

# Berea-Midpark High School



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## January 2018 Newsletter

### Coming Up

Wednesday, January 3	Sandy Hook "Say Something" Summit: Class Assemblies in Auditorium
Thursday to Friday, January 4 to 11	End-of-Course Exams Retakes and Make-Ups
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
Tuesday, January 16	OML Math Tests @ 2:20 (see math teacher)
Wednesday, January 17	Senior Panoramic/Jostens Mtg. 7:15 Main Gym
Wednesday, January 17	Challenge Day 2/3rd Period Sophomores, 10/11th Period Juniors
Thursday, January 18	Camp Mi-Bro-Be Counselors and Staff Reunion @ 2:15 Cafeteria
Friday, January 19	Pep Rally/Dual Wrestling Meet @ 12:30 to 2:15
Saturday, January 20	Key Club Benefit Show @ 7:00 P.M. Auditorium
Thursday, January 25	College Bound Sophomore Parents and Int'l Baccalaureate Mtg 7:00 Auditorium
Friday/Saturday, January 26 and 27	Senior One Act Plays @ 7:00 P.M. Cafeteria
Tuesday, January 30	8th Grade Course Registration Meeting @ 7:00
Wednesday, January 31	National Honor Society Induction @ 7:00 P.M.

### From the Principal

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all of our Titans community, families, and friends! The true meaning of caring and giving...

"One of our students was recently diagnosed with cancer. Currently, she is at home dealing with chemotherapy, etc... Amid all the stress and sadness of this terrible situation, she remains positive and hopeful. She's a special person, and we (English Teacher Kim Baker, Spanish Teachers Kathleen Pinter and Terri Marin, and Math Teacher Scott Piesen), as NHS Advisors, are so pleased that we will soon have some good news to share with her and her family. She will be inducted into National Honor Society next month! The current NHS members are aware of this situation and decided to do something special for her. They will go (December 19<sup>th</sup>) to her home with flowers to personally deliver her acceptance letter."



### Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

- From a grateful BMHS Student:** "I interviewed at Corporate HQ over Fall Break and was offered a position, but due to the drive and some other things I turned it down. Janean worked with me and gave me an opportunity to interview at the Avon regional branch. I interviewed there over Thanksgiving Break, was extended an offer and ultimately accepted it. I am extremely excited, and grateful to you (Mr. Griffin of Parker-Hannifin - partnered in class with Economics Teacher, Pat Murphy) for providing me with information and guidance that allowed me this opportunity."

# Thanks

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL: continued

- **From a gracious Parent:** "I just wanted to send you (Spanish Teacher Miguel DiCicco) a quick thank you for being so very awesome for our daughter this school year. Yesterday was a rough day for her and you single-handedly made it better for her! It was the only smile she gave while talking about her day. You make a fantastic difference in her life! (The latest gata is up on our fridge right now!) So, thank you for all you do each and every day and for being so understanding and kind :)"
- **From a generous Community Partner:** "Cleveland Council on World Affairs would like to send a special thank you to the delegates from Berea-Midpark High School for all their preparation and participation. Their maturity and passion for negotiation and diplomacy is an inspiration to all. You should be very proud! We would also like to highlight the efforts of the Model UN Advisor, Social Studies Teacher Dan Watt. Mr. Watt did an excellent job of preparing students for a rewarding conference."

## BMHS CAMP MI-BRO-BE REUNION

All BMHS students who were Camp Mi-Bro-Be Resident or Cabin Counselors last fall, 2017, are invited to attend the Reunion to be held on Thursday, January 18th, from 2:15 to 4:00 in the Cafeteria. Pictures will be shared; Mr. Muni will play his guitar for a camp song sing-a-long, and pizza and snacks will be served. All counselors are asked to RSVP to the Activities Office ASAP.



