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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

Thanks for joining us on Back to School Night. Dr. Muscelli and I had great conversations with many of you and our teachers greatly enjoyed meeting you and establishing that partnership. Please know that we want your child to have a wonderful experience in middle school and we are glad to be on this journey with you and your child. This update will encompass the next several weeks at BHMS.

Before we get into our calendar of events, a big congratulation goes to Bunker Hill and the other WTPS schools for becoming recognized by the state as a future ready school. This an important distinction as we continue to employ research-based educational practices.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Notable Events

Wed	Sept 19	Full Day In-Service for Staff...No School
Fri	Sept 21 3-5pm	6 th grade Dance
Fri	Sept 21	Last Day to Get Laptop Insurance
Wed	Sept 26	PTO Magazine Drive Ends
Thurs	Sept 27 3-5pm	7 th and 8 th grade Dance
M-F	Oct 1-5	Week of Respect
Fri	Oct 5	Twp. Tuesday Kick Off Assembly for the Students
M-F	Oct 15-19	School Violence Awareness Week
M	Oct 15	Violence Awareness Week Assembly
Th	Oct 25 7-9pm	8 th Grade Open House Night at the High School

6th Grade Back to School Dance...9/21/18 3-5 pm

The 6th Grade Council is sponsoring a back to school dance for 6th graders. You will need a ride home as the busses will leave before the end of the dance. Hope to see all the 6th graders there. Make sure you fill out the permission slip if you plan to stay. Please see the link: [Permission Slip](#)

More information will follow regarding the 7th and 8th grade dance for the following week.

8th Grade Open House

Please see the information poster about open house night for 8th graders. This is a good way to get a glimpse of what may be expected of you in your 9th grade year and some of the things in which you can get involved. Please click on this link: [8th Grade Open House](#)

Recap from Township Middle School Tech Night.

The following email is from Liz Pitel, Technology Integration Specialist for the middle schools.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Tech Night, Township Talks Tech. It was wonderful to see how many members of our community were willing to come learn and share with us. For those of you who couldn't attend the night, I wanted to share with you a link to the recorded video sessions and handouts. There were 3 sessions: Getting Started with PowerSchool Unified Classroom, Access to Digital Textbooks, and Digital Citizenship for Preteens and Teens.

Please click on the link for more information. [Twp Talks Tech Night 2018](#)

PowerSchool Unified Classroom Problems.

On 9/4/18, WTPS sent out the following email blast to all families regarding an update about the new Unified Classroom in PowerSchool.

Good Morning,

Just wanted to reach out and ask for your continued patience and cooperation as we work through our launch of the PowerSchool Unified Classroom system. To all parents who have emailed, be assured that the email will be addressed, but right now our top priority is to make sure that the students are able to log in and access.

With that said, some of the issues being reported do require some in depth research so again, your patience is requested.

Please no need to send follow up email at this time, as every email has been saved for reference and addressing

Also, if you have partially created your UC account, please SAVE the password tied to that account as we may need that to resolve.

Thanks

WTPS

If you continue to have problems with the PowerSchool Unified Classroom, please email Mr. Doud at ccloud@wtps.org or epitel@wtps.org. They are the technology specialists that work with PowerSchool routinely and can triage some glitches for you.

Laptop Insurance Due 9/21/18

- **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](#)
- LAPTOP INSURANCE IS DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
- 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.

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Many of the clubs have started. Please listen to the morning announcements or view them on the website.

Principal's Message

[Principal's Update September 18, 2018](#)

Remind Account BHMS Updates

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

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio