

# Berea-Midpark High School



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## December 2017 Newsletter

### Coming Up

Friday –Tuesday, December 15, 18, 19	Semester Finals (Modified Bell Schedules)
Wednesday –Tuesday, Dec. 20 to Jan 2	No School: Winter Break
Wednesday, January 3	Sandy Hook “Say Something” Presentation : Class Assemblies In Auditorium
Thursday –Friday, January 4 to 11	End-of-Course Exams Retakes and Make-Ups
Friday, January 5	Jostens Senior Graduation Presentation and Senior Panoramic 2° Main Gym
Tuesday, January 9	OML Math Tests @ 2:20 (See Math teachers)
Wednesday, January 10	Challenge Day: 2/3° Sophomores; Juniors 10/11°
Thursday, January 11	End of the First Semester
Friday, January 12	No Students: Staff Work Day
Saturday, January 13	Speech and Debate Tournament All Day
Monday, January 15	No School: Building Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

### From the Principal

The Education Foundation for Berea School District recently awarded over \$22,000 in Enrichment Grants to BCSD staff members for projects that enhance educational experiences for students in the district. We are sincerely grateful for the tireless and generous efforts of the Foundation members, donors, and volunteers! Kudos to our BMHS staff members that earned such worthy monetary support for supplies needed in their student-benefitting scholastic initiatives: **Jim Bycznski** (*Imagine and Create Your Monster* with Lori Mucha of Grindstone Elementary); **Jane Darrow** (*Caring Cubs & Candlelight Ceremony Projects* with Elementary Students); and, **Dennis Kavran, Tom Conti, Barb Gondosch, Theresa Hahn, Carrie Rice & Loni Solomon** (*The Sky is the Limit*). Bravo and thank you!

### Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

- ◆ **From a grateful BMHS Graduate:** “I'd like to thank you (Ms. Papakonstantinou) for all that you did for my sister and I, your favorite set of twins, whilst we were under your care during our time at BMHSI. If I hadn't taken your class I surely wouldn't have been nearly as confident in my writing as I am now. But alas, I no longer think of myself as a shrinking violet rather I am a slightly more confident violet who recognizes that I've still got a long way to go. I've taken the first step on a path to greatness and I know that sitting idle will do me no good as fortune favors the bold...Being in college has helped me to come out of my shell and become the person I am today. And I couldn't have done that without you and many of my teachers at BMHS. So again I thank you!”
- ◆ **From a gracious Parent:** “The mother of a student who was in the clinic sang praise to whomever (Nurses Michelle Paulick and Joanne Rohrer) helped my daughter and contacted her. She felt that she was addressed in a professional, caring manner, and was so pleased with your perspective of how you treated the circumstance. She noted a specific statement of her knowing her daughter best, and was so appreciative of the value that you put on her and her daughter. Thank you both for all that you do, and for helping to make BMHS a great place to be, even in times of ailments, illnesses and infirmity.”

*Thank you*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL: continued

- ◆ **From generous Community Partners:** "...the compliments that were given from two different county workers. One is a county probation officer and the other is a child protection service case manager. They both gave BMHS support staff compliments. They both shared that Positive Education Program workers and Guidestone staff told them that BMHS staff has gone above and beyond to meet, problem solve and provide any necessary support for their students in the past few years. They have appreciated our dedication and perseverance to our students."
- ◆ **From an appreciative Colleague:** "Some of our kids will stop at the dish-room window to ask how I am, how my day is going, even ask if I need help. I just recently had one student come back and spend his lunch time with me because he just wanted to help me out and show his appreciation. I'll even have students say...I have to tell you what happened at work yesterday, or show me pictures of what they're making their mom for Christmas. They'll duck their heads in to see if I'm there and thank me for doing their trays. There isn't a lot of pay or praise working in the cafeteria, but the personal moments made with the kids makes it all worth it! I truly feel like I'm taking care of my own as I do my job."

## BMHS C-SPAN VISIT

The C-SPAN news room bus was at BMHS in the afternoon on December 13th. The bus is a live newsroom on wheels and showed students the manner in which political media coverage is conducted and the modern telecommunications equipment used. Several of our classes were able to tour the bus and ask questions.

## SENIOR MEETING and PANORAMIC

All seniors who will graduate in May, 2018, are expected to attend the Senior Panoramic Picture shoot and Jostens Senior Meeting on **Friday, January 5th**, during second period in the Main Gym. Cavanaugh Photography will supply the order forms for the panoramic and Jostens will present all of the information for seniors to begin to place their orders for caps, gowns, announcements, invitations, etc., related to commencement. Each student will receive a large packet containing all order forms and information. Afterwards, packets will be available in the Activities Office and online at Jostens.com. All seniors are encouraged to place their cap and gown order **IMMEDIATELY**. Payment does not need to be made until gowns are distributed in the Cafeteria in May.



**ORDER NOW**

## 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](http://remind.com/join/dgh7ke). Use Student or Parent as your selection.

**EMERGENCY**

## NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK

**Wednesday, December 20 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. School resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**



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

## December is Toy & Gift Giving Safety Month

A month rightfully set aside to remind parents, friends and relatives to give age appropriate gifts while also considering the personality of the child receiving the gifts.

A few things to consider when making your gift choices:

- Choose age appropriate gifts; toys have age ratings for a reason.
- Research what is safe/unsafe for the current holiday season.
- Inspect for safety by taking precautions regarding small pieces, buttons, magnets, sharp edges, parts that may fly off, fire hazards, etc., and if adult supervision is required.
- Steer away from toys with strings, straps and cords when choosing for infants and small children.
- Instructions should be easy to read/understand/follow.
- Look for the letters ASTM as this means the item meets the American Society for Testing & Materials Standards.



## Clubs and Activities Highlights: **PRIDE**

**PRIDE** (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Excellence) is a group that promotes leadership, diversity, and spirit within the building and community. Our **LEADERSHIP** events include Freshmen Mentoring, In House Sophomore Orientation Tour Guides, and Parochial School Shadow Guides. Our **DIVERSITY** events include Unidad Latina honoring Latino culture and countries during Spanish American Month, Mix it up Day with Sophomores which students spend a day with someone of a different grade, social group, ethnicity, religion, and lastly Cafe Harambee which involves the BW community "Voices of Praise", Boys and Girls Basketball, the Dance Team and community members honoring the contributions of African Americans during Black History Month. Lastly, events that bring **UNITY** and **SPIRIT** are Challenge Day/ "Cross the Line" which is breaking down the barriers that divide and showing the students they have more in common than they realize. It is a powerful event that brings unity and compassion among the students. The final PRIDE event is "Clash of the Titans" which is a spirited competition among the classes which includes class hall decorating and competition events at Finnie Stadium. Last year AVID kicked off the event with a basketball game among the classes the night before Clash of the Titans. PRIDE, through student request and organization, has incorporated three new event this year "Into the Light" a suicide awareness, "Grief Relief" helping those who have lost someone find hope and support, and "Catch a Culture" which is students and staff presenting on their ethnic cultures customs and religions. PRIDE is student driven and tries to again offer topics which promote student leadership, respect and tolerance in diversity, and increases a sense of spirit and excellence within the school and community.





## Join Friends of the Education Foundation TODAY!

Since 1996 the Education Foundation for Berea City School District has been fortunate to have many volunteers and supporters who have spread the word about our purpose, helped out with the work of the Foundation, celebrated our successes, promoted our events, and contributed financial support.

Because of that support the Education Foundation has **given back** over **\$750,000** of grants and scholarships that have enhanced the educational opportunities for Berea City School District students.

We want to more formally recognize our current supporters and welcome new friends with our *Friends of the Foundation* group!

### As a Member of the Friends of the Education Foundation:

- you get to be the first to learn about the happenings of the Foundation.
- you have the first opportunities to get involved in Foundation activities.
- you get to feel really good about giving back and making a difference in the lives of BCSD students.
- you receive a fun little decal to show your pride for the Education Foundation.

Yes! I want to be a Friend of the Education Foundation!

ONLINE FORM and PAYMENT available at [www.EducationFoundationBerea.org](http://www.EducationFoundationBerea.org)

### FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY STUDENT SCHEDULE

To the right are the activities which are scheduled for each day as noted. Each day, January 3rd through January 11th, is a regular bell schedule and all classes will be in session. Only those students who need to retake an End of Course Exam from last year, or those effected by the assemblies, as noted during particular periods, are affected. There will be no school for students on Friday, January 12, 2018.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Sandy Hook: "Say Something Summit" Presentation</b> Auditorium 2 <sup>o</sup> -Sophomores 3 <sup>o</sup> -Seniors 10 <sup>o</sup> -Juniors	<b>RETAKES ELA 1</b> Sophomores AM <b>ELA 2</b> Juniors AM & PM	<b>RETAKES GEO</b> Juniors AM & PM <b>GOVT</b> Seniors AM & PM  <b>Seniors:</b> Panoramic Picture & Jostens Senior Inform. Meeting Main Gym 2 <sup>o</sup> Period
8	9	10	11	12
<b>RETAKES ALG</b> Sophomores AM <b>US HIST</b> Juniors AM & PM	<b>RETAKES BIO</b> Juniors AM & PM <b>MAKEUPS</b> AM & PM	<b>MAKEUPS</b> AM & PM  <b>Challenge Day:</b> Main Gym 2/3 <sup>o</sup> -Sophomores 10/11 <sup>o</sup> -Juniors	<b>MAKEUPS</b> AM & PM	<b>NO STUDENTS</b>  <b>STAFF WORK DAY</b>