



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



GET THAT GEAR

We're excited to announce School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger as an approved uniform provider for Ben Bronz Academy families! Visit

www.globalschoolwear.com to find our school store using school code BENB01 or click on the link

<https://www.globalschoolwear.com/school/BENB01> to place your uniform orders. Sportswear is also available.



Student Council Corner:

Students and teachers enjoyed Read Across America, a full week of dress-up theme days, buddy reading, Upper School students reading to Lower School, guest readers, and a Dr. Seuss character bracket. The Grinch was the winner, with his dog Max coming in at a close second.



Lower School Global Adventures brought students to Osaka, Japan, the birthplace of Momofuku Ando, creator of Instant Ramen Noodles. After a long plane ride, with inflight entertainment including a "virtual visit to the CupNoodles Museum," they enjoyed making and eating the famous noodles, some even using chopsticks. Students were delighted to learn that in Japan, it's considered a sign of respect to "slurp" your food as you eat, allowing for the full flavor to be savored. Needless to say, Ramen was a big hit! Next stop - The Great Barrier Reef.



PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.

**Next Monday-
March 18, 2024
11:00am-10:00pm
WestFarms CaliforniaPizzaKitchen
Between Jordan's Furniture and Macy's**



Student Spotlight- Windmill- Emily and Lower School Renewable Energy



In Emily's science class, students are learning about renewable and nonrenewable resources. They spent time learning about the importance of using renewable resources such as solar panels and windmills. In their most recent science lab, the boys created two types of windmills, one with three blades and the other with four. Then, they tested each to see which windmill would wind up the weighted

string quicker.

Candy Bombers

In collaboration with a Middle School History class learning about The Cold War, students created their own "Candy Bombers," just as Lt. Gail Halverson dropped treats to the children during the Berlin Airlift in 1948. The STEM challenge involved planning, problem-solving, and implementing a parachute made of coffee filters, tissue paper, etc., that would hold one piece of candy and one piece of gum and take at least three seconds to reach the ground.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10

Our Home School Association is working to collect various items to celebrate our staff in May with a theme of "Thank you for Making Learning such an Adventure." In an effort to streamline the purchasing and collection of items to fill each day of the week, we have put together an Amazon wish list. These suggestions lend to each day's theme, but we are open to other snacks and treats to share with them. If anyone has other ideas they would like to share, you can forward them to Christina clamphere@benbronzacademy.org or Cyndi cfries@benbronzacademy.org, and we can pass them on to the committee. [Amazon wish list](#)

POSITIVE POSTCARDS

We would love to provide staff positive postcards as well, so if families would like to share the positive messages with their mediators; please feel free to forward a positive message to your child's mediators on a postcard to the school in a sealed envelope to the attention of Cyndi or Christina with the mediator's name and Christina and Cyndi will make sure it gets to the mediator on the day we hand the postcards out. We want all staff to receive kind messages, so please consider sending some in. Thank You!



REMINDER - Please share

Birdies For Charity Fundraiser

Birdies for Charity Fundraiser is sponsored by The Travelers Championship, a PGA TOUR event aimed at **purchasing a van!** As we all know, transportation plays a crucial role in ensuring that our students have access to various educational and extracurricular opportunities. Whether they're attending field trips, making post-secondary, career, and community connections, or engaging in community service projects, having transportation is essential for their success and growth.

Here's how you can get involved and make a difference:

Spread the Word: Share the news about our fundraiser with your friends, family, and neighbors. Let's rally together as a community to support our students' needs.

Donate Generously: Your generosity will help us achieve our fundraising goal. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to purchasing a van. **And**, for every dollar we raise, program sponsor Webster Bank will give us an **additional 15%. It is that easy!**

PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE:

[Birdies For Charity](#)

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students! Stay tuned for updates, exciting announcements, and progress reports as we work towards our goal of purchasing a BBA van. Thank you for your support and commitment to our school community!

Let's roll towards success, one mile at a time! 🚗👥



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REMINDERS

Save those dates: An email was recently sent out from elaine@benbronzacademy.org alerting families of the [Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar](#), asking that you please alert your transportation companies and mark your calendars. On March 18th, Ben Bronz Academy will be buzzing with excitement as we close our doors for the day to students so that our dedicated staff can take part in an extraordinary professional learning opportunity at the renowned Bushnell Theater in Hartford. This is a golden opportunity for our staff to get a sneak peek at the creative work we will embark on next year through a collaborative project that will connect BBA and the creative learning opportunities offered to our students by the Bushnell Theater Education Department. This will be a focus for our staff next December when the Bushnell Theater will be our playground for our annual staff retreat, where inspiration and innovation will take center stage.

