

Berea-Midpark High School



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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 2	State Qualifying Speech & Debate Tournament
Wednesday, February 6	Blood Drive 7:30-12:30 Sports Center
Friday, February 8	Club Picture Day
Tuesday, February 12	OML Test, Math Classrooms after school
Thursday, February 13	Jostens, final day at BMHS for graduation orders Camp Mi-Bro-Be Reunion, 2:30, BMHS Cafeteria
Saturday, February 16	Prom Fashion Show, 7:00 P.M., BMHS Auditorium, See Page 6
Monday, February 18	NO SCHOOL, Staff or Students, Presidents Day
Wednesday, February 20	ACT Administration, Juniors w/accommodations, school day
Thursday, February 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:15 to 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, February 23	ACT Boot Camp, 8-4:00 P.M. BM MIDDLE School Aud. See Pgs. 9-10
Wednesday, February 27	PRIDE presents Café Harambee, 2:30, BMHS Library
Thursday, February 28	District Orchestra Festival, 7:00 P.M. BMHS Auditorium



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have begun this second half of the school year-second semester-with a fresh start and a reenergized attention to academic achievement and scholastic success! Students, Parents, and Staff, please continue to maintain this same commitment throughout the coming months and leading all the way to the conclusion of the school year!

Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

- From a grateful BMHS Colleague: "I wanted to take a moment to send a heartfelt thanks to the entire staff for your kindness and generosity towards me and especially my children. The amount of genuine sadness and caring for my children demonstrated by the staff helped me be able to help my children. Thanks for the gift as well. Although it was unnecessary..."
- From a proud and grateful Community Education Partner: "...the library hosted the Creative Expressions Reception which featured a community Quilt and a live presentation of a conversation between Dr. Martin King and Brother Malcolm X. I cannot begin to tell you, in an email, how incredibly powerfully the evening's performance impacted the audience. The young men who became those historical figures were amazing. The cadence of their speech, their gestures, the tone of their voices were perfect. They taught the audience, engaged the audience and sparked a discussion afterwards that had people coming in the next day and talking about the evening. They were fantastic and we appreciated the opportunity to showcase their passion. Even more, though, we are grateful to Susan Malone (BMHS RYP Director). Susan wrote the "conversation" utilizing quotes from Dr. King and Malcolm X. To create a conversation that flowed seamlessly from random quotes is a tribute to Susan's professionalism and passion. To further that, by identifying 2 (BMHS) students (Dae'Jon Stewart and Elige Longino IV) to put on the show, helping them rehearse and then offering an introduction and segue afterwards into a community discussion which she



FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CONTINUED

encouraged and directed, went far beyond what anyone else in the school system has ever brought to this committee's reception. In addition to this performance, she worked with Mr. Conti to create paper squares to help create the community quilt. The library has always hosted the reception, but the impetus to involve students has to come from someone within the school; Susan is (and has been) that individual. We are very, very appreciative of her role in engaging the high school and fostering the community/school reception that contributes so much to the celebration of Dr. King's ideals. Thank you, Susan, for your joyful contributions and hard work in involving the Berea Midpark students and thank you, Vincenzo (Ruggiero, Principal), for your support of her efforts. We are very grateful to be working with you both. (Pamela L. DeFino, Branch Manager, Cuyahoga County Public Library)

- From a gracious & complimentary BMHS Staff Member: "I want you to know how grateful I am to you for everything you've done, all the encouragement and support you've provided, and how welcomed I felt when I started in this building. This has been my favorite place to work, not only while in the district, but also including all of my prior places of employment. I have never departed a position where I had a heavy heart to not only lose the camaraderie of those which with I work closely, but also the administration. I have worked for attorneys, doctors, and corporations, and never have I encountered such a wonderful assembly of leaders as I have here at BMHS. I was so impressed with the leadership when I started my position in the attendance office, that I wrote (Superintendent) Mike Sheppard an email expressing as much. I feel the same way now as I did then. Time has not tarnished my opinions of you and your assistant principals! You provide an environment that encourages work pride and the desire to go the extra mile. I sincerely hope to work with you all again someday. Thank you for EVERYTHING!"
- From an impressed OHSAA Basketball Official/Referee: "This email is to express the extreme gratitude I have for #13 on your boys JV team (AJ Comer). That young man exemplifies the way, not only basketball, but all sports should be played. I appreciate how hard he works, his passion for the game and his willingness to sacrifice to make his teammates better. More importantly, living in a time where every call is scrutinized by coaches, players and fans, #13 has always been very respectful to me and partners. He'll often say, "thank you" when we direct him on throw-ins or whenever he asks a question. You are truly lucky to have such wonderful young man representing your school and community. He deserves recognition for being a true leader of not only the student/athlete but to all people in every community. Have a great rest of the season! Thank you. (Joe Romito, OHSAA Basketball Referee)

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.

