

Berea-Midpark High School

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December 2018 Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 17 LINK Freshmen/Sophomore "Cookie Cram" 2:30 Cafeteria

Tuesday, December 18 Winter Choir Concert 7:00 P.M. BMHS Auditorium

PTSA Meeting CANCELLED

Wednesday—Friday, December 19, 20, 21 Semester Finals, See Finals Schedule, Page 11, Modified Bell Sched.

Monday-Friday, December 24 - January 4 Winter Break, No School Staff or Students

Monday, January 7 School Resumes

Tuesday –Thursday, January 8 to 10 Spring Musical Auditions, Choir Room after school

Tuesday, January 8 Senior Panoramic and Senior Graduation Meeting, 2nd Period

OML Test, after school, Math classrooms

Thursday, January 10 Jostens Graduation Orders Taken, all lunch periods

Friday, January 11 Winter Pep Rally, Dual Wrestling Meet, Modified Bell Schedule

Saturday, January 12 Speech and Debate Tournament

Tuesday, January 15 PRIDE Challenge Day, 9th & 10th Grade

Friday, January 18 NO School Students, Staff Work Day

Monday, January 21 NO School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year to all of our Titans families! Celebrating these winter season holidays, we extend our best wishes for an enjoyable, safe, and joyous break to each of our students, parents, staff, and community members.

Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

• From a complimentary BMHS Staff Member: "He (Math Teacher Mr. David McElroy) has been very responsive and cooperative with any student concerns I've communicated with him about. The proactive communication with parents is wonderful. And, most importantly, the kids like him. I have asked some of my most challenging students how they are doing in math, and they like how he teaches and say they are understanding it more than before. I'm guessing it's incredibly difficult to walk into a classroom in the middle of a semester - especially with 9th graders, and 10th grade repeaters! Just wanted to make sure the word got out that from what many of us can see, he is doing an excellent job!"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CONTINUED

- From a gracious former BMHS Parent: "If you're ever having a tough day in the classroom I hope you'll think of Reid. You (Mrs. Darlene Lyon) helped ignite a passion in him for German that is so fun to witness. I believe that after his year studying in Austria next year he will have earned his German language degree."
- From an impressed BMHS Education-Partner: "It was so nice learning more about Berea-Midpark and the recent initiatives you've launched. I've said it before, but it deserves repeating you've established a remarkable culture at the school that just fuels student engagement and success. You must sleep well at night!" (Brian Pflaum, Cleveland Clinic Director of Civic Education)
- From a grateful BMHS Colleague: "PRIDE would like to thank the staff for their support of Mix-it-Up Day, especially those that welcomed and included the students in the class discussions and activities. Thank you again for your support. ©"

TRAVEL THE WORLD

The Berea City School District offers trips, which are not connected to specific classes, for BMHS high school students. Middle School students may sign up early for a savings benefit.

Check out the available trips at: https://sites.google.com/bereaschools.org/bcsd-travel-opportunities/home

Once you have signed up, the cost of the trip is locked in. The cost increases \$50-\$100 every six months so the sooner your student signs up, the cheaper the cost.

If you sign up two years in advance, you get a \$200 discount from most of the companies (see website). This

makes monthly payments much more attainable. There are also a variety of fundraising options available.

If you need to cancel, each company has a refund schedule along with added insurance options.

2019: China, Chaperone is Mrs. Hsu, and Biomedical Europe, Chaperone is Mr. Pittman, are still taking travelers. Deadline is February however, no discounts at this point.

2020: Peru, Chaperone is Mrs. Pinter, Paris/London/Rome, Chaperone is Mr. Soos, and Sustainable Living/Germany, Chaperone is Mr. McElyea, are open for enrollment. Discount of \$200 if enrolled by December 31, 2018.

2021: Ecology Galapagos Islands, Chaperone Mrs. Draves and Mr. Blatnica, S. Germany/Austria/Switzerland, Chaperone is Mrs. Lyon, and Mexico Service, two years of Spanish is required and the Chaperone is Mrs. Martin, are all open for enrollment. Discounts of are \$200 available if enrolled by December 31, 2019. Help us know if you are planning to travel, by signing up early, and locking in your price!

Contact dlyon@bereaschools.org or the chaperone as shown, if you have any questions.

Bon Voyage!

WINTER BREAK

No School for Staff or Students Monday, December 24 through Friday, January 4

School Resumes

Monday, January 7, 2019



SENIOR PANORAMIC PICTURE and JOSTENS SEN-IOR MEETING FOR COMMENCEMENT INFOR-MATION/ORDER PACKETS

On **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, Cavanaugh Photography and Jostens will be in the Main Gym during **second period** to meet with all seniors.

