProPublica
- Delphine Halgand, Reporters Without Borders
- Oren Dorell, USA Today
- Courtney Radsch, The Committee to Protect Journalists.

The Tattler is honored to be able to bring this event to the B-CC community. We hope you can join us for this important discussion on the state of journalism.

**Do you subscribe to B-CC's award winning student run newspaper, *The Tattler*?**

**If not email Tattler Business Manager, [Maya Sterling](#) to subscribe now! There is a new edition of *The Tattler* out today! Have your student bring one home for you to read or pick one up in the front office at school!**

**You can also keep up with B-CC news by going online and reading the**

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**News from the Sports Boosters**



November was an awesome month at B-CC! Clockwise from top: 1) **Coach Morgan Kaufmann** named the Gazette Field Hockey Coach of the Year; 2) B-CC's wonderful Chamber Choir performs at the 2014 State of the Schools event; 3) Senior **Nora McUmb** was named Runner of the Year by the Gazette; 4) B-CC Theater Department hits another home run with a fabulous production of *Shrek The Musical!*; 5) Sophomore **Cecile Michon** selected to the All Gazette First Team for Field Hockey and was the only sophomore named to the team. 6) Senior **Jack Crow** signed a Letter of Intent to attend Penn State on a diving scholarship.

## B-CC Theater Department Hits Homerun with SHREK The Musical



Everyone always falls for the lovable characters from the animated Dream Works movie "SHREK" and B-CC's smashing production of *SHREK The Musical* was no exception.

This wonderful tale of an ugly ogre, a lovely princess and the adventures that bring them together offers a significant message about tolerance and the value of inner beauty, but really it's the manner in which the message is delivered that lends the story such appeal and the B-CC Theater Department hit a home run with this one!

Director Leayne Dempsey kept the tempo fast and the spirits high as the play unfolded on Jeff Kenton's brilliantly created set design. Senior Rees Powell, as Shrek, was terrific playing his character with a winning sense of humanity as he realizes he is madly in love. His performance of the popular tunes "Big Bright Beautiful World" and "Build Me A Wall" displayed his avid ability to display Shrek's emotions as a real person and not just an ogre. Donkey, Shrek's needy and comical sidekick is played terrifically by freshman Vikram Akwei.

Senior Amanda Silverstein did a fantastic job of portraying Fiona who teeters between her canned image of how a princess should behave and her natural instinct for boisterous good fun.

Shrek's antagonist, Lord Farquaad was played marvelously by senior Leo Kelly. It was a delight to watch his posturing, posing and preening. His arch and nasty deliver was extremely effective!

This weekend's performances of *SHREK The Musical* were the culmination of months of hard work from the B-CC Theater and Music Departments, who, under the direction of Leayne Dempsey, Marshall White, Lisa Itkin and Jeff Kenton, put together a professional quality show in a little under two months. Hours of long rehearsals, set design and costume design went into this production that once again proves that The B-CC Theater and Music Departments are the best in Montgomery County! The reward was full houses throughout the weekend. Congratulations to the entire cast for an

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This past Saturday, the Boosters held its annual Bash at the Edgemoor Club in Bethesda. The Bash successfully raised money to continue supporting our student athletes and to make improvements to the B-CC main gymnasium. Many parents worked very hard to make the Bash a successful event, none more so than the **co-chairs, deLancey Webster and Julie Raffensperger.**

Fall was a tremendously successful season for B-CC athletes on the field of competition. All of our teams made B-CC proud with their determination to compete. Here are just a couple of highlights: Nora McUmb was the 4A state Champion in Cross Country; field Hockey won Regions and placed second in the State; girls soccer was one win short of winning the regional championship; the golf team qualified for the state tournament and each player represented themselves and B-CC very well; girls tennis players qualified to compete in the county and region tournaments; and JV Cheerleading placed 1st overall at their county competition.

Off the field and post season awards are coming in as well. Patrick Cha is the Wendy's Heisman winner for Maryland and a national finalist; Coach Morgan Kauffman is the All Gazette Coach of the Year; senior Nora McUmb was just

outstanding production! Once again you made us all proud to be a part of the B-CC community.

Did you miss SHREK? Then plan to attend the student directed spring production of Alice in Wonderland!

## B-CC Senior Named Finalist for National High School Heisman



B-CC Senior Patrick Cha is no ordinary student. His list of accomplishments are a mile long. And, on Monday, November 10th, B-CC Principal Karen Lockard confirmed that by announcing at a surprise senior assembly that not only had Patrick just been named the Wendy's High School Heisman winner for the State of Maryland, but was also named one of the 12 national finalists!

Wendy's High School Heisman is a contest designed to honor high school seniors who excel academically, athletically, and in the community. Established in 1994 by the popular fast food chain Wendy's, the contest names one male and one female winner for each state. Additionally, from the pool of one hundred and two state winners, twelve national finalists are selected each year.

Cha's has an extremely impressive list of accomplishments. He has maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA in the IB Diploma Program throughout his time at B-CC and has been instrumental as a player on the B-CC Boys Tennis team, winning Most Valuable Player his freshman year. Cha has been ranked as high as 16th in Maryland and in the top 100 tennis players in the mid-Atlantic. In addition, Cha is an Editor-in-Chief of the B-CC Tattler and has also been published in prestigious news organizations such as CNN, *The Baltimore Sun*, and *The Columbia Journal of International Affairs*.

As a member of the community, Cha has been committed to giving back. In addition to teaching basketball to athletes who are intellectually disabled with Special Olympics and volunteering at a local D.C. soup kitchen, Cha is the founder of non-profit NGO, NetBenefitUSA, an organization dedicated to high school philanthropy. His project to help the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing even gained commendation from Congressman Joseph Kennedy.

The national award will be presented during ESPN's December 19 telecast of the college Heisman Trophy presentation. Congratulations and good luck to this most esteemed high school Senior! Patrick Cha exemplifies exactly the definition of Baron Pride!

## Barons United Update: Students Vote on Proposals



The votes are in! After a week of viewing and carefully considering 30 student led proposals on subjects ranging from a gap in school spirit to changing the Montgomery County poverty rate to Sexual Violence, 1,560 students came together to choose an issue that matters to them.

Based on voting, the issue B-CC has chosen to tackle is the subject of

selected as the Gazette's Runner of the Year and sophomore Cecile Michon won All Gazette Field Hockey First Team honors. Field Hockey senior Claire Trilling won Second Team honors and senior Gigi Jones won Honorable Mention honors. Congratulations also to Cross Country runners Caroline Beakes and Kat McNeill who both were selected for the Gazette's Second Team for Cross Country. On the boys side, Dylan Kannapell made the Gazette's 2nd team for Cross Country.

And finally, senior Jack Crow has signed a letter of intent to attend Penn State on a diving scholarship.

Congratulations also goes out to all of the student athletes who won the Silver Award and Barons Award for their teams. [To view the awardees click here.](#)

Now the winter sports season is upon us. The basketball season open on December 5th with the girls playing at home against Poolsville! We hope you will come out and support all of the winter sports teams: basketball, bocce, cheerleading, indoor track, Poms, swimming and wrestling! To see the schedules for winter sports teams [click here.](#)

Our athletes make us proud! GO BARONS!!

## B-CC Ice Hockey Annual Fundraiser and Alumni Game

### **gender inequity: a combination of sexual violence and slut slamming.**

The sexual violence group hopes to close "the gap between high school's discussions of sexual violence and the horrific numbers of men and women who are (or will become) victims." The group members, junior Lauren Smith, senior June Peacock, junior Sophie Springer and senior Tess Joseph hope to build awareness on the the topic of sexual violence by scheduling school assemblies and inviting guest speakers to come and talk to students. Tess Joseph said, "the most important thing is to talk about it. None of my teachers have ever mentioned it, but there are girls at B-CC who have experienced sexual violence." "Hopefully, collaborating with the administration will start the conversation."

