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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying their first week of February. February begins with the new marking period and time is flying by fast. We continue to have a lot of events happening. We try to publish as much as we can in a variety of platforms. We use our website, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Remind mostly. Our website is used to house the most relevant information over a longer stretch of time. Twitter and Facebook and Instagram are for families to see some events that are happening or already happened in current time, and Remind is in place to get you information quickly. Hopefully you find access to everything you need in all of these platforms. If you ever have a question, please don't hesitate to call the main office.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update February 5, 2019](#)

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

Mon-Fri	Feb 4-8	National School Counseling Week
Tues	Feb 5 6:30pm at the (Investor's Bank Performing Arts Center)	Program of Studies and Curriculum Night for 8 th Graders as they prepare for high school in 2019-20
Wed-Fri	Feb 6-8	NJCAP program for 6 th grade students

Fri	Feb 8 6:30-9:30	Grade 6 and 7 Kids v Parents Family Night at BHMS
Mon, Wed, Thurs	Feb 11, 13, 14	NJCAP program for 6 th grade students
Thurs	Feb 14—7pm IBPAC	WTHS POPs Concert
Fri	Feb 15	12:35 Dismissal/Teacher In-Service Day
Mon	Feb 18	No School Presidents' Day
Wed	Feb 20	Junior Achievement in a Day-Career Exploration Program for 8 th Graders
Mon	Feb 25	Presentation to all grades (during the school day) about risks of Vaping
Tues	Feb 26 6:30 pm	PTO meeting
Thurs- Fri	Feb 28-Mar 1	BHMS High School Counselor Advisement in Social Studies Classes

New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program to Assist with Anti-Bullying

NJCAP is a partnership with Salem and Gloucester Counties that provides services to assist with Antbullying and other awareness opportunities. We were privileged that CAP received grant money to be able to deliver their wonderful workshop to our youngest students this year. Please view this link: [CAP Program](#), which provides a letter regarding the CAP program/workshop that is going to be presented to the students in 6th grade either this week or next in the students' respective social studies classroom.

Inaugural Grades 6 and 7 Kids v Parents Night PTO Fundraiser

We are raising money in support of the PTO to have a family night where parents and kids compete against each other in games and athletic contests. We are excited to see the fun we will have and the awesome family atmosphere. It will be from 6:30-9:30 PM at BHMS on February 8. Entry Fee is \$10 per person. Please click on the following link for more information. [Kids v Parents Night](#). For more information, go to www.wtpps.org/bunkerhill and scroll down to the bottom right. If you would like a point of contact, please reach out to Mrs. McKenty at tmckenty@wtpps.org

Jessie Chris in Concert Rescheduled MAY 4, 2019 TICKETS ON SALE NOW:

Country Music Recording Artist Jessie Chris made a surprise appearance to Bunker Hill. Jessie will again bring her anti bullying message back to Twp. This time in concert form. Tickets are on sale now. To order tickets, go to this link: [Jessie Chris Concert May 4](#). The venue will be at the 11/12 Playhouse Auditorium. You can order tickets through the school or online.

Link: [Jessie's Anti Bullying Message](#)

Link: [Jessie's Personal Message to TWP Schools](#)

Dorney Music Trip

For all 7th and 8th grade music students, information is now up for the May Trip to the Music Festival. Please go to Mrs. Dickinson's Website for Information. You can access that site at <https://www.wtps.org/Page/25618>. Keep in mind that if you as a parent would like to chaperone, there is information there as to how to volunteer.

Security Drills

Dr. Muscelli, Officer Hamilton, and I have been working in conjunction with security, law enforcement, and detectives on various committees. Based on unfortunate events that have transpired across the country, schools are being advised to conduct unannounced emergency drills. This means that we will conduct a drill without notifying teachers and the student body that a drill is in progress. Rather, we simply prompt the students to a procedure and then reconvene and inform them a drill took place. This has positives and negatives.

The negative is that sadly, these real events are so prevalent across the country. As a result, I am very cognizant of the fact that staff and students will be nervous about the intent of the emergency procedure. The positive, however, is that it allows a better preparedness for school officials, law enforcement, and most importantly students. Each drill needs to be taken very seriously and conducted with precision. Very specific training is now essential. We as a school have a duty, first and foremost, to do our diligence to provide the best safety procedures for our children.

In order to quell any anxiety about these drills, I will communicate with families regarding the time frame of the drills and will certainly send out correspondence once a drill has been conducted. Students and teachers will also know immediately after the protocol that the incident was a drill. Keep in mind that by law, we are mandated to conduct multiple drills per month. We still do fire/evacuation drills. We will continue to announce those.

This new procedure will be in effect beginning in January of 2019. If you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to me or Dr. Muscelli. We would be happy to talk with you on the phone or even meet with you. Again, this is not an attempt to promote concern, just an attempt to hone our safety protocol.

“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 student newsletter](#)

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 is in need of attending or receiving extra support, please see this link so you know when your child's grade level prep club meets. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/26254>.

Remind Account BHMS Updates

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

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio