



# The Husky Herald

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Our first week of school has turned out to be very interesting! We went from high temperatures and humidity to a quick, but big, storm. Through it all, our students did a fantastic job and were able to take the weather conditions in stride. Thanks to our teachers and staff for making the “Back to School” week such a success.

I am excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mandy Lewis, to Brunswick Junior High School. We have been meeting with groups of students and asking them to keep three things in mind this year:

**Keep a Growth Mindset.** This is the belief that you can improve and get better. Although that sounds easy, as people get older they can develop more of a fixed mindset, which is one where you feel your abilities and knowledge are stuck. We talked about the power of the word “yet.” So instead of saying, “I am not good at math,” we would add the word “yet” to that statement, allowing for the growth mindset to see the possibilities instead of the limitations.

**Get Involved.** Being involved in extra curricular activities has been proven to increase a child’s enjoyment of their educational experience. With over 20 clubs and sports, there is something for everyone. Our hope is that all students will become involved in something outside of the regular school day.

**Be kind.** We have great students at our school, and we want them to be kind to each other at all times. A simple smile or “hello” can really make a difference when we examine our school climate. A culture of kindness is our goal.

We are confident that the above three ideas will help us have a wonderful and exciting school year. Thank you for partnering with us, and please stay involved in your child’s education throughout the school year.

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

Sincerely,

*Walter Wallace*

## BJHS WELCOMES MRS. LEWIS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As we start a new school year, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. As the new assistant principal at BJHS, I bring with me thirteen years as an English teacher/teacher leader at Yarmouth High School and two years as a K-12 assistant principal and athletic director in the Wiscasset Schools. During my fifteen years as an educator in Maine schools, I have developed three core beliefs that center my decision-making: all students have the ability to learn and should have equal access to learning opportunities; the best learning happens in a caring, nurturing, supported environment where students feel safe taking risks and learning from mistakes; and school-wide structures, procedures, and decision-making should be focused on “what’s best for students.”

I’m thrilled to be a part of the

Brunswick  
School  
Community!



# September is Attendance Awareness Month!

## ATTENDANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SEPTEMBER 2018



At BJHS, this month is attendance awareness month. We know that kids are most successful when they are engaged in school everyday.

Below are some tips to help you and your child start off another great school year!

- \* Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday.
- \* Help your child establish and maintain daily routines.
- \* Try not to schedule medical/dental appointments in the middle of the day.
- \* Don't let your child stay home unless they are really sick. Headaches or stomach aches could be signs of anxiety.
- \* Find out if your child is engaged and feels safe at school.
- \* Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers/tutors if needed.
- \* Stay on top of your student's social contacts.
- \* Encourage meaningful after school activities, such as sports and/or clubs.
- \* Know our school's attendance policies.
- \* Talk to your student's teachers or advisors if you notice changes in behavior.
- \* Check on your child's attendance to make sure absences aren't adding up.
- \* Ask for help from school officials, community organizations, after school programs, or other parents if you're having trouble getting your child to school.



## The Arts are Alive at BJHS!

Read on for some exciting NEWS!

Summer is a great time for engaging in creative play – sand castles, tree forts, and arts and crafts activities are memories that last a lifetime! Ms. Bucknam and Mrs. McCarthy are looking forward to seeing creative growth in all their students this year. Not only will your child take art class as part of his or her regular schedule, but there are also many other ways for you and your child to get involved in the arts here at the Junior High:

**NEW ART NIGHTS!** - We have exciting things planned for this school year! The Art Department will be hosting several fundraising Art Nights throughout the year open to both students and parents. On each Art Night a different fun and engaging art project will be created. Join us as we lead you through painting a masterpiece, create paint-your-own pottery as gifts for the holidays, make marbled paper to create your own sketchbook cover, and more! Dates and details will be announced soon and will be available at Open House.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED ART** – GT Art is open to all grade levels, but is a very small program intended for those students who show significant talent and potential in the visual arts. The program offers accepted students unique opportunities, field trips and experiences beyond the art classroom.

