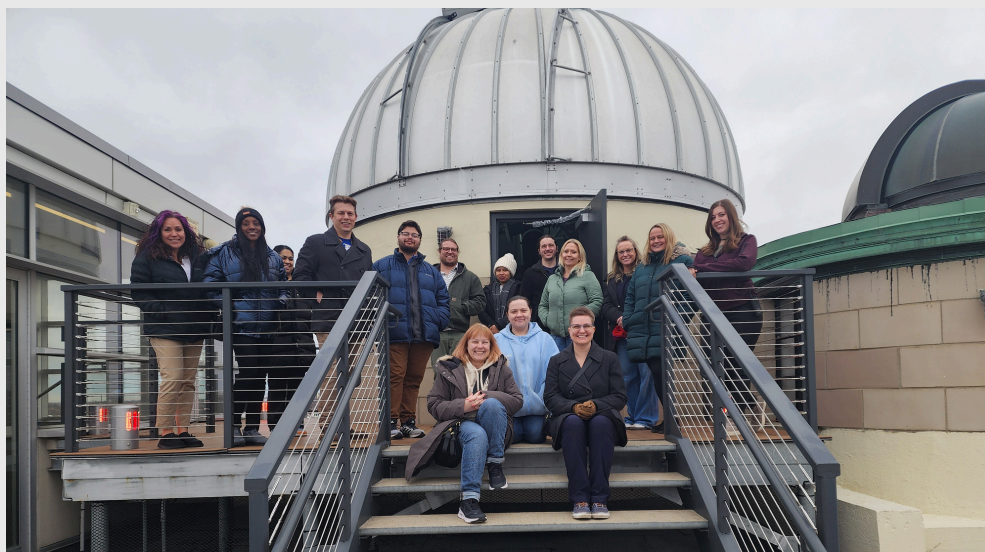


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BTRC NEWSLETTER



- **SESSION 3:** Session 3 classes and seminars are finished. What a great session! We held our first Science of Reading class sponsored by NYSUT and had a 100% completion rate! NYSUT was very impressed with the hard work and dedication of Buffalo teachers! We also wrapped up a Students With Disabilities Extension Course in Biology and another successful Teaching American History seminar. Overall, the BTRC offered 26 classes and 16 seminars in this session. Thank you to all the teachers who participated and all of the talented and hard-working instructors here at the BTRC. All the classes will be closed out by April 17 at the latest.



Our third session brought teachers to the Buffalo Science Museum for an unforgettable astronomy experience! The hands-on learning and expert-led demonstrations made stellar science come alive for our participants. Building on this success, we're thrilled to announce that we'll be offering four additional classes next year in partnership with the Buffalo Science Museum!

- **Needs Assessment Form:** As we plan for next year, we need your input to guide our budget and offerings. Even with funding still pending, we're moving forward with plans to run five professional development sessions, build a lending library of materials, maintain workroom access, and fill Team Dynamix tickets. Please complete this needs assessment to tell us:
 - What professional development topics and formats work best for you?
 - What classroom materials should we prioritize for borrowing?
 - Is there anything else the teacher center should support?

Since the teacher center is run by teachers for teachers, your feedback is essential to ensure we're meeting your needs next year. The [Needs Assessment Form is linked here](#) and also available on the website.

- Session 4:

- Classes for Session 4 begin April 27th! Registration opens on April 14th. On that day a Google form will be available on the Buffalo Teacher Center web page and emailed to all teachers—use it to select your first-choice class and first-choice seminar. The following day at 5:00 p.m., all remaining open spots will be available in PGS, allowing you to register for a second class and second seminar. This session features many new classes and seminars, so don't miss this last opportunity to earn District Credit before the school year ends!
- [Click here to access the Session 4 catalog.](#)

- Teaching American History Seminar

- We're excited to partner with Teaching American History again this summer! A seminar will be held at the Buffalo Historical Museum on August 13th, with a corresponding class through the Teacher Center. This summer's session focuses on the Constitution and limited government. This seminar will examine how the Constitution seeks to create a limited government, and how that government is supposed to function within defined restraints. While this course is designed for high school teachers, learning about the Constitution will benefit everyone!
- If you're interested, you must register with Teaching American History as soon as possible—spots at the seminar are limited. Once you've registered with Teaching American History, I'll enroll you in the corresponding class on Schoology, where you'll complete readings, participate in discussion posts, and submit a final lesson plan assignment. While the Teacher Center class can accommodate everyone, the actual seminar has limited capacity, so don't delay in signing up on the Teaching American History webpage. This is a fantastic professional learning opportunity—and free lunch is included!
- [Registration Link](#)



- Teacher Center Workroom — Access During School Hours: Please note that the Teacher Center workroom is not to be used during the school day. If you are at East High School and need copies, submit a ticket and email me with your request. I will either deliver the copies to you or place them outside the workroom door. Keeping the workroom closed during instructional hours ensures equitable access for all staff. It also respects classroom instructors and students by minimizing disruptions to lessons and preserving instructional time. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Share Your Teacher Center Story!
 - We'd love to hear from you! The Teacher Center has made a real difference in educators' lives, and we want to showcase that impact. Have you used the Teacher Center for copies and posters? Or perhaps you've implemented something you learned in one of our classes into your own classroom? We'd like to hear about it!
 - If you have photos, student work samples, or classroom snapshots that demonstrate the positive effect the Teacher Center has had on your teaching, please share them with us. Your stories and visuals are powerful tools that help us advocate for continued funding and support for professional development in our district. Thank you for being part of the Teacher Center community and for helping us tell our story to decision-makers in Albany!
 - Important: Before submitting any photos, please make sure that all students pictured have completed the media release form ([click here to access](#)). This ensures we can use the images appropriately in our materials.





Additional Information

- **BTRC Workroom will be open:**
 - Mondays and Wednesdays: 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
 - Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Requests:**
 - Don't forget to submit tickets for printing. You can submit tickets for color copies (up to 200 per job) and hot laminating (up to 20 feet) for free. If you are out of color copies, please put in a ticket rather than coming to the center. If you are out of copies- you will not be able to print color at the workroom. I am working with the IT department to develop a policy for limits at the Teacher Center- currently I have been able to fill tickets with no issue. So, get those tickets in before the center is also limited!
 - You can also request to borrow equipment, such as iPads and document cameras with a ticket. We are currently out of document cameras and there is a waitlist.
 - District credit should be requested using Team Dynamix. After completing five seminars, please enter a ticket for your district credit on Team Dynamix. You can take up to 25 seminars for district credit! Please remember all Teacher Center classes and seminars start with BTRC. If you have a badge or a class without BTRC, this does not count towards district credit.
- **School Visits:**
 - I would love to start visiting schools on Fridays to share information about the Teacher Center and answer any questions. If you're interested in a visit this year, please send me an email.