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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day. The weather was nice and hopefully this afforded everyone opportunities for barbecues, getting to the pool or beach on last time, or just spending quality time with family. Although this is a four-day week, this week and next week are quite busy. Please see the dates below as well as some important information. There are things that list the happenings of BHMS as well as the Township that may hold relevance for you. As always if you have any questions, please reach out to us at the school.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Notable Events

Tues	Sept 4	Opening School Presentations to the Students
Wed	Sept 5	Picture Day
Fri	Sept 7	District Parent Sign Off Sheet Due
Fri	Sept 7	PTO Magazine Drive Kickoff (PTO Fundraiser)
Wed	Sept 12 6:30-8:30pm	BHMS Back to School Night
Sun	Sept 16	Last Day to Order BHMS Spirit Gear
Wed	Sept 19	Full Day In-Service for Staff...No School
Fri	Sept 21 3-5pm	6 th grade Dance
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

PTO Membership

- The executive team of the PTO, with the help of the parent volunteers, do so many fun things for the students and support the teachers in providing rewarding programs for the students. They help sponsor dances, community service events, building beautification, student recognition events. If you have the means, please consider joining the PTO as a parent. If every parent joined, we would have approximately \$3,000 more for the students at BHMS. If you are interested in supporting the PTO, please have your child bring in \$5 in an envelope labeled PTO dues from the family of...and list your child's first and last name. Please have your child give it to his or her homeroom teacher. If you are paying by check, please make check's payable to "Bunker Hill Middle School PTO".
- The link on our website: [PTO Page](#) is in the process of being updated. Please be patient as we get the latest dates and contact information up for you.
- Thanks in advance for your support, especially considering volunteering on various events throughout the year.

Grade Level Meetings/Code of Conduct Presentations

- Parents, this week we are working with the students to understand how to be successful from a social aspect at school. If students come to school and are involved in extracurriculars, do community service within the school, and work with teachers when ideas are confusing, they will have a good grasp on middle school.
- Every year, the schools must inform the students of the code of conduct, and Dr. Muscelli and I will kick it off with a presentation during the student's study halls and then the teachers will touch base with the students if necessary should they have questions.
- In my video Principal's Message, which you can watch by scrolling down to the end of this update and clicking on the link, I will discuss the meaning of "Choose Character of Loyalty" as a theme for the students this year. It is about the importance of not laughing at or endorsing someone being demeaned because it's safer to do that for one's own preservation or it's difficult to go against their friend and call them out for doing the wrong thing. Being a background participant or doing nothing is just as hurtful as saying the words oneself.
- During the video message, I will share some aspects of our presentation to the students, so you can use the common language at home.

Township Middle School Tech Night.

- Please view this link to sign up: [Township Talks Tech Night](#)
- Township Talks Tech Night is at 6:30 PM on Sept 5 at Orchard Valley
- You will be able to talk to Tech Savvy teachers and Tech specialists regarding the digital platforms your child will be using in school. You will also get tutorials as to how to navigate PowerSchool as well.

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

Repeated Information from Last Update: Important Information/Forms to Review and/or Return to School...Please keep in mind the Due Dates

To help you prepare for the start of school, I've included some hyperlinks for you. Please click (or hit "control" then click) on the headings in each of the bulleted items below to access more in-depth information about that topic

- [2018-19 District Forms to be Signed and Returned...Due no Later than Friday Sept 7, 2018](#)
 - Please consider reviewing all the forms in this link. Please pay attention to the middle school code of conduct and the transportation rules/letter.
 - You need to make sure you sign off on the main form.

- Clubs will begin soon. Please read below about staying after school.
 - [Club Listing](#) There are a multitude of clubs for students to get involved with after school. Each club offers different things and each school might have different offerings. The link below is a list of clubs currently running, but we expect it change as the school year progresses. We will see the elimination of some clubs and the addition of others. Please encourage your children to pay attention to the morning announcement so that they can know when the club meets.
 - Although the school day ends at 2:55, we encourage all students to get involved. We will provide a list of clubs later in this document, but you should know that late busses leave BHMS between 4 and 4:20 pm every day beginning the second week of school. Regardless if your child walks to school in the morning, if he or she decides to stay after school for club activities, your child must either be picked up or take a bus home.

Students are not permitted to walk home if they stay after school. This ensures the safety of the students, especially in the fall and winter months where it gets dark earlier and earlier. If a student stays after school for clubs or activities, they must be present in that club and obtain a bus pass. Students who stay after school must sign in to the club, so they are accounted for in the building.

- [1:1 Laptop Initiative Agreement](#)

- **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](#)
- 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.

- [Medicine Drop Off](#)

- Medicine that needs to be taken either during the school day or for emergency purposes must be transferred directly from parent to school nurse. Students are not allowed to bring over the counter or prescription medications in to school and give them to the nurse. For information how to make an appointment with the nurse, click the link above.
- Although it's after the date on the link, please contact the nurse to set off an appointment.

- Physical Education/Health

- Each year, students are required to take 3 marking periods of Physical Education (4 days a week) and 1 marking period of Health.
- The expectation is that students bring a change of clothes to change in and out of for PE. There is no required uniform; rather students should wear athletic shorts/pants, sneakers, and a t-shirt or sweatshirt. Students should also bring deodorant, soap, and a washcloth.
- It is also recommended that students ensure that they have and use deodorant before and after the activities in the gym. It is an important practice/habit to acquire as the students' bodies are maturing. There are opportunities for students to use washcloths to quickly freshen up/clean up as well.

- Locks: Teachers will provide combination padlocks, but it is also recommended that students bring their own and lock their belongings up in the locker room during class, and then taking their belongings and used PE clothes home daily.
- During one marking period each year, students do take Health courses. It is important you know the components of these courses. Families have varying opinions about the topics and it is important to be transparent about such topics. There are two letters. One provides an overview of all the grade levels and Health topics of study. Please click on this link: [General Health Letter](#). You can also look at the following link regarding Health information specific to 8th graders: [8th Grade Health Letter](#). These letters can all be found under Mrs. Bramante's Teacher Page on the BHMS Website
- **Participation in Middle School After School Sports**
 - We have the following middle school sports offered:
 - Fall...Field Hockey
 - Winter...Wrestling and Basketball
 - To participate in any of these activities, students need completed athletic forms. Please go the athletics page at this link: [TWP Athletics Page](#) to download the specific forms you need. No one can participate in any sport unless they have the relevant paperwork, physical, and that paperwork is cleared by the school nurse and doctor. This whole process takes about two weeks so if you plan on doing a fall sport, you cannot practice until all the forms are complete and reviewed. The earlier in the summer you get them to the school nurse the better.
 - Remember that to participate in a sport, you must be a student in good standing.
 - Also, it is likely that we are starting a new physical fitness club. Anyone who participates in that club will need a physical as well in accordance with the Washington TWP athletic rules

Bulldog Spirit Wear

Students and staff at BHMS are very proud to be Bulldogs. Bulldogs are tenacious, gritty, and trustworthy. There will be several opportunities throughout the year for staff and students to purchase BHMS apparel. The PTO gets a percentage of the sale. If you're interested in seeing what's out there to show your Bulldog Pride, go to <https://bunkerhillmsfall2018.itemorder.com/sale>. This online store is open until September 16, 2018

Principal's Message

[Principal's Update September 4, 2018](#)

Remind Account BHMS Updates

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

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio