



A Holiday Card for Veterans

With the help of Batavia resident Louise Franck and H.C. Storm Elementary School LRC Director Diane Kispert, HCS students brightened the holidays for veterans at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital. [Read more >](#)

BFEE District Innovation Grant Expands STEM Opportunities for BPS101 Students

The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence's "District Innovation Grant" is making an impact in all BPS101 buildings. [Read more >](#)

GMS Students Test Their Brainpower in Battle of the Books

Grace McWayne's annual Battle of the Books competition is as spirited as a Batavia High School football game! [Read more >](#)

2018-19 Illinois State Scholars Announced

Congrats to the 104 students from Batavia High School's graduating class of 2018 who have been named 2018-19 Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement! [View list of students >](#)

NYT Best-Selling Author Margaret Peterson Haddix Visits RMS

All eyes and ears were on popular young-adult novelist Margaret Peterson Haddix when she visited RMS. [Read more >](#)

Mr. BHS 2018

Back in 1989, the very first Mr. BHS was born. Nearly three decades later, this student-run mock male beauty pageant is still going strong and has become the top fundraiser for the Batavia High School Key Club. [Read more >](#)

2018-19 Academic Calendar

Start planning ahead! The 2018-19 Academic Calendar [is out >](#)

BHS State Championship Gear Pick Up

If you ordered 2017 BHS State Championship gear, it will be ready for pick up today, Thurs., Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Batavia High School. Use Main Street entrance and follow signs to Room A101. State Championship ornaments, hats, Bulldog socks, and more will also be available in Room A101.

BPS101 Kindergarten Preview Registration Now Open

Scheduled on Thurs., March 1, 2018, Kindergarten Preview is a one-hour session for children entering kindergarten in fall 2018 (must be turning 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2018). The session is an opportunity for teachers to observe a sample of a child's fine-motor, cognitive, speech, and language skills and to start the BPS101 enrollment process.

[Register >](#)

BHS Alum Makes Holidays Extra Special for Five BPS101 Families

Jackie Rakers, a 2009 BHS grad and educational programs and volunteer coordinator at Abbey Farms, spruced up five BPS101 families' homes for the holidays. [Read more >](#)

Lottery Registration for Tuition-Free Preschool

Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2018, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101, are eligible to participate in a lottery system for open spots at the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center in the 2018-19 school year. [Read more >](#)

Know a Superstar? Nominate Him or Her for the 2018 BPS101 Hall of Honor

Nominations for the 2018 BPS101 Hall of Honor are now being accepted. Nominate an exemplary BHS alum, BPS101 staff member, and/or friend of the District [today >](#)

Illinois 5Essentials Survey

All BPS101 parents are encouraged to participate in the 2017 Illinois 5Essentials Survey, which is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, your voice is essential to help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. The survey is administered online by the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. [Take the short survey >](#)

In the News

- Kyle LeFevre's 25 points off the bench boost Batavia past Geneva: [Kane County Chronicle >](#)
- Hultgren leads cheers for Batavia Bulldogs football team on House floor: [DuPage Policy Journal >](#)

Student Spotlight: Alli Gearhart, BHS Senior

All her life, Allison Gearhart has had a passion for art. It started with drawing on a brick wall in her backyard and has led her to applying to the art school founded by Walt Disney in Valencia, Calif. BHS sophomore and BPS101 Communications Dept. intern, Claire Gearhart, [reports >](#)

Upcoming Events

Sync your mobile device(s) with BPS101.net [school calendars](#).

Board Meetings

Jan. 23, Feb. 6, and Feb. 20. 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

- [Watch](#) recordings of previous Board Meetings
- [Read](#) highlights from the Dec. 19 Regular Board Meeting

Winter Break

Dec. 25-Jan. 5

Enjoy the holiday season!

Tee Off for Turf 2018

Jan. 14, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., TopGolf, Naperville

Beat the winter blues while supporting BPS101 student athletes and Batavia Bulldog Boosters. Tee off at TopGolf in Naperville with fellow Bulldogs. [Register >](#)

Future Fashionista Workshop

Jan. 20, 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Sponsored by Batavia High School and Studio Boosters, this wearable art workshop is designed for students in grades 3-5 who are interested in fashion design.

[Register >](#)

BPS101 Tuition-Free Preschool Open House

Jan. 24, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Early Childhood Center at AGS

Learn about BPS101's tuition-free preschool and [lottery process >](#)

Free Developmental Screening for Infants through Pre-K

Feb. 16, Early Childhood Center at AGS

BPS101 offers free developmental screenings to access young children's skills. [Details >](#)

BSPN Resource Fair

Feb. 22, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Batavia High School

Meet representatives from local organizations and businesses that serve individuals with special needs and their families and learn more about what they offer at this free event.

Backpack Mail

BPS101 often receives requests from community organizations to distribute informational fliers to students in their backpacks. In an effort to be environmentally conscientious, we use an electronic format to deliver this information, which we call "Backpack Mail."

[View the latest edition of Backpack Mail >](#)