



## “Lite the Night” for Chase Anderson

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Over the weekend, the Berlin community continued to mourn the loss of a beloved student, Chase Anderson.

The “Lite the Nite” event was held at Sage Park on Sunday, October 16. This event was put on through the Ryan T. Lee Foundation.

Chase’s family, friends, teachers, and others gathered to celebrate his life. They wrote messages and drawings on paper bags, added lights, and then arranged the paper bags in a very large heart on the football field. The overhead lights were then turned off, and the heart was lit up. People were also able to write heartfelt letters that were then hung up on a tree, given to Chase’s family.

The loss of Chase was very unexpected. The Berlin community was struck with the tragic news of his passing on the morning of August 20, 2022, right before the new school year.

Chase was an incoming 10th grader who was very excited for the start of his sophomore year.

“Chase was really looking forward to the start of the school year,” said Brian Benigni, Berlin Schools Superintendent.

“Chase Money,” as he was known, was a friend to many students here and had a great sense of humor, always



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Friends gathered at Sage Park to remember Chase Anderson.

making people laugh.

Chase liked music, hanging out with friends, and thoroughly enjoyed doing parkour, an athletic training discipline in which people try to get from one point to another as quickly as possible.

Chase was a part of the Berlin Police Cadet program, Upbeat, and Bike Club. He also helped out with the Berlin High School RISE Program.

Friends say that he loved rap music,

basketball, and biking around town.

As a fellow member of the Class of 2025, Chase will be missed dearly. He had a very bright future ahead of him, and we want to carry on his name. The 10th grade student government sold bracelets to support Chase’s legacy and donate to the Chase Anderson Scholarship.

If you want to donate to his scholarship, please contact the Class of 2025 for more information.

## Queen Elizabeth Laid to Rest

By Grace Foster  
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On September 8, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II peacefully passed away, marking the longest reign as a monarch in the history of the British Royal Family. Her 70 years on the throne proved that she was very well respected and hard-working.

Most students at BHS were informed on September 8, around the end of the school day. By the time the final bell rang, it was being talked about all throughout the halls, creating a conversational piece not just for students, but for staff as well.

“I was so shocked, I thought people were joking when they told me,” says Julia Pikor, a freshman. Many other students have had this reaction as well; no one can say that they expected this incident to happen.

“I was in French class and the person behind me said ‘the Queen died!’ and I thought, ‘No way,’” adds freshman Arden Singh. “I was so sad because the Queen was iconic.”

Teachers had input on the tragedy as well. Social studies teacher, Ms. Jones,

said that Queen Elizabeth’s “decades on the throne brought a sense of consistency to many, despite the rapid changes and significant challenges that the global community experienced throughout those years.

“However, monarchies also feel outdated and recall the injustices of imperialism. I am really curious to see if the Windsor line continues or if the passing of Queen Elizabeth II will mark the end of a centuries old tradition in Great Britain,” Jones said.

Regarding her death, several protocols were put into action out of respect for the Queen. Foremost, the funeral plan known as ‘Operation London Bridge’ was put into place. This well thought out plan involved the official announcement of her death, the mourning period, and the specifics of her funeral. ‘Day 0’ of the procedure started the day of her death, when the Royal household informed the public.

Ten days later of mourning and the funeral day arrived. On September 19, the Queen’s funeral took place with many world leaders in attendance.

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# Top Summer Reading Recommendations

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This past summer, students at BHS participated in logging the books they read throughout the summer.

I personally was an avid reader this summer, as I read 18 books over the course of the three-month break. Here are some of the most popular books of summer 2022 based upon Berlin High responses, including those that I have read and highly recommend.

## *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han

Out of all of the logged entries coming into the 2022-2023 school year at BHS, 9 percent of those students read *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series for their summer reading choice.



This series is written by Jenny Han who is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All The Boys I Loved Before* series as well. If you are a romance lover when it comes to reading, *The Summer I Turned Pretty* has to be a book on your reading list.

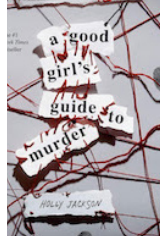
This novel follows a girl named Belly at a beach house her family shares every year with her mother’s best friend, Susannah and her family. Susannah and her two boys, Conrad and Jeremiah, have been with Belly since day one. The two boys and Belly have developed a sibling-like relationship over the consecutive summers they spent together in the past, and know each other better than anyone else. She may be the younger one out of the bunch and the only girl, but Belly isn’t afraid to go after what she may want.

As Belly hits her peak of maturity, that one specific summer changes everything she had once felt towards the boys. Belly will realize her feelings may be more than just “love for a brother,” yet how can she listen to her heart when her rapport with Conrad and Jeremiah is so strong and,

most importantly, their families are intertwined? Will Belly side with the stubbornness of Conrad, the wit of Jeremiah, or the safety of keeping the two families’ relationship how it has always been?

## *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Another popular read amongst the Berlin High student body over the summer, and a pick for the BHS Windows & Mirrors Book Club’s upcoming October book, is *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson. For those who gravitate towards a page-turning mystery novel, this book is for you.



Pip gravitates to the murder mystery that struck her town five years ago, leaving two high school seniors dead. The story depicts Andie Bell to be murdered by Sal Singh one day, but then Sal supposedly commits suicide preceding Andie’s death. Since Pip grew up with Sal during her childhood, she can attest to his real character more than anyone else would understand.

As she reaches her senior year, Pip decides to reopen the murder case for her final project to pose a new consideration to the story. But her research becomes more than just a confrontation. Pip will realize throughout her project that just maybe Sal wasn’t guilty like everyone assumed. She will encounter truths and secrets that may jeopardize the town and its people, leaving Pip to become a target because of her discoveries.

Her risk to take on a sensitive case like the one of Andie and Sal’s may leave her having her own life in danger instead because someone doesn’t want her to know the truth. For Pip, the risk of her research becomes about making sure the whole town of Fairview remembers the day of the murder for its actual, true story.

## *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Puzzling games, tension-filled relationships, uncovered secrets, and the overstatement of money represents *The Inheritance Games* all into one novel. Jennifer Lynn Barnes takes the reader on an adventure that will keep you guessing throughout this compelling read.



Avery Grambs’ life is turned upside down when she gets the news that she is the one written in the will to inherit a billionaire’s fortune. As a girl from our very own Connecticut, Avery has no recognition or connection to Texas’ own Tobias Hawthorne.

She can’t help but wonder, *why her?*

Avery will have to manage the transition from being nothing to becoming the face of the public. In order to obtain the fortune, she must move into the Hawthorne House containing every part of Tobias’ touch. The house contains every code, riddle, and puzzle imaginable while also being the home to the family that expected to gain capital.

This family includes four grandsons: Nash, Grayson, Jameson, and Alexander, all who take Avery’s new presence in their life differently.

Despite their challenges to her worthiness to inherit such value, Avery and the Hawthorne boys will work together, or even against each other, to figure out why Tobias chose Avery out of the seven billion people in the world.

Wealth and privilege now becomes Avery’s reality, despite the danger, and a game she will have to play in order to survive. Avery’s journey contains endless entertainment as you watch all the answers come together in knowing the truth.

Just when you thought you could predict the ending, you will never know which direction the book will take.

# Summer Movie Hits You Might Have Missed!

By David Perkins  
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## *Thor: Love and Thunder!*

Directed by Taika Waititi and scored by Michael Giacchino with Nami Melumad, *Thor: Love And Thunder* is an epic action-adventure comedy starring Chris Hemsworth as Thor.



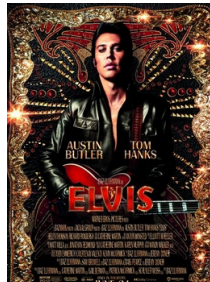
Thor is having a midlife crisis, trying to figure out exactly who he is. When a tragic villain named Gorr begins slaughtering different gods from all across the cosmos, Thor must join forces with his ex-girlfriend, Jane Foster (Natalie Portman). Alongside the Guardians of the Galaxy (Pratt, Bautista, Klemintoff, Cooper, Gillen), Korg (Waititi), Valkyrie (Thompson), Zeus (Russel Crowe), and Guns N’ Roses, the most powerful gods across the Marvel Universe assemble to bring

*Thor: Love And Thunder* a massive \$755 million in the worldwide box office. It is also available to stream on Disney+!

## *Elvis* (2022)!

Directed by Baz Luhrmann and composed by Elliot Wheeler, *Elvis* is an incredible retelling of the story of Elvis Presley, one of the most iconic rock singers in the United States.

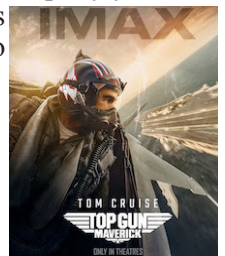
Elvis Presley, (Austin Butler), grew up with an astounding love for numerous genres of music, and joined a small band as an adult. After his first performance, he is approached and becomes managed by Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Here, the plot takes a surprising twist, with a whole new string of consequences. This story, with a brilliant soundtrack, is a dramatic biopic retelling of the optimism, corruption, and love life of Elvis, earning it an



astounding \$277 million worldwide! *Elvis* is now available to stream on HBO Max!

## *Top Gun: Maverick!*

Directed by Joseph Kosinski and composed by Lady Gaga, Hans Zimmer, Lorne Balfe, and Harold Faltermayer, *Top Gun: Maverick* is a sequel to the hit 1986 film *Top Gun*. Pete “Maverick” Mitchell, (Tom Cruise) after 30 exemplary years of being a Naval aviator, is recruited by the Navy to begin the instruction of a new team of cadets at Top Gun, a class filled with the highest-level pilots in the military. Alongside his fellow squadron mates Rooster (Miles Teller), Hangman (Glen Powell), Phoenix (Monica Barbaro), and more, the squadron must learn to come together as a unit in order to complete the mission!



*Top Gun: Maverick* soars to incredible new heights at the box office, making an astonishing \$1.355 billion worldwide!

# Sage Energy: A Unique Experience in Berlin

By Grace Foster and Eleanor Henriques  
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If you're a part of the Berlin community, chances are you've heard about the new business within walking distance from BHS: Sage Energy.

This restaurant recently opened in April 2022, selling healthy shakes, energizing teas, and more.

Sage Energy is a unique and nutritious alternative to huge chains such as Dunkin' or Starbucks. The shakes are very tasty, and just as healthy. Though the business opened in April, the passion started earlier.

The owner of Sage Energy, Keisha Chandler, explains that she used to work at a different location that has similar services, however she thought it was time for a change.

It is no secret that Sage Energy is quite popular with Berlin citizens, especially with Berlin High School students. "I really like their drinks. I really like their tea, and it is very cute," says 10th grade student, Nadia Malec.

Chandler has worked very hard from the start of her new business. From managing social media accounts, to sponsoring events, it is safe to say that her dedication has gotten her far. In appreciation of Sage Energy's contribution to the Berlin community, Berlin seems to be very welcoming so far.

Chandler said that she sees high school students visit her business pretty much daily, especially at 2:20 when school gets out. Being so close to the high school, it is easy to walk to Sage to get a tasty drink and hang out with friends. She added that their "goal really is to have this as like a hangout spot... a safe place for you to hangout, do homework, catch up with your friends, just in a different environment from school."

Sage Energy also has a wide selection of drinks to choose from. With over 100 different drinks and flavors, including their limited-edition fall menu, customers get to choose whatever they're in the mood for, whether they want tea, a shake, or coffee. Each shake has 24 grams of protein and 21 vitamins, making it favorable for those trying to incorporate more protein into their diet. They have tea as well with certain ingredients that will help boost energy, and boost your health overall. If shakes aren't your thing, they also provide protein coffee for a morning pick me up! What differentiates this business from many others in the town is their involvement with the community.

"We really enjoy getting into the community and helping out different groups, and just being involved in any way that we can, which I think has really helped with our success," says Chandler. By doing things like donating



Sage Energy Owner Keisha Chandler

teas to teachers for Teachers Appreciation Week, and sponsoring different events, Chandler's business is rising very high in popularity.

Another aspect that contributes to the popularity factor is simply being a nice and welcoming host. Like Chandler mentioned, "it's just those little things of making those connections with people in the community." For example, if a student brings their school ID, they'll get \$2 off their purchase!

With the success that they have had, the Sage Energy owner is very grateful, and their customers are just as grateful that they get to enjoy it. As Chandler says, "Once you give it your best, you can literally do anything."

## 70 Years of Service Unprecedented from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II

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This included United States President Biden making an appearance.

Following the funeral, her coffin was brought to Windsor Castle with the final service taking place in St. George's Chapel. The Queen was buried on the grounds of the castle where she is next to her husband, Prince Philip, who died in April of 2021.

Over the years, the Queen has contributed to numerous events, ranging from major achievements like her service in World War II, to her great effort put into the modernization of the British monarchy.

There is one achievement of hers that deserves its own spotlight: her role in female leadership. The Queen made significant contributions to gender equality.

In 2011, she gave a speech to open the Commonwealth Heads of Governments meeting, the theme being Women as Agents of Change. She mentioned that the theme "reminds us of the potential in our societies that is yet to be fully unlocked, and it encourages us to find ways to allow girls and women to play their full part."

Being a woman in the throne in her time period was a milestone.

Over 70 years have passed since there has been a change of monarch in Great Britain. Prince Charles is now Britain's



King and changes will be coming, including the currency used in Britain.

Since the Queen has been a ruler for so long, the majority of the country's population don't remember a time when the Queen's face wasn't on the currency. But this is about to change with King Charles III's face on the currency by 2024. Additionally, there will be more shifts to take place.

There has been many years of history behind us, and though the Queen is no longer with us, the British Royal Family still has lots of history to make in years to come.

### CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Photography Club

The BHS Photography Club held its first meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 in the Library Media Center under the direction of new staff member, Mrs. Rosa. Students interested in photography do not need any prior knowledge or experience to join.

The club will be taking photos at BHS community events, such as football games, band competitions, homecoming, and prom.

The club uses professional cameras, such as a Canon DSLR. Mrs. Rosa will be teaching students, based on her own experience as a photographer, how to capture a high-quality image, edit with Adobe Lightroom, and produce a final photograph.

Genres of photography include: portraits (headshots and creative portraits for social media use), street and fashion photography, lifestyle (events), landscape, and candid photography.

The club will continue to meet in the library on Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Look for more information on Schoology. Students interested in joining should contact [Irosa@berlinschools.org](mailto:Irosa@berlinschools.org).

- Ian Saunders

# New Schedule Extends Lunch to 30 Minutes

By Katie Tierney  
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As students and staff arrive back to school for the new school year, there have been changes in regard to Berlin High School's schedule as it relates to the lunch block.

According to the Connecticut Board of Education, last May, the Connecticut General Assembly gathered to discuss granting teachers to "receive a minimum uninterrupted lunch of 30 minutes." They concluded teachers should have a longer lunch break.

Connecticut law now requires schools to grant teachers full 30 minute lunches, rather than just having a "duty free" lunch. This lunch is also required to be uninterrupted. These changes were placed into effect on July 1, 2022, coming into play for the 2022-2023 school year.

Although this law was meant for teachers, students at Berlin High have benefited as well. Not having enough time at lunch has been the top complaint for years, and now that students have finally been granted additional time, there has been positive feedback.

"I like 30 minute lunches because it gives us a brain break and we are able to refocus before going to our next class," Izabella Jamrozek, a sophomore at BHS said. "Plus, we have more time to eat and socialize."



Photo Credit: Olivia-Anne Ferrante

BHS students have enjoyed having the extra time added to the lunch waves this year.

For upperclassmen, seniors especially, the extra time is a welcoming change. Senior Alyssa O'Leary thinks having longer lunches is better than what BHS had in the past, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I think the worst part was time," O'Leary said. "I don't even know how I ate."

Here at Berlin High, administrators have had to take into account the 30-minute lunch requirement when

reconstructing the schedule.

As a result, passing time between classes is now four minutes instead of five, and the time between lunch waves has shortened. This has created a very small time period for custodial staff to clean tables and sweep floors. Because of this, please make sure to clean all your food up and avoid making a mess.

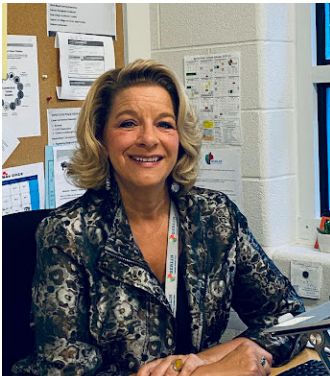
In spite of these new changes, classes at BHS have remained the same: four ninety minute periods a day.

## What Work-Based Learning Means for Students

By Ian Saunders  
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With Berlin High School welcoming new staff member, Ms. Hemming, some students may have questions regarding her brand new position as the Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Students have the opportunity of career exploration activities, which may include job shadowing, work based tours, and unpaid internships.

Ms. Hemming, who has a masters degree in school counseling, has worked as a career coach in Hartford. She is not only a career coach, but rather, an extremely unique resource offered to high school students.



Hemming helps students break into the workforce and broaden their horizons through opportunities for career-connected learning to help them discover their passion.

Some of these programs include a Certified Nurse's Assistant Certificate through Tunxis Community College, job shadowing, assisting students with find-

ing employment, and hosting informational meetings between students and career professionals.

Hemming states that work-based learning skills first begin in a classroom, but are only complete once students are able to put those skills into practice. She also stresses the importance of using work-based learning to enhance students' feeling of purpose, passion, and pride.

If any students are trying to create a resume, or even just understand how a job application works, the school counseling department and Hemming are both resources to utilize. She is open to critiquing and providing feedback on students' existing portfolios and other job-related documents.

Parents can also become involved in helping individuals who are interested in a specific career by providing them with occupational data, training, and education regarding that career.

Using the QR code, parents can register basic information and connect with a student who needs assistance or has questions regarding a specific career.

Other resources that are encouraged by Ms. Hemming to use include Naviance, for college and career research, and O\*Net Online, a database from the Department of Labor that includes a multitude of jobs

available to help people better understand what resources are in demand. Looking out for occupational data, training, and education opportunities is key.

Students can contact Ms. Hemming in the counseling office, or at [mhemming@berlinschools.org](mailto:mhemming@berlinschools.org).

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### CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Coding Club

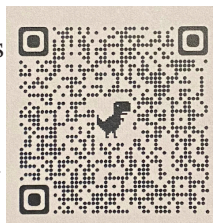
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The first-ever meeting of the Berlin High School Coding Club took place on September 19, 2022 in room 1602. Students who have no prior experience do not need to worry! The Coding Club will teach students the basics of coding and expand upon their curiosity, transforming it into a possible career option for the future.

Junior Glenn Fearn, who plans on going into computer science for his career, explained that the intention of the club is to teach students about the basics of programming, and to have people work on projects and problems throughout the year.

An interest form is available on Schoology, with the meeting locations which vary. All interested students can join. Club Advisor, Mr. DelValle, is available and can be reached at [mdelvalle@berlinschools.org](mailto:mdelvalle@berlinschools.org).

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# Volunteers Help Make Berlin Fair a Success

By Sara Langford  
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From September 16 to September 18, volunteers from a variety of different groups worked at various booths at the Berlin Fair.

Students earned community service hours and were able to get a feel of what working in a fast-paced environment is like whether that be making food, serving customers, or ticket-taking.

Compared to past years, there was higher attendance than expected by the Berlin Lions Club, mainly due to the exceptionally warm weather.

The fair buzzed with excitement, for many people were pleased with the rides and the food. For instance, the mini donut booth, staffed by the Interact Club, was a huge success.

The fried dough booth was just as successful as the mini donut booth. At this booth, Upbeat members helped customers by taking their orders and then serving them their food.

