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Avoid the Second Semester Slide

January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and **you the parents and guardians** can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. **Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time.** Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.

To assure continued academic success, **re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose.** Determine if any supplies or devices are

needed. Also, **monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing PowerSchool.** Learn what tutoring and support opportunities are available here at school to improve results. The Math Dept. has teachers who work after school doing tutoring. As well, there is the TLC (Tutoring Learning Center) before school. As well, please reach out to teachers if you're your student's grade(s) are suffering. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

These efforts; **staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time** will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide".

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Veteran's Day

Beyer ASB, Leadership, Students, and staff honored and recognized Veteran's at this year's Veteran's Day Ceremony and Celebration on November 9th.



Beyer Pride Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for their outstanding behavior and demonstration of Safety, Responsibility, Respectfulness, and Honesty! The following students received recognition and a gift card of their choice at our school's FUN Fridays! Chavelle, Celestine, Natalia Reyes, Elijah Zuniga, Elizabeth Vallo, Amyah Willis, Juliet Carrillo-Rios, Abelardo Ortiz, Reem Kadhim, Daniel Monk, Noah Herbst, Natalie Mitchell, Ralph Elias, Victoria Buckley, Octavio Marquez, Enrico Mabugat, Jonathan Aguirre, Gandhi Monarres, Brinne Cueto, Kevin Nhim, Nichola Warr, Azad Aghdam, Sarah Diryawush, Ashley Rivera.



Winterfest

On Friday, December 7th, Santa came **BACK TO BEYER!** Beyer students gathered in the Little Theater at Lunch for complimentary Pictures with Santa! That evening, Mrs. Maher and Leadership held a successful Winterfest celebration! With the support of 14 different school clubs, Beyer opened its doors to the community for holiday fun including free crafts, games, and pictures with Santa! A Special thanks to the following donors for their generous contribution to this event: Miller's Probate, Bank of Stockton, Martin Farms, Renee Brush & Associates, The Johnson Family, and My Little Balloon Company



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Modesto City Schools—Permissible School Fees, Fundraising And Donations

The following are specific exceptions to the prohibition on fees, charges and deposits at the kindergarten through 12th grade level. These fees, charges and deposits are legally permissible because they are specifically permitted by law.

1. Charges for optional attendance as a spectator at a school or District sponsored activity.
2. Charges for food served to students, subject to free and reduced price meal program eligibility and other restrictions specified in law.
3. Paying the replacement cost for District books or supplies loaned to a student that the student fails to return, or that is willfully cut, defaced or otherwise injured, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
4. Fees for field trips and excursions in connection with courses of instruction or school related social, educational, cultural, athletic, or school band activities, as long as no student is prevented from making the field trip or excursion because of lack of sufficient funds.
5. Medical or hospital insurance for field trips that is made available by the school district.
6. Charges for required medical and accident insurance for athletic team members, so long as there is a waiver for financial hardship.
7. Charges for standardized physical education attire of a particular color and design, but the school may not mandate that the attire be purchased from the school and no physical education grade of a student may be impacted based on the failure to wear standardized apparel "arising from circumstances beyond the control" of the student.
8. Charging for the parking of vehicles on school grounds.
9. Charges for the rental or lease of personal property needed for District purposes, such as caps and gowns for graduation ceremonies.
10. Fees for school camp programs, so long as no student is denied the opportunity to participate because of nonpayment of the fee.
11. Reimbursement for the direct cost of materials provided to a student for property the student has fabricated from such materials for his/her own possession and use, such as wood shop, art, or sewing projects kept by the student.
12. Reimbursement for the actual cost of duplicating public records, student records, or a prospectus of the school curriculum.
13. Fees for transportation to and from school, and transportation between school and regional occupational centers, programs or classes, as long as the fee does not exceed the statewide average nonsubsidized cost per student and provided there is a waiver provision based on financial need.
14. Fees for transportation of pupils to places of summer employment.
15. Tuition fees charged to pupils whose parents are actual and legal residents of an adjacent foreign country or an adjacent state.
16. Tuition fees collected from foreign students attending a District school pursuant to an F-1 visa, equal to the full unsubsidized per capita cost of providing education during the period of attendance.
17. Fees for an optional fingerprinting program for kindergarten or other newly enrolled students, if the fee does not exceed the actual costs associated with the program.
18. Fees for community classes in civic, vocational, literacy, health, homemaking, and technical and general education, not to exceed the cost of maintaining the community classes.
19. Deposits for band instruments, music, uniforms and other regalia which school band members take on excursions to foreign countries.
20. Charges for eye safety devices, at a price not to exceed the district's actual costs, in specified courses or activities in which students are engaged in, or are observing, an activity or the use of hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes
21. A family may be charged for a program of supervision of children before and after school.