The application process involves the creation of an art portfolio and an artist statement – the Art Department will offer optional after-school help sessions for these requirements on October 2nd and 4th. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 10. More information and applications will be available at Open House.

**ART CLUB** – Art Club is an afterschool opportunity for any BJHS student who wants more opportunities for arts and crafts experiences in a relaxed and social atmosphere. Art Club is open to all students who wish to sign up, and is run as a winter intramural activity from January to April vacation. Art Club signups will be at the end of December.

# Notes from the Nurse:

## Nurses Notes:

Hello! My name is Helen Tetu, the school nurse at the junior high. Please contact me you have any questions regarding the health office and your child. You can call me directly at 319-1937 or email me at [htetu@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:htetu@brunswick.k12.me.us) I am here daily from 7:30 am to 2:45 pm.

## Flu Shot Clinic

The Brunswick School Department will be hosting a free flu shot clinic on Saturday, October 13th for all Brunswick students, staff and community members from 8 am to 1 pm at the Harriet Beecher Stowe School. This will be the only day that the flu shot will be provided through the school system.

## Breakfast Program

Please encourage your child to eat breakfast. We do offer a breakfast program at the junior high. For \$2.00 your child can choose cereal, muffin or bagel, and includes a piece of fruit, juice and milk. For children who receive a free or reduced lunch, this breakfast is free. Your child may eat this breakfast in the cafeteria or in their homeroom during morning advisor time.

## Illness

Please remember to call into the school's main office (319-1930) when your child is absent. It is helpful to know the reason your child is absent due to illness as this information helps me track the various illnesses that may be occurring.

**If your child is ill during school hours they must be dismissed through the health office.**

## Forms

Athletic forms signed by you and by a physician are mandatory for your child to participate in sports. They are available in my office or online on the school website.

Reminder – all medications must be sent in original containers and the medication in school form must be completed for the medication to be given in school.

Helen Tetu, RN  
BJHS School Nurse



## **Safety Message from the School Resource Officer**

I would like to inform parents that the Junior High and Coffin School complex population is well over eight hundred students and staff during the school day. The Police Dept. and the School Dept. share the responsibility of pedestrian and motor vehicle safety on the roadways and the parking lots adjacent to the schools. Every year, my office receives multiple complaints regarding reckless driving and speeding near the school. Many traffic tickets and warnings have been issued in an effort to curb this problem.

The streets adjacent to the schools are a posted 15 MPH school zone when children are present. The driveways associated with each school are also posted at 15 MPH. Please abide by the speed limits in school campus areas.

Some drivers have been passing stopped school buses near the school, which poses a safety risk to our students. **Remember, if a school bus is displaying its red flashing lights while it is picking up or discharging students on school property or on the street, vehicular traffic may not pass by the bus until the driver turns off the red lights.** The bus drivers routinely report violations to the Police Department.

Lastly, the Coffin School Staff urges you not to drive between the school and the mobile classrooms across from the school entrance between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM. Very young students, who cross the driveway when traveling to and from the mobile classrooms, frequent this area.

The above safety rules and laws were put in place to protect your children. Let's all try and do our part to keep the school campus a safe place for children to learn and have fun.

I welcome your comments or suggestions regarding school safety. Please contact me at the Junior High School at 319-1930 x3008. Thank you.



**Detective Thomas Stanton,  
Brunswick Police Department**

Sign ups for the **Cross Country Team** took place last week. This is a no-cut sport and all students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are eligible to participate. All information and paperwork for Cross Country was distributed. The Cross Country Team will race in 5 regular season meets this fall. All runners will race in the Championship Meet at the end of the season. Cross Country practices have begun after school. Please see Mr. Dearing if you have any questions or if you missed the sign ups, or go to: <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bjh/athletics/cross-country/>

# Help your child succeed in Math!

**Math tips for parents** > For students in middle grades, when parents are involved in their children's education, they will do better in school. Here are some tips for parents on how you can help your child succeed in math.

