

Berea-Midpark High School



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Coming Up

Wednesday, November 1	OHSAA Mandatory Winter Parent/Athlete Meeting @ 6:30
Wednesday, November 1	Red Cross Blood Drive, 7:30 to 1:00, Sports Center
Tuesday, November 7	No School—Voting Day and Staff In-Service
Monday, November 13	Sophomores Polaris Field Trip
Tuesday, November 14	OML Math Tests after school
Thursday, November 16	Second Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15 to 7:00
Friday/ Saturday, November 17 & 18	Fall Play, “Death By Chocolate”
Monday, November 20	Fall Sports Awards @ 6:30
Tuesday, November 21	PRIDE: Mix-It-Up Day
Wednesday/Friday, November 22, 23, 24	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday, November 28	Spanish Classes: Emir Sensini Concert

From the Principal

Congratulations to Seniors Isabel Culkar and Joshua Ramirez for being selected as the Berea-Midpark HS Wendy’s High School Heisman award recipients. Isabel and Joshua are so honored, along with others of the nation’s most esteemed high school seniors, for sharing Wendy’s values of giving back to their communities, treating people with respect, continuing education, and excelling on the athletic field.



Student & Staff PBIS recognitions:

- * From a colleague experiencing a most unfortunate family circumstance, “I am so proud to work for a district that is supporting our family any way possible. Thank you for the prayers and meals.” As a staff community, we continue to offer our best wishes and assistance.
- * From a new colleague, “I want to thank you for all of the encouragement and making me feel so welcome at your school this year. I am very happy here and that is a direct reflection of you and your staff.”
- * From yet another colleague demonstrating Titan PRIDE, “I am giving a shout out to JSA and Dan Watt for their great turnout at their debates and for hosting the Brook Park mayoral debate. In addition it had been great working together with JSA and AVID on the Homeroom Titans v. Hurricanes Challenge.” Bravo!
- * From a grateful AVID graduate, “I wanted to thank you (Ryan Peoples) for all of your assistance and the education you gave me in high school. I’m currently writing a paper for my emergent literacy course, and it asks me to consider educators who inspired me in reading. I was very happy when I realized I could provide countless examples of how you inspired me to not only love reading but to love language arts in general. I also was able to include how your teaching methods inspired me to become a teacher.” Nicely done!



BMHS Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for the second quarter will be held on Thursday, November 16th from 3:15 to 7:00 P.M.



in the Sports Center and Cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend and check on their students' progress.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

There will be no school for students on Tuesday, November 7th due to Staff In-Service Training.



Sophomores to Polaris

Sophomores interested in attending Polaris Career Center next year are encouraged to attend the Polaris Visitation Day on Monday, November 13th, from 11:30 to 2:00. Bus transportation will be provided. Permission slips need to be returned to the Counseling Office ASAP. Contact Robert Schuff, Counselor, with any questions.

BMHS will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 1st, from 7:30 to 1:00 in the Sports Center. Students must be 16 years old to donate and have a permission slip on file. Sign-ups are in the Activities Office.



From the Athletic Department

- November 1st: OHSAA Mandatory Winter Parent/Athlete Meeting at 6:30 in the BMHS Auditorium.
- November 20th: Fall Sports Awards for grades 9-12 at 6:30 in the BMHS Auditorium at 6:30.

BMHS Performs "Death By Chocolate"

Come enjoy the students of BMHS in their performances of "Death By Chocolate" by Paul Freed in the BMHS Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18 at 7:00 P.M. Come enjoy the adventures taking place at Meadowbrook Heath Resort, whose grand re-opening is put in jeopardy by a series of suspicious deaths among its staff. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students and seniors.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no school Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th. Enjoy the holiday with your family and friends.



Department Highlights: Social Studies

The Social Studies Department had an exciting and action packed first nine weeks. To best serve and prepare the students at Berea-Midpark High School, the Social Studies Department has continued to meet weekly in our TBT's that we started last year. These are teacher-based teams that are grouped together for American Government and US History. Our goal each week is to share and collaborate with other teachers that are teaching the same class. We address topics such as Pacing, Evaluation, Common Assessments, and Curriculum. The ultimate goal is to continue to prepare the students to pass the State AIR tests that are given in Government and US History in April. Thanks to the Berea Board of Education, our department received two Chrome Book carts to use for assessment for the End of Course exam/AIR tests classes. Both American Government and US History teachers have been utilizing the Edcite website to use the assessment tools on that site to mimic the AIR test set up on the test in April.

Juniors in Government classes at Berea-Midpark are working on their volunteer hours for the Citizenship Project (CP). The CP is a requirement of the Berea City Schools Board of Education. Each junior at Berea-Midpark must take Government as a state requirement for graduation; part of the requirement of the Government classes is to complete the CP. If the CP is not completed the student will not graduate. The students have been very busy helping in the community.

Mr. Murphy's Economics Honors class will travel to Parker-Hannifin to tour the facility and get hands on experience and exposure to the business world through Junior Achievement and the Titan stock experience.

Mr. Watt has been busy with Junior State of America and Mrs. Fox is very busy working with PRIDE. Mr. Braaten has incorporated technology and Edcite in his classes with the help of a Google Chrome book cart. Mr. Kosar is teaching AP Psychology, Mr. Boone is teaching AP American History and will be starting Chess Club in November. Mr. Boone's American History classes also discussed and did extra credit opportunities tied to Ken Burns' Vietnam War series that was played on PBS. The conversations were very frank and productive. Mr. Hanchuk is teaching AP European History and Mr. McGregor is teaching AP Government, Mr. Santori teaches US History and AVID, while Mr. Barther teaches Pop Culture and Sociology and Mr. Misenhelder is teaching Economics. Mr. Hunek teaches US History and Credit Recovery and Mr. Krivak also teaches Credit Recovery classes.

► From the Clinic

Cold and flu season is upon us.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older is the single best way to avoid getting influenza. But there's more you can do. These stay-well strategies can help keep you and your family from getting — or passing along — a cold or flu bug:

1. **Hit the sink.** Be sure to wash your hands regularly to remove any germs. A good, thorough scrubbing is key. That means for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water.
2. **Have sanitizer at the ready.** Soap and water aren't always available. So keep hand sanitizer in your car, your bag or tote, and your workspace too. Look for products that contain at least 60 percent alcohol.
3. **Be hands-off!** Try to limit how much you touch your face. Germs can enter your body through your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. **Cover that cough.** Make it a habit to cough or sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your elbow. Teach kids this trick too.
5. **Keep your distance.** As much as possible, try to avoid close contact with anyone who's ill. If you do get sick, stay home until you're better.
6. **Wipe 'em out.** Regularly clean surfaces you touch often — such as keyboards, remote controls, door handles and countertops. Use soapy water and a household disinfectant.
7. **Share not.** Remind your family not to share items such as cups, silverware or toothbrushes.
8. **Build a strong defense.** When you take care of yourself, you help your body fight off illness. So be sure to get plenty of sleep. Choose healthy foods — and get regular exercise



■ ELECTION DAY ■

All registered voters are encouraged to vote on **Tuesday, November 7th** from 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. There are many local and national issues on the ballot.

VOTE!!

