

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Brunswick School Department has submitted an application to receive state funding for a new junior high school. Later in the month, a group from the Maine Department of Education will be visiting Brunswick Junior High School to review our facility. This is a highly competitive process, with many schools throughout the state having applied as well. Although we have excellent programming, educators, and students here at BJHS, our building is certainly old. Repairs and maintenance can only go so far, so I am glad we are participating in the review process with the state. More information to come.

Conferences are coming on November 21st-23rd. To help with organization and consistency, we are going to move to a new electronic conference sign-up system called PTC Fast. You will be getting an e-mail in the next few weeks to select a time to come in. We are hoping to have a great turnout, so please be on the lookout for the e-mail invitation.

As always, if you have a school-related question or concern, please contact us at 319-1930.

Sincerely,

**Control Control

Principal





Brunswick Junior High is participating in the
Hannaford Dollars for Schools,

There is a collection box in our front lobby.

We welcome your support in this collection. The Hannaford Dollars will be collected until 12/1. Every time you buy 4 participating products, you'll earn \$3 for OUR school; if you buy 8 participating products, our school will get \$6.

Thanks for your support!

www.brunswickk/2me.us/bjb

Would you like to have our daily announcements emailed directly to you?

Please subscribe on our website at www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bjh, top right side, "Join Email List".

Once you have subscribed, the daily announcement posts will be emailed to you as soon as they are posted. It's a great way to stay on top of all the school information, including sports and club updates/cancellations, etc. *Please join now!*

Notes from the Nurse:

As stated in the Brunswick Junior High student handbook, perfumes are not to be worn and scented lotions and cosmetics are not to be used in school. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies, and other respiratory ailments.

Deodorants and antiperspirants are allowed (and encouraged!) for students use especially

after physical education class. Please choose unscented when possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Let's keep the air clear for everyone!

Stay well! Helen Tetu, RN





Homework Club meets every TUESDAY and THURSDAY for an hour after the Walker Bell in Room 317. Come for a few minutes or stay for the whole hour. Snacks, a quiet space, and teacher guidance will be provided.

Arrange a ride or walk home at 3:30. See you there!

In BJHS Athletics:

Winter Sports Season Information:

Winter sports sign-ups are held during the week of October 30th through November 3rd.

Girls Basketball - we have two teams; one for grade 7 and one for grade 8.

Boys Basketball – we have two teams; one for grade 7 and one for grade 8.

Cheering will be offered, but it's a shorter season. Information about this year's season will come out after Thanksgiving.

Evaluations for the basketball teams will be between November 13th through the 17th. Unfortunately, we don't have enough gym space or stipends to have more teams. Each team will have between 10 and 12 players. The evaluation schedule will be posted on the school homepage after November 3rd. Each team will have two to three evaluation sessions. Students who do not make one of the school teams are encouraged to participate in the Rec Center's junior high league.

Sixth graders interested in playing basketball this winter have two options. The rec department offers a grade 5 and 6 co-ed league and travel teams for sixth grade boys and girls. Ice Hockey signups have begun. If you want more information please visit the website brunswickhockey.org to sign up or learn more.

All athletes will need a current athletic permission form in order to play for a school team. This document is where parents give permission for participation. There is a place for a doctor to sign, there must be a signature from a doctor in order for a student to participate. Physicals are good for one year. All required athletic forms can be found on the athletics webpage or at the main office. If your child participated in a fall sport for BJHS, he/she is all set. Students need to have the correct paperwork on file before participating.

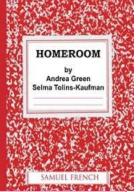




THE BJH Music Department is pleased to announce that this year's musical — "Homeroom' — will be performed on Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7:00PM in the BJH gym. Tickets for the musical are \$8.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. Our show begins with Jeff expressing the belief that kids in his homeroom have nothing in common except the fact that their last name begins with the letter "V." Fifteen songs later as the play develops, a closer look into the lives of the students reveals how they have much more in common than they first believed. The characters explore their connections, how they cope with life, and just general school stuff as they grow up in a world that can be very complicated.

Please join us for this amazing musical experiencel

Book and lyrics by Andrea Green and Selma Tolins-Kaufman with music by Andrea Green



17 Ways to Keep Your Your Middle Schooler Turning the Pages

Amidst the flurry of friends, homework, and hormones, your pre-teen may not feel like reading. Try these tips for keeping their interest and skills on track.



- Let your child choose what to read. While you may cringe at their preferences, they may never touch a title if it's force-fed.
- Talk about what they read. Ask them what they think of a book and make connections with ideas or issues that are relevant to their life.
- If they're struggling or bored with a book, let them put it down. Forcing them to stick with a difficult or dull book that's intended for pleasure will reinforce the idea that reading is a chore.
- Subscribe to magazines that will interest them. Ask them to choose one or two titles and put the subscription in their name.
- Read the newspaper together. Whether it's for 15 minutes over breakfast or on weekends, establish a routine and discuss what you each read.
- Be flexible with bedtime and chores when your child is reading. Within reason, avoid asking your child to stop reading.
- Play games that utilize reading. Word and vocabularybuilding games like Scrabble or Boggle are great, but many board games provide reading opportunities (even if it's just the instructions). Crosswords provide opportunities for learning new words and spelling practice, too.
- 8. Encourage your middle-schooler to read to a younger sibling. Letting them take over ritual reading at bedtime once a week will ensure they read something, and they may find their sibling's enthusiasm for stories contagious.
- 9. **Visit the library together.** Try to make it an event where you share some quality one-on-one time and both choose a few books.

- 10. Find an outlet for your child to "publish" a book review. When they finish a book, encourage them to write it up for a family or school newspaper, magazine, or Web site. They could also try posting a review at a local bookseller or an online retailer.
- 11. Ensure that they have a good reading space. They should choose where it is, but you can make sure it's well lit and inviting so they stay a while.
- Keep up on what they're reading. If you can, read a few pages of their books yourself so you can discuss it with them.
- 13. Encourage writing. Whether it's via snail or e-mail, suggest that they keep in touch with distant friends or relatives. Keeping a journal or chronicling a family vacation will also provide reading practice.
- 14. **Provide a good dictionary.** They may not want to ask for your help with words anymore, so make sure they have a good reference.
- 15. **Suggest books from movies they liked.** They may enjoy getting even more detail in the book.
- 16. Listen to books on tape in the car. If you're heading on vacation, or even back-and-forth to school, try listening to a novel that will appeal to everyone.
- 17. Model reading. Your pre-teen will still follow your reading habits (though they'll never let you know it!). Let them see you reading, make comments, and share interesting passages with them.



REMEMBER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 FOR VETERAN'S DAY.



the photographer on re-take day.





Brunswick Junior High School

Music Booster's

Annual Multicultural

Tree and Wreath Sale



Saturday, December 9, 2017

8:00 am until 11:00 am **Brunswick Junior High School** 65 Columbia Avenue

All trees are \$30.00 Small decorated wreaths are \$15.00 Medium decorated wreaths are \$25.00

Baked goods will also be sold. Come and fill a plate from our cookie buffet or purchase yummy cakes, breads and pies from our selection!



Science Club:

Tuesday, November 14 - This session is an exploration of Bridges - a look at different types of structure. Come join



the fun! Please let Mrs. Lamdin know if you plan to attend! Have your rides ready at 4:00.

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join the Book Clubs led by **Melissa Orth of the Curtis Memorial** Library. The 7th/8th grade book club meets on Wednesdays from 2:45-3:30 in room 211. Students should arrange for a ride home.



Items from our Lost & Found area will be donated directly after Parent/Teacher conferences!!!

It is overflowing with NUMEROUS items of sweatshirts, jackets, shorts, t-shirts, lunch boxes, water bottles, books, calculators, etc.

Please come and check for your lost items before they are GONE

Please join the Go Green Team on two days for putting the Garden of Eatin' to bed for the winter. We will meet on Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16. We will do the flowers on Tuesday and the vegetables on Thursday. We will meet after school for as long as you are able to help. Please arrange a ride home, and ask your parents to join us in helping! There will be healthy snacks for all helpers! Please see Mrs.



BJHS Library Book Fair 2017



When? Student visits during school

Lamdin for more information.

hours-Monday, Nov.13 to

Tuesday, Nov.21

Parents, guardians and

community members -Tuesday,

Nov.21, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where? Students: BJHS Library

Parents, guardians...: BJHS

Lobby

Why? To encourage reading of young

adult fiction and nonfiction

Payment? Cash, credit cards or checks payable to BJHS

Thank you for your support!

Sponsored by BJHS Library and **Scholastic Book Fairs**



It's not too late to join the Brunswick Junior High Math Teams. We practice on Wednesday mornings at 7:10am. The competition season starts for the 7th and 8th grade teams with a Central Maine Math League meet on Saturday, November 18 at Messalonskee Middle School. Parents are encouraged to come watch this exciting head to head oral competition. All three grade levels will have their first written competition for the Southern Maine Math League on December 12. The SMML meets are held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The 6th grade math team competes during the school day, and the 7th and 8th grade math teams compete after school.

If you interested in math team, the coaches can be contacted at the email addresses below. The practices take place in their rooms on Wednesday mornings.

All are welcome to come and try it out!

6th grade – Mr. Stevens, Mobile 4, pstevens@brunswick.k12.me.us

7th grade – Mrs. Russo, Mobile 3, mrusso@brunswick.k12.me.us

8th grade – Mrs. Weddle, Room 202, sweddle@brunswick.k12.me.us





There is lots of creative energy to be seen at BJHS!

Our artists have been busy making imaginative oil pastel drawings, creative clay creatures, symbolic plaster masks, perspective drawings, and much more. Stop by the Junior High and check out all the creative work on display!

There are several art events coming up on the horizon, most notably: **FAMILY ART NIGHT!** Want to join the Art Boosters to help out? Contact Cory Bucknam cbucknam@brunswick.k12.me.us or Kari McCarthy kmccarthy@brunswick.k12.me.us, and stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Do you have a middle schooler eager for Art Club to start? They'll have to wait a little bit longer – sign ups will be the week before the winter break, and Art Club will start the first week in January.



Parent/Teacher Conferences and Early Release Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, November 21st and the morning of Wednesday, November 22nd. Due to this, Tuesday, November 21st is an early release day with students dismissing at 12:15 p.m. There is no school on Wednesday, November 23rd due to conferences and staff professional development. Our Thanksgiving break is Thursday and Friday, November 23rd-24th.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Attendance Matters

Being absent has an impact on student learning. Sporadic absences, not just consecutive days of school, matter. These four simple things could help:

- 1. Set school clothes out the night before to reduce the amount of time necessary in getting ready for school and eliminating the possibility of missing the bus and arriving late to school.
- 2. Pack backpacks the night before. Before going to bed, make sure homework, shoes for PE class, library books, and snacks are placed in the backpack for the next day.
 - 3. Place coat, backpack and instruments by the front door the night before.
- 4. Agree to NO television or video games until the morning routine is done. One of the most common reasons students are "a few minutes late" to school is because

they would not turn off their video game or television in the morning.

Whoooooo's here?

Before the television can be turned on, kids should be dressed, fed, teeth brushed and backpack loaded by the door. Set a TIMER to make sure the television is off at least 5 minutes before you need to leave for school.

GENERAL HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions such as people coming and going.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary are available.

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management.

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

Be positive about homework.

Tell your child that school is important . The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework.

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed.

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go quickly when fatigue begins to set in.

Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.

Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

Reward progress in homework.

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.



BRUNSWICK HOCKEY BOOSTERS

2017

24th Annual Juried

Holiday CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 11th 9am to 4pm Sunday, November 12th 9am to 2pm

BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL GYM

(from downtown go south on Maine Street to Maquoit Road, turn right)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Susan Eno

Phone: 207-215-9924

Email:suseno4@hotmail.com





October 26, 2017

Dear Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

The Bath Area Family YMCA is excited to once again welcome Brunswick Junior High School to participate in the "Freedom Tour Program" for this year's 8th grade class.

This constantly evolving program is a unique combination of fun and learning on a seven-day trip to major east coast cities. We learn how our history has influenced many of today's behaviors; we celebrate differences and experience other cultures. These opportunities simply do not exist for many youth. The "Freedom Tour" grew out of these beliefs. The YMCA and BJHS collaborate to tie the Social Studies curriculum to the Freedom Tour experience.

Over the last eighteen years' students and parent team leaders from the MidCoast have participated in this program, which is designed around key building blocks that young people need to grow up to be caring, competent and productive.

I hope you can join Phil Krummel, Marybeth Latti, Tom Stanton and me on Wednesday evening, November 15 – 6:30 - 7:30 pm in High School Cafeteria for an informative orientation and registration for the "Freedom Tour".

We will share a video, tell you all about what we do, where we go, and, most importantly, why we designed this terrific experience.

I'm excited to meet you and hope you can attend this orientation.

Sabrina Murphy Executive Director Bath Area Family YMCA

Bath Area Family YMCA

"Freedom Tour 2018"

Orientation & Registration For Students & Parents

> BUS SEATS ARE LIMITED REGISTER NOW!

Wednesday November 15 6:30 pm Brunswick High School Cafeteria



Math Counts practices are starting on Thursday, November 1. We practice after school on Thursday afternoons until 3:30pm in Mrs. Weddle's room #202. Math Counts is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in challenging math problem solv-

ing. The competition format involves written and oral problem solving. The regional Math Counts competition is on the last Saturday in January and if your child qualifies for the state final competition, it is on the first Saturday in March. Once we get closer to the competition dates, we will be practicing twice a week, on Monday and Thursday afternoons. If your child is interested in competing but can't make the practice times, please let Mrs. Weddle know. She can provide practice problems for him/her to work on at home.



Brunswick Parks & Recreation





Fall & Winter Programs 2017/18

http://www.brunswickme.org/departments/parks-recreation/

Halloween Goblins Parade and Creepy Creatures Party: Children of all ages and family members are invited to join in this traditional "Monster March" down Maine Street. The parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31, at 4:30 p.m. At the end of the parade route on the mall, will be our *Creepy Creatures Tent Party*. The party is for toddlers to grade 6 children and parents. Nationally known entertainer, "A wesome Robb" will perform for children at the party. There will also be costume judging, prizes and stuffed treat bags. Children that don't wish to march in the parade are also welcome to participate at the party, which is slated to start around 5pm. There is no cost for the party or parade.







From 1pm-4pm at the Recreation Center at 220 Neptune Drive. There will be plenty of new and used equipment to choose from, with numerous ski shops from across the state and New Hampshire bringing in winter gear at great prices. We are also encouraging the general public to bring their outgrown winter gear that they would like to sell or upgrade at the event. We will be accepting public items for sale on Friday night November 3rd from 6-8:30pm and again on Saturday November 4th from 9am-4:30 pm. Twenty percent of the proceeds from each item sold will be retained by the Recreation Department. This money will be used to supplement the cost associated with the operation of our youth programs.

Brunswick Parks & Recreation Winter Programs:

Hip Hop Club 207 -Youth Dance Program
Preseason Wrestling- "Take Down Clinic"
1st & 2nd Grade Kids on the Court
3rd & 4th Grade Basketball League
5th & 6th Grade Basketball League
7th and 8th Grade Basketball League

Information coming soon on: Community Swim, Cross Country Skiing, Indoor Track and Wrestling Program!

Laptops Over Vacations and Holidays

Unless there is a specific project or assignment to work on, laptops are normally kept at school over breaks and vacations.

Taking student laptops on any long-distance travel must be carefully considered. Airports are the number one place for laptops to be misplaced, lost, or stolen. Before taking a laptop on a plane or road trip, students must request permission from their advisor and administration.

When a laptop is at home and not in use it should be kept in its case in a safe place - away from pets and siblings.

Shut it Down!

Batteries in the laptops last a long time, but it's still important for them to be shut down, charged, and ready for school. Shutting down or restarting provides an opportunity for updates to take place when necessary.

Curtis Memorial Library News

For several years now, Curtis Memorial Library Teen Librarian Melissa Orth has been working with BJH School Media Specialist Betsy Mitchell to present suggestions of great books students can read during Period 8 for SSR (Sustained Silent Reading). Reading is key to academic success and the partnership between CML and BJH allows for a broader scope of books available to students for free choice leisure reading. Melissa brings a selection of titles weekly to BJH Library and presents book talks to a few classes from the same grade, visiting all students on a six week rotation. Students may borrow the books during that period directly from Melissa or from the BJH Library if the book belongs to the school library.

Here is some key information for parents and caregivers to know regarding these library visits:

Does my child need to have a Curtis Memorial Library card for these visits?

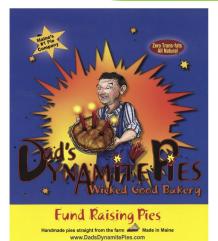
Yes, if he or she wants to borrow items from Curtis, the student must have a library card in good stead from CML but there is no need to have the physical card present. If your child brings home a Curtis Memorial Library card application sent home through school, please fill out it, sign it in pen, and return it to your child's advisor.

Do I have to go to Curtis Memorial Library to return the materials?

No, although that is the best option and we would love to see you at Curtis, any student can return library materials at BJH library or in the BJH library book drop in the school lobby and the item will make its way back to Curtis within the week.

My child brought home a book that says it came from Kennebunkport Library. Please explain? In order to meet the demand for popular items, Melissa brings in multiple copies of popular titles gathered from 150+ Maine libraries in the Minerva system. These items can also be returned at school or at Curtis Memorial Library directly. Please note that some libraries do not honor Curtis Memorial Library's longer three week loan period so do check your email for notices to renew items online or call us at 725-5242 and select Lending Services.

My child owes overdue fines on a book borrowed from Curtis through BJH but I know the book was returned to school on time. What can be done? Sometimes the materials returned at BJH take a while to get back to CML. While it is better to return items directly to Curtis, getting to the public library may be a hindrance for some families. That is why we are providing these visits to bring more books to students. If you feel there was a delay in transit, or you have any questions at all about this partnership to promote free choice reading to the students of BJH, please give Melissa Orth a call at 725-5242 x227 or email morth@curtislibrary.



Please don't forget that our Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser pie pick up day is

Tuesday, November 14 from 5-6:30 p.m.

<u>ALL pies</u> ordered will need to be picked up on this day during this time period (or contact Becky Wilkoff to make other arrangements).

Keep pies frozen until ready to bake. Cooking instructions are included, and are also available at dadsdynamitepies.com.



2017 Winter Holiday Resources



Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell, and Freeport

American Legion Post #21 Thanksgiving Dinner open to all. Thanksgiving meal Thursday, November 23, 2017 at noon. Call 443-9804.

Bath/Brunswick Santa Claus Fund for Bailey Island, Brunswick, Harpswell, Orr Island & Sagadahoc County Toys, socks, and mittens for children 6 months to 13 years from Nov. 8 through Dec. 14, 2017. Mail Request written by parent or guardian, to Santa Claus Fund, Inc., PO Box 278, Brunswick ME 04011. Include child's name, sex, date of birth, residential address, and phone number. Call Brunswick Elks 729-9572 or Bath Elks 443-9852.

Bath Elks Christmas Baskets for Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, & Woolwich Christmas food baskets by application from Monday, November 6 through Thursday, December 7, 2017. Provide name, address, phone, and number of family members. Delivery Sunday, December 17, 2017. Call Bath Elks 443-9852.

Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 23, 2017 at noon. Reservations are required. Call 725-2648.

Freeport Community Services Thanksgiving Meal – all welcome. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 23, 2017 at noon, reservations preferred but not required. Call 865-3985 x205.

Freeport Community Services: Holiday Helpline, Thanksgiving Baskets for Freeport & Pownal; Thanksgiving food baskets sign up available October 2 through November 15, 2017. Food and gifts application available October 2 through December 8, 2017. Pickup December 21, 2017. Proof of residency required. Call 865-3985 x205.

Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys. Limited food & heating assistance through December 15, 2017; Email hart_gail@comcast.net or call 833-6950.

Mid Coast Hospital Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Thursday, November 23, 2017 11a-1p Call 373-6786.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags for Brunswick, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, & Topsham Thanksgiving bags available November 1 through November 22, 2017 on a food pantry day. Call 725-2716.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Christmas meal all welcome; served Monday, December 25, 2017 from 11am-12:30pm.

Midcoast Pizza and More Restaurant for Bath and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 23, 2017 at noon. Transportation may be available; meal delivery available. Call 443-6631.

Portland Press Herald Toy Fund for Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc & York Public donations are used to purchase new safe toys. Children birth through 18 years old. Birthdates required. For application or donation information visit website https://brucerobertstoyfund.org or call 791-6672.

Salvation Army of Bath/Brunswick: Holiday Food Baskets and Toys for Brunswick, Harpswell & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets & Christmas toys by application from October 30 through December 7, 2017. Late applications may be available by appointment. Call 443-3611.

The Neighborhood Café in Bath: Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners - all welcome. Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:30pm; Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 4:30pm. Call 443-2187.

Toys for Tots for Brunswick, Harpswell, & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond - Applications accepted from October 30 through December 7, 2017; Late applications may be available by appointment. Call 443-3611.

Toys for Tots (Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, part of Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Washington) New toys are donated and distributed to children in need. Applications accepted from local nonprofit through December 15, 2017. Website www.toysfortots.org Email: centralmainetoysfortots@gmail.com





Find Help - Are you unsure how to find information to help a family member a friend,