## Be positive about math

- ⇒ Express confidence in your child's ability to succeed in math.
- ⇒ Help your child see errors as opportunities for learning.
- ⇒ Share positive math memories from your past.



## Encourage organization

- ⇒ Ensure appropriate equipment is easily accessible—for example: sharp pencils, erasers, ruler, protractor, compass, calculator, hole punch.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to organize paper in binders and backpacks on a regular basis. Loose sheets should be titled and dated, and organized chronologically in divided sections of a binder.
- ⇒ Read the curriculum documents for your child's grade.

## Ensure the basic facts are mastered

- ⇒ Play family games to add excitement to repetitive practice. You can play:
  - ⇒ **card games**—e.g. **Cribbage, Set, Visual Brainstorms**
  - ⇒ **board games**—e.g. **Chess, Backgammon, Mastermind, Mancala**
  - ⇒ **computer games**—e.g. **Tetris, Cubis, Earthquake**



## Connect mathematics to daily life

- ⇒ Ask your child to estimate grocery bills, change, tax, tips, measurements, travelling distances and times, and the quantity of paint or carpet needed for a room.
- ⇒ Talk about the ways in which you use mathematics in your job and daily life, and about mathematics in the newspaper (sports statistics, stock prices, math puzzles, graphs).
- ⇒ Seize every opportunity to calculate mentally and talk about the process involved.

## Make attendance a priority

- ⇒ Schedule appointments and vacations outside of school time.
- ⇒ In case of an absence, ensure your child has a reliable "study buddy" to collect handouts and relay assignment information.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to make direct contact with the teacher upon return.

## Stay informed

- ⇒ Ask about math in school—what topics are being discussed? What's for homework? What's interesting?

## Useful Brunswick School Department Phone Numbers

Superintendent's Office .....	319-1900
Nutrition Program (School Lunch) .....	319-1906
BJHS Main Office .....	319-1930
Transportation (Buses).....	319-1904
Brunswick High School .....	319-1910
Coffin School .....	319-1950
H.B. Stowe School.....	319-1960

BJHS Counseling Office.....	319-1932
BJHS Nurse's Office .....	319-1937



## Backpack Reminder:

Those big backpacks are a good way to transport items to and from school, but they are a safety concern in the hallways due to their size and the amount of students we have at the school. To assist with this, we ask that students use a smaller bag when moving from class to class, or to simply carry their materials. We offer a sturdy canvas string bag for only \$5.00 each in the Main Office. Thank you for supporting this practice.





**BRUNSWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
Tardy/Absent/Dismissal/Bus Note

Student's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student is:

Tardy

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Time In: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

Returning after an absence of \_\_\_\_\_ day(s)

Absence Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Being Dismissed

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Out: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

Bus Change\*: Regular Bus #: \_\_\_\_\_ To Take Bus #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

(Bus changes can only be made for child care/supervision or family emergency)

Destination Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student must give this note to the office in the morning for a blue bus pass.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This printable form is available on our website under "Absenteeism/Excuse Note"**

# The Brunswick Teen Center

*What is the Brunswick Teen Center?*

It is a FREE after school and summer drop-in center for youth in the greater Brunswick area in grades 6-12.

It is a safe and fun environment to be with your friends, or meet new ones!

It provides free snacks each day, free wi-fi and computer use, pool table, video systems, Netflix/movies, craft supplies, board games, and more!

School year hours are Mondays-Thursdays  
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Where: 35 Union Street  
(corner of Union/Cumberland)

Phone: 721-0754

Email: teens@peopleplusmaine.org

Facebook: Brunswick Teen Center

## Science Club:

Science Club will meet monthly on a Tuesday afternoon from after the Walker Bell until 4:00 in Mrs. Lamdin's room (108).

