

# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Leave it to three Bay Port students to identify an opportunity and, in the spirit of giving, to follow through to benefit their classmates.

Eloise Masee, sophomore; Owen Goffard, junior; and Katie Koehn, senior, have developed Bay Port Tutoring Connections (BPTC). BPTC is a student resource created to help students academically throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The tutoring is by students and for students. Those who want to tutor others go through an application process and then are paired with students who have signed up to be tutored.

## **Q: Where did the idea of Bay Port Tutoring Connections come from?**

A: Eloise Masee: I had the idea for BPTC after assisting English language learners with math freshman year. I noticed that there was not a protocol for pairing qualified volunteer student tutors with students seeking academic assistance.

## **Q: How did you take BPTC from an idea to a reality?**

A: Eloise Masee: In the beginning of this year, I brought this idea to the YSL board meeting as a service opportunity for our members, and we decided to make it a reality. We first began working on our website and developed an application method for tutors. After we finished working on the necessary surveys, spreadsheets, and promotion materials, we explained our process to administration for approval and then the staff at Bay Port.



**Eloise Masee**



**Owen Goffard**



**Katie Koehn**

## **Q: Why is BPTC important for the Bay Port community right now during this unique year?**

A: Katie Koehn: We believe that BPTC is especially important right now because of the challenge of virtual learning and living through a pandemic. We know some students are struggling and losing motivation, and we are hoping, with how easy it is for them to sign up for BPTC, that they will take the opportunity to receive help.

## **Q: How is BPTC going so far?**

A: Owen Goffard: Despite being launched to the student body less than two weeks ago, we feel great strides have been made to being a very successful program. We feel we have potential for great success in the future.

## **Q: What have been some highlights?**

A: Owen Goffard: This was a very tedious planning process, with the three of us collectively spending north of 50 hours to set everything into motion. Of course, another great achievement was us receiving the widespread support of the staff at Bay Port. This was and still is very influential towards our current and future success. We are so grateful for the widespread support we have received!

## **Q: What are you most excited about?**

A: Owen Goffard: We believe BPTC has the potential to be an exceptional student resource that can create a better school community for all. BPTC is a student aid that possesses the potential to be an ongoing program; that strives to aid both present and future students alike. BPTC looks forward to many successful years to undoubtedly follow!

If you would like to recommend a student to become a tutor or know of a student who is seeking a tutor, please visit the BPTC website at [www.tutoringconnections.weebly.com](http://www.tutoringconnections.weebly.com) or contact Eloise, Owen, or Katie directly.