

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE CHOPPER DROP TICKETS!

Did you purchase your *Marauder Chopper Drop* tickets yet? **There is still time to purchase tickets, but you better hurry, tickets are going fast.** The 3rd Annual Marauder Chopper Drop event will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School - Tom Irwin Field.

This year's event is promised to be even larger than last year's with the addition of WALY 103 broadcasting live during the event.

Tickets are one for \$20 or three for \$50. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, you can contact Bishop Guilfoyle at 814-944-3987 or by e-mailing mbalchin@bguilfoyle.org. So come on out and enjoy the excitement of the ball drop and support a great cause!

We would like to thank our sponsors who have helped make this event happen! Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pellegrino, Jr.; Cardiology Associates of Central PA, LLC.; Wolf Furniture Enterprises; Saleme Insurance Services; Kerr Kreations Floral and Gift Shoppe; Ward Transport and Logistics; Frederick Lock and Key and The Hancock Group, Inc.

Be sure to follow us on our official Twitter page [@BGCHS_PA](https://twitter.com/BGCHS_PA) to keep up to date with the happenings at BG!

Homecoming/Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events



Wednesday, September 24

Bonfire 7pm-9pm

Thursday, September 25

Live Your Best Life Assembly - Sponsored by the Alumni Association

Free Community Teen Outdoor Movie Night – 7:00pm
Showing Two Films!
Area students in 7th through 12th grade welcome

Friday, September 26

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, September 27

John Conlon Tailgate Sponsored by Marauder Club

Chopper Drop - 4pm Tom Irwin Field

Varsity Football Game - 7:00 PM - Mansion Park

Alumni Cheer Event - Homecoming Game

Alumni Band Event - Homecoming Game

Alumni/Friends Gathering at Zach's after Game

Class of 2014 Alumni Yearbook Signing

Get-together after Game at Marzoni's in Duncansville

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in the BGCHS Cafeteria. Volunteer workers are needed from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Our goal is 38 units, so please make an effort to donate blood – and bring a friend!

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE IN THE MORNING EACH DAY YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM OR LATE FOR SCHOOL.

HOMECOMING 2014 DANCE

Friday, September 26, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Our theme this year is "Under the Sea". Please note: the dress code for the Homecoming Dance is semi-formal. It is expected that the guidelines listed below (as well as in the student handbook) will be followed:

Homecoming Dance Dress Code Guidelines

All students must adhere to the dress guidelines listed below. If a student shows up at the homecoming dance in attire that violates any of the following guidelines, he/she will be discreetly dealt with and asked to correct the problem before being allowed to enter the homecoming dance. Students who do not conform will not be admitted to the homecoming dance and will forfeit expenditures incurred. Students bringing a guest from another school are responsible for informing them of the dress code guidelines.

GIRLS' ATTIRE

- Dresses are not to be shorter than mid-thigh (4" above the knee)
- No visible cleavage of any degree; straight or slight v-cut across the top
- Slits in skirts may not be higher than mid-thigh (4" above the knee)
- Backless dresses must not go below the natural waistline
- No visible midriff of any degree (2-piece dresses MUST overlap all around body)
- No see-through clothing

BOYS' ATTIRE

- Dress pants
 - Collared dress shirt
 - Tie
 - Dress shoes
 - Male students must be clean-shaved
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 2, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the BGCHS Cafeteria. Student and parent volunteers are needed from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The proceeds of the breakfast support a variety of Student Council activities, including service projects. Tickets will be given to your child during the first week of October.

NEW COURSE FOR BISHOP GUILFOYLE

This year Bishop Guilfoyle has implemented a semester course for sophomores called Geometry/SAT. This course was designed to help the students learn and recognize Geometry concepts and to become familiar with these Geometry topics that they will encounter on the SAT's. This course will not just be limited to Geometry, but will also introduce other major categories of math problems to increase their scores. Bishop Guilfoyle will continue to strive to build academic excellence and help prepare our students to further their education.

JUNIOR/SENIOR CLASS EVENT REMINDERS

Junior/Senior Class: Juniors, seniors, and their parents/guardians can sign up to receive messages with updates and reminders for junior and senior class events and happenings through the remind app. There are three ways to do this: download the app remind and enter the class code, go to www.remind.com/join/(insert class code here) or text the class code to (870) 776-8329. The class code for juniors is @mrsbyrn6 and for seniors the class code is @mrsbyrn7. Omit the @ in the class code for the web site address. Thanks! Any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Byrne.

SENIOR MEETINGS WITH MRS. BARKMAN

Seniors have begun meeting with Mrs. Barkman to discuss their senior year, life after high school, and their personal wellbeing. This year Mrs. Barkman is asking students to allow her to share information discussed in regards to future plans with the student's parents. If the student allows for the release of information, an email will be sent home addressing the educational information that was discussed during the meeting, including action steps for the student. Only educational information will be released, other personal information will remain confidential.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Local and national scholarships for college are available in the counseling office and online at guilfoylecounseling.weebly.com. Students are encouraged to check the website weekly to see the new scholarships that we offer. Scholarships for all grade levels are currently available, but typically we receive more scholarships for seniors. You can also find national scholarships at fastweb.com and scholarships.com. Also, parents are encouraged to check with their employer to see if scholarships are available for their children.

ALTOONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

Altoona High School will offer an Opportunities Fair on October 7th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. All students and families are encouraged to attend. Numerous universities, military representatives, and employers will be at the fair offering insight into their school or field.

ASVAB

All Junior students and interested senior students will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on September 30th, 2014. This test is used as part of the ASVAB career exploration program, a comprehensive career planning program that includes the multiple aptitude test battery, an interest inventory and various career planning tools designed to help students explore the opportunities that await them. Once scoring on the ASVAB is completed, the students will use the results to better understand what careers will fit with their interests and abilities. Bishop Guilfoyle will be administering the option 8 version of the ASVAB, which does not release the scores on the ASVAB to the military. If your son or daughter is interested in having their scores released to the military, please have them see Mrs. Barkman.

Scores for the ASVAB will be returned in late fall. Students are typically addressed by the National Guard on how to interpret their scores and how their scores can be used to help them figure out what career paths would be a good fit for them. Students can use the access code on their score report to explore the ASVAB website.

PSAT

PSAT tests will be given on Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 to all Junior and Sophomore students. The results of the PSAT will be given back to and discussed with the students on an individual basis starting in December through February. Please be patient as we return your scores, each student will spend roughly 20 to 30 minutes with Mrs. Barkman to go over PSAT results and SAT information. For more information on preparing for the PSAT please visit our career and college page at guilfoylecounseling.weebly.com.

NOTES FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

To view schedules and directions to away games, please log on to schedulestar.com.

Accounts, including delinquent athletic fees, must be satisfied in order for your child to participate in any sports for the 2014-2015 school year. If payment in full of these accounts would present a hardship, the Athletic Office would be willing to work with you on a payment plan to help satisfy your obligation.

The Pig Skin Raffle will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The cost of the ticket is \$125.00. Tickets are on sale at the athletic office. \$25.00 per ticket sold will go toward parents fundraising goal.

ACCOLADE NEWS

Good News...The 2014 Accolade is finished and will be arriving to BG soon. The yearbook signing party for the 2014 graduates will be held at Marzoni's Restaurant on Saturday, September 27, 2014 beginning at 9 pm. For the current BG students who purchased a 2014 Accolade, yearbooks will be distributed during homeroom on Thursday October 2nd. There are only a few yearbooks left, if you did not order one last school year, please email Mrs. Kuhn at lkuhn@bguilfoyle.org if you would like to purchase one.

