

Berea-Midpark High School



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Coming Up

Tuesday, December 5	Orchestra Holiday Concert @ 7:00 P.M. Auditorium
Wednesday, December 6	College Credit Plus Parent Meeting 7:00 P.M. Auditorium
Thursday, December 7	Band Holiday Concert @ 7:00 P.M. Auditorium
Saturday, December 9	BMHS ACT Test Administration 7:30 A.M.
Monday , Tuesday, December 11 and 12	Senior One Act Auditions @ 2.:45 P.M. Auditorium
Tuesday, December 12	OML Math Test @ 2:30 in Math Classroom
Wednesday, December 13	PRIDE Catch A Culture @ 2:30 BMHS Library
Thursday, December 14	Choir Holiday Concert @ 7:00 P.M. Auditorium
Friday –Tuesday, December 15, 18, 19	Semester Finals (Modified Bell Schedules)
Wednesday –Tuesday, Dec. 20 to Jan 2	No School: Winter Break

From the Principal

CONGRATULATIONS to Senior Kayla Simonitis for earning a Red Ribbon Art Award in the 2017-18 Cleveland Clinic eXpressions (*Where Research and Creativity Meet*) adjudicated art competition. Kayla's art work, *Torn Apart*, will be proudly displayed in the 2018 eXpressions eXhibit at the Cleveland Global Center for Health Innovation (Medical-Mart).



Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

- Bravo to our Art Department for affording such worthwhile opportunities to our students to demonstrate and be recognized for their skills and efforts!
- From a grateful BMHS Colleague: "On behalf of PRIDE, I would like to give a *Thankful Thursday* shout out to the Staff for welcoming and accommodating the Mix it up Day Students within their classrooms. Also, a special thank you to staff members who attended and participated in Grief Relief on Wednesday. Thanks again."
- From a gracious Parent: "I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you. You each played an important role in helping our son have a successful (past) school year. It was a challenging year for him in many ways, but he got thru it thanks in large part to the efforts that you each put into helping him. We are so very appreciative of all of the hard work that you do. We feel very fortunate that our son was your student and/or athlete. In this day and age, teachers are expected to do more and more with less time and resources and often times less support. Your work couldn't be more important and I don't really have the words to truly express just how appreciative we are."
- From a generous Community Partner: "Just a note to mention the compliments I received today. After the students left, I had some meetings which had me on site until after four. In addition to employees who met with the students, other employees who saw them in the building commented on how well they dressed and conducted themselves at our World Headquarters. Great representation of the Berea City School District. Kudos to you and your team! I believe the students felt the trip was worthwhile. Hope we can do this again."

BMHS Holiday Concerts

The BMHS Music Department will be holding their annual holiday concerts during December. Come join them and listen to the music and songs of the Season. All concerts are in the BMHS Auditorium and begin at 7:00 P.M. Join them for an evening of holiday music and song as follows:

Orchestra Concert, Tuesday, December 5th

Band Concert Thursday, December 7th

Choir Concert, Thursday, December 14th



PRIDE Catch A Culture Celebration

PRIDE will hold their annual Catch A Culture Celebration (formerly Interfaith Celebration) on Wednesday, December 13th at 2:30 P.M. in the BMHS Library. Come celebrate and learn about religious differences with the BMHS Community. Light refreshments will be served.

BMHS College Credit Plus Meeting

The College Credit Plus Meeting is for any student interested in earning college credit while in high school for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7:00 P.M. in the BMHS Auditorium. Attendance at this meeting is EXPECTED by the Ohio Department of Education for any interested students and their parents.

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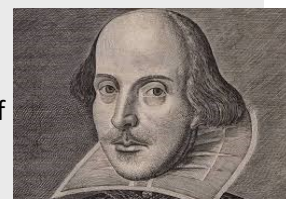
SIGN UP for REMIND text messages

BMHS will now make use of a parent/student text messaging system to directly and promptly notify you of important communications and/or emergency like circumstances. You will receive messages only from the REMIND system as communicated by administration. No others will have access to your phone number or be able to send group messages. Please enroll yourself to receive these group text messages. To enroll text @dgh7ke from your cell phone to the number 81010 or go to: remind.com/join/dgh7ke. Use Student or Parent as your selection.

EMERGENCY

Department Highlights: English Department

As part of our annual tradition, the Great Lakes Theater Residency Program visited BMHS the week of September 18-22 this year. Students from several different classes and teachers were able to see Shakespeare's plays and other theatrical works brought to life on the stage and also to be a part of the action! The professional actors worked alongside our students to perform *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Crucible*, and others. Thanks to Ms. Papakonstantinou for organizing this event!



Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Salata, and Ms. Papakonstantinou attended the "Standing O" Workshop hosted by the Cleveland Branch of the English-Speaking Union. They learned and participated in a multitude of exercises designed to bring Shakespeare to life in the classroom. The activities and resources gathered will certainly help our students gain a better understanding of the works of Shakespeare.

Calling all Shakespeare fans! Students from Berea-Midpark will participate in the English Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition at Berea-Midpark High School on Wednesday, January 24, in the BMHS auditorium. Each participant memorizes and performs a Shakespearean monologue without props or costumes. The winner from Berea-Midpark High School receives \$50 from the ESU and earns the right to participate in the Cuyahoga County competition on Saturday, February 24th.

The English teachers will be working on revamping the high school grammar and writing approach during the ninth and tenth grade years. We are looking forward to being back in the same building with the 9th grade teachers to collaborate and make all of our students' experiences more fulfilling.

To enjoy a Healthier Holiday—Hand Hygiene is the way!

Hand washing is the single best way to help prevent the spread of germs. Not only does hand washing remove visible dirt from your hands, but it also reduces the number of harmful microorganisms (germs). You should wash your hands when: visually dirty, after bathroom use, before eating, after playing outside and after blowing your nose and coughing. Hand washing doesn't mean just passing your hands under the faucet. Follow the following steps for proper hand washing and decrease your chances for getting sick! Wet your hands with water. Add soap. Scrub your hands for twenty second or sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Rinse your hands thoroughly. Dry your hands with a paper towel. Use the paper towel to shut off the faucet.



Winter Break begins on Wednesday, December 20 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



BMHS will conduct First Semester Final Exams on Friday, December 15th, Monday, December 18th, and Tuesday, December 19th. Please see the schedule below of the dates and times the exams will be administered. All students are expected to take final exams during the times as indicated.

FIRST SEMESTER FINALS	FRI. Dec. 15	MON. Dec. 18	TUES. Dec. 19
Session 1 7:25 – 9:00	1	2	3
Session 2 9:20 – 10:55	4/5 5/6	7/8 8/9	6/7
Session 3 11:15 – 12:50	10	11	Make-Up Exams