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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. Our hope is that you had a wonderful summer and got time to spend with your family. As this week progresses, I know that you're eagerly anticipating the start of the school year. We are also excited to be welcoming our students. There is a lot of information to communicate and want to be respectful of your busy week and fully understand that you will have a myriad of questions. In this newsletter, like the others that you'll see this year, I will provide hyperlinks to topics you feel are relevant to you and/or your child.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Notable Events

Thurs	Aug 23...4-6pm	Grade 6 Move in Day
Friday	Aug 24...4pm	Student schedules can be viewed, but schedules are still subject to change
Friday	Aug 24...all day	District Blood Drive at Abbott Central Administration Building
Mon	Aug 27...all day	Teachers Report
Tues	Aug 28...4-6pm	Grade 6 Move in Day #2 (to be attended if needed)
Wed	Aug 29	First Day of School
Fri	Aug 31	Labor Day Weekend...No School
Mon	Sept 3	Labor Day Weekend...No School
Wed	Sept 5	Picture Day
Fri	Sept 7	District Parent Sign Off Sheet Due
Fri	Sept 7	PTO Magazine Drive Kickoff (PTO Fundraiser)
Wed	Sept 12 6:30-8:30pm	BHMS Back to School Night
Sun	Sept 16	Last Day to Order BHMS Spirit Gear
Fri	Sept 21 3-5pm	6 th grade Dance
Wed	Sept 26	PTO Magazine Drive Ends

6th Grade Move-In Days

As you see above, the 6th grade move in days for the 2018-19 school year are Aug 23 and 28 beginning at 4pm. When you arrive, you will get your locker/locker combination and your school ID card. You will have the opportunity to purchase a locker organizer from the PTO as well as join the PTO.

Start of School:

On August 24, 2018, the district plans to email your most up to date schedule via PowerSchool. Keep in mind that we are continuing to adjust schedules all week and up to the first day of school. The schedule fluctuates greatly in the last few weeks of the summer. Also, some of you may have accessed the schedule via Blackboard. You may have noticed some fluctuations already. Please be patient as we are not completed with our scheduling process yet.

To help you prepare for the start of school, I've included some hyperlinks for you. Please click (or hit "control" then click) on the headings in each of the bulleted items below to access more in-depth information about that topic

- [2018-19 District Forms to be Signed and Returned...Due no Later than Friday Sept 7, 2018](#)
 - Please consider reviewing all the forms in this link. Please pay attention to the middle school code of conduct and the transportation rules/letter.
 - You need to make sure you sign off on the main form.

- [School Start and Ending Times](#)
 - These starting and ending times are 5 minutes later than last year.
 - The above link gives you an idea as to when teachers are present as well.
 - This link is not just for middle school but for all the schools in TWP, so you can navigate your family's needs for the morning and the afternoon.

- Bus Assignment/Late busses
 - Although the school day ends at 2:55, we encourage all students to get involved. We will provide a list of clubs later in this document, but you should know that late busses leave BHMS between 4 and 4:20 pm every day beginning the second week of school. Regardless if your child walks to school in the morning, if he or she decides to stay after school for club activities, your child must either be picked up or take a bus home. Students are not permitted to walk home if they stay after school. This ensures the safety of the students, especially in the fall and winter months where it gets dark earlier and earlier. If a student stays after school for clubs or activities, they must be present in that club and obtain a bus pass. Students who stay after school must sign in to the club, so they are accounted for in the building.
 - Bus stops and locations will be mailed to you. If you have concerns or questions, please contact the transportation department directly as they decipher the routes and the pick-up/drop-off times.

