



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNIOR JERRY JAM

Saturday, Dec. 11 @ 11am
Buffalo Iron Works (49 Illinois St.)
All proceeds benefit BSW!

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday, Dec. 15 @ 6pm
Asbury Hall

BSW X CBW COMMUNITY SOCIAL

Thursday, Dec. 16 @ 5-9pm
Community Beer Works

NEW LIGHT ASSEMBLY

Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 7pm
55 Grape St.
BSW String Quartet performance!



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Channel: Buffalo String Works



Dear BSW Family,

If you've seen BSW's 2020 Annual Report, read one of our recent newsletters, or come across one of our social media posts, you've already met me! I'm Josh, BSW's Communications Manager and one of the Assistant Site Managers at our new West Side location. As Communications Manager, I design print and digital content, take cute photos of our students, and run our social media accounts. I started with BSW as an AmeriCorps VISTA in September of 2020 and helped launch initiatives such as our Student Leadership program (read more about that on the next page!). Throughout my service year, I found that I love working with BSW's wonderful staff, students, and families, and I'm glad to say that I'm still here!

COVID-19 caused my first year with BSW to be taught virtually, but we're back in person and better than ever! I love walking through the halls and hearing the music our students are working on--the other day, I heard our (brand-new!) String Quartet working on Pachelbel's famous Canon in D...and nailing it after just a few rehearsals! It's the small things that make me glad to be a part of such a remarkable organization. Thank you for believing in BSW as much as I do!

xoxo,

Joshua Carter

Josh Carter
BSW Communications Manager +
Assistant Site Manager



WHAT'S UP, BSW?



SATURDAY CAFE

BY THE BSW STUDENT COUNCIL

As you know, BSW's Student Council has been active since January 2021. Our biggest project? The BSW Student Cafe! Learn more about this initiative by reading on...

WHAT IS CAFE?

Cafe is a space for all BSW students 6th grade and up to hang out, practice music, work on homework and projects together, and most importantly, have fun!

WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN?

We hold Cafe every Friday night and all day every Saturday. We also do Cafe during school breaks and over the summer!

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Students gather together and are free to just be themselves. We work on Council-led projects, like merch and apparel sales, as well as our own personal projects like homework. We are supervised by two staff members, Ms. Aye and Ms. Mary, who hang out with us and provide us with support.

WHY ARE WE PROUD OF IT?

We love Cafe because it's a space we created together - by BSW students, for BSW students. It is a supportive and fun space that we love going to every week!

BY THE NUMBERS

100% of Council members feel proud to sit on the BSW Student Council.

100% retention rate of Council members between spring and fall 2021 - and, the addition of 2 BRAND NEW Council members!

86% of Council members' favorite Council project? The BSW Cafe, of course!

After our first April 2021 Cafe pilot, **93%** of students who attended replied that they had fun and wanted to do it again.



BSW BRIGHT SPOTS



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT CHERRY & NYEIN, TEAM C

Cherry and Nyein just started their third year at BSW and are, of course, rocking it. Their love for their violin friends radiates throughout the building - in fact, they are SO joyful about class, you might even see them helping Ms. Aye greet everyone at the door or decorating our walls with some original art. We are so thankful for their energy and enthusiasm - go Cherry and Nyein!

*"Everyone is welcome! Come and join BSW and learn music!"
- Cherry & Nyein*

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

LISA GAGNON, TEACHING ARTIST

What does BSW mean to you?

BSW has been a consistent and fulfilling outlet for music alongside my other educational and professional pursuits. I'm a huge advocate for people continuing to play music in some way no matter what their "day job" might be.

What do you want BSW supporters to know about you?

I love seeing the progress beginner cellists can make in a year and the moment they realize a piece that used to be so hard is now easy!



COMMUNITY FEATURE

STITCH BUFFALO

Stitch Buffalo is a Buffalo-based organization dedicated to providing a space for refugee and immigrant women to create handcrafted goods. Their Refugee Women's Workshop is comprised of 55 women artists from Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Thailand, Egypt, Afghanistan, and beyond. Beyond providing economic empowerment for its artists, Stitch Buffalo also has a secondhand textile program to give donated supplies a second opportunity to be used. Check them out at stitchbuffalo.org or on social media at @stitchbuffalo.



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