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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

This is a very exciting year, the counselors, secretaries, custodians, and administrators have been working very hard regarding scheduling the students and getting the building ready for your child. We are looking forward to all our returning students and eagerly anticipate the arrival of the new 6th grade class. We hope your summer is going well and provides an opportunity for you and your children to recharge. As we get closer to the start of the year, please make sure your child is keeping up with their summer assignments. Like all Principal's Updates, this will include various links for you to click on to get specific information to keep you current in what is going on in the "Home of the Bulldogs"

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update July 28, 2019](#)

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

Tues- Thurs	Aug 6-8 9:30am- 12:30-pm	6 th Grade Summer Transition
Tues & Wed	Aug 27-28 6-7:30	Field Hockey Tryouts
Thurs	Aug 29 4-6pm	6 th 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
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

6th Grade Summer Transition

As stated in the previous section, our summer transition will be Aug 6-8 from 9:30 to 12:30pm. Signups have closed, especially if you were needing transportation. If you are driving your children, please drop them off/pick them up at the cafeteria entrance in the back of the school. For those who registered for transportation, you should be getting an indication of your bus stop from transportation soon. If you do not hear from them and have signed up to take the bus, please reach out to them at 856-589-9190.

During the transition camp, we will practice lockers, meet new peers, tour the school, and learn about school culture, expectations, what it means to be a Bulldog, and how to keep track of our assignments. We will provide light refreshments and snacks, but if you would like your child to bring an extra snack to eat, that is acceptable. NO NUT PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED. Laptops are not needed for the transition. If you have any additional questions, please contact the school's main office.

ALSO, ALL 6th GRADE FAMILIES...Over the summer Ms. Kerfoot is our new counselor for the 6th 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 should you have questions.

8th Grade Trip

There have been a lot of questions and comments regarding the venue for the 8th 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.

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 6TH 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](#)

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.

If You Drive Your Child To/From School....VERY VERY IMPORTANT (This was a last minute addition) and not included on the video).

CHANGES....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](#)

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 6th 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 following information is updated on every Principal's Update. Although, they are on everyone, please peruse them on occasion to stay abreast of what is happening.

PTO Webpage

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: [April PTO Newsletter](#)

"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