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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

Dr. Gregory B. Muscelli
Assistant Principal

August 13, 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

We are less than a month away until the start of school. We're getting excited to welcome your children back and meet some new faces. A lot of what was in the last update will be in this one as well. However, there's still a lot to remind you about. We are still building the master schedule and still working on the gymnasium to get it ready for opening day. Please click on hyperlinks for more information.

Also, We're looking to get you information about BHMS and the updates. We want to make sure these updates are doing their job by keeping you informed. If you are interested, please consider taking this very brief survey to provide feedback for the updates: [survey](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update August 13, 2019](#)

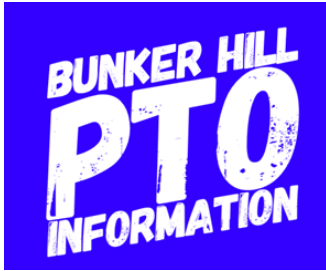
Parking Lot Safety Concerns...EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Please view this link regarding the procedures for dropping off or picking up students in the morning and afternoon. There are changes and new procedures/protocols that must be followed to ensure the safety of our students. PLEASE view this link to ensure you are fully aware of the new procedures.

[Safety Precautions for Drop Off/Pick Up of Students](#)

Overall Monthly Calendar of Events: Click on this link: [Monthly Calendar](#)

Upcoming PTO Events



Please log onto the PTO Webpage by clicking this link: [BHMS PTO](#). Once there, you may access information about [activities](#) and meeting times/dates. If you're unable to make some meetings, please click on "Meeting Minutes" for information. The current month is posted now by clicking on this link: [Recent PTO Newsletter](#)

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Save the Dates

Sept. 9	Start of School Locker Social 6 th -8 th grades, 3pm to 4pm
Sept. 20	Back to School Dance/Party 6 th gr only
Sept. 27	Back to School Dance/Party 7 th & 8 th gr
Oct. 11	Family Fall Festival Bring the whole family
Nov. 1	Harvest Dance
Dec. 12	Holiday at The Hill After school event
Feb. 7	Kids Vs. Parents Night Out
Mar. 12	March Madness Basketball
Apr. 24	Bulldog Dig Volleyball
May 19	Bulldog BASH During school hours Need 6-10 hours community service Only <u>A,B,C's</u> on report cards to attend

****Permission slips and event details will be given out closer to each date above.**

Bunker Hill Back to School LOCKER SOCIAL

Monday September 9th ~ 3:00 pm

ALL GRADES are invited

*Hang out with your friends after school
and organize/decorate your lockers.

*Share ideas and creativity with your besties.

*Soft pretzels & water for purchase ~ \$1.00.

*Locker Works available ~ \$20.00

*Late buses will be running 😊



Notable Events. If the activity is underlined & in a different color, please click to obtain more specific information.

Tues & Wed	Aug 27-28 6-7:30	Field Hockey Tryouts
Thurs	Aug 29 4-6pm	6th Grade Move in Day Option 1
Tues	Sept 3 4-6pm	6 th Grade Move in Day Option 2
Thurs	Sept 5	First Day of School
Mon	Sept 9 3-5	Locker Social
Wed	Sept 11	Picture Day
Tues	Sept 17 6:30- 8:30PM	Back to School Night
Thurs	Sept 19	Staff Inservice Day...No School
Friday	Sept 20	Back to School Dance...Tentative TBD
Friday	Oct 11 6:30 – 8:30	Family Fall Festival

Commemorative Bricks

During the Summer of 2018, our courtyard was renovated as part of an Eagle Scout project from one of our former students who is now a high school junior. We renamed the courtyard “Bulldogs Backyard”. In this backyard, we built a mulch path as a temporary path with the idea of having it lined with bricks eventually, and those bricks would be a celebration of Bulldogs and Bulldog families. We are launching a fundraising effort with the support of the PTO and in conjunction with the high school. Students at the high school will be formatting the engraving of the brick and our students in our Courtyard Construction Club will learn how to lay and space the brick. It’s a perfect way to bring the Bulldog Community Together. If you are interested in purchasing a brick for engraving, please go to this link: [Commemorative Bricks](#). Our hope in years to come is to get a whole path engraved as part of the Bulldog Community. See image below



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BRICK PAVER FUNDRAISER

Help beautify the grounds of Bunker Hill Middle School by purchasing an inscribed brick paver to be placed in the courtyard. Perfect for recognizing your student, family, and friends. Give positive shout outs to clubs, groups, teams and faculty members. Also a great way for businesses to show their community support!

OPTION A: \$20.00- brick with 1 graphic and 1 line of text

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**OPTION B:** \$20.00- Brick with 3 lines of text only

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**To place an Order:**

Complete this order form and submit along with payment to:

**Briana Venturo,  
Bookkeeper  
BHMS Main Office**

**CASH or CHECK Accepted**

Make checks payable to:  
**Bunker Hill Middle School PTO**

**ORDER DEADLINE:  
October 15, 2019**

Please complete:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed my form and verified my selection is correct. I have also included my payment along with this form.

### 2019-20 Bulldog Spirit Wear and Apparel

Check out the new line of Bulldog apparel with the theme: Bulldogs: More than a mascot...it's our character. Go to this link: <https://bunkerhillmsfall2019.itemorder.com/sale> to purchase your bulldog gear.