Cavanaugh will be taking the Senior Panoramic Picture and Jostens will have a display and be handing out the information packets to order your cap and gown, party invitations, announcements, clothing and other commencement merchandise. All Ombudsman, CCP and BMHS students, who are planning on attending commencement in June, are encouraged to attend to be part of the picture and receive your information packet. Jostens will be

back on Thursday, January 10th, during all lunch periods, to begin taking your graduation orders. You do not need to pay any money at this time, just place your order to secure the lowest price for your cap and



gown. You can pay online over time, or you can pay when you pick up your cap/gown in May. If

OML TESTS

Ohio Math League Tests will be given after school in the students' Math classroom at 2:20. The remaining dates for OML tare January 8, February 12, and March 19. Your student should see their Math teacher for details.

BCSD Parents:

Family-School
Relationships

BETTER TOGETHER

in our district?



We are looking for ten parents to be a part of the inaugural BCSD Family Engagement Team.

Interested? https://bit.ly/2Nikndj

LINK LEADERS "COOKIE CRAM" TO HELP FRESH-MEN AND SOPHOMORES STUDY FOR SEMESTER EXAMS

Semester Exams will be here before you know it and to help prepare, the LINK Leaders will be hosting an after school "Cookie Cram" for all Freshmen and Sophomores on Monday, December 17, from 2:30 to 3:30 in the BMHS Cafeteria. The LINK Leaders will be there to help tutor, go over the core class content, provide study tips and answer any general questions students may have about semester finals. Teachers will also be available as an additional resource for all students to ask questions and gain ad-

ditional help in preparing for finals. LINK looks forward to the event and hope all Freshmen and Sophomores take advantage of this study session to help them be successful on their semester exams



AND have a cookie or two while you study!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT, MIKE SHEPPARD

Winter weather has arrived early this year. New for the 2018-19 school year is the addition of a 2-hour delay. Information regarding this new procedure was included in the 2018-19 District Information Guide. This information guide was available at the start of the school year during our open houses and orientations. 2-hour delay information is also included below.

Our district administration, faculty, and staff understand that our decision to delay, open, or close schools during inclement weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served – both academically and socially – by being in school. However, our top priority is the safety of our students.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

Please understand that we make the decision to delay, keep open, or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

Information on road conditions from transportation staff and from local law enforcement and road crews. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous roads in the district; they can be treacherous even if your street looks clear;

- Amount of snow and ice accumulated;
- Whether or not the precipitation will continue throughout the day;
- Temperature and wind chills at or below -15F;
- Weather predictions (including those from a weather alert service);
- Storm timing;
- Building conditions (such as whether they have electricity and heat);
- Parking lot conditions.



TWO-HOUR DELAY - NEW FOR 2018-19

The use of a two-hour delayed school opening may be utilized when the additional two (2) hours would allow for inclement weather to rise to an acceptable level. With the option of the two-hour delay, we will more likely be able to have school and avoid using as many calamity days.

A major part of a two-hour delay school opening involves the transportation of students to schools. Under a two-hour delay schedule, all schools will begin the day two (2) hours later than the regular starting time. The school day will end at the usual time. Students receiving school bus transportation should go to their normal bus stop location two (2) hours later than their regular pick-up time.

As with school closings, the two-hour delay to the start of the school day will be announced through the local media and our telephone message system to parents. If for any reason the two-hour delay is not sufficient to ensure safe travel, the District will close for the entire day. If this is the case, a second call will be made via our telephone messaging service.

As Superintendent of Schools, I am ultimately responsible for the final decision based on the above factors and recommendations from the Assistant Superintendent in charge of buildings and grounds.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We strive to make the decision to close by 5:30 a.m. or earlier so we can notify our parents via our automated calling system and then the radio and TV stations. Keep in mind that unusual weather conditions may force us to make the decision after this time. In any case, we will notify parents via the automated calling system as the first alert.

WILL WE CLOSE SCHOOL IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

Even if the weather conditions worsen, we cannot reverse our decision in the morning without endangering students. Once we make the decision to open the schools, many parents rely on it and leave for work. If we then send students right back home, many will return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses. If conditions get worse during the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal and will give as much notice as possible to parents. Although we do our absolute best in this process, I know that often no perfect decision exists. If you do not feel that it is safe for your child to get to school, use your best judgment whether or not he or she should attend. If you choose to keep your child at home, his/her absence will be counted as an excused absence. Also, please discourage teenagers from driving in bad conditions and offer them alternatives as weather conditions worsen.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

As soon as we make the decision to close schools, we will send an automated message via the designated telephone numbers that parents have given us. It is important for families to have correct contact information in their students' Infinite Campus accounts. This will allow the District's automated messaging system to quickly reach you, via phone, email, and text, with school closing information. This will be the quickest and easiest way to learn about school closings. In addition, the Berea City Schools will post the closing on the website www.berea.k12.oh.us.

For those who use social media, you can follow the district on Twitter @BereaCSD or Facebook/BereaCSD, as we will also post it there. Tune to TV channels ABC, CBS, NBC, WUAB, and/or FOX for up-to-date information on school closings. Do not call the school or bus garage unless it is an emergency.

Thank you, Mike Sheppard Superintendent

SEE BMHS TWO HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE ALONG WITH MORE INFOR-MATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE





BMHS TWO HOUR DELAYED START BELL SCHEDULE is shown below and will be implemented any day Berea-Midpark High School is placed on a two hour delayed start. All classes will run along with each lunch period following the schedule below. **No** breakfast will be served on two hour delayed start days. Morning buses will run on a two hour delayed start with dismissal buses as regularly scheduled at 2:20.

BEREA-MIDPARK HIGH SCHOOL 2-Hour Delayed Start BELL SCHEDULE 2018-2019



Period	Start	End	Minutes
1	9:20	9:48	28
2	9:52	10:20	28
3	10:24	10:52	28
4(L)	10:56	11:16	20
5(L)	11:20	11:40	20
6(L)	11:44	12:04	20
7(L)	12:08	12:28	20
8(L)	12:32	12:52	20
9(L)	12:56	1:16	20
10	1:20	1:48	28
11	1:52	2:20	28



Two-Hour Delay Procedures Berea City School District

In accordance with the Berea City School District's Procedures for Emergency School closing, the use of a two-hour delayed school opening may be utilized when the additional two hours would allow for wind chill temperatures to rise to an acceptable level. With the option of the two-hour delay, we will more likely be able to have school and avoid using as many calamity days.

A major part of a two-hour delay school opening involves the transportation of students to schools. Under a two-hour delay schedule, all schools will begin the day two hours later than the regular starting time. The school day will end at the usual time. Students receiving school bus transportation should go to their normal bus stop location two hours later than their regular pick-up time. When the Superintendent calls a two-hour delay, the following adjustments will be made:

School	Two-Hour Delay Schedule	Start Time	End Time
Extended Care		Canceled	Same
Preschool a.m.	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Preschool p.m.		Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Elementary	Kindergarten – Fourth Grade	11:00 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Middle School	Grades Fifth – Eighth	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
High School	Grades Ninth – Twelfth	9:20 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Polaris Career Center (if open)	Morning Classes Afternoon Classes	Canceled Regular Schedule	Canceled Regular Schedule
Non-Public School Students (if open)	All Applicable Students	Pick-up Two Hours Late	Regular Schedule
Out-of-District Placements (if open)	All Applicable Students	Pick-up Two Hours Late	Regular Schedule

School Services	Two-Hour Delay Schedule		
Field Trips	Canceled		
Breakfast Program	Not Served		
Lunch Program	Served		
Before School Activities/Programs	Canceled		
After School Activities/Programs	Proceed as Scheduled Unless Otherwise Notified		
Extended Care	Morning Canceled; Afternoon Schedule As Usual		
Student Detentions	Morning Canceled and Rescheduled; Afternoon Scheduled as Usual		
Child Care Centers	Morning Transportation Two-Hour Delayed; Afternoon Schedule as Usual		

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STUDENT PARKING REGULATIONS

With our increased enrollment and the challenges posed by our construction, we are grateful for the patience and cooperation that our students, parents, and staff have demonstrated during the busy times of arrival and dismissal. In order to best assure safe and effective student drop-off and pick-up, we ask that you comply with each of these expectations:

- Only students with valid parking tags, for either BMHS or Roehm Athletic Complex, may park in the designated spaces of their assigned lots. Cars without valid parking tags are subject to being towed unannounced.
- Student pedestrian crossing of streets is permitted only in the designated cross-walk areas.
- Buses only are permitted in the designated "flag pole" lot area directly in front of the building, during student arrival and dismissal times.
- Drop-off & pick-up of students is permitted only in the designated school parking lot area – not on the streets of Bagley, Eastland, or Maple.
- Vehicles which are entering & exiting the lot may do so only through the designated areas and following the indicated traffic flow.

