



# Bobcat Bits



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## 'Tis The Season!



# 1st SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

## MONDAY- DECEMBER 14, 2020

8:30 – 9:10	FIRST PERIOD
9:15 – 9:50	SECOND PERIOD
9:55 – 10:30	THIRD PERIOD
10:35 – 11:10	FOURTH PERIOD
11:15 – 11:50	FIFTH PERIOD
11:50 – 12:40	LUNCH
12:45 – 1:20	SIXTH PERIOD
1:25 – 2:00	SEVENTH PERIOD STUDY HALL
2:05 – 3:35	SEVENTH PERIOD FINAL

## TUESDAY- DECEMBER 15, 2020

8:30 – 9:00	FIRST PERIOD STUDY HALL
9:05 – 10:35	FIRST PERIOD EXAM
10:40 – 11:10	SECOND PERIOD STUDY HALL
11:10 – 11:50	LUNCH
11:55 – 1:25	SECOND PERIOD EXAM
1::30 – 2:00	THIRD PERIOD STUDY HALL
2:05 – 3:35	THIRD PERIOD EXAM

## WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 16, 2019: HABITUDES (2nd HOUR) 9:15

## THURSDAY- DECEMBER 17, 2020

8:30 – 9:00	FOURTH PERIOD STUDY HALL
9:05 – 10:35	FOURTH PERIOD EXAM
10:40 – 11:10	FIFTH PERIOD STUDY HALL
11:10 – 11:50	LUNCH
11:55 – 1:25	FIFTH PERIOD EXAM
1::30 – 2:00	SIXTH PERIOD STUDY HALL
2:05 – 3:35	SIXTH PERIOD EXAM

## FRIDAY-DECEMBER 18, 2020: MAKE UP DAY – REGULAR SCHEDULE (1-7)



**FINISH STRONG  
BOBCATS!**

# BHS STUCO

## Season of Giving



On November 4th, BHS held a Food Drive at Farmer's Market. Seven boxes of food were donated to the food bank at First United Methodist Church in Bloomfield



Student Council gave nacho baskets to the Principals for Principal Appreciation Month. Student Council also gave the Athletics Office small gifts for NMAA Appreciation Week and gifts to all the Educational Assistants who work daily to show appreciation of their hard work.

# BHS STUCO Presents

## Holiday Sweater Contest!!

Contest rules:

- 1-Take a picture in your ugly/ holiday sweater. Do not include your face in the photo.
- 2- Send your picture to Mrs.Snell before Dec.11. You can vote for your favorite at <https://forms.gle/dV1Tq3ak5XshHo1a9> once the voting opens up on Dec. 11th to the 14th.
- 3-The winners will be announced on Dec.15th.
4. Prizes will be awarded to the cutest, the ugliest and to the most decked out.

**DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR FACE IN THE PHOTO OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION**

Email your picture to Mrs. Snell  
[jsnell@bsin.k12.nm.us](mailto:jsnell@bsin.k12.nm.us)

BHS Student Council is selling masks for \$10.  
If you would like one, contact any BHS Student Council Member or  
[jsnell@bsin.k12.nm.us](mailto:jsnell@bsin.k12.nm.us)



Makes A Great  
Stocking Stuffer!



**B's UP!**

# Check Your Battery



Green: Feeling Great! I am attending classes online and I am practicing self care. I feel relaxed and in control.

Yellow: Feeling Okay... How can you make your day a tiny bit better? Will talking to others help you feel more engaged?

Orange: I am Struggling! Practice triage. What area of your life is suffering the most right now? Focus on one area only today.

Red: I am almost empty...Pinpoint what is draining you and then do one thing that re-charges your battery.

Remember that your attendance to classes matters! Let us know in the Guidance Office if you have questions or concerns at [hkarst@bsin.k12.nm.us](mailto:hkarst@bsin.k12.nm.us).

# Christmas Activities For The Whole Family



Skiing/ Tubing at Purgatory

Make gingerbread houses together

Make christmas treats and decorate them

Snowball fights or building snowmen together

Watch Christmas movies with hot chocolate

Board game night or family night

Secret Santa with friends or family



**Secret Santa Gift Exchange**

once you've found the perfect gift  
and you know it's meant to be—  
wrap it up, label it,  
and place it under the Christmas tree!  
(the one by the time dog=)

on the eighteenth of December  
our secrets will be revealed—  
as we each find our present  
and our gifts become unsealed!



