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FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

PSAT - All 10th grade students will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Students in the 11th grade are encouraged to take the PSAT in preparation for the SAT, which should be taken in the spring of the junior year. Juniors who take the PSAT are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The test is open to students in 9th, 10th and 11th grades. There is a \$13 fee for students in 9th and 11th grades. Registration dates for the PSAT will be announced in mid-September.

English 10 Honors, English 11 Honors, AP Literature & Language Students – Complete your summer assignments.

Seniors – Visit colleges that you are considering or schedule college visits for this fall.

College Application Night - The BHS School Counselors will be holding a College Application Night for seniors and parents on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the BHS Media Center. All parents of seniors are encouraged to attend. Parents who are unable to attend are invited to attend one or all of the following senior assemblies on September 3:

- 7:35 – 8:15 a.m.....Military/Work Bound
- 8:20 – 9:00 a.m.....Two Year College Bound
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.....Four Year College Bound

How to Pay For College – Tuesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Media Center. Seniors who are planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college/university and their parents are encouraged to attend. Information on Financial Aid and completing the FAFSA form will be available.

Back to School Night – Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m. All students and parents meet teachers in your semester one classes.

4-year college bound Seniors – Pick-up green folders for letters of recommendations from your School Counselor in the School Counseling Office. Work on college essays.

Attention Parents: If you have moved, please remember to bring in proof of residency, change of address and telephone number to the Counseling Office. If you have never provided proof of residency to school, please send in to the Counseling Office. Proof of residency includes: utility bill (electric, water, cable, etc. – TELEPHONE BILL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).

Attention Senior Parents: Remember to check the Guidance section of the BHS website (www.bhs.edu) for important scholarship information and summer programs. Hardcopies are also available in the Counseling Office.

Attention Parents: Remember you can keep up to date on your student's progress and grades via Pinnacle. Go to www.bhs.edu and click on grades. Use your student's 8-digit student id number as the login and password.

Attention Senior Parents: School Counselors will be meeting with seniors, to review credits needed for graduation and assistance with post secondary plans.

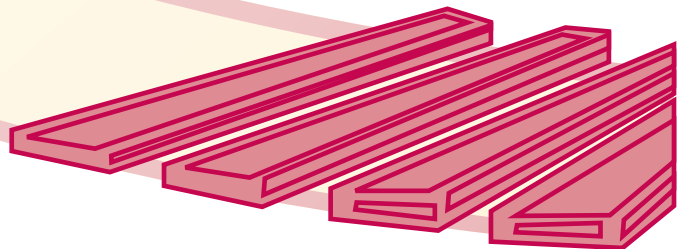
Attention Junior Parents: Parents of juniors will receive a letter in the fall inviting them to set up an appointment with your child's counselor to discuss post secondary plans and credits needed towards graduation.

MISSION STATEMENT

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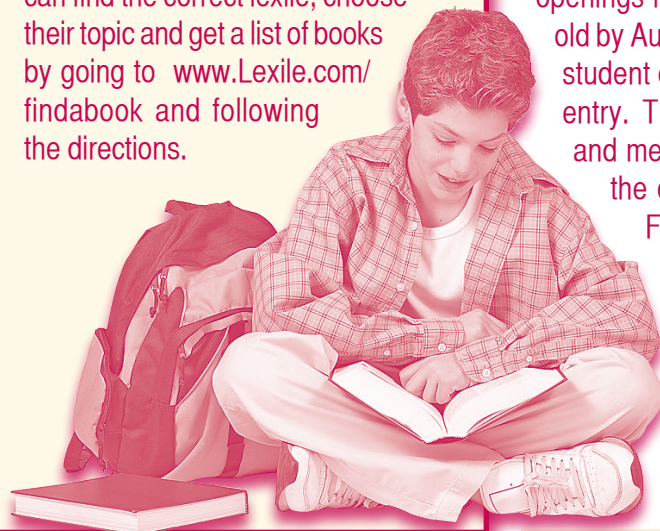
BELL Program
Brunswick Express
Learning Lab
After-school tutoring
program with special
bus transportation &
a free snack

Tuesday - English & other subjects
Wednesday - Math & other subjects
From 2:30-4:00

LITERACY LINES

Deb Carroll-Literacy Specialist

James Kim, associate professor of education at Harvard University demonstrated that if students read just eight books over the summer that match their Lexile (ability) level and are about topics that interest them, their skills could grow as much as if they had attended summer school. So if your son or daughter has been taking a reading holiday try to encourage them to pick up some books or magazines before school begins this August. They can find the correct lexile, choose their topic and get a list of books by going to www.Lexile.com/findabook and following the directions.