Order forms for the 2015 Accolade will be distributed in homeroom in mid October. If you purchase your copy early, the cost is \$58 for a basic yearbook. If your student orders a yearbook, invoices will be sent to you from Jostens giving more information as well as options for personalizing the yearbook.

YEARBOOK CLUB

This year, BG would like to include underclassmen in creating the 2015 Accolade. If you are interested in working with the computer program to design pages, interviewing fellow students to gain information, and being a part of covering the events at BG, this club is for you. We will meet after school on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS

There will be a packet coming home with instructions on the following applications along with your passcodes. Your child has already received their passcodes and has been using powerschool and ebackpack. Your child has also been given an email address to aid with communication.

Packet will include instructions on the following:

PowerSchool – Program to review grades/assignments, and attendance.

EbackPack – Program to review online assignments.

Ecommunication Set-up – Program to enroll on getting school alerts via text and/or email.

MySchoolBucks - Program to view lunch balance and food your child has purchased.

If you are having trouble and need assistance on the above mentioned programs please attend one of the 2 hour session listed below.

Please **pre-register** because of seating capacity on any one of the 3 nights, by calling the main office, 814-944-4014. **Please bring the packet you received to the session**, because it will contain your passcodes.

Parent Help Sessions:

Session I October 2 (Thursday) Time 6-8 PM Computer Lab

Session II October 8 (Wednesday) Time 6-8 PM Computer Lab

REPLAYIT.COM

The work for the 2015 Accolade has already begun. The Multimedia class is currently working on designing the cover and the theme for this year. However, we need your help in gathering photos! To submit your photos to the yearbook staff, visit www.replayit.com and upload your photos to the website. In addition to your photos being considered for use in the yearbook, the photos will automatically become part of the time capsule for the 14-15 school year. Anyone who purchases a yearbook will have access to the time capsule for many years. If you set up an account last year, simply log in using your email address and password previously set up. If you are new to replayit.com, you will need to set up an account using the code bg2015. Visit the website to see photos of the September 7th football game and other events that are taking place at BG.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Senior photos will be due in mid February for the yearbook. For those who are having fall photos taken, please remember that all dress code rules stated in the student handbook also apply to senior photos that will be submitted for print in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Kuhn.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Do you enjoy taking photos? Interested in knowing more about how to take quality photos in different situations? Photography club is the place to be! Club members will have the opportunity to meet with local photographers for workshops to learn different techniques of photography. Students can also help to capture the memories of BG events for the yearbook. Photography club will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Photography schedules will be posted outside room 114 for students to sign up for photographing events.

NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Business Manager Introduction

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you, my name is Jennifer Mueller. I am the new Business Office Manager and direct contact for families concerning financial matters at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. Please feel free to contact me with any financial questions or concerns anytime throughout the school year at (814) 944-5226 or via e-mail at jmueller@bguilfoyle.org. I am also available to meet with you upon request. I look forward to serving each family of the Bishop Guilfoyle community!

A+ School Rewards

Beginning September 15, Bishop Gulfoyle Catholic High School, ID#00015, will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program while shopping at Martin's. Log onto www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus to register. You will need your 11 digit Bonus Card number along with our school ID #00015.

New this year: You will NOT have to re-register your BONUSCARD to support the same schools as last year. But, be sure to check back when registration opens to verify your information!

Take Charge of Education

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School has the opportunity to earn 1% cash on total purchases at Target using Target's REDcard. Log onto www.secure.target.com/redcard to register.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Applications for the 2014-2015 school year for free and reduced lunches are available in the main office or online at <https://www.compass.state.pa.us>. This application must be completed every year in order for your student to receive free or reduced lunch. If you would like to receive an application, please contact the main office at (814) 944-4014.

GO GREEN!

All tuition invoices are sent on a monthly basis via email. The invoices will be sent to the email address on file. If we do not have an email address on file for you, please email it to jmueller@bguilfoyle.org to get on board with e-invoices. If you have changed your email address or do not have one, please contact the business office. **Sending invoices via email saves the school money, along with saving the environment! Please join us in going green!** It will take just a minute but the impact we can have together will be significant.

EFT (Automatic Withdrawal Payments)

Another way to go green is to eliminate writing checks each month! If you are interested in your tuition payments being automatically deducted each month from your checking or savings account, please contact the business office.

MARAUDER TORCH RALLY

On Wednesday, September 24, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at the Tom Irwin Field the Annual Bonfire and Car Smash will take place. There will be food, music and fun for **all Bishop Guilfoyle students in grades 9 through 12 and their parents**. Come out and support your Marauder Football Team as they get ready to take on Penn Cambria High School on September 27.

Hot Dogs are being provided by Student Council. In order to make sure that we have enough food and drink for the student body we are **IN NEED OF DONATIONS** from the **BG Families**.

We need the following items:

- Chips, Pretzels etc. in individual small bags
- Cookies and Brownies
- Candy and Carmel Apples (These are always a big hit!)
- Bags of Candy
- Hot Chocolate Mix (Large Canisters)
- Bottled Water



If you would like to donate an item please contact Jessica Kozlowski at jkozlowski@bguilfoyle.org or Paula Fochler at paulamaigner@gmail.com.

Donations of nonperishables (water, candy, etc.) may be dropped off at the school anytime. Baked goods are best dropped off the day of the event.

Thank you in advance for your donation! **Your support** of the BG Family is always appreciated! **GO MARAUDERS!!**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 16	-	Block Scheduling
Wednesday, September 17	-	Block Scheduling
Thursday, September 18	-	All School Assembly with Franciscan Sisters - 9:00 AM College Visit - IUP
Saturday, September 20	-	Blood Drive - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Cafeteria
Monday, September 22	-	College Visit - George Mason University
Tuesday, September 23	-	Freshman Orientation Retreat - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Environmental Science Field Trip to Prince Gallitzin State Park Voting for Homecoming during Homeroom
Wednesday, September 24	-	Bonfire Rally - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Thursday, September 25	-	Mission Club Spirit Dress Down Day - \$3.00 College Visit - Mount Aloysius Live Your Best Life Lecture - 9:00 AM

- Friday, September 26 - Diocesan In-Service - No Classes
Homecoming Dance
- Tuesday, September 30 - ASVAB Testing for Juniors
- Wednesday, October 1 - Living Rosary/Challenge Program Assembly - 9:00 AM
- Friday, October 3 - Art Trip to Pittsburgh
- Thursday, October 9 - Sophomore Retreat - Our Lady of Lourdes
- Friday, October 10 - APL Night at Mansion Park
- Monday, October 13 - Jostens Class Meeting with Sophomores for Class Rings
Jostens Class Meeting with Seniors for Graduation Announcements
- Wednesday, October 15 - PSAT Testing for Sophomores and Juniors
Elementary School Retreat for 5th and 6th Grade - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Friday, October 17 - Teacher In-Service - No Classes
- Sunday, October 19 - Class of '78 Zumbathon - 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- Monday, October 20 - Health Screenings for Juniors
- Tuesday, October 21 - Health Screenings for Seniors
Jostens will take orders for class rings and graduation announcements during lunch periods.
- Wednesday, October 22 - Elementary School Retreat for 7th and 8th Grade - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Thursday, October 23 - All School Mass - 9:00 AM
- Friday, October 24 - Senior Servant Day
- Saturday, October 25 - Senior Night for Football
- Sunday, October 26 - SHYCON at St. Francis University
End of Season Party for Cross Country - 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Monday, October 27 - Health Screenings for Freshman
- Tuesday, October 28 - End of 1st Quarter
Senior Class Photo - 8:00 AM - Gym
Health Screenings for Sophomores
- Wednesday, October 29 - Named Scholarship Breakfast - 8:00 AM - Cafeteria