*Article By: Ivy Hartle*



# Online College Prep

An exciting opportunity for you and your parents to gain access to the Youth Leadership Consortium's (YLC) College Prep Saturday program, taking place via Zoom on Saturday, December 5, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM PT.

College Prep Saturday consists of workshops designed to help middle and high school students from diverse socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds — and their parents—prepare, plan, and pay for college. Topics include preparing for and applying to college, choosing a college that's the right fit, writing a personal statement, researching financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and understanding the real cost of college.

To learn more about the event, please visit <https://bit.ly/hsfcollegeprepsaturday>

ACT 2020 – 2021 Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Window
September 12, 2020	August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	August 15 - August 28, 2020
September 13, 2020	TO BE DETERMINED	
September 19, 2020	TO BE DETERMINED	
October 10, 2020	TO BE DETERMINED	
October 17, 2020	TO BE DETERMINED	
October 24, 2020	September 18, 2020	September 19 - October 2, 2020
October 25, 2020	TO BE DETERMINED	
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7 - November 20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9 - January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13 - March 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8 - May 21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19 - June 25, 2021

# Christmas Symbols and Their Meanings

**Candy Canes:** Allegedly first came about to keep kids quiet, so if you still use them that way, you've got history on your side. In 1670, a choirmaster at the Cathedral of Cologne couldn't keep the choir members from talking during rehearsal for an upcoming live Nativity Scene presentation, so he wanted to hand out peppermint sticks (a popular treat at the time) to keep them busy. He asked a local candy-maker to bend them into the shape of a shepherd's hook, to remind the children that Jesus is the "good shepherd" who keeps his flock safe. The crook-shaped candies spread across Europe, and are still in use today.

**Christmas Tree:** While many different cultures have used evergreens to decorate during the long, cold winter, 16th-century Germany likely popularized the light-draped Christmas tree as we know it today. As the story goes, Martin Luther went walking in the woods one night and was struck by the beauty of the stars filtering through the evergreens. He cut one down, brought it home, and decorated it with candles to recreate the scene for his family. The idea spread, and now Christmas just wouldn't be the same without a tree.

**Star:** Many people top their Christmas trees with a shining star, and others incorporate the design into their decorations in other ways. The star may be one of the most directly biblical Christmas symbols that has made its way into even secular celebrations. It represents the star that appeared in the sky after Jesus was born, which then led the Three Wise Men to visit him in Bethlehem. It also reminds Christians to follow Jesus like their own guiding light.

**Poinsettias:** You may think their bright red color against their green leaves is the only reason we associate the poinsettia flower with Christmas, but it actually has its roots in Mexican folklore. As the story goes, two children named Maria and Pablo wanted to bring gifts to their town's Nativity scene but didn't have the money. So, they picked up some pretty leaves on the road. The townsfolk teased them about their offering, but as Maria and Pablo placed their gifts around the manger, the pretty leaves magically bloomed into the star-shaped flowers.

**Christmas Stockings:** People have been hanging their stockings by the chimney with care since at least the 1800s, and no one knows for sure how it started. The most popular story says that an old man was worried about his three daughters' future, as he didn't have enough money to give them good wedding dowries. Saint Nicholas apparently heard of their plight and wanted to help but knew the man wouldn't accept charity. Instead, he slipped down their chimney and deposited gold into each of the girls' stockings, which were hung by the fireplace to dry.

**Lights:** Christmas comes at a cold, dark time in much of the world, so decorating with lights that brighten things up makes sense even if you don't think about what they mean. For Christians, the lights symbolize Jesus' status as the Light of the World, and the way he came to save people from darkness.

*Article By Allison Waite*

# Senior Spotlight

## Romelia Cereceres

Romelia's thoughts on 2021 includes hope. 2020 has been extremely hard on her and being a senior doing homeschool has been tough. She said she has come to accept the fact we won't go back to school this year. After graduation, Romelia wants to have a good summer and get ready to enter college.

Being in student council and growing her mentality has been her greatest accomplishments at BHS. She doesn't know where she would be without it, she said everything has changed in her life since the pandemic.

5 years from now, Romelia has no idea what she is going to do. This year taught her to take life day by day. Her mom is her biggest role model. Romelia says that her mother is the most amazing woman. She's unique, hard-working, funny, beautiful, and everything she hopes to become. The amount of strength she has shown Romelia and her sisters is beyond comparison; she raised 4 daughters and gave them her all.

Lately there's no spare time, school has been difficult but on the weekend when she closes her computer and puts it away she forgets everything. She hangs out with her family, she plays among us with her nephews, and enjoys the short 48 hours of the weekend.

Romelia and her family always have a theme for Christmas and their theme is what they wear. Her favorite one by far is this year, includes making ugly Christmas sweaters on Thanksgiving Day. Her favorite Christmas movie is definitely ELF. Her favorite Christmas gift has definitely been a yard-long Twix (lol).



## Tyrell Charley

Tyrell's thoughts on 2021 is 'well it's probably gonna be the same as this year because of covid, but we do have a new president'. Since the pandemic he has learned to be isolated and be very cautious. After graduation he plans to go to college and get a job. In 5 years he sees himself as a college student ready to graduate and become a psychologist.

Tyrell's greatest accomplishments at BHS is being a role model to students at BHS and because of cheer. His role model is Ryan Cummings, an all star cheerleader from Extreme Senior Elite. In his spare time he stretches or works out or he cleans his house or he goes shopping.

Tyrell doesn't really have a big family so they do not have any family traditions for the holidays. His favorite Christmas movie is "Madea Christmas". His favorite Christmas memory is going sledding at his grandma's with his family.

*Article By: Maria Melendez*

# From Nurse Garrett

I worry about each of you daily and hope you are all being the best versions of yourself while staying healthy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any reason. My email address is [agarrett@bsin.k12.nm.us](mailto:agarrett@bsin.k12.nm.us)

Self-Care is more important now than ever before. Healthiness starts within. Please use this time to tend to your mind, body, and soul. Try these activities daily..

Shower

Meditation

<https://virtualcalmingroom.net/>

<http://www.school4meditation.com/meditationroom.html>

<https://calmingroom.scusd.edu/>

<https://sites.google.com/apps.district279.org/virtualcalmingroom/home>

Eat

Drink Water

Clean one thing or space

Tend something growing or living

Be mindfully present to...

A sound or song

A sensory feeling

Something you see

A spiritual practice

Reach out to a human outside of your home

Do one thing to get your heart rate up

Do one thing you'll be glad you did later

Do one thing just because you want to

Get in at least one good laugh



With Bobcat Pride,  
Ms. Garrett, BHS Nurse

# Meet The New Staff - Ms. Valerio

I recently interviewed Ms. Valerio. She is new to Bloomfield High School this year and is teaching Foods I & II, Sewing I & II, and Child Development.

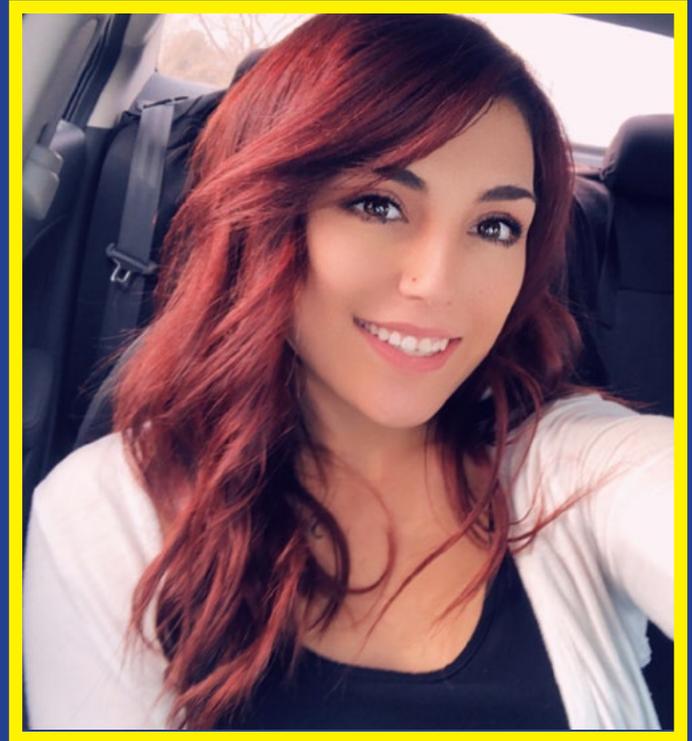
I asked her to tell us some of her favorite things. She loves the color purple. Her favorite quote is “To love at all is to be vulnerable,” by C.S. Lewis. Ms. Valerio’s favorite subject is Psychology. She says, “I love learning about how the human mind functions and why people do the things they do”. Her favorite place to visit, outside of New Mexico is Colorado. She enjoys visiting Pagosa Springs, Durango, and Denver. “I love to be in the mountains,” she said.

When asked what one thing she misses the most since the pandemic began, she replied that she missed everything being open. She explained further, “Everyone is so alone and secluded.”

Ms. Valerio has several hobbies. She loves doing Yoga, riding her mountain bike on trails, going horseback riding, or hiking. She also paints and cooks. “I love being outside,” she says. She also loves spending time with her family and traveling.

I asked her what she would consider her greatest accomplishment so far in her life. Her reply was “My greatest achievements are my 3 degrees. I have gone to school and given it my all and it’s paying off. I have this awesome job with even better students.”

Welcome the BHS. We hope you enjoy the time you spend with here with us.



*Article by: Andrew McManaman*

# Top 8 Christmas Gifts

By Allison Waite



Foot Massage



Magnetic Dart Board



Wireless Bluetooth Karaoke Microphone



"Do Not Disturb, I'm Gaming" Socks



Personal Charging Hub



Fuzzy Socks



Sporty Gift Basket



Makeup Bouquet

# Holiday Movies and TV Specials

Need something to watch on your Christmas Break?

**The Princess Switch: Switched Again(Netflix) - Sequel to “The Princess Switch”, a new character arrives who may or may not be another Vanessa Hudgens look-alike.**

**Holidate(Netflix) - Two single strangers decide to be eachothers plus-ones during holidays. There’s possibly no way they could end up in love?**

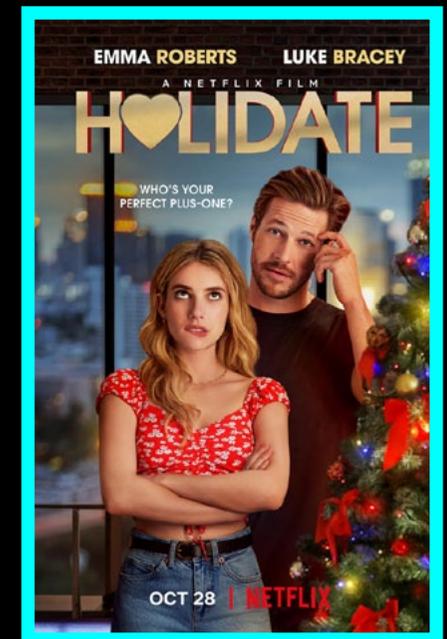
**The LEGO Star Wars Holiday Special(Disney+) - Takes place after the ninth episode, see the adventure of Rey and her friends during Life day.**

**Glee (Netflix) - A Very Glee Christmas S2.EP10, Extraordinary Merry Christmas S3.EP9, Previously Unaired Christmas S5.EP8**

**Gossip Girl (Netflix) - Roman Holiday S1.EP11, It’s A Wonderful Lie S2.EP12**

**Parks and Recreation(Netflix) - Christmas Scandal S2.EP12, Christmas Knope S4.EP10, Ron and Diane S5.EP9**

**Adventure Time(Hulu) - Holly Jolly Secrets part 1&2 (S3.EP19/20)**



# SIMS 4: Snowy Escape Review

This has been a pack that has been very positively reviewed by much of the SIMS community. One of the biggest reasons for the positivity is due to the inclusion of YouTube simmers building the lots in the new world. Also, many people including me, felt that this pack was very carefully made. It is inspired by Asian culture which is seen by the architecture and many small details included. My favorite part of this pack is the vending machines seen around the world, they have many things such as food, little gifts, and articles to help with new sports. The new sports included in this pack are some winter sports such as snowboarding, skiing, and sledding and some other like rock climbing and hiking. There was some criticism on feeling “catfished” as a train was included in the trailer but wasn’t something that could be use in the game.



# Monthly Anime

By Alexis Gatlin

The holidays are fastly approaching and much like 2020 as a whole, we are ending this year in a slight disappointment by receiving only one anime this month. Searching high and low for anything new but at last, we have been robbed of from the grinch. Luckily, amongst the search, I did find one really good Christmas anime movie that you could watch for the festive season. As well as some gift ideas for your otaku friends (or yourself), if you're not sure what to get. Anyways, let's begin!

Starting with our single anime coming out this month:

The final season of Attack on Titan (season 4)

In this final season, the Scouts are going to war to end this battle with the Titans. Expect several casualties and death. It comes out on December 7.

Next up, the anime Christmas movie:

Tokyo Godfathers

It starts with three homeless people finding an abandoned baby and ultimately deciding that they're going to return the child to its parents. A story that questions the meaning of Christmas and its importance as a whole. Honestly, it questions faith and miracles the most, expressing how life is different depending on your faith in something and the miracles you experience. A very good heartfelt story if you're interested.

Lastly, web related gift ideas:

A subscription for an anime streaming service

A DVD of their favorite anime

The manga of their favorite anime

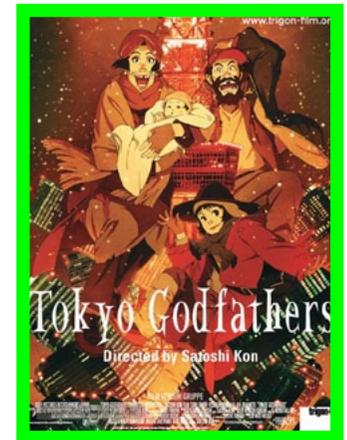
A poster, wall scroll, or piece of artwork

Clothing that has anime on it (like a t-shirt or a hat)

Collectibles such as figurines or plushes

A lifetime supply of ramen noodles

Japanese snacks



With that, look for to the new year because a bunch of new anime is coming out in January. Have a happy holiday season! See you all in the new year!

# Video Game Review

## Call of Duty Cold War

Call of Duty Cold War came out this year but is COD Cold War worth it? The campaign is well worth playing if you're already invested in the package, but as a popcorn, B-movie 80s thriller, it's not worth the price of admission alone, Sadly, Cold War's multiplayer suite feels aimless. Is Black Ops Cold War a good game? Black Ops Cold War is perhaps the tightest and most impressive the game has ever felt. ... Surprisingly, it feels like all of the best new ideas and creative energy in Black Ops Cold War went into the zombies mode. It's an okay game. Is Cold War worth its Reddit? "As it sits right now I'd say it's good. Multiplayer seems very hit and miss. Some games play excellent while others drag a little bit. Gunplay is definitely a faster pace than MW, and the maps (for the most part) play better." *Article By: Yuliana Tena*



# Holiday Student Survey

## What Is Your Favorite Part Of The Holidays?

- Spending Time With The Family - 40.3%
- The Presents! - 15.6%
- The Winter Weather - 15.6%
- The Decorations - 10.4%
- The Food - 9.1%
- The Spirit Of Giving - 7.8%



## How Do You Decorate For The Season?

- Christmas Tree - 94.8%
- Hanging Stockings - 76.6%
- Christmas Decorations Throughout The House - 75.3%
- Lights Outside - 51.9%
- Outside Inflatables - 10.4%

## What Is Your Favorite Holiday Tradition?

- Driving Around Looking At Lights - 25%
- Decorating The Christmas Tree - 23.7%
- Watching Holiday Movies - 18.4%
- Baking Holiday Desserts - 10.5%
- Cooking Holiday Dishes - 9.2%



## What Is Your Favorite Winter Activity?

- Warming Up With Hot Chocolate - 35.1%
- Skiing Or Snowboarding - 16.9%
- Hibernation - 16.9%
- Snowball Fight - 11.7%
- Sleighting - 9.1%

## What Is Your Favorite Holiday Movie?

- The Grinch - 29.9%
- Home Alone - 27.3%
- The Polar Express - 15.6%
- Elf - 13%



## What Is Your Favorite Holiday Song?

- All I Want For Christmas - 26.7%
- Feliz Navidad - 20%
- Last Christmas - 20%
- Let It Snow - 14.7%
- Jingle Bells - 8%

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## STUDENT SURVEY

What Are You Looking Forward To In  
2021?

Returning To School - 25.3%

Playing Sports - 25.3%

Being Able To See My Friends Again -  
24%

Not Wearing A Mask - 17%



## ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED IN HIGH SCHOOL?

\$100.00-Full page

\$50.00-Half page

\$25.00 Quarter Page

ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF ADS WILL BE SOLD

CONTACT Mr. Schramm

@ cschramm@bsin.k12.nm.us

# VIRTUAL ART CLUB

Every Wednesday Afternoon  
2:35-4:00



On Google Meets

Click - [meet.google.com/tgg-xzze-src](https://meet.google.com/tgg-xzze-src)  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

# CLASS OF 2021



Senior Photos Are Due On

**12/20/20**

Send them to [cschramm@bsin.k12.nm.us](mailto:cschramm@bsin.k12.nm.us)

**The 2020-2021 BHS Yearbook/Bobcat Bits Staff Wishes Everyone Happy Holidays!**

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