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Mission Statement

BCHS promotes an environment wherein all members of its community employ 21st century skills to become creative thinkers, conscientious problem-solvers, collaborative learners and committed citizens in a global society.

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Welcome Back

The first day of school for students is August 31. The start time for the high school day is 7:35 a.m.; the end time is 2:00 p.m. Over the past few years we have struggled to reduce the number of students arriving tardy to school. This has led us to make significant changes to our tardy and attendance policies. Please be sure to get up a little earlier to get here on time.

Tardiness and Parking Lot Etiquette

A wise man once said, "If you're not 15 minutes early, you're late." Trying to get 1,200 people into the school five minutes before the bell rings, is nearly impossible. It is incredibly important for students to arrive at school and be in their classes when the day begins at 7:35 a.m. We need your help in that area. Please plan your arrival and drop off time before 7:25 a.m. This will ensure your child is ready to begin the school day and avoid losing privileges due to excessive tardiness.

When dropping your child off, please pull to the curb and as far forward as you can before stopping. Stopping your car in

the middle of the traffic backs up the flow and keeps others from entering the lot. Officer Franek does his best to keep traffic flowing but our lot sometimes cannot handle the last minute influx of cars. The earlier you drop off the better. Thanks.

Student/Parent Handbook

The Bristol Central Student/Parent Handbook is now available on our website. Students who do not have internet access can pick up a printed copy in the main office. Please be sure to review the Student/Parent Handbook with your child. There are many important policies and procedures to be familiar with.

Bristol Central Campus Upgrades

The campus of Bristol Central has recently undergone a number of much needed improvements. The sidewalks and curbs, which have been eaten away by winter salting, were replaced last spring. Sections of parking areas and speed bumps, including the entire upper lot have been repaved. The tennis courts are currently under construction and will include new fencing and

ramps. The courts will also be surfaced similar to our school colors in maroon and gray. The biggest upgrade has been to our lighting system. You will notice new light posts and LED fixtures in the parking lot, on the building and on the sidewalks. The new lighting is more energy efficient and provides a safer environment at night.

PowerSchool Online Parent Access

The Bristol Public Schools currently use a student database program called PowerSchool. **PowerSchool provides access for both parents and students to view information such as grades, attendance and discipline through the internet.** If you have not already secured your username and password for this access, please stop by the main office to pick them up. Be sure to bring a drivers' license or other identification to show staff per our policy. Parents can gain access immediately after receiving their login information. During parent conferences in October, we are planning to provide an overview of the program for parents who are unfamiliar with the functions of the program.

Early Dismissal/ Late Arrivals

Juniors/seniors who have a study hall at the beginning or end of the day may apply for a late

arrival or early dismissal. This is a privilege that we offer only to juniors and seniors. Students need to complete the Early Dismissal/Late Arrival form found in the main office or school counseling office. A parent must sign-off on this form. Abuse of this privilege in any way will result in its loss.

Underclassman Pictures (grades 9, 10, & 11)

Underclassman pictures will be taken on Monday, October 2, and Tuesday, October 3. Students will be photographed during English classes. Order forms will be handed out on the first two days of school.

Senior BIG Picture

The Senior "BIG" Picture is scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 8:15 a.m. in the gymnasium. Students with late arrival should sign in early to attend.

Important Health Information

It may seem a bit early for parents of grade 10 students to start considering a new physical examination for their child. Did you know a new physical is required to enter grade 11? All students who enter grade 11 need a complete physical exam and an immunization. **A blue health assessment record form must be completed by a**

guardian and health care provider. Questions can be directed to our school nurse, Cheryl Woodward, at 860-584-7739.

Join the BCHS Athletic Booster Club and Support our Student Athletes!!

The BCABC supports 21 school athletic programs plus three Unified Sports teams. The purpose of the organization is to raise money to respond to requests from coaches for items not funded by the athletic budget, sponsor three Sports Awards Nights, and manage concession stands for select home games for girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling matches and tournaments.

You can become involved in many ways. The easiest way is by joining the club. The cost is \$20 per family, regardless of the number of children and/or sports that they participate in. If you don't have a form, send your check to the school, payable to BCABC, with your name, your child's name, sport they participate in, your phone number and email address.

Want to be more actively involved? Come to our monthly meetings which are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the senior cafeteria. Our first meeting is September 14.

Security Reminder

The safety of our students and staff is one of our primary concerns. During the school day, beginning at the first bell to start classes and at any time before the bell to conclude the school day, students entering or leaving the building will be expected to do so through the main entrance doors located between the main office and the gymnasium entrance. **At the end of the school day, during fire drills, or any emergency situation, students may use all exits from the building.** Students with late arrival or early dismissal will be expected to sign in/out at the courtesy desk located outside the main office. Students who do not follow these guidelines will lose their early dismissal/late arrival privilege.



Students who are tardy to school or who secure a dismissal during the day must also sign in or sign out at the courtesy desk.

Visitors are also expected to sign in at the courtesy desk, stating their business and destination. Each visitor will receive a visitor's badge, which must be worn while in the building. Visitors are expected to sign out and return their badges at the courtesy desk as they leave. Courtesy desk support staff will provide directions or an escort for each visitor to the appropriate location.

Attendance

The Bristol BOE, in conjunction with the administration of all Bristol schools, has set a goal for 95% of our students to be present for 95% of the school days. This means that no student should miss more than nine days of school.

Please note there have been a number of significant changes to our attendance and tardy policies. Be sure to review them with your child when they receive their Student/Parent Handbook the first week of school.

The attendance line may be reached by dialing 860-584-7735 and then press 2.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Governance Council

The BCHS Governance Council is made up of staff, students, and parents. The members meet monthly to discuss issues and policies regarding our school. One staff member from every department is a member of the committee along with the various student body presidents. Each year we look to involve parents in some method of governance of our school community by soliciting volunteers for this committee. Meetings will be held the first Monday of every month from 2:15 until 3:15 p.m. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017.

Meetings are held in the library conference room. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please call Mr. Winger at 860-584-7731.

Student Parking Privileges

Students, who intend on driving to school, must register their vehicles with Ms. Davis in the main office. Students will be given a color coded parking permit based on their grade level. Seniors will be allowed to park in the lower lot. Parking spots are no longer assigned by number. Juniors and other underclassmen will receive a permit and must park in the upper lot. Student drivers are reminded they must park in their assigned lots in order to maintain their parking privileges.

Fall Sports Information

Each athlete participating in a sport must have a physical before being allowed to participate. This physical must be completed on the **blue health assessment record form** and handed to the nurse.

Comments

If you would like to respond to any of the articles in this newsletter or have suggestions for future articles in the BC Link, please contact Mr. Peter Winger at 860-584-7731, or peterwinger@ci.bristol.ct.us

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With your support, we have the opportunity to earn new educational equipment and materials. Bristol Central High School is enrolled in the programs listed below. Most require you to re-enroll each year. We encourage you to take a few minutes to enroll in the following:

eScrip Program:

1. Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the Bristol Central High School/Group I.D. #6478600
2. You can also register your debit and credit cards
3. Shop at EScrip merchants; use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases
4. A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant
5. That's it! It's that easy—your family shops—our school earns dollars.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools:

1. Log on to www.pricechopper.com
2. Scroll down to *Tools for Schools* and select *Register Now*
3. Bristol Central High School Code #38640
4. Every dollar spent at Price Chopper with your *AdvantEdge* card earns you one point. Plus, you'll get **double points** each time you buy any of the more than 25,000 *specialty marked items* from the brands you love.
5. The more points you earn, the more our school benefits.

Shop Rite for Education:

1. Log on to www.ShopRiteforEducation.com and click on the Price Plus card registration link or visit a customer service desk at ShopRite and ask to support our school
2. Bristol Central High School Code #18317
3. When you shop and use your *PricePlus* Club card, our school will automatically receive credit.

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards:

1. Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone
2. On the *Savings & Rewards* tab, select *A+ School Rewards*
3. Bristol Central High School Code #07481
4. Each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop card earns cash for our school!
5. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program.

Thank you in advance for your help and support!