GET THE FACTS!

What's Happening in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department?

We're off to a new year with lots of new learning and exciting experiences before us! The Teaching Academy students will be in the Introduction to Teaching course. The first semester, students that were in the Intro class last year will be in classrooms at the elementary, middle, and high schools with experienced teachers. The Intro students will be learning about professionalism, history of schooling, diversity, curriculum understanding, classroom management and guidance, lesson planning, observing in classrooms, working with parents and the community, technology use in the classroom, and many other learning experiences to become great teachers of the future. To graduate with the Teaching Academy, the second year Teaching Academy students are continuing their learning with a minimum of two class periods as a field experience at the subject and grade level of interest with experienced teachers first and/or second semester. As the year progresses, students get to know their students and classroom setting through observations. They will ease into planning and teaching classes. There are 24 students that will be participating in the Teaching Academy this year from Brunswick High School, Middletown High School, Tuscarora High School, and Thomas Johnson High School. The Teaching Academy is open to students from any high school in the county that apply and meet the requirements of grades, attendance, and recommendations. These include being a junior or senior, writing an essay, and providing their own transportation to Brunswick High School for the Introduction to Teaching Course and the in-service training twice a month during their field experience. Any questions can be addressed to Mrs. Lenzo at Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org.

The Child Development 1, 2, and 3 students will be working with the Nursery School and Pre-K children this fall. If they meet all of the requirements of the State of Maryland, they have the opportunity to earn the 45 or 90 Clock Hour Child Care Certification through the Child Development program. These include an A or B in all courses, have a class attendance rate of 80% or higher, pass all tests by an 80% or higher, and meet all behavior requirements among other state requirements. The students in the class that don't want to earn the state certificate still must meet the behavior requirements to work with the children and must pass all tests by an 80% or higher to work in the preschool classroom with the children. Work in the preschool classroom includes observations, reporting the results to the parents of the children at the end of the semester, planning and teaching lessons to the preschool children, preparing a portfolio, and many other experiences that leading to culminating interviews.

The preschool program (for both the Pre-K and the Nursery School children) has openings for the fall session. The children eligible for the Pre-K must be four years old by August 31 of this year, be toileting on their own, willing to listen to high school student directions, and up to date on his or her immunizations required for school entry. The Nursery School children must be three years old by August 31 this year and meet the other requirements listed for the Pre-K. Continued registration for the openings available will resume once school starts on a first come basis.

Fifteen children are the number of children that will be included in each of the two programs. Others will be placed on a waiting list if any children withdraw. When children are registered, parents need to bring the child's birth certificate, child's social security card, and proof of residency in the Brunswick High School feeder areas. Any questions can be addressed to Mrs. Lenzo at Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org. She will get back to you, as soon as possible. She is a ten month employee, so she isn't in the building during the summer but checks emails intermittently.



BUSINESS CLASSES

Accounting

Any student planning to major in a business field will greatly benefit from taking the high school accounting course prior to taking the required courses at the college level. Familiarity with the sequence of accounts and vocabulary gives the students the same head start in this area that advanced placement courses give them in the academic areas.

Corporations, Web Sites, Payroll, and Banking

These are just a few of the topics covered in the Intro to Business Course. The students will create business plans requiring decisions to be made about customers, suppliers, types of marketing, and credit. They will plan for a business of their choice as well as one that could be coming to Brunswick in the next five years. Single-use credit cards will be designed, employees paid, start-up costs computed, and autos leased.

