

School Directory

District 101 Offices

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High School

Batavia High School
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Middle School

Rotolo Middle School of Batavia
1501 South Raddant Rd.
Batavia, IL 60510
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Elementary Schools

Alice Gustafson School
905 Carlisle Rd. Batavia, IL 60510
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Grace McWayne School
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Early Childhood Center
905 Carlisle Rd., Batavia IL 60510
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H. C. Storm School
305 North Van Nortwick St.
Batavia, IL 60510
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Hoover-Wood School
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J. B. Nelson School
Laurel & William Wood Ln.
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Batavia, IL 60510
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draws users**

Who doesn't love statistics? We have seen some interesting trends and numbers come from our new Web site. We have, overwhelmingly, seen your continued reliance and usage of our Web site. Because of your use of it, we thought we would share some numbers with you:



2006

Visits	597,799.00
PageViews	754,430.00
New Visits	34%
Pages/Visit	1.26

2007

Visits	816,566.00
PageViews	1,002,189.00
New Visits	30%
Pages/Visit	1.23

2008

Visits	881,951.00
PageViews	1,587,454.00
New Visits	29%
Pages/Visit	1.8

Grand Total starting in 2006

Total number of page views	3,337,993
Total unique visitors	2,291,149
Pages per visit	1.46

Total Changes over the years

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Change in Visits	37%	8%
Change in Page views	33%	58%
Change in New Visits	-11%	-3%
Change in Pages per Visit	-2%	46%

What's really cool is to see how the increase in page views, visits and how unique visitors are on their way down!

New technology makes collaboration easy

Technology in Batavia's schools has been unteathered. Last summer, the BPS101 Tech Team installed a District-wide Wi-Fi network. "Students and teachers are finally free to use mobile technologies wherever and whenever they choose in any of our schools—without wires," said Anton Inglese, the District's Chief Information Officer. "Wi-Fi has been a long time in coming for us."

The new system provides secure access to protected network resources for District-owned devices and also provides internet-only access for guests. "Students may finally bring in their own personal electronic devices to school and

connect to the Internet," Inglese said. "We can finally protect our network and data and provide basic connectivity for personal devices at the same time."

Along with the Wi-Fi network, Batavia High School teachers were each issued a laptop when they returned to school in late August. "Until now, BHS teachers didn't have exclusive access to technology," said Chip Hickman, Associate Principal at BHS. Last year, 70 teachers shared 7 desktop computers in the teacher workroom. These days, a teacher without a computer is like a teacher without a blackboard. "The teacher workroom has really changed; teachers are constantly working on their laptops. We're

more productive and efficient, we communicate more quickly and effectively. It's really amazing!"

The laptops, along with the Wi-Fi network, will enable teachers to put more information online for students and parents. "It is our expectation that teachers will utilize technology to share data and collaborate with students and parents," said BHS Principal Dr. Lisa Hichens. This winter, BPS101 plans to provide students and parents access to attendance, homework, grades, and report cards online and in real time. "This information is critical to improving communication, and now it's finally at or fingertips."





The cast of "Big River"

S.T.A.G.E. (Supporting Theatre Arts for a Greater Education) supports BHS theatrical productions

S.T.A.G.E. is a parent/student group that was formed in October 2005 to support, encourage, maintain, and promote Batavia High School Theatrical productions. Participation in theater productions is an integral part of the educational system that stimulates confidence, teamwork, a positive work ethic, and showmanship – all important characteristics necessary for success in life.

Batavia High School has a long and highly respected reputation of excellence in the performing arts, and we invite you to be a part of that tradition. Please join

S.T.A.G.E.! Your membership contributions will benefit the many students who participate in the performing arts. If you would like a membership donation form, please contact: BataviaSTAGE@gmail.com and we will e-mail you a form. For information about the current production, "Twelve Angry Jurors," please see our web site—BataviaSTAGE.org.

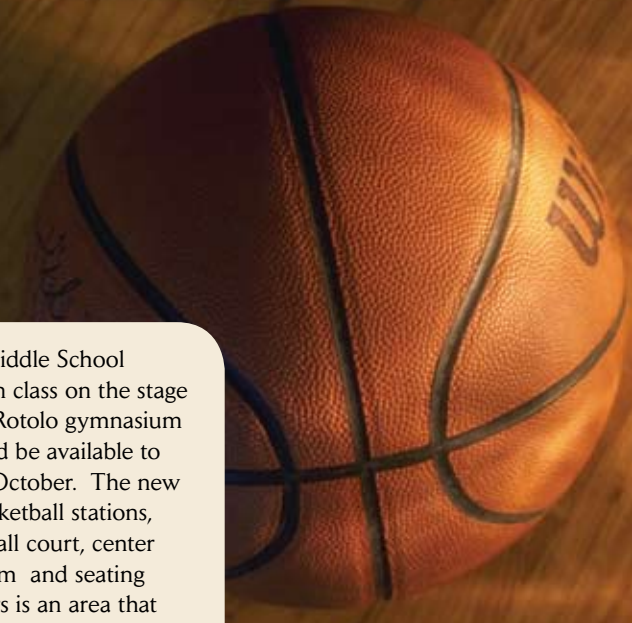
If you are interested in supporting S.T.A.G.E., please send your donations to:
S.T.A.G.E.
P.O. Box 181
Batavia, IL 60510

Our recent activities have included support for every Batavia High School theatre production. In addition, during each BHS theatrical production, STAGE provides refreshments for special guests, including residents of the Holmstad, Riverain, Heritage Oaks, and the Senior group of the Batavia Park District.