Here are the dates and topics:

October 16 - Data Analysis and Statistics

November 13 - Building Bridges

December 11 - Heat/Staying Warm

January 8 - Electric Motors

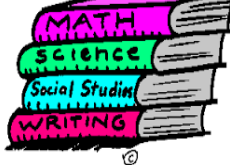
February 12 - Shapes in Nature

March 12 - Color

April 9 - Day at the Beach

May 14 - Rockets

### Homework Club Begins September 18!



BJHS is pleased to once again offer Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:45 to 3:30, beginning next week and continuing for the duration of the school year. Any student looking for a quiet,

supervised location (with healthy snacks provided) to catch up on homework and get help, as needed, is welcome to come to Room 211, "Club Headquarters," right after school on meeting days. Beginning in October, bus transportation to a limited number of drop-off spots around town will be provided.

- Cook's Corner/Regal Cinemas (also, 2nd stop on opposite side of road)
- Old Bath Rd./Maplewood & Bay Bridge
- Meadowbrook
- Cumberland & Union
- Hawthorne
- River Rd./Nancy & Patricia
- Durham Rd. at the church



**The Hannaford Helps Schools program runs through December 1, 2018. Please help BJHS by shopping and collecting your school dollars at local Hannaford's. There is a collection box in the lobby at BJHS, or you can deposit your school dollars in the collection tower in-store. BJHS earned \$923.00 in 2017! PLUS, BJHS can earn an additional \$1,000 if our Brunswick Hannaford gets the most donations! Thank you in advance for your help!**

# Math Fact Fluency

- ◆ Fluency is ability to express something effortlessly and clearly.
- ◆ Math fluency would be the ability to compute math facts and problem solve with automaticity and confidence.
- ◆ Math fluency could include the following areas...

Addition	Subtraction
Multiplication	Division
Problem solving	
- ◆ Educators and cognitive scientists agree that the ability to recall basic math facts fluently is necessary for students to attain higher order math skills.
- ◆ Basic facts need to be developed to the point that they are done automatically.
- ◆ Lack of math fact retrieval can impede participation in math class discussions, successful math problem solving, and the development of everyday life skills.
- ◆ Rapid math fact retrieval has been shown to be a predictor of performance on math achievement tests.

**If your child has not mastered their math facts, please work with him/her. Much of the junior high math curriculum requires mastery of basic facts.**

**Most students, even those who excel in math, need a booster/ refresher, after summer vacation.**

**Here are some websites that can help your child:  
(\* indicates our favorites)**

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact>

<http://www.mathfactcafe.com/>

<http://www.factmonster.com/math>

(multiplication level 3 or 4)\*

[http://www.multiplication.com/resources/online-tests-and-quizzes\\*](http://www.multiplication.com/resources/online-tests-and-quizzes*)

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/timestable.html>

<http://www.multiplication.com/games>

(kids usually think these games are fun) \*

<http://www.math-drills.com/multiplication.html>

(the best site for printed practice) \*



*As a new school year starts, many of us are looking for ways to hook students with a good book!*

*The days of reading aloud to your child are not over. Everyone loves to hear a good story, and middle-school children are no exception. Not only is it a great time to connect with your child, but reading aloud at home is an effective tool to support reading at school.*

Excerpts from

## **“Ten Facts Parents Should Know About Reading”**

by Jim Trelease

Listening comprehension comes *before* reading comprehension. You must hear a word before you can say it or read and write it. If you’ve never heard the word “enormous” in a meaningful way, you won’t understand it when it’s time to read or write it.

There’s a kind of “word reservoir” in a child’s brain and one of the jobs of a parent is to pour so many words into it that it overflows into speech and then reading and writing.

Children usually read on one level and listen on a higher level. It’s usually not until eighth grade that the reading level catches up to the listening level...chapter books gradually introduce them to new words, new ideas, and the world beyond their neighborhood – and that, in turn, helps them better understand what they need to read in their school books.