## Summer Reading

Go to <https://www.wtps.org/Page/22981> or the bottom of the BHMS Website to access the links for summer reading. Should you have any questions about expectations or reading, please contact the supervisor of language arts, Melissa Barnett at [mbarnett@wtps.org](mailto:mbarnett@wtps.org)

## School Supplies

Please click this link: [School Supplies](#) to view the recommended supplies for each grade level

## Immunizations

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS, ESPECIALLY INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS. Make sure your immunizations are current. There are very specific immunizations you need to be able to attend public schools. If those immunizations are not current, by law we may have to exclude a child from school until the immunizations are current. For information about this, please check out this link: [Nurse's Information and Immunizations](#)

## Middle School Athletics

The middle school sport in the fall is Field Hockey (Please see the calendar information above regarding tryouts). The winter has basketball and wrestling.

It is also mandatory and vitally important that all athletes at the middle level have a physical form to give permission to play in a sport. Without the physical, state rules don't allow a person to even practice. To obtain the necessary paperwork for the physicals, please go to <https://www.wtps.org/Page/22545>. This will be updated throughout the summer. Make sure you work to get the sports physicals completed by end of July at the very least at the time of tryouts. There are no exceptions. All athletes need this completed. Try to get them in as early before your season as possible. The form must get to the school, then given to the nurse, then to the district physician. While we try to rush that, it can take up to 2 weeks.

## School Lunch

Lunch prices have been published for the 2019-20 school year. Here is a quick link to view the [lunch prices](#). Additionally, if you feel you may qualify for free or reduced meal prices. Please click on this link for the [main food service page](#). As of this newsletter, the 2018-19 application is posted. However, you may reach out to food service or continue to check that link to obtain the 2019-20 application for when it is posted.

## Laptops

Laptops can be kept at home over the summer and used for summer assignments. Keep in mind that laptops are school property and need to be cared for accordingly. It is important that students avoid neglecting the laptop, keep it properly secured on a table or desk, and keep it at home. If you would like to get a head start and purchase insurance prior to the start of the school year, and if you are returning to BHMS in the fall, you can go to <https://www.wtps.org/Page/23200> and download the form, complete and sign the user agreement, and have your child bring the completed agreement and \$65 check made out to Washington Township Public Schools. Return the form and check to Mrs. Ventura in the main office. If you are an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grader and haven't obtained your laptop, they are available to be picked up at Bunker Hill. Once you complete all the paperwork in the previous link, we would be able to provide you with your laptop.

## Resources for the Teen and Adolescent Child

These resources can be found on our webpage in the "Parents" tab. We will work to update information for you to help your child have a safe and healthy pre-teen and teen experience while in middle school. As a middle school administrator for many years, and in talking with Dr. Muscelli and the counselors, we see trends that have surfaced at the middle level. We've included links on three important topics so we as a community can educate ourselves about what your child may be experiencing or engaging in. You most likely are aware of some of the information in these resources, but we feel they are important to share. We will update and add to these resources throughout the year. Right now we've included information on Vaping, Social Media, and Anxiety. Please view these resources at <https://www.wtps.org/domain/3013> or go to the Bunker Hill Web Page and click on the "Parents" tab then scroll down to the bottom of the list.

## For your information....

- **New 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor...**Over the summer Ms. Kerfoot is our new counselor for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. She is replacing Ms. Baud who was transferred to the high school. Ms. Kerfoot's bio is on the school website under the Counseling Department. She comes to us as a high school French teacher and is the current Cheerleading coach. Ms. Kerfoot is a fantastic addition to our staff. You will be able to reach her at [jkerfoot@wtps.org](mailto:jkerfoot@wtps.org) should you have questions.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip...**There have been a lot of questions and comments regarding the venue for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip. We appreciate the superintendent's correspondence regarding it. While the trip is about 10 months away, we will continue to take concerns and work to research many venues and reach a conclusion. We want to thank you for your patience while this process is going on. Administration has done sight visits and we will be finalizing some information as soon as possible.
- **Gym Floor Information...**The community of Washington Township has brought concerns to the superintendent regarding the presence of Mercury in the rubberized floors not only at BHMS

but other schools in the district. In an effort to provide current information that is readily accessible, Mr. Bollendorf is posting the latest updates on the following link on the district web page: [Gym Floor Testing](#)

Things are moving very well, and I anticipate that the gym will be ready very close to the start of school. I've been impressed with not only the work ethic of the contractors but the transparency and work with the school district's engineers.

## Recurring Items:

- **"The Bunker Hill Times"** ...This is a student created newsletter that comes out quarterly. To view the most current edition please click on this link: [Bunker Hill Times Spring 2019 Final Edition](#)
- **Clubs and Extracurricular Activities...** Many of the clubs have started. Please listen to the morning announcements or view them on the website. If you don't hear your club on the announcements, please view the club list in the main hallway or in the cafeteria to see who the teacher is to contact. You can also visit this link: <https://www.wtps.org/Page/6860>. Please keep in mind that in all three middle schools there are clubs that are the same and clubs that are different. We try to have a wide assortment of clubs for all students to enjoy.

It is also important that families know about the prep clubs. Prep clubs are in place to provide homework assistance and study assistance. If your child needs to attend or receive extra support, please see this link so you know when your child's grade level prep club meets. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/26254>.

- **Social Media Accounts:**
  - Remind
    - Grade 6...Text @BHMS2022 to 81010
    - Grade 7...Text @BHMS2021 to 81010
    - Grade 8...Text @BHMS2020 to 81010
  - Instagram: bunkerhillmiddle
  - Facebook: @OfficialBHMS
  - Twitter: @Official\_BHMS

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio