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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope everyone is being safe during the cold spell, wind, and potentially icy roads. We also hope everyone had a great Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and spent time reflecting on King's work and the precise, yet extraordinary manner by which he brought about change. Please view this newsletter. We desperately need your help with the purchase of Hoagies, especially pre-orders. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update January 22, 2019](#)

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

Mon	Jan 21	MLK Holiday (Schools Closed)
	Jan 21-25	No Name Calling Week...Antibullying Activities
Tues	Jan 22 6:00 PM (WTHS Play House Auditorium)	District Equity Coalition
Fri	Jan 25	Children's Alopecia Project Presentation during student lunches
Mon	Jan 28 7pm at OVMS	Middle School Cyber Empowerment Parent Workshop
Tues	Jan 29	Early Dismissal
	Jan 29-Feb 1	First Semester End of Unit Testing
Thurs	Jan 31	Last Day to Drop off Coats for the Winter Coat Drive
Fri	Feb 1	End of Second Marking Period

Sun	Feb 3 10am to 2pm at WTHS	Hoagie Sale Pick Ups
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
Fri	Feb 8 6:30-9:30	Grade 6 and 7 Kids v Parents Family Night at BHMS
Thurs- Fri	Feb 28-Mar 1	BHMS High School Counselor Advisement in Social Studies Classes

Shout out to our students advancing to Regional and State Honors

Last year 11 of our students made it to the state competition. This year we had 22 students advance to the state competition. Of the 22, we had 3 top scores, and one student with the highest score on any test in the state. We are so proud of this organization the Mrs. McEntee brought to the school. It is so nice to see the hard-working students get the recognition they deserve.

Additionally, we have several students who have made it to All South Jersey band, orchestra, and chorus. These students had to audition and perform. This is very difficult to do in a pressure situation and these students rose to the occasion.

2019 Middle School Cyber Empowerment Parent Workshop

Middle School is such a tough age for our children and they're inundated with the pressures of social media, online gaming, and YouTube browsing. For tips as to how to keep your children safe and an understanding of what they're viewing, texting, or talking into their gaming headsets, please come to this very important parent workshop sponsored by NJCAP (Child Abuse Prevention). For information on the workshop click this link: [Parent Cyber-Empowerment Workshop](#)

[Please click on this link to view the letter from Mr. Bollendorf regarding the dangerous "Momo" Challenge.](#)

2019 Hoagie Sale

A proud tradition of Washington Township is the Annual Hoagie Sale. This event is an opportunity for community and students to get together to support those most in need in our community. Information will be going out to your child's homeroom very shortly. For a copy of the order form, please go to the following link. [2019 Annual Hoagie Sale Order Form](#)

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](#). If you would like a point of contact, please reach out to Mrs. McKenty at tmckenty@wtps.org

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.

Coat Drive:

If you have coats that are too small for your children or are gently used, but you don't wear any longer, please consider donating your coat to the Bunker Hill Coat Drive which is in conjunction with the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Please see this poster for more details. [BHMS Coat Drive](#)

Jessie Chris in Concert Rescheduled:

Country Music Recording Artist Jessie Chris made a surprise appearance to Bunker Hill. Not only that we received confirmation that her concert will be rescheduled for May. We are working on making final arrangements and will promote how to get tickets shortly. The Bunker Hill community is looking forward to hearing Jessie perform with her band. More information about ticket sales will follow.

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, school 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,

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