On the Ballot for 2022-2023

THE BUDGET
- Proposed Budget: $56,280,408
- Budget-to-Budget Increase: 4.82%
- Tax Levy Increase: 2.75%
- Complies with the State Tax Levy Cap

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION
- Two seats for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The two people with the highest votes each win a board seat.

VOTE
May 17, 2022 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Todd Elementary School
Budget Vote and Board Candidate Election
Dear Briarcliff UFSD Families:

As a school community, we have a great deal to be excited about. Cognizant that the pandemic is not yet over, District staff have returned to normal operations including enriched opportunities for students at every level. As we plan for the 2022-2023 school year, the question is not if but how can we engage students in the full complement of educational programs and activities? How can we leverage our new knowledge and capabilities to improve student experiences while improving educational outcomes? And how can we better engage with parents as partners in our mission to create knowledgeable, confident, and capable young adults?

In collaboration with the Board of Education, the District’s leadership team has developed a budget plan that reflects our educational priorities and will improve our classrooms and building infrastructure. In addition to continuing our commitment to student social and emotional well-being K-12, the District will be introducing a new reading program at Todd, expanding opportunities in engineering, computer science and robotics at the Middle and High schools, providing new furniture to 56 classrooms and overhauling our classroom heating and cooling systems districtwide.

What will not change is the District’s commitment to our students and their families. Through a wide array of educational programs and support for students to a robust and evolving professional development program for teachers and staff, we endeavor to surround students with opportunities to grow and provide competent and trusted professionals to help guide them along the way. Our schools have gained regional and national recognition for educational success. Success in Briarcliff, however, is best measured one student at a time.

The Briarcliff Schools continue to garner acclaim and recognition. This year, Briarcliff High School joined both Todd Elementary and the Middle School as a National Blue Ribbon School of Distinction. In addition, for the second consecutive year, BHS was named the No. 1 High School program in Westchester County. Briarcliff Middle School was named a 2021-2022 Apple School of Distinction. And Todd Elementary School was one of several schools in our region to be cited for its commitment to social and emotional learning and its integration of mindfulness practices into the classroom.

Thank you to our families and parent volunteers for your support along the way. With your help, the District will continue to provide a broad array of educational activities and a warm, supportive and joyful environment for students to learn and to grow.

The Briarcliff Manor School District is committed to a continued tradition of excellence. The proposed budget would ensure that our students continue to be engaged, challenged, supported and prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Working closely with our building principals to address the goals and priorities of each of the three schools, while maintaining our overarching District philosophy, the Board of Education is presenting a budget that provides for:

- Implementation of a new and enhanced reading program at Todd.
- New furniture in 56 classrooms districtwide.
- Expansion of engineering, computer science and robotics programming at the Middle and High school level.
- Increased social and emotional support and training for middle school students and staff.
- Overhaul of classroom HVAC systems districtwide.

Working below the New York State mandated tax levy limit, the Board of Education has adopted a budget of $56,280,408 which represents levy increase of 2.75%. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17th. Please remember to exercise your civic responsibility and vote!

In addition to the information provided in this Newsletter, the District has created a more detailed Budget Book for your perusal. This resource represents the District’s commitment to working collaboratively with the Board of Education, the community and staff in developing the proposed school budget. The Budget Book can be found on the District website or at the following link:

bit.ly/Briar-Budget22

If our priorities are in the right place and we remain committed to the success of every student, we can be confident about our future as a school community. This year’s budget proposal takes into consideration the academic, emotional, and practical needs of students as well as the District’s fiduciary responsibilities. Mindful of each of these critical elements, we hope to create a sustainable path for renewal, improvement, and continued success into the 2022-2023 school year and for years to come.

Very Sincerely,

Dr. James Kaishian
Superintendent of Schools

Michael Haberman
Board of Education President
### Budget/Expense Summary

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**2.75% Tax Levy Increase**

### 2022-2023 Budget Revenues/Expenditures Breakdown

**Revenues**

- **Tuition**: 7%
- **State Aid**: 5%
- **From Fund Balance**: 2%
- **Other**: 7%
- **Tax Levy**: 80%

**Expenditures**

- **Employee Benefits**: 18.9%
- **General Support**: 6.4%
- **Transportation**: 4.6%
- **Operations & Maintenance**: 8.4%
- **Debt Service**: 6.0%
- **Transfers & Capital Fund**: 1.0%
- **Instruction**: 54.3%
- **Other**: 5.43%

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**3.** CONNECT WITH US                  BRIARCLIFF MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT                  BRIARCLIFFSCHOOLS                 @SUPERKAISH      SPRING 2022
Briarcliff High School Highlights

BHS Received the National Blue Ribbon Award.
BHS was ranked number one high school in Westchester County for the second year in a row.

BHS introduced several new courses to the curriculum: Project Lead the Way, Capstone and an "Ism" class, which focuses on Classism, Racism and Sexism.

The school government held a welcome Barbecue in the beginning of the year.

BHS put on the drama "The Voice of the Prairie" by John Olive.

The first pep rally in two years was held at the Stadium Field.

BHS celebrated National Red Ribbon Week.

Briarcliff Social Worker Tim Pellegrino has been facilitating mindfulness classes in ninth grade biology class, through the Mindful Schools Organization.

BHS held a send-off ceremony for several athletes, inviting parents and siblings.

Dr. Bryant T. Marks visited the school virtually and spoke about diversity and about implicit bias.

The JCK Foundation visited a health class to discuss the importance of mental health.

Chorus, band, orchestra and dance held in-person winter and spring concerts.

Briarcliff High School members of the Special Olympics Club participated in the 2021 Westchester Polar Plunge at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. The Club raised $3,750 for this year’s “Freezin for a Reason” event.

Jack Ricciardi and Matthew Waterhouse signed letters of intent. They will both play Men’s Lacrosse at University of Richmond and Villanova University, respectively. Arianna Vizcaino signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer for Dominican College, where she will be studying to become a secondary math teacher.

Sophomore Gordon Beckler and Junior Miles Wolin were selected to travel to Boston, MA to perform in the 2022 American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) High School Honors Choir of the Easter Region Conference.

BHS put on the musical “Little Shop of Horrors.” Briarcliff High School won first place at Green Level for the first time at the Siena Programming Contest.

Student Accolades

The HOBY Award was given to three Briarcliff High School sophomores: Gautam Gupta, Joey Berger and James (JP) Kuhn received first, second and third place, respectively.

The BHS Literary Magazine received the ESSPA Award and advisor Karen McCarthy received Advisor of the Year award.

The following students were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Emily Snider, Marina Varriano, Emmanuelle Park, Riya Rao, Carolyn Calenda, Chloe Reidy, Catherine Seok, Sophia Zielinski, Erin Burns, Jessica Casper, Theodore D’Onofrio, David Hao, Jackson Lichtman, Grant Lichtman.

The following students were named National Merit Semifinalists: Dylan Bright, Haonan Gong, Lucas Martin, Neel Raut and former BHS student Clara Barden.

Sophomore Sofia Choudhri, a member of the school’s Writers’ Circle club recently won a Gold Key in the Scholastic Writing Awards.

Shannon Lee won Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Writing Awards.

Scholastic Art Competition:

Senior Ben Young won a Silver Key for illustrating and comics, Junior Annika Bruinings won Honorable Mention for drawing.

Junior Tevin Kim won one Gold Key, Four Silver Keys and one Honorable Mention for Photography.

Sophomore Sofia Choudhri won Third Place in the Lifting Up Westchester Student Essay Contest.

Senior Logan Jones’ research alongside his mentors at the University of Miami Medical School has been published in the peer-reviewed journal Cures.

Junior Benjamin Raphael was recently selected to be one of 18 American baseball players to take part in the U.S. delegation at the 21st Maccabiah, also known as “the Jewish Olympics,” held in Israel every year since 1932.

Briarcliff seniors Emily Snider and Ryan Hadi qualified at the JSHS (Junior Science & Humanities Symposium) regional competition to present their research posters at the Upstate JSHS, which was held remotely in March. Emily Snider placed first in the poster category. Her research title is “Adolescent Receptivity to COVID-19 Safety Messaging.”

Senior Jack Madden was selected as the Scholastic Con Edison Sports Award winner and was interviewed on a local radio station.

BHS students participated in the Westchester Science & Engineering Fair, also known as WSEF, where the following students were recognized with special awards at the Awards Ceremony:

- Ada Hossfeld - American Meteorological Society Award and U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize

- Josh Linett - U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- Waiz Mansoor - U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- and Teatown Young Environmentalist Award
- Erin Burns - Excellence in Medical Research Award
- Ben Raphael - BASF Expanding Knowledge in Science Award
- Haonan Gong - Momentive - Solutions for a Sustainable World Award
- Cathy Seok - Carl Zeiss Microscopy Award
- Ryan Hadi - Community Impact Award
- Emily Snider - Honorable Mention Award

The following students placed in their categories:

- Elliot Jones - 4th Place in Behavioral & Social Science
- Josh Linett - 4th Place in Environmental Science
- Haonan Gong - 3rd Place in Biochemistry
- Ada Hossfeld - 3rd Place in Environmental Science
- Jason Starr - 3rd Place in Computational Bio/Bioinformatics
- Ryan Hadi - 2nd Place in Behavioral & Social Science
Briarcliff Middle School

- BMS received an Apple Distinguished School Designation.
- The school introduced several new enrichment courses this year, including Project Lead the Way mini courses in grades seven (Medical Detectives) and eight (The Science of Technology). The school also added new opportunities for coding, world culture and social studies enrichment.
- Seventh graders visited Teatown Reservation.
- Several BMS seventh graders participated in a virtual leadership conference recently given by the Human Rights Institute for Middle School.
- Seventh graders raised over 100 brook trout in Jessica Loprieno’s science class, as part of the “Trout in the Classroom” program.
- The Student Council held the Souper Bowl.
- An art show, featuring art and computer art made by BMS students, was held at the Briarcliff Manor Public Library.
- Student council organized spirit days throughout the year. This included the hugely popular Ugly Sweater Day on December 17.
- The school held a virtual talent show in April.
- The Greenhouse club organized a coat drive in November.
- In February’s Mathletes competition, seventh grader Juliana Wang ranked 14 out of 99 participants from Westchester County. Eighth grader Ava Wu ranked 18 and eighth grader Matthew Epstein ranked 21.
- Students learned about Dia de la Muerte in late October. Seventh graders created “ofrendas” and sixth graders had a special day that included the movie “Coco” and enjoyed churros y chocolate.
- The school updated its Technology course in the related arts cycle with Design and Modeling. The course teaches the engineering process while students create “prototypes” to support children with cerebral palsy. This brings in the opportunity to build empathy.
- The school added a new sixth grade course in the related arts cycle called Movement for All.
- The school featured a different theme for each month built around SEL. In November, the guidance counselor invited students to write notes of gratitude to others. Students wrote many notes and they were all delivered to the intended recipients.
- The school held two parent “Coffee Hour” meetings via the PTA. Most recently, the topic was around ways to keep our students safe. (The slides are on the website under School Information > School Presentations.)
- In addition to the art show at the public library, art teacher Jessica Dubin recently hung a display of students’ paintings on the theme of “people moving” in response to the refugee crisis in Ukraine.

Todd Elementary School

- Fifth graders participated in Chalk the Walk and used chalk to create Halloween-themed artwork.
- Fourth and fifth graders held their first live music concert in two years in the Todd Cafeteria during lunch.
- Author and illustrator Brian Pinkney visited second and third graders virtually and shared some of his favorite illustrations with the students.
- Kindergarten students had a live demonstration by the Briarcliff Fire Department.
- Todd Elementary hired a new in-house STEAM teacher, Amira Lahlouh.
- First graders had an online BOCES program about animals in winter.
- Students celebrated Big Apple Crunch and ate delicious apples to create awareness about New York State Apples.
- Award-winning children’s author Erin Entrada Kelly visited fourth and fifth graders virtually and shared her books and writing process with the students.
- The entire school participated in Kindness Week in February.
- Todd students have been enjoying their new GaGa pit – a legacy gift from last year’s fifth graders who moved on to Briarcliff Middle School. The school installed a rubber mat to make playing more comfortable.
- Todd Held the Souper Bowl food drive.
- Author Juana Martinez-Neal visited kindergartners and first graders in person. This was the first in-person author visit at the school in over two years.
- Students celebrated “Read Across America” by reading their favorite books individually, with partners or with the entire class.
- Todd students participated in the “National Healthy Heart Challenge.”
- Todd fourth and fifth graders held a spring concert for band, orchestra and chorus.
### Varsity Cheerleading
- Caitlin Bombassei – All League
- Clare Honsberger – All League

### Varsity Girls Cross Country
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - Desmond Saw – All League
  - Jaylen Savage – All League
  - Brandon Rispoli – All Conference/All League
  - Michael Rebisz – All League
  - Adam Harris – All League
  - Jayden Amador – All League
  - Shennah Preble – All League
  - Gianna Galiani – All League
  - NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

### Varsity Boys Cross Country
- League Coach of the Year – David Villalobos
  - League Player of the Year (MVP) – Arianna Vizzaino
  - Arianna Vizzaino – All State/All Section/All League
  - Talia Fante – All League
  - Sophia Zielinski – All Section Honorable Mention/All League
  - Dylan Zednik – All Section/All League
  - Gabriella Chioccola – All League
  - Sora Marable – All League
  - Eliza Aldrich – All League Honorable Mention
  - Rebecca Kratz – All League Honorable Mention
  - Arianna Vizzaino – All Section
  - Dylan Zednik – All Section
  - Talia Fante – All Section Honorable Mention
  - Sophia Zielinski – All Section Honorable Mention

### Varsity Girls Swimming
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - Annabelle Kung – All State/All Section/All League
  - Katie Lynch – All State/All League
  - Hannah Melnick – All State

### Varsity Winter Track
- League Champions
  - NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - Carolyn Calandra – All County/All Section/All State for 600, 1500 Racewalk
  - Kevin Callaghan – All State/Section One Runner Up, 300, 600, 4x400 Relay
  - Suraya Chalabi – 55, 4x400 Meter Relay
  - Michael Cherubini – 4x800 Relay
  - Giovanni Cucotta – 3200
  - Luke Dennis – 4x800 Relay
  - Alex DiMartino – 4x200 Relay
  - Emma Dolgin – 4x800 Relay
  - Conor Duperrouzel – 4x200 Relay
  - Devin Franks – 4x800 Relay
  - Zoe Franks – 4x800 Relay
  - Chloe Gurreri – 4x400 Relay
  - Max Horgan – 4x200 Relay
  - Lauren Isbell – 4x800 Relay
  - Diana Jones – 4x400 Relay
  - Rian Kelmendi – Shot Put
  - Hudson Ludwig – 4x400 Relay
  - Will McClay – 55, 4x200 Relay
  - Kyle Phillips – 600, 1000, 4x800 Relay
  - Dan Satran – 4x200 Relay
  - Kornel Smith – 1600, 4x800 Relay
  - Serena Xu – 4x400 Relay

### Varsity Bowling
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - Qualified & Competed at Sectionals
  - NYSSSA Regional Qualifier – 7th Place & Earned a Bid to UCA HS Nationals in Small GameDay Division
  - New Rochelle Competition – 3rd Place
  - Scarsdale Competition – 3rd Place
  - John Jay Competition – 3rd Place
  - Eastchester Competition – 1st Place
  - UCS HS Nationals Competition – Preliminary Finalist

### Varsity Gymnastics
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - All State/All Section/All League/Qualifed for States – Mariah Abud-Chahta

### Varsity Ice Hockey
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
  - League Champions
**Briarcliff Celebrates Diversity**

The Briarcliff Manor Union Free District has been busy creating a school environment that reflects our diverse backgrounds and cultures.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, members of the Student Coalition for Human Dignity at Briarcliff High School used chalk to write inspiring quotes and messages, as well as names of famous human rights activists on the sidewalk in front of the school.

Seventh graders in Johanna Foster’s Spanish class created “ofrendas” (altars) for famous Hispanic people as they celebrated the Mexican holiday “Dia de los Muertos,” or Day of the Dead. They also created festive “máscaras” (masks) and “esqueletos” (skeletons) and brought in food samples such as “el Pan de los Muertos” (bread of the dead).

Fourth-graders created dioramas and artifacts about Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands, whose history goes back as far as 800 B.C.

“In honor of Black History Month, science teacher Shaniece Mosley created a large display of the period table of Black History. It includes a short description of the person and a QR code for each of the “elements” so that students can scan with their phones and learn more,” said chorus director John Banks.

“The color is beautiful. Don’t refer to me and my people as the colored. We are black and proud,” wrote senior Sarah Rose Diaz. In her “Artists as Activists” project, students in “Drawing and Painting I” class at Briarcliff High School used posters to convey messages, selecting an issue that mattered to them and researching about it.

Members of Briarcliff Middle School International Club enjoyed presentations of various martial arts in honor of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Students taught club members about the origins of Karate, Taekwondo and Jiu Jitsu, as well as how to move up belts and earn stripes. Members also learned about food and traditional music and dance.

Third-graders in Therese Verderosa’s class were inspired to dream big by the legacy and words of Martin Luther King Jr. In honor of his birthday, they came up with their own messages to the world.

“Dr. King chose love over fighting. As educators, we have a chance to be a part of the bigger picture, the bigger message,” Ms. Verderosa said.

Briarcliff High School Chorus students prepared for the winter concert by singing a song in Hebrew - “Kala Kalla” by Eric Whitacre. “When I prepare for concerts, I like to have songs from at least two different cultures so instead of a traditional Hanukkah song I chose something with a different flavor,” said chorus director John Banks.

At Briarcliff, we say “Gay.” And we support all members of the LBGTQ+ community. BHS’s Gay-Straight Alliance Club members put up posters in the school hallways and handed out pins to students and staff to wear in support of International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Members of the Briarcliff High School Asian Club celebrated Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. After learning about the holiday, which is also called “the Festival of Love,” and “the Festival of Spring,” students went outside to throw bright colored powder at one another.

“A seventh grader with Italian heritage brought cannolis to Nancy Kress’s Culture Enrichment class. As part of their Family Heritage Project, students created PowerPoint presentations and brought food from their cultures to share.”

Everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick’s Day! Todd students wore green shirts and had fun activities on St. Patrick’s Day.

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To vote on May 17, 2022 you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- 18 years of age or older.
- A resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the vote.
- A registered voter of the district and or a registered voter of Westchester County whose name appears on the list supplied by the Westchester County Board of Elections as having voted in a national, state or county election during the past four calendar years.
- For information please call District Clerk at (914) 432-8130.