



BCAPPO

The Bergen County Academies Parent Partnership Organization

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Dear BCA Families,

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We can all truly say that our children are fortunate to be receiving an education from one of the top-rated schools in the country. In 2021, Niche rated Bergen County Academies as the #1 High School in the United States. As you know, BCA couples its rigorous academic programs with multiple programs allowing students opportunities to venture into and truly develop their passions and interests.

Much like any private school, BCA offers its students unparalleled opportunities through numerous events, trips, competitions, clubs, and research opportunities. However, unlike a private school, where education could cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year, for student tuition alone, BCA is tuition-free to families.

In addition, what you may not know is that PPO helps subsidize these events, trips, clubs, research opportunities and contests that make BCA a truly unique public high school. The PPO support student activities is behind the scenes quietly making an impact, alleviating cost for many clubs. Without the PPO's contribution and support, many of these events would not be possible.

Sample events covered by the SAF:

Senior Yearbook	Cap and Gown	Senior Experience Luncheon
Senior Breakfast/Luncheons	Graduation Reception	Senior Award Ceremony
College Fair/Career Fair	International Tasting Dinner	Hospitality Management
Picnic	Student Council	Competition
Field Day	Model UN	BCA Student Newspaper, The
DECA trips	National Honor Society	Academy Chronicle
HACKATHON	HOSA	Environment Science Club
Fashion & Sewing Club	Training & Conference for	BCA ProStart
BCA SkillsUSAScience EXPO	Administration	

In order to continue to provide the extensive support it does, the PPO asks every family to contribute a **Student Activities Fee**, a one-time payment of \$475 per child for all four years at the school. This fee will be used to subsidize many events listed above as well as others so that we can continue to provide students with diverse opportunities that will help them reach their fullest potential.

Those who wish to opt out from PPO membership must notify us in writing and will be responsible for their own child's/children's expenses for each event that the Student Activities Fees covers. For these families, the per event fee is at a *non-PPO subsidized rate* estimated to be up to 50% higher depending on the event. Note that paying Student Activities Fees upfront will not only allow us to continue to support and expand opportunities at BCA but will be very cost-effective for the families in the long run.

We need your support to continue to help provide exceptional education to our children. If you have additional questions, please email bcappopres@gmail.com

Sincerely,

PPO Board



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Why SAF?

A: To streamline the PPO membership due and Class Dues, and evenly allocate cost across all families. Please note that prior to SAF, families were asked to contribute a \$75 BCA membership fee per year as well as were asked to contribute \$200 in their senior year for senior events/activities (a total of \$500). Now, with implementation of SAF, families are asked to make a one-time contribution of \$475.

Q: Does the Student Activities Fee cover everything?

A: Not necessarily. Costs are still variable. Freshman Camp Getaway, Homecoming Dance, Semi-formal, Junior/ Senior Proms and Project Graduation costs are not factored into this fee. However, as we mentioned, with every family contributing, we believe PPO can help subsidize, and perhaps defer, additional costs for the benefit of all students.

Q: Is a payment plan available?

A: Yes. Parents may opt to pay \$125 per year, per child. (There is a per-year payment fee that is built into the payment plan)

To join, please go to: <https://www.bcappo.com/>

Any questions? Email bcappopres@gmail.com



BCA Research EXPO



PPO International Dinner



Field Day



Graduation / Project Graduation