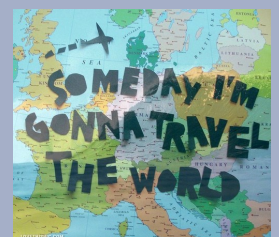
If you need to cancel, each company has a refund schedule along with added insurance options.

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!



SENIOR CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

Jostens will be back for the final time on Wednesday, February 13th, during all lunch periods, to take your graduation orders. Orders after this date will need to be placed online. 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 you have any questions, please stop in the Activities Office.



BMHS YEARBOOKS FOR 2019

Make sure to order your 2019 yearbook NOW! Click here to order: [DIRECT LINK TO ORDER](#) or obtain a mail-in 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](#)



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, February 21st

3:15 to 6:30 P.M.



PRIDE PRESENTS CAFÉ HARAMBEE

You are invited to join PRIDE in their celebration of Café Harambee on Wednesday, February 27th at 2:30 in the BMHS Library to celebrate our school community's honoring and celebration of our shared African-American culture. Light refreshments will be served.



BCSD Parents:

Do you want to help TRANSFORM
**Family-School
Relationships**
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>

OML TESTS

Ohio Math League Tests will be given after school in the students' Math classroom at 2:20. The remaining date for the OML test is March 19. Your student should see their Math teacher for details.



NO SCHOOL

STAFF OR STUDENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

PRESIDENTS' DAY



ACT BOOT CAMP

Saturday, February 23rd

Berea-Midpark **MIDDLE** School Auditorium

9:00 to 4:00 P.M.

\$59.00 cash/check payable to BCSD

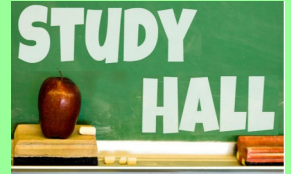
All money is due by February 15th to the BMHS Bookkeeper in the Main Office.

See Pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.



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.



PTSA

BMHS PTSA would like to thank all the students who submitted art pieces to the Reflections contest this year. We received 57 student entries!! We chose 27 entries to move to the council level and six of those have been chosen to move to the state level. Congratulations to Jacob Lisiewski, Ashe August, Brian Chang, Tressa Valukievic, Alexis Alen, and Zach Budzliek. Thank you to all who submitted and good luck to those moving on. Our next meeting is February 19th at 7:00 P.M.

CAMP MI-BRO-BE REUNION

All 2018 camp counselors are invited to a Camp Mi-Bro-Be Reunion to be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 2:20 in the BMHS 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 the Activities Office ASAP.



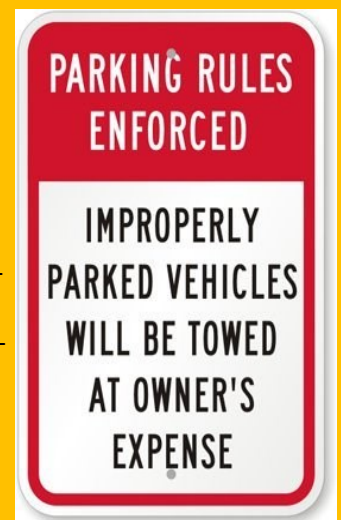
STUDENT PARKING REGULATIONS

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 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!



FROM THE CLINIC: EATING DISORDERS

Eating disorders are actually serious and often fatal illnesses that cause severe disturbances to a person's eating behaviors. Obsessions with food, body weight, and shape may signal an eating disorder. Common eating disorders include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder.

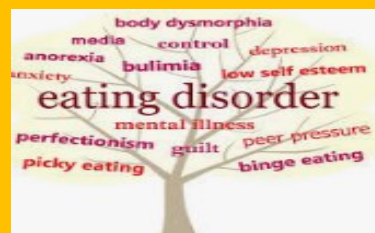
- Anorexia (anorexia nervosa): a disease where the sufferer starves themselves because of the desire to maintain an unrealistic and unhealthy body image.
- Bulimia (bulimia nervosa): a disease that triggers the sufferer to consume very large amounts of food (binge), and then to rid themselves of excess calories (purge).
- Binge-eating disorder (eating disorder not otherwise specified): a disease where the sufferer compulsively overeats, often thousands of calories in a short period, and frequently in secret.

