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*“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.”*

*-Abigail Adams*

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## BASCS College and Career Coaching (B-CCC) Program

The Buffalo Academy of Science has recently begun the new BASCS College and Career Coaching (B-CCC) Program. This program, organized by BASCS Guidance Department, is a volunteer-based program focused on contributing to the academic achievement



and personal development of its participating students. The curriculum is still developing and continuously improving; however, our goal in presenting the B-CCC program is to raise successful and well-rounded candidates for Ivy League and other most selective colleges. The B-CCC also has character and personality enriching activities to secure students’ success in life. The program will consist of academic supports and extracurricular events – including, but not limited to

College Exploration, Ivy League and other College visits, Tutoring and Group Study Sessions, Family gatherings such as picnics and small trips, Study Camps, Home visits, Camping, Sport Activities and Voluntarily Community Service to promote positive group relationships. Along the way, students will be guided for scholarships and awards applications for colleges.

The primary focus of B-CCC is to increase academics and extracurricular activities required to solidify admissions to selective colleges.

## Literacy is Key

According to the Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success: Books and Schooling in 27 Nations report, “Children growing up in homes with many books get three years more schooling than children from bookless homes.”

**Suggestion:** Remember that modeling good reading habits is a great way to en-

courage your child to read. Make sure that your children see you reading for pleasure often in your spare time. Be sure to make a variety of reading materials readily available in convenient places throughout your home to encourage your children to read on their own.

Fill your house with books! Give books as

gifts and reward your children with literature. (Most book retailers offer gift cards or certificates for sale.) It is the most useful thing you can do!





For more information about the Common Core Standards and how you can assist your child, visit:

Engageny.org:

[www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources](http://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources)

National Parent Teacher Association:

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

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## What Are Common Core Learning Standards?

Learning standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each grade. The new Common Core Standards provide a clear picture of what students need to learn each year in order to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college and careers.

The Common Core Standards were developed by educators and other experts based on research and lessons learned by top-performing countries. The standards describe the skills and knowledge our students need to succeed in a rapidly changing world, including the ability to think creatively, solve real-world

problems, make effective arguments and engage in debates.

In NYS, Common Core Standards for English language arts include a focus on literacy in history, science and technical subjects. As a result, students will be asked to do significantly more writing and to read increasingly more complex texts with an emphasis on nonfiction. In math, students will take more time to understand concepts deeply, make connections between topics and master complex ideas through hands-on learning.

Staying informed about your

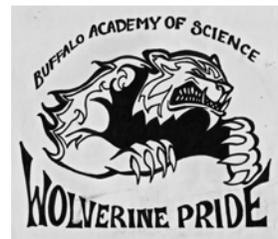
child's academic performance and behavior at school is key to making sure s/he is developing the skills s/he will need to be successful in college and careers. Some easy ways to stay well-informed are:

- Check in regularly with your child's teachers
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Volunteer at school events
- Join the parent association

*\*The information that appears in this section was gathered from the NYC Department of Education.*



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## Parent Resources

At BASCS, we not only value parental input, but we encourage our parents to be active partners in the education of your children. Helping your children study at home, reading to and with your children, and attending school events can make a huge difference in how well your child applies himself/herself in school.

Here are some important upcoming dates you should know:

- May 2nd—Superintendent's Day (NO STUDENTS)
- May 3rd—Senior Class 2014

Picture Day

May 6th & 7th—AES Math & Science observations

May 6th-10th—Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7th—Taste of BASCS (5:30 pm-7:00 pm)

May 8th—Middle School Honors Breakfast

May 9th—High School Honors Breakfast

May 9th—Talent Show Try-outs

May 10th—Staff vs. Students Dodgeball

May 16th—Annual Spelling Bee

May 20th—Student Early Release

May 21st—Parent Teacher Conferences/Health & Wellness Fair

May 23rd—Student Early Release/Jr-Sr Prom (7:00 pm)

May 24th-28th—Memorial Day Weekend

May 29th—HS Finals begin

