

Berea-Midpark High School

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Vincenzo Ruggiero, Principal

October 2018 Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 16

OML Test, 2:20 in Math classroom

Wednesday/Thursday, October 24 and 25

Band Concert, 7:00 P.M., BMHS Auditorium

Thursday, October 25

End of the First Quarter

Friday, October 26

NO SCHOOL STUDENTS—Staff Work Day

Saturday, October 27

ACT Test 8:00 A.M.

Monday, October 29

Marching Band Banquet, 6:30, BMHS Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 6

NO SCHOOL for students, Staff work day

Tuesday, November 13

American Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30 to 12:30 Sports Center

OML 2:20 in Math Classrooms

Thursday, November 15

PRIDE "Into the Light Program" 2:30 BMHS Library

From the Principal

A special appreciation is expressed to all of our staff, especially the BMHS Bookkeeper, Florida Lee, Administrative Assistants, Peggy Huszai, Barb Poney and Ruth Vasicek, Custodian Brian Knoblauch, Student Council Advisor Pat Meyer, and PTSA members that contributed significantly to the organization and facilitation of a most successful Homecoming Dance! Compliments are extended to each of our 1,200 students/guests that attended and conducted themselves in a most mature and fun manner! Thank you also to the following individuals that acted as chaperones and helped maintain a safe and orderly event: Berea & Brook Park Police Department Officers, Teachers, Charles Salata, Paul Simko, Miguel DiCicco, Carrie Albrecht and Barb Gondosch, Intervention Associates, Karen Majcher and Pam Mixon, and Administrators Greg Soos, Tony Riccio, Adam Howard, Mark Mucha, Steve Blatnica, and Nate Haskell (Intern).

Thank
you!

School Counselors Laura Johnson, Sarah Kolis, Tina Medina, Dawn Ruebensaal, and Robert Schuff are commended for their coordination of a most worthwhile and productive College & Career Readiness Day of testing and programs. Your committed time and effort are greatly appreciated!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER, cont'd.

BMHS PRIDE Advisor/Social Studies Teacher Sherri Fox and International Club Advisor/German Teacher Darlene Lyon facilitated our annual Immigration: This Is My Story celebration assembly of our school community's ethnic and cultural diversity. Thank you (danke & grazie) for your continued dedication to the validation of our students' family identities, origins, and histories!

Student & Staff PBIS Recognitions:

- From a proud BMHS Staff Member: "I (Mrs. Heidi Morley) want to let you know that after sharing information regarding this unique opportunity for this pastsummer with the FBI, one of my French students applied and was accepted!!! She participated in this program this past summer. They had 300 candidates last year with 45 kids accepted. The program is called FAIT (Future Agents in Training). The student is (now) 11th grader Emily Slusarz."
- Congratulations to a BMHS Colleague and Student: "On behalf of Cornell University's Summer College Programs for High School Students, we thank you (Mrs. Christa Myers) for taking the time to complete a recommendation for one of your students. Your recommendation helps us to build an extremely motivated class of students who will set high academic standards for themselves and others as they prepare for their college careers. We appreciate your thoughtful remarks and are grateful for your insights." ... "Ali Lash was accepted to Equine Vet Summer Camp at Cornell Univ. this past summer. Total cost, \$6000. She also received a \$5035 scholarship from the Joyce Ivy Foundation so that she can attend. I'm (Mrs. Christa Myers) very proud of her."
- From a gracious Parent: "Thank you so much for working it out and making it possible for all students who want to attend Homecoming to have that opportunity. I really appreciate it."
- From an appreciative BMHS Colleague: "Hi Barb (Poney) and Ruth (Vasicek), I just wanted to send you guys a quick email thanking you for your help with today's assembly and finding me coverage for the part that I had to miss. I really appreciate your flexibility and patience. I also wanted to say that I really enjoyed the part of the assembly that I was able to see, and I am so proud of our BMHS students for their respectful and serious attention that they gave our speaker. Their maturity truly shined today!"

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

BMHS is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 13th, in the Sports Center from 7:30 to 12:30. Students may sign up in the Activities Office to donate. Students must be sixteen (16) to donate and have a completed and signed Parent Permission Slip on file.



OML TESTS



Ohio Math League

Tests will be given this year after school in the students' Math classroom at 2:20. The dates for OML this year are October 16, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, and March 19. Your student should see their Math teacher for

PTSA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Reflections is a national art program sponsored by the National PTA and BMHS PTSA. Entries may include dance, film, literature, music, photography, and visual arts. All entries are due by December 4, 2018, to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office along with a fully completed student entry form submitted with each entry. If it is not, the entry will be disqualified. Entry forms and official rules of the Reflections Program can be picked up in the Activities Office. If you have any questions, contact Becky Conroy at conroybecky@yahoo.com



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>

Progress as PROMISED

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

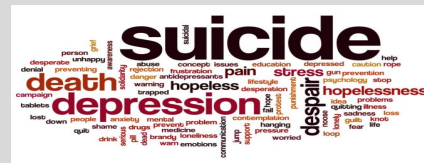
Berea-Midpark Middle School Auditorium
7000 Paula Drive • Middleburg Heights

The district will be providing an overview of the projects that have been completed, the projects currently underway, as well as general information and a completion timeline for our new schools.



PRIDE 'Into the Light' Program

The BMHS PRIDE students are hosting "Into the Light" a suicide awareness and prevention program. The program will begin at 2:30 in the BMHS Library on November 15th. There will be a guest speaker discussing suicide and the warning signs of which to be aware. Light refreshments will be served.



NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, November 6th

Voting Day

Staff Work Day



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!

**PARKING RULES
ENFORCED**

**IMPROPERLY
PARKED VEHICLES
WILL BE TOWED
AT OWNER'S
EXPENSE**



Take the **Titans All-In Challenge**! The Education Foundation challenges every BCSD family and staff member to purchase a ticket to win a brand new Chevy Cruze!

School building staff will receive All-In flyers and tickets in their mailboxes soon. Please consider **supporting our Enrichment Grant program** through the purchase of one \$10 raffle ticket or more.

Use the form [at this link](#) to purchase raffle tickets supporting participating district and community groups. Or [click here to purchase online](#) directly from The Education Foundation. Good luck!

THE TITANS ALL-IN CHALLENGE

We are challenging all BCSD families and staff to purchase a \$10 car raffle ticket.

ARE YOU IN?



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HURRICAN RELIEF CHALLENGE

AVID, JSA and PRIDE are working together to collect items for those affected by Hurricane Florence as there is still a great demand for supplies.

We are issuing a homeroom challenge which will run from October 8-19, 2018. Each department will be asked to donate specific items. For example, all Math homerooms will be asked to donate personal hygiene items while all Science Homerooms will be asked to donate school supplies. At the conclusion of the drive, items will be picked up and packaged for delivery by student leaders in AVID, JSA and PRIDE. The top three homerooms will earn a doughnut breakfast. Collection boxes for donated items will be in homerooms. Ask your students what their homeroom is being asked to donate!



**Hurricane
Relief**

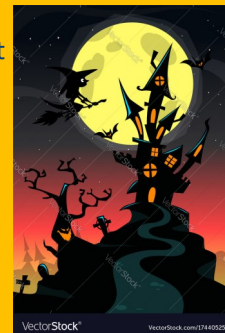
FROM THE CLINIC: HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year, and October ranks No. 2 in motor vehicle deaths by month, with 3,550. August is first, with 3,642 deaths.

Check Out These Hauntingly Good Practices:

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips, including do's and don'ts:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.
- Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.
- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first.
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.



Safety Tips for Motorists:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.



PTSA[®] Meeting

PTSA-Principal's Community Forum

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

PTSA meeting at 6:30 P.M. and Forum at 7:00 P.M.

Berea-Midpark High School Library/Media Center

END OF FIRST QUARTER

THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 25TH

NO SCHOOL FOR

STUDENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH



BAND CONCERT

The band will have their fall varsity show on Wednesday, October 24th, with an encore presentation on Thursday, October 25th, in the BMHS Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend and listen to the band perform their fall selections. The band banquet will be on Monday, October 29th, at 6:30 in the BMHS Auditorium.



FROM THE CAFETERIA

The Free and Reduced Lunch applications from last year will expire on Thursday, October 4, 2018. If you have not received an approval letter for this year, your student's lunch benefits will end on October 4th. The application form can be found at mymealtime.com. Please contact Nutrition Services at 216-267-2142 if you have any questions.

SCHOOL LUNCH APP
ONLINE FREE & REDUCED
MEAL APPLICATION



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 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](#)



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Club shares world cultures between BMHS students and our international students.

This year we are alternating between ancient board games and artistic activities from around the world.

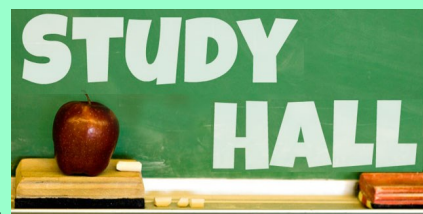
We are also meeting at Cafe Ah-Roma once a month, for a more casual meeting and a chance to talk. It is a great time to get to know more about our international guests and for them to ask questions about school and home-life here in the US.

Meetings for International Club, Cafe Ah-Roma, and AFS meetings are posted near the auditorium AFS board and outside of room 134.



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 that follow. 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 them a pass to the Library. The student needs to: go to the BCSD webpage, select BMHS High School, choose the Library tab, select BMHS Study Hall Sign Ups on the left menu, sign in to your google account, 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 number 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



FROM SUPERINTENDENT MIKE SHEPPARD:

To all of our BCSD Families:

The district has provided some important information on the district website for our community to better understand all of the wonderful opportunities our students have across the district. Please take the time to review our new Quality Profile.

We have also provided some overall information about how student achievement increased on our District Report Card. As always, we continue to look at this data to better understand our students. We recognize that the District Report Card from the State does not define our district. Instead, we are dedicated and focused on developing the whole child on a daily basis.

BMHS PTSA CORNER:

My name is Becky Conroy and I am the PTSA President this year. Feel free to contact me at 216-469-0407 or at conroybecky@yahoo.com. Our board this year is: Andrea Hess, Fundraising; Jenny Cholley, Events; Shelley Deitz, Membership; Carrie Matese, Post Prom Chair; Heather Losneck, Secretary, Monica Salm, Treasurer, Amy Wright, Hospitality; Miranda Smith and Mayra Redonda, Council Delegates; and Rachel McDonnell, Inclusion Chair.

We are planning many fun things for the students this year but it does take members to make things happen. Please consider joining PTSA to help out a little or a lot. Every membership counts and helps us achieve our goals for the year. You can join online too at <https://>



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



Sign up for important updates from BMHS Administrator.

Get information for Berea-Midpark High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

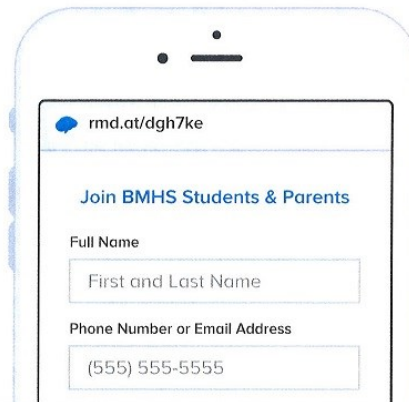
Pick a way to receive messages for **BMHS Students & Parents**:

- A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/dgh7ke

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



- B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@dgh7ke](#) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@dgh7ke](#) to **(440) 332-4705**.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/dgh7ke on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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