The Slut Shaming project, headed by senior Eamon Fossi, senior Lila Sheon and senior Annika Cowles addresses another side of gender inequity. The group defined slut slamming as a concept "used to describe the act of making a person, especially a woman, feel guilty or inferior for certain sexual behaviors, circumstances or desires that deviate from traditional or orthodox gender expectations." According to the group, it is not only damaging to the girl targeted by hate, but to all girls as a whole." As well as facilitating open dialogue about the two jointed issues, Eamon, Lila and Annika proposed the idea of organizing a Slut Walk at B-CC. In the form of a march, a Slut Walk is a call to diminish the use of "slut" and to end rape culture.

Barons United is a chance to get the whole population of the school involved with one issue. Together and collaboratively, B-CC students can make a difference in gender inequity.

We will provide periodic updates on Barons United during the remainder of the school year. Please contact David Lopilato at [David.Lopilato@mcpsmd.org](mailto:David.Lopilato@mcpsmd.org) if you are a parent who would like to help with the Barons United project.

For more on the Barons United Initiative go to the online Tattler, [TattlerExtra](#) and be sure to pick up today's *Tattler* in the main office at school! Better yet, Subscribe to *The Tattler* today!

## **NEWS FROM THE PTSA**

As we embark upon Thanksgiving week, the PTSA has many things for which we are grateful. Space is limited, however, so we will just identify two!

The first is our wonderful faculty and staff at B-CC who go above and beyond to help our children along their paths to becoming educated and responsible citizens of the world. Those paths are not always direct or smooth; adolescent years are filled with challenges, but also with rewards. Teachers do not always have the opportunity to know how they have touched the lives of their students. But this holiday gives us a chance to give our thanks. Under the leadership of Jodie May and Julia Johnson, the PTSA Staff Appreciation Committee is coordinating the donation of pies for every teacher and staff member at B-CC. On Wednesday morning, teachers and staff will have the opportunity to select a pie of their choice to take home for the holiday. One way of expressing our thanks this season!

The second thing for which we are grateful is that we are about to embark upon the exciting next phase of the B-CC addition process -- the design phase!

The design phase consists of a series of five public work sessions when students, staff, parents and community members are invited to view plans and offer suggestions, and raise questions and concerns. These meetings constitute an iterative process, with each meeting building upon the previous



On Wednesday, November 26 the B-CC Ice Hockey Club hosts its annual Adam Lockard Memorial Alumni game and fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. at Cabin John Ice Rink. The game honors Principal, Karen Lockard's son, Adam, a 2006 B-CC graduate and hockey captain. Current players take on returning alumni, including team coaches (and B-CC alums) JT Burton and Nathan Shearer. It's a great way to kick off the holiday weekend!

The team is also holding its annual [online auction](#) with proceeds to benefit the team, and a portion going to [Adaptive Sports](#) in Crested Butte, Colorado where Adam Lockard was an intern. The B-CC Ice Hockey Club is 100% self-supported, so funds raised allow for scholarships and defrayed ice costs.

The team is coming off a solid 4-1 win against Churchill V2, with a standout performance and goal from senior Daniel Mangel and goals from Nate Jester, Sam Akin and Sammy Bagdasian. Thanks to the fans who came out to Cabin John!

## **CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, Nov. 25**  
B-CC Meet the Coaches  
Night (Winter Sports)  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
B-CC Auditorium

Anyone who wants to buy a B-CC Letter Jacket - the Balfour representative will be in the school lobby from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

meeting, so it is important that parents and community members attend as many of the five as possible. All meetings will be held at B-CC.

### B-CC ADDITION DESIGN WORK SESSION

**Work Session #1A** Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 2:30 p.m.

**Work Session #1B** Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 7:30 p.m.

(This is a repeat of work session #1A)

**Work Session #2** Monday, Jan. 5th, 3:30 p.m.

**Work Session #3** Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

**Work Session #4** Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 7:00 p.m.

**Final Presentation** Monday, Feb. 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Additional information about the proposed addition may be found on the B-CC website. Under "quick links" choose the link "[Planning for B-CC's New Addition.](#)" Presentations and notes from the series of feasibility meetings are available there. Please take the time to check out the website, and be informed about the process thus far.

The PTSA strongly encourages parents, staff and community members to attend as many meetings as possible, and be a part of the process. Invite your friends and neighbors; parents with young children in the B-CC Cluster are especially encouraged to attend the meetings!

## Coming Soon: B-CC Winter Concerts



If you have never been to one of B-CC's award winning music ensemble concerts now is your chance! The winter concert schedule has been released.

All proceeds from the Winter Concerts go to the Music Department to help pay for section coaches, instruments and instrument repair, sheet music and music trip scholarships. Please attend one or all of our wonderful concerts this year! Your support is much needed and

appreciated!

**Tuesday, December 16th - 7:00 - 9:00 pm (B-CC)**

*Concert Band, Concert Orchestra and Symphonic Band*

**Wednesday, December 17 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (B-CC)**

*Advanced Choir, Chamber Singers and Concert Choir*

**Thursday, December 18 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (B-CC)**

*Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble*

Have questions? Contact the Music Booster's organization at [musicboostersBCC@gmail.com](mailto:musicboostersBCC@gmail.com)

evening - before Meet the Coaches Night. Letter Jackets make great holiday gifts! To check out the price list for the jackets, please see the announcement on the B-CC Athletics web site [www. Baronsathletics.org](http://www.Baronsathletics.org).

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**

DON'T FORGET to drop off a pie for teachers and staff on Wednesday! Any type of pie, baked or bought, is terrific. Please [click on this link](#) to sign up to bring a pie!

**B-CC Ice Hockey Club Alumni Game and Fundraiser**

**6:30 p.m. - Cabin John Ice Rink**

**Saturday, Nov. 29**

Annual B-CC Jazz Combo Fundraiser

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Panera, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue - Bethesda.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

IB Information Night at B-CC

6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

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6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - IB

Coordinators of the Middle School Years (MYP), Meredith Mirkow and Rachel Johns, will highlight the MYP in grades 6-10.

7:30 - 8:15 p.m. - IB

Coordinator of the HS Diploma Program, Ashton Palmer, will provide detailed information for parents of 10th grade students who are exploring the Diploma Program option or individual IB courses for their students for their 11th & 12th grade years.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**

B-CC PTSA College Advisory Committee Presents: "Colleges That Change Lives"

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Whitman High School Auditorium

**Friday, December 5**

B-CC Basketball Season

## Students Join Manna's Fight Against Hunger

With excerpts from *Tattler* article by Ivette Lamigueiro Canedo

B-CC recently completed its first Kids Helping Kids Canned Food Drive from October 13th to November 6th. Over 1000 cans of non-perishable food was donated to Manna Food Center, a non-profit organization that fights to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education and advocacy.

Sophomore Jacob Raines, Sophomore Eric Guerci and junior Ryan Dimmick organized the drive with the help of the B-CC Leadership Class and the Student Government Association (SGA.) "Being part of the program has so far been a pretty incredible experience," said Raines and that they "plan to do things throughout the year to help end hunger in our community."

The boys said they learned that most students are unaware of the fact that two out of every ten students go to sleep hungry often due to poverty in our community. Raines said that "raising awareness about poverty in a community as wealthy as ours has been incredibly difficult, but very rewarding, too."

Hunger might seem to be in the shadow of Bethesda's high end lifestyle, but it is a serious problem in Montgomery County. The Manna Food Center Website notes that 32.3% of all MCPS students qualify for a free or reduced price meal, an indication of the poverty we face daily in our community.

Raines, Guerci and Dimmick believe that while they wish they could have collected more cans, the overarching message of the food drive will have a lasting effect on B-CC students. "We hope that our canned food drive helps to at least make sure a few more kids will have food on the table when they get home from school and makes B-CC more aware of the miserable realities of poverty."

For more on the Manna Food Center click [HERE](#).

Opens with the Lady Barons playing Poolesville at home  
5:15 p.m. - JV  
7:00 p.m. - Varsity

Go Barons!

### **Wednesday, December 10**

B-CC Addition Design PUBLIC Work Sessions (all community members invited!!)

1A - 2:30 p.m. (B-CC)

1B - 7:00 p.m. (B-CC)