The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders states that approximately eight million people in the U.S. have anorexia nervosa, bulimia, and related eating disorders.

Approximately 90 percent are women between 12 and 25 years of age. Initially found mostly in upper and middle-class families, anorexia nervosa is now known to affect both sexes and span all ages, socioeconomic, ethnic, and racial groups.

Treatment plans often are tailored to individual needs and may include one or more of the following:

- Individual, group, or family psychotherapy.
- Medical care and monitoring.
- Nutritional counseling.
- Medications (for example, antidepressants).



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Gifted Services: Summer can be a good time for students to explore interests, volunteer, or participate in enrichment opportunities. Not only does a student gain first-hand experience (summer jobs can be great character builders), but documenting the activity on a **brag sheet** or **student resume** will allow them to have this information handy when applying to programs such as NHS, asking teachers for letters of recommendation, and applying to college or scholarships.

For a listing of summer programs, students may join my Google Classroom (code d7f2e1) to view the compilation. A listing is also available on the district site at <https://www.berea.k12.oh.us/Page/2226>.

World Language Department: has been busy this year! In November, we welcomed a brand new singing artist to BMHS for a Spanish concert. Edgar René had us singing and dancing and having fun using the language. He will return next year in November so if you didn't go this year, you can attend next year! In December the German classes, along with a few Spanish classes, celebrated St. Nicholas Day by making shoes and displaying them in the cafeteria where all students were able to hear about how the day is celebrated and they were also able to vote on their favorite shoes. On February 16th, from 2:30-4:00, the Chinese students will celebrate the Year of the Pig at the Brook Park Library. This is a free event and open to the public. Come celebrate and learn a little about Chinese culture! (See Page 6 for more information.) This coming June 13th, BMHS students (mostly students from the Chinese classes) will travel with Mrs. Hsu and Mrs. Martin to China on an EF trip and visit Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai and experience the Chinese culture first-hand! In March of 2020, the French students will travel to France with Mrs. Morley and several other chaperones. They will be starting their meetings soon to get to know each other and to prepare for the trip!

BMHS LIBRARY: What's new at BMHS Library: I am new at BMHS library. My name is Gayle Schmuhl and I have been with the Berea City Schools for over 25 years starting at Parknoll and Riveredge Elementary Schools. In 1994, I transferred to Ford Middle School and stayed when it became Ford Intermediate School. I remember many of your students from my days as the librarian at Ford. This year I've freshen up the library with a new look by weeding out old books and relocating some to different sides. I reorganized the fiction section by genres such as mystery, fantasy, horror, science, realistic and historical fiction so students can locate their favorite books to read. In addition, I created the Teen Titan Library Advisory Board and they are helping me to plan programs and select materials for the library. Any interested students are still welcomed to attend the meetings. The next meeting is February 12th from 2:30 -3:30 P.M. in the library. Below are just a few announcements of upcoming events:

Date	Time	Event
February 5	2:30-3:30 pm	ESCAPE EDU - The Mighty Pen Mystery
February 14	2:30-3:30 pm	Makerspace - Make a Valentine
March 14	2:30-3:30 pm	Makerspace - Slime Party
April 11	2:30-3:30 pm	Poetry Slam
April 25	2:30-3:30 pm	Makerspace Blackout Poetry Project



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS, continued:

Library continued: A reminder to all CCP students to return their FALL 2018 textbooks. Reminders will be emailed to parents by the end of this week.

Students with overdue library and/or textbooks should return them promptly to avoid being charged on their fee bill on Infinite Campus. Students with items more than thirty (30) days overdue will be charged for them on Infinite Campus.

"Romance and Black History Month" are the themes for February. BMHS Library will display a special collection of materials for students. We will also highlight significant historical events and people. In addition, students are invited to participate in Blind Date with a Book, where they can select the mystery book/date of their choice to read.

"Spring into Books" is our theme for March. The Library will showcase a collection of materials bringing on the warmer weather. In April, the theme will be "Poetry" where we will highlight our collection of poets and poetry materials.



Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns you may have at gschmuhl@berea.k12.oh.us.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Gayle Schmuhl

BMHS Librarian/BCSD District Library Chair

SENIOR GRAD SIGN ORDER FORM



The cost for an 18x24 yard sign with stake will be \$15.00 payable cash or check (make check out to BMHS PTSA).

We are taking orders now for first run production in January. Signs will be available for pick up during conference night on February 21st.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Conroy at conroybecky@yahoo.com or 216-469-0407.

Fill out section below and return with payment in envelope addressed to BMHS PTSA

Name _____

Student _____

Email (print clearly) _____

Amount ordered _____ Amount paid _____

Berea-Midpark High School



Prom "Fashion Show"

The Berea-Midpark High School Senior Executive Board will be hosting a Prom "Fashion Show" on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Rd. from 7:00-9:00 P.M. The event is open to all seniors to help in preparing for Prom in May. Vendors will be in attendance as well.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

JOIN THE BEREA CITY SCHOOLS CHINESE
PROGRAM AS WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF
THE PIG

3RD ANNUAL

When: Saturday, 2/16/19 2:30-4:00 pm

Where: Brook Park Library

*Play with traditional Chinese toys, find your
zodiac sign, learn to hold chopsticks, face paint,
and more! Come to receive a surprise!



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World Language
Celebrates
St. Nicholas Day

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Internet Safety for Parents

Do you know how to keep your children safe in an always connected digital society?



Join us for a presentation by the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

- Understand the dangers of the Internet
- Learn tips to keep children and families safe

This free presentation is geared towards educating parents and guardians of today's Internet connected youth about the dangers of the Internet, mobile apps, sharing personal information, and online interactions. The presentation focuses on the dangers of popular Internet sites and mobile apps, specifically with regard to problem areas and potential red flags. Cyberbullying and sexting, and the consequences associated with these dangerous trends, will also be discussed. The task force will provide attendees with the tools and knowledge to protect themselves and their children, with time allotted for questions and discussion.

**ADULTS
ONLY
EVENT**

**Tuesday, February 26
7-9 p.m.**

**Free & open to all parents
of K-college children**

**Berea-Midpark
Middle School**

**7000 Paula Drive
Middleburg Heights**

About the Speaker

Caroline Wathey
Intake Officer/Criminal Analyst
Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force





Innovative Educational Services ACT Preparation Seminar

Berea-Midpark Middle School Auditorium

Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Dear Students and Parents:

High school years are filled with anticipation and promise while students prepare to move forward as global citizens. Major milestones of a successful high school experience include graduation and admission to the college or university of their choice. Obtaining that acceptance letter from one's college of choice, along with a significant financial aid award, can be the cornerstone to a successful future.

Every year we recognize that an increase of just one or two points on the ACT can make the difference between acceptance and significant financial aid awards or a student being wait-listed or rejected. An ***IES ACT Preparation Seminar*** provides your student with the strategies to score his or her highest on the ACT.

IES has a dedicated team of professionals with over 50 years of collective ACT test preparation experience who specialize in teaching students how to maximize their score on the ACT. Students are immersed in the test's structure and format and exposed to the latest testing and time management strategies for the ACT, often resulting in increases of 2.5 composite points or more. The seminar curriculum includes all the latest test changes.

Berea-Midpark High School is very committed to increasing its college admissions placement rate and ACT profile and is making available this six-hour, comprehensive seminar for our students for just **\$59** each on **Saturday, February 23, 2019**. The price includes the seminar, a comprehensive workbook, online testing and assessment access after the session, & free, live call-in tutoring. Similar programs range from \$199 to \$300 per student. *Because all juniors will take the ACT later in March, we highly recommend this seminar.* Don't miss this opportunity to provide a best-in-class instructional and informational opportunity for your student. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Schuff in the School Counseling Office here at 216-898-8900.

To register, complete the registration form below & bring cash or a \$59 check made out to Berea City Schools to Risa Lee in the School Finance Office by Monday, February 15, 2019.

Do remind your student to bring note-taking paper, pencils, a highlighter, and an optional calculator to the seminar.

Thank you!

Vincenzo Ruggiero
Principal

ACT BOOT CAMP REGISTRATION BELOW



**Registration Form for the IES ACT Preparation Seminar
Berea-Midpark Middle School Auditorium
Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Complete the information above & bring it, along with cash or a check made out to *Berea City Schools* for the \$59 tuition, to Risa Lee in the School Finance Office by Monday, February 15, 2019. Thank you!



**You're invited to The Education Foundation's
19th Annual Auction!**

Thursday, March 7, 2019 @ 6:45 PM
The Crowne Plaza, 7230 Engle Rd. Middleburg Heights

Join us for our Annual Auction, benefiting Berea City School District students through Enrichment Grants awarded by The Education Foundation. Enjoy a dinner catered by Tavolo 72 Ristorante and bid on your favorite silent and live auction items.