This past school year, STAGE also provided funds used for the rental of a sound system for The Swingsinger's "Showtime" as well as the BHS theatrical productions "The Boys Next Door" and "Big River."

Rotolo gymnasium is almost ready

No longer will some Rotolo Middle School students have Physical Education class on the stage next to the cafeteria. The new Rotolo gymnasium is nearing completion and should be available to middle school students by mid-October. The new facility, complete with seven basketball stations, a full-size volleyball and basketball court, center curtain, scoreboard, sound system and seating for approximately 200 spectators is an area that will strongly support physical education classes, building, and community athletic events. Along with a full range of middle school athletics, the Batavia community has a wealth of youth programs where Rotolo facilities are regularly used.



Bulldog Boosters need you!

The Batavia Boosters club is responsible for so many wonderful and encouraging activities and events that help the Batavia Schools in so many ways. Here are a few events that we sponsor:

- Host the annual Corn Boil each fall at BHS
- Operate concessions at the RMS and BHS sporting events
- Each spring have a Coaches Appreciation Dinner/ Dance & Auction to raise funds to support sports at RMS and BHS and show our thanks for their countless hours supporting our student athletes
- Sell Bulldog merchandise
- Scholarship fund awarded to six graduating seniors
- Purchase uniforms for all RMS and BHS sports teams
- Bought new trainer's golf carts at BHS

We are always open to new members joining our mission. We have 3 tiers of membership:

- **GOLD Member**
 - Includes two family passes good for admission to two athletic events, Bulldog sports calendar and 1 Bulldog souvenir. (\$40)
- **RED Member** – Includes a family pass to one athletic event, and a Bulldog sports calendar. (\$50)
- **TOP DOG Member** – Includes two family passes good for admission to two athletic events, Bulldog sports calendar and 1 Bulldog souvenir plus a Bulldog blanket. (\$100)

Please feel free to visit our Web site bataviabulldogboosters.org for more information regarding membership, meetings, and events. We genuinely appreciate your support and help as we continue to help our students become the best athletes they can be!



Batavia Music Buffs keep music in the schools

We all know that kids can be noisy but in our case that noise is beautiful music! Batavia school district has a rich tradition of providing quality music programs to students at every grade level. This year over 1500 students are enrolled in our bands, orchestras, choirs, and ensembles.

The Batavia Music Buffs was founded over thirty years ago as a volunteer booster organization supporting all of the district's music programs. Over the years we have provided funds and labor so that our students could have a positive musical experience at all of our schools. Each year the music directors submit "wish lists" to the

Bufs to purchase instruments, sheet music, and supplies and also to assist in paying for uniforms, trip expenses, instrument repairs, guest director honorariums, and competition fees. This year's requests totaled over \$54,000 and through fundraising we hope to be able to make the directors' wishes come true.

In addition to fulfilling the wish lists, Music Buffs awards scholarships both for summer camp and college for students planning to pursue music as a career. Continuing with music education throughout the summer is critical to maintain and further the skills learned during the school year. With the costs of

campus increasing and the financial burden felt by many families, the scholarship money is always appreciated.

Fundraisers are key to our success. The high school hoagie sandwich sale is eagerly awaited in the fall and spring. Elementary and middle school students participate in a fall coffee sale in which we partner with local businesses. Additional fundraisers along with opportunities for sponsorship and membership help us reach our financial goals. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please contact Debbie Prebys, president, at prebys@juno.com with any questions or to volunteer.

New Directions for the Marching Bulldogs

If you drove by the Batavia High School stadium during a weekday night this fall, you may have noticed 120 high school students equipped with musical instruments and flags marching around the stadium field. These students represent the beginning of a new era for the Marching Bulldogs. In past years, marching band was a requirement for all band students, and they rehearsed during the school day. In the past few years, there has been increasing interest among students in performing more challenging music and maneuvers for marching band shows. With the start of this school year, marching band became a co-curricular activity in which students could choose to participate outside of school, much like athletics.

The new model has allowed the group to focus on a marching band show that is developed, rehearsed, and refined throughout the fall marching band season. This year's show is entitled "The Music of



Drum line rocking it out

Aaron Copland," and is performed under the direction of drum majors Nikki Gaseor, Alyssa Rick, and Eric Shewalter. In addition to performing at all home football games and other community events, the Marching Bulldogs have been able to perform in field competitions with other bands from around the state. Even in its inaugural year, the marching band has placed well in these competitions, bringing home first place trophies for the color guard and percussion sections!

"This has been a major change for our program," says Marching Band Director Ben Collins. "Things have turned out even better than we could have imagined. We

asked students to work harder than they ever have in the past, and they stepped up to the challenge. The students are very proud of what they have accomplished for the band, their school, and their

community."

Another benefit to this change has been that Batavia's curricular concert band program now begins at the start of the school year instead of in November. "This change has been a win-win situation for everyone," says John Heath, Director of Bands, "Our marching band gets better, our concert band gets better, and it all benefits the students and the community."

Alex Schmitz, a junior in the marching band, agrees with the positive changes. "Marching Band is more fun this year, and we're also learning a lot more," says Schmitz, "We are a tighter group because we spend more time together and have a common goal." The band plans to continue to extend the difficulty of their music and marching in the years to come. Alex is excited. "I love this year, but I can't even imagine how great the years to come will be for the band!"

Judging from the pride that Batavia students have in their marching band, it sounds like the program is off on the right foot!



Students excited for band