- Again, please review the transportation letter at this link: [Transportation Letter](#) or see it provided in the first link above.
- [1:1 Laptop Initiative Agreement](#)
 - **Each year**, it is recommended that a family purchases laptop insurance that covers accidental damage on laptops. To review the insurance information, please click on this link: [Renewing Laptop Insurance](#)
 - The student laptop is equipped with very important labels/stickers...removing them will be problematic and result in a fine. If a label is coming off by accident, please do not remove it. Have your child ask to see the technology specialist in room B7 (Computer Services)
 - Also, keep in mind keys and casings around the keys usually don't just fall off; they get loose by being tampered with. Please help convey to your child that at no time are they to try to fix, repair, or take off anything on the keyboard or laptop. That will not be covered by insurance and you could be subject to have to pay for missing keys or casings. I just want to be upfront with this. Sometimes students think they can handle their computer with minimal care because it's "covered" by insurance. We try hard to educate the students about insurance, especially the difference between negligence and accidental damage. Any assistance you can give with that would be most appreciated.
- [Medicine Drop Off](#)
 - Medicine that needs to be taken either during the school day or for emergency purposes must be transferred directly from parent to school nurse. Students are not allowed to bring over the counter or prescription medications in to school and give them to the nurse. For information how to make an appointment with the nurse, click the link above.
- Physical Education/Health
 - Each year, students are required to take 3 marking periods of Physical Education (4 days a week) and 1 marking period of Health.
 - The expectation is that students bring a change of clothes to change in and out of for PE. There is no required uniform; rather students should wear athletic shorts/pants, sneakers, and a t-shirt or sweatshirt. Students should also bring deodorant, soap, and a washcloth.
 - It is also recommended that students ensure that they have and use deodorant before and after the activities in the gym. It is an important practice/habit to acquire as the students' bodies are maturing. There are opportunities for students to use washcloths to quickly freshen up/clean up as well.
 - Locks: Teachers will provide combination padlocks, but it is also recommended that students bring their own and lock their belongings up in the locker room during class, and then taking their belongings and used PE clothes home daily.
 - During one marking period each year, students do take Health courses. It is important you know the components of these courses. Families have varying opinions about the

topics and it is important to be transparent about such topics. There are two letters. One provides an overview of all the grade levels and Health topics of study. Please click on this link: [General Health Letter](#). You can also look at the following link regarding Health information specific to 8th graders: [8th Grade Health Letter](#). These letters can all be found under Mrs. Bramante's Teacher Page on the BHMS Website

- School Supplies:
 - Please go to the Bunker Hill Website www.wtps.org/bunkerhill and scroll down. On the bottom right, you'll see a suggested list.
 - When buying school supplies consider how to ensure you are tracking homework and school work. We will be providing paper daily planners, but each student may have his or her own style of organization that works well for the family.

Summer Assignments

Hopefully this is not the first time you've seen a listing for summer assignments and that your child hasn't waited until this week to begin. If you have that's okay. You still have time.

Washington Township has revamped aspects of their summer assignments. Please view the criteria at the following link: [Summer Assignments](#). There are specific directions for grades 6, 7, and 8. Please stay on top of these and don't wait until the end of the summer to tackle these. It is recommended that it is done in increments so as not to be overwhelmed. Please put forth your best effort to begin the year strong.

Participation in Middle School After School Sports

We have the following middle school sports offered:

Fall...Field Hockey

Winter...Wrestling and Basketball

- To participate in any of these activities, students need completed athletic forms. Please go the athletics page at this link: [TWP Athletics Page](#) to download the specific forms you need. No one can participate in any sport unless they have the relevant paperwork, physical, and that paperwork is cleared by the school nurse and doctor. This whole process takes about two weeks so if you plan on doing a fall sport, you cannot practice until all the forms are complete and reviewed. The earlier in the summer you get them to the school nurse the better.
- Remember that to participate in a sport, you must be a student in good standing.
- Also, it is likely that we are starting a new physical fitness club. Anyone who participates in that club will need a physical as well in accordance with the Washington TWP athletic rules

After School Clubs

There are a multitude of clubs for students to get involved with after school. Each club offers different things and each school might have different offerings. The link below is a list of clubs currently running, but we expect it change as the school year progresses. We will see the elimination of some clubs and the addition of others. Please encourage your children to pay attention to the morning announcement so that they can know when the club meets.

[Club Listing](#)

Bulldog Spirit Wear

Students and staff at BHMS are very proud to be Bulldogs. Bulldogs are tenacious, gritty, and trustworthy. There will be several opportunities throughout the year for staff and students to purchase BHMS apparel. The PTO gets a percentage of the sale. If you're interested in seeing what's out there to show your Bulldog Pride, go to <https://bunkerhillmsfall2018.itemorder.com/sale>. This online store is open until September 16, 2018

Principal's Message

[Principal's Update August 19, 2018](#)

Remind Account BHMS Updates

To join, text the message: @bhmstwp to the number 81010

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio