



BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL [GET INVOLVED!]



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BJHS | PARENT NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The first few weeks of school have been very positive. Students are demonstrating that they are eager to learn and our staff is committed to providing high-quality, instructional experiences for your child each and every day. We welcome all parent communication and involvement. If your child experiences difficulty in his/her learning, please contact us immediately. We do offer all students before school, lunchtime, and after school tutoring. We also offer extra-support during the school day.

Every day you send your child out the door we understand that you are entrusting us with the most important person in your life. When your child is here at school their safety is of the utmost importance to us, so we secure our building, ensure they are with caring adults, and practice for emergency situations. During this month we will be conducting a bus safety drill and a fire drill in partnership with the Glenwood Fire Department. We will continue to work collaboratively with local agencies to make sure we implement best practice procedures and we take time to teach these to our students.

All students will receive a catalog of extra-curricular activities being offered to students at Brookwood Junior. High School. We hope you can look at this catalog with your child and encourage your child to participate in extra-curricular activities. According to research, extra-curricular participation and success are strongly associated as evidenced by participants' better attendance, higher levels of achievement, and aspirations to higher levels of education.

**[The activities being offered this year are listed on Page #4 of this newsletter].*

Students interested in participating in clubs may try different ones each week. There are no exclusionary procedures. For example, if a student wants to try a new club in January for the first time he/she can. Additionally, there are no-cuts for athletic teams. The only requirements for participation include having a current physical on file, demonstrating good behavior in classes, and maintaining a "C" average or better in all classes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our extra-curricular programs.

Sincerely



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Monitoring progress towards these goals is very important. How do you monitor a child's progress toward the goals you set together? There are two effective ways. One of the best is conferencing. Periodically, schedule a block of time with your child to discuss

how well he/she is doing on the goals. Determine if there are any areas your child needs assistance. A second way to monitor progress toward goals is to keep a record. Teachers use grades, which work, but there are also checklists and rubrics. Monitor your child's progress by creating a checklist of what is needed to achieve their particular goals. Just a reminder...parents are encouraged to check PowerSchool on a weekly basis to receive progress updates in all of their child's classes.



Showcase your child's achievement by using a portfolio of their learning and invite family members to view the portfolio at special occasions. Every Friday go through any schoolwork your child brought home for the week and place it in the portfolio. As you sort through the papers, talk about some of the assignments and what your child learned from it. Also ask your child how he or she can improve in a particular area.

Done regularly, creating and sharing a portfolio of learning has several results:

- Shows your child that you value education

- Shows your child that you are interested in his/her educational experience.
- As your child improves, it provides him/her with a sense of purpose and pride.
- Helps your child see where his/her strengths and weaknesses are and motivates him/her to improve.

Keep your children's portfolios from year to year. They are fun to look back on as your kids get older. You will have a record of their schooling, and your child will have a record of his/her learning.

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:10 a.m. and be picked-up no later than 3:15 p.m.

If a student is being dropped off or picked-up, the driver must follow the one-way sign at the entrance of the parking lot.

Drivers should **[NEVER]** go the wrong way in the parking lot as this causes unsafe conditions for our students.



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SCHOOLS + PARENTS = SUCCESS

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[WE ASK THAT YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD'S PLANNER AND HOMEWORK DAILY!]

Never hesitate to call a teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. Every teacher has a planning period every day and is available to speak to parents during this time. Contact the office for teacher planning times.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO...

You can help your child do his or her best in school by:

- Making sure that your child attends school every day;
- Making sure that your child **READS** every day (readers are leaders);
- Making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep every night – we encourage parents to have their child turn in their cell phones to a parent at a designated time before bed (8:30 p.m.) because students often tell us how they text each other in the middle of the night;
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand any directions;
- Setting a good example by respecting and supporting school efforts to support learning;

- Take advantage of museums, libraries, and community resources to enrich learning;
- Limiting television and video game time;
- Encouraging your child's best behavior at school;
- Making sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to study and read;
- Listening.

We expect **100%** participation of parents at our quarterly **Open House** events on:

- November 15th, 2016
- March 21nd, 2017
- May 24th, 2017

As well as **Parent Teacher Conferences** held on:

- November 7th, 2016
- March 23rd, 2017

***Conference Times: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

By attending these important school activities, you show your child the value you place on his/her education.

NOW TRENDING



BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE

Breakfast & Lunch are offered to students **"FREE"** every day. Students must arrive to school on time to eat breakfast. Breakfast is served from 8:10 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.



SCHOOL BEGINS AT [8:30 AM]...

It is very important that students are in their homerooms in their seats at the start of the school day, which is 8:30 a.m. Please assist us in helping each student start a non-interruptive day.



AT BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO...

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE



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BJHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1st: 2:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students HB and LW Open House 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 2nd: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students

September 5th: **Labor Day – No School**



September 6th: NWEA/Map Fall Assessments Begin

September 6th: Cross Country Meet @ Colin Powell 3:30 p.m.

September 7th: Anti-Bullying Campaign Kickoff

September 8th: Motivational/Anti-Bullying Assembly

September 8th: Cross Country Meet @ Washington 3:30 p.m.

September 12th: Cross Country Meet @ BJHS 3:30 p.m.

September 12th: Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 13th: Cross Country Meet @ BJHS 3:30 p.m.

September 14th: Cross Country Meet @ Parker 3:30 p.m.

September 15th: Bus Evacuation Drill

September 20th: Cross Country Meet @ BJHS 3:30 p.m.

September 22nd: Cross Country Meet @ Hart 3:30 p.m.

September 23rd: Picture Day

September 26th: Cross Country Meet @ BJHS 3:30 p.m.

September 27th: Girls Basketball Game @ BJHS 3:30 p.m.

September 28th: Parent University 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

September 29th: Girls Basketball Game @ Washington 3:30 p.m.

September 30th: Conference Cross Country @ Homewood 3:30 p.m.



Brookwood School District 167 continues its efforts to enhance communication with parent(s)/guardian(s).

To this end, you have the ability to view your child's grades, attendance and other information securely via the Internet using the **[POWER SCHOOL PARENT PORTAL]**.

You will be able to access the Parent Portal via the District's website (<http://www.brookwood167.org>) by clicking on the PowerSchool link.

Every parent has received a confidential username and password to access this system. Students have also received training on accessing their grades/progress on PowerSchool. If you misplaced this, please contact your school's main office (708) 758-5252 to obtain your username and password.

[PLEASE KEEP YOUR PASSWORD(S) CONFIDENTIAL]

If at any time you believe your password has been compromised, or if you do not want access to your child's records through the Parent Portal, please contact your child's school.

Grades will be posted on the Parent Portal by the teachers on a weekly basis.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) should use the information on the Parent Portal to talk with their children about their progress at school.

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PICTURE DAY | SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2016

Students will receive a picture order form on September 9th, 2016. Please ask your child to see this order form. In order to receive a picture package, payment must be returned to BJHS prior to taking the photographs. Packages range in cost from \$19.00 to \$42.00. However, parents can build their own package for as low as \$10.00. Payments can be made in cash or by check payable to **[Van Gogh School Photographers]**. Orders can also be pre-paid on line at www.vangoghphoto.com using school code **[20032701]**. It is important to note that on picture day, students should not wear any shades of green.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We expect **[ALL]** of our students to participate in extracurricular activities. In order for your child to participate in an athletic activity, he/she must have a current physical on file.