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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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November 30, 2018

Dear Parents and Families,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's often a hectic time but a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. I also hope you had an opportunity to come out and see our play, "The Snow White Variety Show." The students did a fantastic job and worked hard to bring a fun program to the stage. We also wanted to thank you for those of you who attended American Education Week. Now we're excited as winter sports have begun and we're already in the second marking period.

## Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

## Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update November 30, 2018](#)

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

M-F	Nov 26-30	BHMS PTO Bookfair
Wed	Dec 5...6:30pm	<a href="#">Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)-Central Office</a>
Tues	Dec 11...6pm	PTO Meeting in the Cafeteria
Thurs	Dec 13...7pm	BHMS Winter Musical Concert Grades 7-8...Investor's Bank Center
Thurs	Dec 20...7pm	BHMS Winter Musical Concert Grade 6...BHMS Cafeteria

## Breakfast Program

At BHMS, as well as throughout the district, we offer breakfast and lunch for purchase at school. The breakfast program is available for all students for purchase. We provide "Grab and Go" options such as

fruit, breakfast sandwiches, potatoes, milk, and juice. Each morning when the students enter the building from the buses, there is a cart for students to purchase items. Please see the pricing document for cost of the items. [Meal Prices](#)

We hope you encourage your child to take breakfast especially if with the early morning, they weren't able to eat breakfast at home because of a rushed morning. Students are permitted to eat the breakfast in their homerooms.

## **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.

## **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>.

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