Simultaneously, other students helped by stretching the raw dough prior to frying. Teachers also volunteered, but mainly focused on handling payment and working with the hot fryer.

Alyssa Napolitano, a freshman in Upbeat, worked the fried dough booth.

“At my station, I stretched the cold dough into small circles,” Napolitano said. “I was also asked to re-stretch the dough right before it was put into the fryer.”

Working one of the busiest booths at the fair was definitely a challenge at times, Napolitano said.

“It was hard to keep up with the pace of the customers’ orders,” she explained. “Another challenge was the freezer room next to our station. Whenever someone went into the freezer room, a gust of cold air would come into our area. This affected our working experience because



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Interact Club members Zoe Dimauro (left) and Jaelyn An (right) are just two of hundreds of volunteers that worked at the 2022 Berlin Fair.

after forming the already cold dough, over time it would shrink because of the cold air. Therefore, we would have to go back and re-stretch it, which was very time consuming.”

Napolitano described the overall experience as difficult at times, but she was able to learn a lot about what working in a fast-paced environment might entail. Despite the challenges she faced, Napolitano said she enjoyed being able to help out and work alongside her peers and looks forward to more events that Upbeat attends.

“I volunteered because I had the opportunity to help out in my community and that is something that is important to me,” she said.

On Sunday, students were also responsible for cleaning outside and inside the booths, wiping down tables, sweeping the floor, and cleaning the counters.

In addition, Upbeat volunteers also helped out with recycling. Though it may not have been a very pleasant job, it was

certainly helpful.

Over the course of the weekend, more out-of-towners were seen attending the fair. This helped by raising more money towards the Berlin Lions Club so that they continue hosting the Berlin Fair in future years.

In total, around 300 Upbeat students volunteered at the fair. These students learned to collaborate with each other in a way that they may not have been able to experience any other time outside of school. For example, seniors got the chance to work and collaborate with freshmen.

This time together created unique experiences and long lasting memories.

## Rotary Youth Exchange Program is Back at BHS

Ian Saunders  
Redcoat Review Writer

After a two-year-long hiatus, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program is back here at Berlin High School!

The Youth Exchange Program is a wonderful opportunity for BHS students to experience life in another country. One program can either last an entire academic year, or just a couple of months.

This program is offered to students between 15 and 19 years old who are seeking to become more well-rounded citizens, experience different cultures and languages, and make friends in different countries.

During a student’s trip, they will stay with multiple host families, attend school in that country (if opting for the academic year), and go on tours to immerse themselves in that specific country’s art, music, history, and social norms.

Some of the 100 countries that the Rotary Youth Exchange program works with are Japan, India, Brazil, France, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and Finland. If students are interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, they are encouraged to discuss options with Mrs. Joslyn and Mrs. Carrasquillo.

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year, as well as Summer 2023, are due by October 30, 2022.

## A Familiar Face Joins BHS

By Madelyn Lazzara  
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While the days spent at McGee Middle School seem to have ended long ago, there are different memories and people that stand out.

Former eighth grade social studies teacher Joy Cooper has seen many of our student body while in their awkward pre-teen years. Now she gets to witness the young adult, Redcoat portion of her former students’ lives.



Ms. Cooper is new to the BHS community, having just moved to the high school at the start of the 2022 school year. However, she has taught at the middle school for many years, and even grew up in Berlin. She is

teaching all different age groups with her classes of American History and Introduction to Law, mentioning how thoroughly she enjoys it.

“I love being able to go deeper into the content. Older students can make that connection to modern events and other subjects,” Cooper said. “It is much easier to talk to older students about the real world, when they are so much more connected to the world around them.”

When asked about what she is looking forward to at the high school, she mentioned the greater sense of community, pep rallies, sports, and plays, but it was coming to school everyday to see how much kids have grown that truly excites her.

“Having known most of these kids since they were 10, and now they are driving and getting ready for graduation, it is so cool to see,” she explained. “I love to see all the different families grow and progress over time. It is interesting to be a part of people’s lives for that long.”

Welcome to BHS Ms. Cooper!