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Fellow Patriots

Please join me in welcoming Katherine Alwast. She is our newest staff member in the Intervention Center.



WELCOME

Balloting For 2019-2020 Classes

- January 30 - Beyer counselors will be presenting balloting information to all Freshman students.
- February 1 - Beyer counselors will be presenting balloting information to all Junior students.
- February 4 - Beyer counselors will present balloting information to all Sophomore students.
- **Parents - please carefully review your child's ballot and make certain you sign the ballot.**
- February 8 - all ballots due back to English teachers.

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| Winter Homecoming Week | Jan 28 -Feb 1, 2019 |
| Open House | January 31, 2019 |
| Homecoming Rally | February 1, 2019 |
| Homecoming Basketball Game | February 1, 2019 |
| Homecoming Dance | February 1, 2019 |
| National College Signing Day | February 6, 2019 |
| Blood Drive | February 21, 2019 |
| 8th Annual Renaissance Crab Feed | February 23, 2019 |

On February 23, 2019, we will be holding our 8th Annual Crab Fest. The money we raise from this event will help fund our **Renaissance Program**. This program recognizes students for their academic achievements as well as GPA increase and attendance. We provide rewards for nearly 800 students each quarter. Rewards include our annual Day-on-the-Green BBQ, the Ice Cream Social, motivational speakers, and custom t-shirts for qualifying Renaissance students. The program also awards scholarships and we were able to award \$5,000 in scholarships to members of the graduating class of 2018. Crab Feed Tickets will be on sale in the SBO. Contact Taide Zamora at 209-495-1772 for more information!



February 23, 2019 St. Joseph's Church 1813 Oakdale Road Modesto, CA Father O'Hare Hall 5:00 Cocktails 6:00 Dinner	Menu Salad Garlic Bread Baked Potato Crab Tri-Tip	Live Auction Silent Auction Dessert Auction
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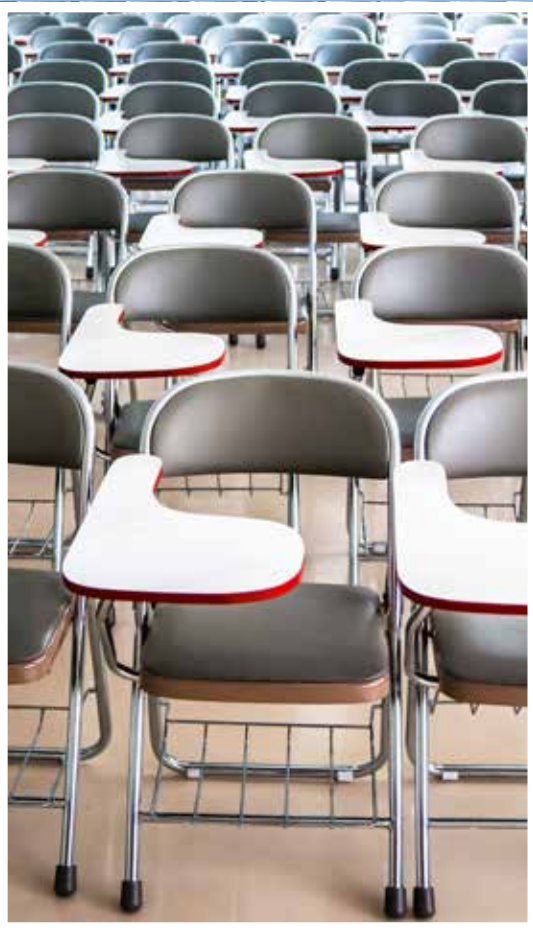
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Patriot Family – Please take the time to read the entire message below as it contains vital information relating to your children’s success.

The first semester of this year was filled excitement on all fronts. One thing that we must work together on is improving and maintaining excellent school attendance. Chronic absenteeism (students missing 10% of school days more than 18 school day during the entire year – excused or unexcused) is one of the biggest obstacles between students and successful academic achievement. It is extremely important to make sure that our students are given every opportunity to succeed. This starts with being ON TIME to school EVERY DAY. **Missing just one day every two weeks** means that your child will be considered **chronically absent**. One study of public school students found that even just one year of being chronically absent between grades 8 and 12 was associated with a seven time increase in the likelihood of dropping out. Missing school can also mean that we have fewer resources available to help support you children.

Absences do not reset at the semester. You can monitor your child’s attendance using the PowerSchool application or website. Links to PowerSchool are available on our district website: www.mcs4kids.com.

If you need assistance obtaining login information, please contact the school. We are here to help you ensure that your children have every opportunity to reach their full potential in school and beyond.



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Tentative 2018-2019 Testing Schedule

PSAT10	3/7/19
CA SCIENCE TEST	4/3 & 4/4
SBAC ELA	4/16 & 4/18
SBAC MATH	4/23 & 4/25



OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Thursday, January 31 from 6-7:30. Parents that are interested in learning more about AP, there will be a session available in the Little Theater from 7:00-7:30 reviewing course options.

TUTORING

1st semester grades have been finalized. If your student has had struggles first semester please consider having him/her attend our Tutoring Learning Center located in I-7, available from 7:00-7:45 am. In addition, Math tutoring is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

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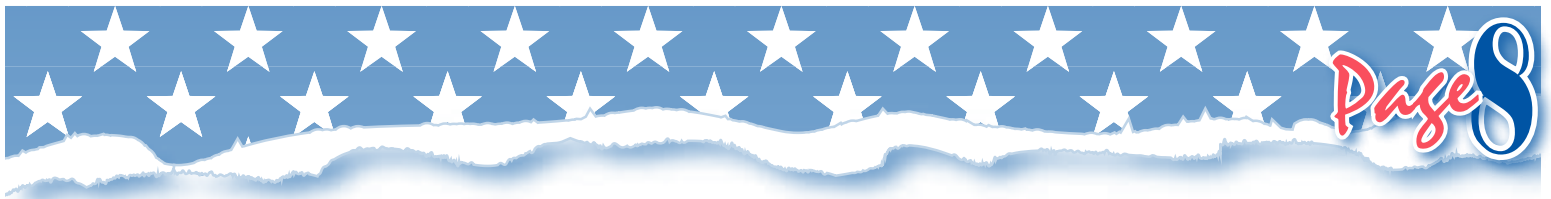
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Athletic Boosters

Beyer high school athletic boosters is an organization that contributes to the athletic Department and all other athletic teams at Beyer high school. We contribute \$10000 a year to the athletic Department. We also support the athletic teams when they need uniform upgrades, extra equipment, and tournaments they want to participate in. As you can imagine this does take some work, we are looking for people who would like to be involved. We are also looking for contributions from Parents and businesses in our community. As you know athletic teams are not only for the sake of the game. When a student participates in a sport at Beyer high school, they are learning many other lessons that will help them throughout their life. Beyer high school athletic boosters is not only supporting the teams now but are also helping build better members of the community, and our striving to help make Modesto a better place. So, if you can help in anyway with a contribution or with your time it would be greatly appreciated, and you would be benefiting our high school and our community please call Scott Lucas 209 574 0858. Our meetings are on the first Monday every month.