Additionally, we would like to share the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#) with you. The links will provide you with additional easy access to this key information.

SAVE THE DATE

Awards Night and Graduation ~ All are welcome and encouraged to celebrate our hardworking, successful students! June 11th, 5:30 pm at North West Catholic High School Auditorium

Hartford National College Fair

Representatives from approximately 220 colleges and universities will participate in the Hartford National College Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21, at the Connecticut Convention Center. The College Fair is sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). This event is free and open to all students and parents in the area.

Hartford National College Fair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9 am-11:30 am & 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Thursday, March 21, 2024

9 am-11:30 am

Connecticut Convention Center

College representatives from the U.S. and several foreign countries will be on hand to answer questions and offer information. Students are encouraged to register ahead of time to make their College Fair visit more efficient. The College Fair is a timesaving opportunity for students and parents to gather a lot of information at one time. In addition to asking questions, students and parents will be able to set up college interviews, pick up literature, and learn about the various financial aid programs available.

Before you arrive at the College Fair, check the list of participating colleges and schools found below and select the ones that most interest you. If you have time, research these colleges by reading information in guidebooks or by checking out school websites. Write up a short list of questions to ask

admission representatives. To compare several schools, plan on asking the same questions at each table.

Read through this issue of the College Fair Guide.

There are many articles, charts, useful hints, and other information that will be helpful to you. The more prepared you are for the College Fair, the more you'll get out of it.

Event Sponsor:

National Association for College Admission Counseling

1050 North Highland Street

Arlington, VA 22201

Phone: 703-836-2222

Email: info@nacacnet.org

Website: www.nacacnet.org

<https://www.collegefairguide.com/hartford-national-college-fair>

Check those backpacks-

Yearbook Ads/Senior Spotlights Information

went home on March 12th. We have been busy putting together this year's yearbook. This provides a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your student's accomplishments and achievements. We are selling advertisements that will be placed at the end of the book. In addition to sharing your excitement, these ads help defray the overall costs of the yearbooks.

Please consider taking out an ad in our yearbook. Advertise your business or send a message to your child showing how proud you are of him/her. All ads are in color.

If you would like to purchase an ad, please fill out the [attached form](#) and enclose your advertisement and payment. Ads can also be emailed to Clamphere@benbronzacademy.org. Advertisements must be submitted by Monday, March 25, 2024. If you have any questions, please call 860-236-5807 ext 131 or clamphere@benbronzacademy.org.

Prices for ads are as follows:

1/8 page (business card)	- \$12.50
¼ page ad	- \$25.00
½ page ad	- \$50.00
Full page ad	-\$ 100.00



Attention all Alumni! We invite you to showcase your remarkable achievements since your tenure at BBA. Assist us in inspiring our current students by sharing your success stories. Express your interest in being interviewed by emailing either Cfries@benbronzacademy.org or clamphere@benbronzacademy.org. If you have a special talent you would like to bring to our students in person, please reach out to us. We would love to see you!

The link to sign up for Spring Parent Conferences is below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABA72BABFAC07-48562923-parent>

Please sign up for conferences by March 28th!

We look forward to seeing you in-person, but there is a virtual option if needed.

[Sign Up Preview](#)

[Participant Form Preview](#)



Ben Bronz Academy
Parent Conferences Spring 2024
 EP Elaine Potter Contact
 Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Location Ben Bronz Academy
 11 Wampanoag Drive
 West Hartford, CT 06117

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Dates shown as mm/dd/yyyy EDT

Available Slot	Date	Time
Mediator-Zayda Broderick	04/17/2024 Wednesday	Sign Up 4:15pm-4:30pm 1 slot available
		Sign Up 4:30pm-4:45pm 1 slot available
		Sign Up 4:45pm-5:00pm 1 slot available

Upcoming events:

March 18, 2024

March 25, 2024

March 26, 2024

March 28, 2024

March 29, 2024

April 1-5, 2024

April 3, 2024

April 5, 2024

April 8-12, 2024

No School/Mediator Training

Parent Information Session

Field Trip Day - Mystic Aquarium

End of Marking Period/Half Day/Mediator Training

No School - HOLIDAY

Research Week

Field Trip Day - Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park

Research Week Presentations/Half Day/Mediator Training

No School - Spring Break

April 15, 2024
April 17-18, 2024
April 18, 2024
April 29, 2024

HSA Meeting
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Half Day/Conferences
Parent Information Session

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