If you should have any questions or concerns, you are welcomed to contact our Main Office 216-898-8900.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!



PRIDE HIGHLIGHTS:

BMHS **PRIDE** (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence) promotes leadership, diversity, and school spirit throughout the 2018-19 school year. This year's PRIDE executives include: seniors - Ryan Bolin, Cady Herron, Maddie Schneider, Mike Sebek, and Joseph Wozniak; juniors - Summer Husein, Abby Lubowicki, Kelly Mccarthy, Serena Ramsammy, DJ Stewart, Hannah Tucker, and Tressa Valukievic.

PRIDE kicked off the school year by working collaboratively with JSA and Avid on a "Hurricane Homeroom Challenge." We collected needed items for the Carolinas devastated by the hurricanes. Also, On October 11th Pride and AFS presented "Immigration This Is My Story," a student and teacher panel featuring author and keynote speaker Gerhard Maroscher. Gerhard shared the story of his Romanian family's miraculous survival of World War II, becoming refugees, fleeing Communism, starving after the war, and coming to the USA to live the American Dream.

During the month of November, PRIDE hosted the third annual "Into The Light," suicide awareness program, which senior PRIDE executives Mike Sebek and Maddie Schneider started. Mike, in losing his cousin to suicide, became a passionate crusader in promoting awareness and support within the BMHS school community. The event featured keynote speaker Jane Lewins from AFSP.

On November 20th, PRIDE and Avid partnered for the "National Mix It Up Day." Upperclassmen were paired with underclassmen for a day to experience the different academics classes and social groups. The day ended with a presentation on "Diversity" by Terry Malone.

To conclude the semester, PRIDE hosted "Celebration Of Culture and Faith" on December 12th. BMHS students, AFS, and graduates presented on Christianity, Guyana/Hindu, Judaism, Palestine/Islam, Italy/Catholicism, Norway, and Lebanon.

I know you're thinking: WHAT'S NEXT? During second semester, PRIDE will be working with LINK to present "Challenge Day" (Cross the Line) to the freshmen and sophomores in January/February. This has always been one of the most meaningful events during which students learn to break down the barriers that divide, using what they learn to work on uniting as Titans.

During Black History month, PRIDE, RYP, and the Varsity Girls' and Boys' basketball teams will be hosting "Cafe Harambee" on February 27th, at 2:30 PM in the BMHS Library. The theme this year is "Come to the Table and Share Your Story of Perseverance."

During the month of March, PRIDE will be presenting at the Diversity Center's High School Conference at John Carroll University and participating in the Diversity in the Arts program.

Lastly, PRIDE, along with the various class advisors, students, and staff will be presenting the most spirited event of the year "Clash of the Titans." The class hallway competition begins on May 23rd and the field events at Finnie will be on May 24th. PRIDE will conclude the year with a Senior Salute to the Senior Executives on May 29th.

Thank you for your support of PRIDE throughout the year!



IMPROPERLY
PARKED VEHICLES
WILL BE TOWED
AT OWNER'S
EXPENSE

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO USE THE LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER DURING STUDY HALLS:

Any student who wants to use the Library/Media Center during their study halls, must sign up FIRST following the directions below. If you do not sign up to use the Library, you will need to return to your study hall. Students are not permitted to have the study hall monitor simply write a pass to the Library. The student needs to: login to the BCSD webpage, select BMHS High School, then Library tab, select BMHS Study Hall Sign Ups on the left menu, sign in to your Google account and the calendar for the week will appear. Students should select the date and period they would like to use the Library. Find the day of the week and click on

one of the numbered boxes which represent the period they want and place their name in that box that will appear. Be sure to SAVE. If there are no boxes available when a student wants to come that means all of the spots have been filled and the student must remain in their assigned study hall. The number of spots available for each period varies.



OLD NECKTIES NEEDED:

The German classes are planning to participate in a cultural event and are in need of old neckties. Old, loud, crazy,



normal, wide, narrow... any kind of neckties. They will **not** be returned, but if you have any around, we would love to have them. Please send them to BMHS to the attention of Frau Lyon. The collection of ties will run through February 14.

Thank you!

PTSA

Please consider joining PTSA to help a little or a lot. Every membership counts and helps us achieve our goals for the year. You can join online too! https://my.cheddarup.com/c/bereamidpark-high-school-ptsa

Please note the December meeting has been cancelled.

Mark your calendar for January 15, 2019 at 7 P.M. in the school library for the next PTSA meeting of the year.







FROM THE CLINIC: TOY RELATED INJURIES

Each year more than a quarter of a million children are treated at hospitals for toy -related injuries. Most of these injuries affect children under the age of fifteen and more than 125,00 are preventable. During "Safe Toys and Gifts Month", Friends for Sight encourages parents to be aware of their children's toys and the potential dangers of toys given to their children.

Below are some tips provided by American Academy of Ophthalmology and Prevent Blindness America when making a purchase and giving a gift:

- Read all labels and warnings on the toy box.
- Avoid purchasing toys with rigid or sharp points, rods, spikes, or dangerous edges.
- Purchase toys that meet the safety standards of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- Only buy toys that are meant for the child's age, maturity and ability.
- Throw away all packaging material as it can be a choking hazard.
- Inspect toys before giving to children.
- Show children how to use the toy safely.
- Supervise children while playing.
- Fix or throw away broken toys.



SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for the spring musical to be held in April, *Pirates of Penzance*, will be Tuesday through Thursday, January 8 to 10, 2019, in the Choir

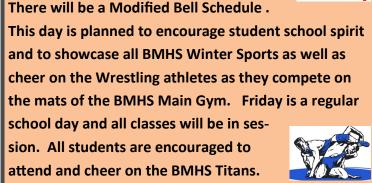


Room after school. Anyone interested in auditioning is encouraged to attend.

WINTER PEP RALLY AND DUAL WRESTLING MEET

The Winter Pep Rally and Wrestling Meet vs. Medina will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019, in the Main Gym beginning at 12:30.

PEP Rally



BMHS HOLIDAY CHOIR CONCERT

The Choir Concert will be on Tuesday, December 18th in the BMHS Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Join them for an evening of holiday music.



BMHS YEARBOOKS FOR 2019

Make sure to order your 2019 yearbook NOW! It is at its lowest price. Click here to order: DIRECT LINK TO ORDER or obtain a mailin order form in the Main Office, Activities Office or Room 155.

Senior parents you may purchase an ad in the 2019 yearbook by clicking on this link: SENIOR AD



FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

BMHS will conduct First Semester Final Exams on Wednesday, December 19, Thursday, December 20, and Friday, December 21st. 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. Students who ride the bus will be transported home at 12:55 on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, students who ride the bus will be transported home at 11:00.



Berea-Midpark High School First Semester Exam Schedule 2018-2019



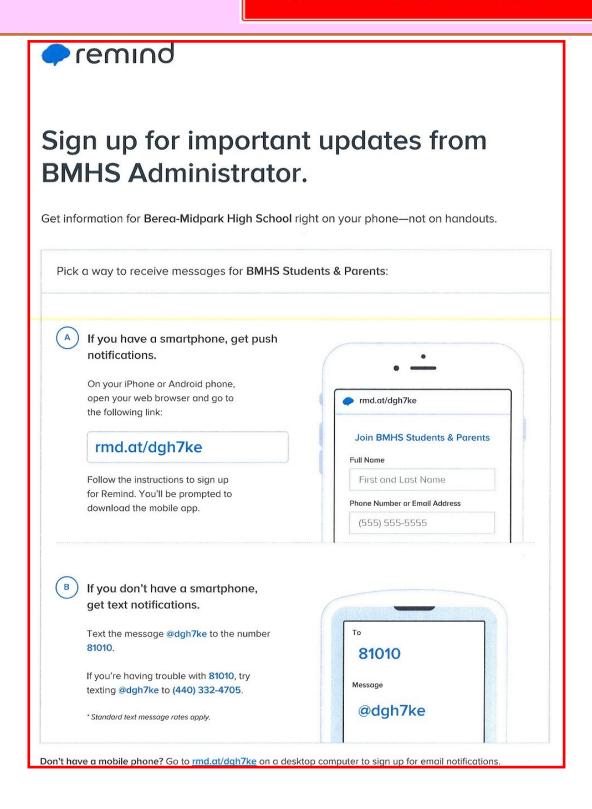
FIRST SEMESTER FINALS	WED. Dec. 19	THU. Dec. 20	FRI. Dec. 21
Session 1 7:30 – 9:05	1°	2°	3°
Session 2 9:25 – 11:00	4/5° 5/6°	7/8° 8/9°	6/7°
Session 3 11:20 – 12:55	10°	11°	Make-Up Exams

This schedule allows for 20 minute breaks between each test session.

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 see the information below.

EMERGENCY







Do you shop at Giant Eagle? Then you can sign up to earn cash for our school. All you need is your Giant Eagle Advantage card.

Sponsored by the Safer Schools Ohio, Ohio Department of Public Safety, and the Ohio Department of Education, you can anonymously report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends, or your school.

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