

BCS Connections

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Let's Stay Connected!

This fall marked the first time that BCS used its emergency telephone notification system. We used this system to notify students, parents and staff of a school closing due to the weather, a change in the location of an interscholastic sports contest, and the postponement of a school event.

Because of the many positive responses we have received, we would like to begin using this system to include various school announcements. For example, several days prior to the annual school musical a message will be sent including the date, time and other relevant details. In addition, another use could be to announce the upcoming week's athletic events and important test dates.

We would like to make this service available to all interested community members and tailor the type of message each person would like to receive. To participate in this program, simply answer the following questions and return to the main office or e-mail the answers to info@brookfieldcsd.org. If you have any questions, please call us at 899-3323 ext 221.

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Name:

What is the phone number you would like us to call?

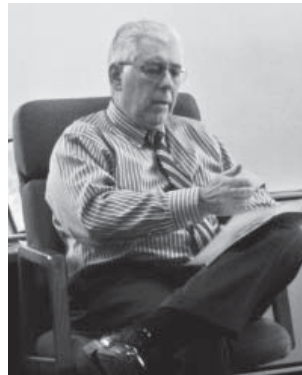
What is your e-mail address (optional)?

What types of events would you like us to contact you about (check all that apply)?

- Emergency school closings
- Other school events (concerts/musicals, etc.)
- Other school closings (conference days, etc.)
- Sports events

If at any time you would like to remove your name from these lists just give us a call.

Welcome Back Mr. Szatko!



Mr. Steve Szatko has been appointed interim superintendent of Brookfield Central School. Mr. Szatko previously served as interim superintendent of BCS during the 2005-2006 school year. Mr. Szatko has been superintendent at Sherburne-Earlville CSD, Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD and Richfield Springs CSD.

Cafeteria

Due to the discovery of asbestos during the excavation for the handicapped bathrooms the cafeteria completion date was extended. We anticipate completion of these bathrooms shortly and the cafeteria should be operational by January 31, 2010. Until then, students will continue to enjoy live music during their lunch as the cafeteria continues to occupy a portion of the music room.

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Resident

Building Project

The building project is now more than 50 percent complete. During the course of this project many adjustments have been made by our students, staff and community. Enough cannot be said about the unselfishness and team spirit that everyone has shown during this process. In addition, Mt. Markham Central School District's assistance to us during this project cannot be overstated. Without Mt. Markham's generous assistance, the commitment of their staff and the understanding of their community, our winter sports program would have suffered greatly. Their unselfishness is a prime example of what makes this area of Central New York a great place to live.

During the course of this project many community members have reminisced about the challenges they experienced in previous building projects. Some of the information related to us included classes being taught in the bus garage in the 1950's and basketball and volleyball practices on the soccer field in the 1980's. In the not too distant future this generation of students will be able to share their own experiences. In this project, we have seen our school community exhibit the same, "we will do whatever needs to be done," attitude as existed in previous generations. We are proud of that.

Library Media Center

The renovations necessary to double the size of the library are complete. Once the classroom addition is finished the programs currently occupying the classroom adjoining the library will be able to be relocated and the library can expand into this space. Although the classroom addition will be done in June, we anticipate expanding the library during the summer of 2010.

Heating & Ventilation

The replacement of our oldest heating units in 10 of our classrooms is complete except for fine tuning the temperature in each room. The new univent units are more efficient than the previous units and are controlled by an electronic temperature control system.

This system will allow the room temperatures to be monitored and adjusted more efficiently than the previous pneumatic system resulting in a lower cost of energy. We are currently evaluating the cost and the related energy savings of converting all our units to the electronic control system.

Gymnasium

Substandard construction of the original gymnasium resulted in the district receiving a financial settlement of \$110,000 from the original contractors and their surety's. This money has been used to offset the additional costs to correct these items. Unfortunately, correcting these items has also extended the necessary construction time.

However, the majority of the construction work has been completed in the gym and the gym is currently being painted. Once the interior concrete slab has cured to the required moisture level, the hardwood flooring materials will be able to be placed in the gym. After a waiting period to allow the wood to acclimate to the environment in the gym, the installation of the flooring will begin. We anticipate the gym to be complete on March 31, 2010.

Budget

Financially, the building project continues to look very favorable. Although many unexpected conditions have been discovered during the renovations, the project is currently more than half-a-million dollars under budget.