## 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 will be **Wednesday, January 17th at 7:15** 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

Staff Work Day, Friday, January 12, 2018

No Staff or Students: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
Monday January 15, 2018



## Math Department OML

All Math students are encouraged to participate in the OML test after school on Tuesday, January 16th, from 2:20 to 2:50 in their math classrooms. Please see your math teacher for details.





## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS: Administration and Classified Staff

The Administrators of BMHS are as follows. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns you may have at 216-898-8900.

Mr. Vincenzo Ruggiero, Principal  
Mr. Steven Blatnica, Administrative Intern, All Students A – Go  
Mr. Anthony Riccio, Assistant Principal: All Students Gp-Pa  
Mr. Gregory Soos, Assistant Principal: All Students Pb-Z  
Mr. Adam Howard, Athletic Director  
Mr. Jonathan Adams, Assistant Athletic Director



The BMHS Bookkeeper is Florica Lee and can be reached at x5444. She can help you with your student's fees, parking passes and the collection of all athletic fees.

BMHS has seven Administrative Assistants who are here to help you with your needs:

Peggy Huszai, Activities Secretary, x5488  
Sharene Klink, Attendance Secretary, x5425  
Donna Lippy, Records Secretary, x5410  
Barb Poney, Principal's Secretary, x5411  
Guidance Secretary, x5417  
Ruth Vasicek, Main Office Secretary  
Kathy Wood, Athletics Secretary, x5422



BMHS has two Instructional Assistants who assist students daily:

Tammy Corrigan assists in the Media Center/Library  
Kathy D'Amore assists students in SMR and daily detentions

BMHS has seven Intervention Associates who work with the special needs students. They help the students in classrooms, the lunch room, on/off buses, as well as assist them in the bathroom and hallways getting from place to place. The seven ladies who give tirelessly to our special needs students are: Jill Corrigan, Shelby Flower, Debbie Hemann, Alexandra Hogan, Ruth Maver, Susan Mayes, Nadia Marcuz and Lynn Sperli.

BMHS has two Student Monitors who help in monitoring the lunch room as well as walk the hallways helping to keep students moving to class. They are Melissa Cogar and Eric Schall.

BMHS has one Technology Specialist, Carol Hudak, who keeps the BMHS technology running smoothly and helps all staff and students with any technology problems.

**Lunch Ladies  
ROCK!**



BMHS Cafeteria Staff provide students with both breakfast and lunch daily. The staff consists of Ruth Dunn, Joyce Graham, Manager, Jeanne Grugel, Assistant Manager, Laurie Kopec, Dawn Snelling, Laura Sperry and Karen Zatezalo.

And finally, keeping BMHS sparkling clean and safe for all is the Custodial Staff consisting of Robert August, Eric Faust, Paul Gill, Brian Knoblauch, Rich McKenzie, LaDon Perkins, Mike Scott, Greg Stohlman and Ken Strebelow.



## January is Drug and Alcohol Fact Month

**ALCOHOL:** People who drink alcohol are affected even before showing signs of being drunk, especially when it comes to decision-making abilities. At first, alcohol causes people to feel upbeat and excited. But this is only temporary. The effects of alcohol are **loss of inhibitions and impaired memory, poor decision-making skills, lack of coordination and physical control and death.**



On average, alcohol plays a role in the deaths of 4,358 young people under age 21 every year. These deaths include:



- 1,580 deaths from car crashes
- 1,269 from murders
- 245 from alcohol poisoning, falls, burns, and drowning
- 492 from suicides

**MARIJUANA** is the most commonly used illicit **drug** in the United States by teens as well as adults. Marijuana can be addictive. Someone who regularly uses marijuana may continue to use it despite negative consequences in their life. Recent public discussions about medical marijuana, and the public debate over the drug's legal status, is leading to a reduced perception of harm among young people. In addition, some teens believe marijuana cannot be harmful because it is “natural”. However, not all natural plant substances are good for you—tobacco, cocaine, and heroin also come from plants.