This year's featured auction items:

- Nemacolin Woodlands Resort getaway
- Glass Bubble Project experience for four
- Private dinner for six at Mike's Bar and Grille
- Vegas condo week
- One week's stay in a Cape Cod vacation home

Other attractions include a wine pull, 50/50 raffle, lottery, and ping pong pick with gift card prizes.

New this year, bring your friends! Reserved tables are available until February 22 at a cost of \$360 per 8 person table.

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter to see auction item updates!

Early bird tickets are \$40 until February 22, and \$45 thereafter.

Auction Patron levels (recognized online & in event program):
\$125.00 - Bronze Patron - includes 2 tickets (\$55 tax deduction)
\$250.00 - Silver Patron - includes 4 tickets (\$110 tax deduction)
\$500.00 - Gold Patron - includes 6 tickets (\$290 tax deduction)

Tickets may be purchased online at
EducationFoundationBerea.org

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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.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

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.

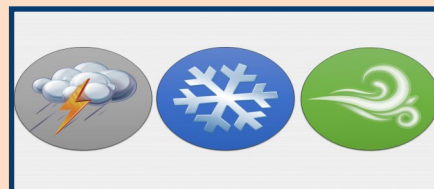
HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

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 INFORMATION
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

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.

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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 see the information below.

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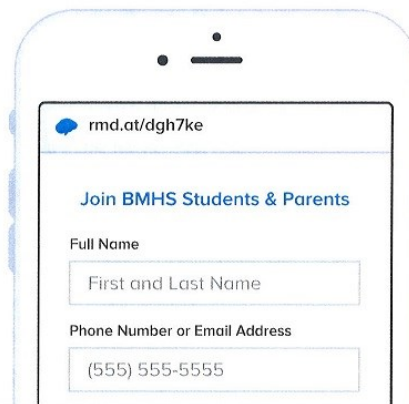
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If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@dgh7ke](https://t.me/dgh7ke) to **(440) 332-4705**.

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Summer Youth Corps



**American
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Join the ranks to help save lives. Join the **Summer Youth Corps** program today and be on your way to having an epic summer.

How old do I need to be to join?

- 13-24 years old.
- Parental Consent Form required for those 17 and under.

What will I do?

- You will be a Red Cross Blood Drive Ambassador. See attached position description for details.

What is my promise to help the Red Cross?

- We require you to volunteer for 10 shifts between May 1 and August 31.

When and where does the Red Cross need help?

- Most blood drives take place during the day, Monday – Friday, and occasionally on weekends.
- Blood drives are held throughout the Northeast Ohio region
- You will provide your own transportation to the volunteer events that you choose.

How do I schedule?

- Sign up online and choose the locations and times that best fit your schedule.
- Once your shift is accepted you are set! You cannot cancel or reschedule your accepted shift.

How will I be trained?

- Summer Youth Corps training is mandatory. It will be held on a date to be announced.

What do I gain from the experience?



What's in it for you?

- ✓ Gain valuable work experience to prepare you for the future
- ✓ Spend your summer in an interesting & meaningful way
- ✓ Give back to the community by helping to save lives

- A letter of reference for your portfolio (great for college applications, future jobs, etc.).
- Documented community service hours.
- The ability to build your customer service skills and contribute to your community.

Volunteer Position Title	Youth - Donor Ambassador (ages 13+)
Purpose	Provide excellent and enthusiastic customer service to enhance the blood donor experience. Engage with blood donors to promote blood donation and set the stage for a long-term commitment to regular blood donations.
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and greet donors, escort as necessary and assist with initial intake and hand offs through the blood donation process • Ensure blood donors have relevant information and that questions are answered appropriately • Learn and share the Red Cross story, including the mission, vision and values • Create a favorable impression of the Red Cross, and the blood donation process, that will encourage continued support • Make reminder calls, reschedule donor appointments and perform follow up activities as directed • Be available and committed to the volunteer schedule • Model excellent customer service behaviors • Attend to donors in the Hospitality Area, ensure each donor is recognized for his/her contribution • Set up and maintain cleanliness in Reception and Hospitality Areas • Punctual and dependable in arriving for assignment(s)
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to support the American Red Cross mission • Ability to display the utmost professionalism and communication skills • Extremely comfortable working with people from all walks of life • Ability to represent the American Red Cross to the community
Tools and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to American Red Cross • Donor Ambassador Training
Development Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain valuable training and experience while providing an invaluable service to your community • Network and meet new people • Develop customer service skills that last a lifetime

- The opportunity to work directly with medical staff.
- An official Red Cross name badge to wear while volunteering.

How to get involved?

Contact: **Melanie Collins** at melanie.collins4@redcross.org or 330-204-6615