Managing Personal Finances

(New course title: Career & Research Development 1)

The new component of this course is career research and personal assessments. Evaluating the different personality, aptitude, and preferences in these assessments will help students widen their options when making career choices.

Not only do our teenagers need to learn to manage their finances but also many U.S. adults. These students will participate in a stock market game, look at insurance options, evaluate the use of credit, and pay their weekly bills. Comparisons are done in order to take advantage of the easy access to checking and saving accounts for teenagers. Using online savings and credit calculators help many students realize they have the ability to save for their own cars or other items on their "want" list. As they live within their income for nine weeks, they will be making choices and determining opportunity costs. No outstanding credit card debt allowed here and Mom isn't around to provide free meals!

Your student will definitely benefit from the educated choices they have to make while they are temporarily 25 years old, working, and living on their own.



IMPORTANT

YEARBOOK UNDERCLASS

Picture day is September 1
Make-ups are on October 18.

YEARBOOK NEWS

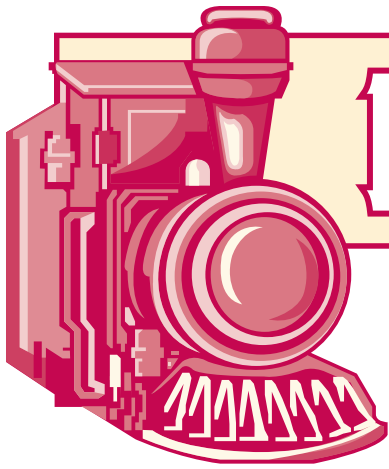
Yearbooks can be preordered at a discount price of \$60. You can send your check made out to BHS along with your students name to the attention of the yearbook staff. An order form can be found and printed out at our website. Just click on the yearbook link!

YEARBOOK SENIOR PARENTS

Greeting Senior parents! For the 2010-2011 school year, it will be necessary to ask the seniors to complete various tasks for the **Railroader** publication. Your child will be furnished with information and deadlines. We ask that you and your child complete these things on time so that they can be included in the yearbook.

Senior parents and family members may purchase a baby ad. Prices, descriptions, and deadlines can be found on the school web page. We will also be sending home a letter with information in the fall.

Don't forget if you missed the senior portraits last spring, the photographer will be here on October 19 for make-up pictures.



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IMPORTANT SAT/ACT INFORMATION

SAT / PSAT Prep Course: Brunswick High School is offering an SAT / PSAT Prep Course this fall for all Brunswick sophomores, juniors and seniors on September 26 at BHS and October 3 at Middletown High School from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students need to attend BOTH dates. The fee for the course is \$225. Registration forms are available in the Counseling Office starting August 23 or register online at www.marthagagnon.com.

SAT Dates: For information or to register go to: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html/

SAT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline
October 9, 2010.....	September 10, 2010
November 6, 2010.....	October 8, 2010
December 4, 2010.....	November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011.....	December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011.....	February 11, 2011
May 7, 2011.....	April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011.....	May 6, 2011

ACT Dates: For information or to register go to: www.actstudent.org

ACT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline
September 11, 2010.....	August 6, 2010
October 23, 2010.....	September 17, 2010
December 11, 2010.....	November 5, 2010
February 12, 2011.....	January 7, 2011
April 9, 2011.....	March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011.....	May 6, 2011

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT TIPS

- Before buying back-to-school clothing, check the school's dress code to ensure that your child will be in compliance.
- If your child participates in sports, make that sure he or she has had a recent physical exam, and that the proper forms have been completed and returned to the school.
- The beginning of each school year offers students an opportunity for a fresh start. Sit down with your student and set goals. Discuss the pros and cons of the previous year, and how some things can be changed for the better.
- Carefully review the important information that is sent home with each student at the start of the school year. Complete and return any necessary forms. Organize the rest of the material in a special folder that you can keep handy.
- It's particularly important to update the emergency-contact information for your student, and send the form back to the school office.
- Sit down and review the student handbook with your child.
- Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails -- another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins.
- If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid being nervous on the first day.
- Attend school functions and stay involved in your child's education. Children whose parents are more involved with their education have higher achievement, are better adjusted and are less likely to drop out of school.