Kids and parents have busy lives...but remember the days of finding a cozy spot in the house and reading to your child? Go ahead and share a book, a magazine or newspaper article, or an excerpt from the book you’re reading.

When parents read to their tweens and teens, they help model fluency, build comprehension and vocabulary skills, provide proper use of pronunciation, and engage in all kinds of conversations – great critical thinking!

Wow...all that going on with a book, a pillow and a little bit of time!

# READ ALOUD TO YOUR TEEN

## Do you know about “My School Bucks”?

MySchoolBucks is your online portal to see information and pay for your student's school meals! Adding funds to your student's account is easy and can be done 2 ways:

Send in funds with your student in a Brunswick School Nutrition Program envelope -or- access your account on our link to MySchoolBucks and add your student's account. If you have multiple children, you can make multiple deposits for each child during your transaction. Next, make a payment. The deposit amount can be placed against a credit card, debit card or your checking account. All payments are securely processed using their highly secure website and encryption. All payments are quickly credited to your student's account.

*\*Please note, there is a nominal fee for the on-line payment service.*



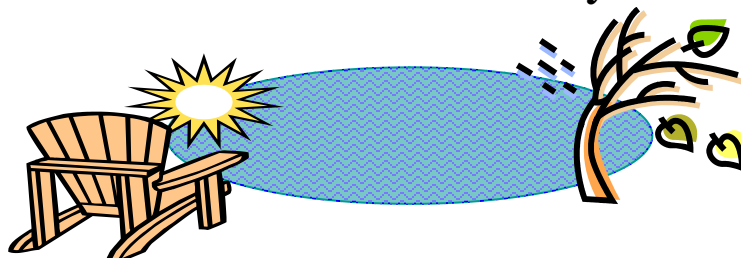
Please mark your calendars:  
School Picture

Day is Friday, October 12th.



**September 25th - 6-7:30 PM**

**Come meet your child's teachers,  
see their school and be a part of  
our B.J.H.S. community.**



## Wellness News at BJHS!

**The Morning Motion Program takes place in the gym from 7:20-7:45 each day. This is our eleventh year of providing bus students with the opportunity to get up and get moving before the start of the school day. Our activities include basketball, beach ball, volleyball, use of our fitness room, jump ropes, hula hoops, and much more! Walkers may join in the fun too. They just need to ask a teacher on duty for a pass to enter the gym.**

**Thank you, The BJHS Wellness Team**



## Math Teams

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teams will be starting on Wednesday, October 3. Mr. Stevens coaches the 6th grade math team; Mrs. Russo coaches the 7th grade math team; and Mrs. Weddle coaches the 8th grade math team and the Math Counts team. Grade level math teams meet in the coach's classroom at 7:10am on Wednesday mornings. Listen to announcements for when the first practice will be. The Math Counts team will begin to practice after school as soon as the fall sports season is over. It is very challenging problem solving and it is open to all grade levels.

# Counselor's Corner

Guidance office:  
319-1932

Welcome to the Jr. High School 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and welcome back 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! We hope you had a wonderful Summer and are ready for an exciting school year. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you start school:

Junior high is an exciting time of change, growth, and discovery. It is expected for students to be excited and nervous about:

- New teachers, new building, and new classes
- Having more independence and responsibility
- A busy schedule
- New opportunities for clubs and sports



It will be important to start the year off in a positive way. Some ideas for heading off in the right direction include:

- Getting plenty of sleep and exercise, eating a healthy diet, and setting aside time to have fun with friends and family
- Talking to your school counselor or an adult that you trust if you are feeling upset, stressed, lonely or confused
- Practicing with a locker combination at home - this is one of the biggest worries for students starting off
- Choosing a club or sport to get involved in (contact Mrs. Roy or Mrs. Nein for the list of choices).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs. Roy/Mrs. Bamford

*aroy@brunswick.k12.me.us/  
dbamford@brunswick.k12.me.us*

**Maquoit House:**

Bailey, Jewell & Chebeague Islands

Mrs. Nein

*cnein@brunswick.k12.me.us*

**Merrymeeting House:**

Birch, Great Diamond Island & Eagle Islands



## Laptop Home Permission

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a "Home Permission" form (JNDBA-E) signed and on file in order to take their laptop home. Forms will be available at meetings in the Library during Open House on the 25th. Due to limited space, parents with students whose names end in A - L should plan to attend the meeting at 6:30. Parents with students with names ending in M - Z and students *new* to our district should attend the 7:00 meeting.

## Who Should Attend

Parents or guardians of 7th and 8th grade students. Parents who have already attended a Brunswick School meeting are not required to attend again, meetings from other districts do not count!

## Revocable

Students should be aware that home permission can be denied or revoked for maintenance, or vacation and holiday breaks, or online behavior.

## Other Computer Policies

All computer policies for the district are posted here:

<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/services/technology-department/technology-policies/>



2018-2019 District Calendar

Brunswick School Department - Adopted 4/11/18

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Aug	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sep	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2018	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Oct	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2018	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nov	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2018	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Dec	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2018	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Jan	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2019	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Feb	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2019	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mar	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2019	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Apr	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2019	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
May	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2019	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Jun	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2019	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						

District Information & Holidays Observed

August 28	New Teacher Orientation
August 29 & 30	Professional Development
September 3	Labor Day - no school
September 4	First Pupil Day
October 5	Prof Dev K-12 - no school
October 8	Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day - no school
November 6	Prof Dev K-12-no school
November 9	1st Quarter ends*
November 12	Veteran's Day - no school
November 16	K-5 Trimester ends**
November 20	Early Release - K-8 Parent Conf/Prof Dev 9-12
November 21,22,23	Thanksgiving Break - no school
December 5	Early Release Professional Dev K-12
December 24 - 31	Holiday Break - no school
January 1, 2019	New Year's Day Observed - no school
January 21	Martin Luther King Day - no school
January 25	2nd Quarter ends*
February 18	President's Day - no school
February 19-22	Winter Break - no school
March 1	K-5 Trimester ends**
March 8	Parent Conf. K-5/Prof Dev 6-12-no school
March 20	Early Release Professional Dev K-12
April 5	3rd Quarter ends*
April 11	Early Release Prof Dev 9-12/K-5/Parent Conf 6-8
April 12	Prof Dev K-5 & 9-12/Parent Conf 6-8-no school
April 15	Patriot's Day - no school
April 16-19	Spring Break - no school
May 8	Early Release Prof Dev K-12
May 27	Memorial Day - no school
June 7	Graduation for BHS
June 17-21 - last day early release	Projected Storm Days
June 24	1/2 day for Teachers on last day

Major Religious & Cultural Holidays Noted:

Rosh Hashanah +...Sept 10-11	Ash Wednesday...Mar 6
Yom Kippur +...Sept 19	Good Friday...April 19
Diwali begins...Nov 7	Easter...April 21
Eid al-Adha +...Aug 20	Orthodox Easter/Pascha...April 28
Thanksgiving...Nov 22	Passover +...April 19-27
Hanukkah +...Dec 2-10	Buddha Day...April 8
Christmas Eve & Day...Dec 24 & 25	Ramadan +...May 5
Kwanzaa...Dec 26 to Jan 1st	Eid al-Fitr +...June 3-4
New Years Day...Jan 1st	
Eastern Orthodox Christmas...Jan 7	+Observance of Jewish and Islamic holidays
Chinese New Year...Feb 5	begin at sundown of the preceding day.

Early Release times: BHS-Noon HBSS- 1:00 p.m. BJHS- 12:15 p.m. Coffin 1:10 p.m.

**BJHS Parents,  
ALL volunteers (in classroom/field trips/teacher  
prep/BBBS/America Reads & Counts/Bowdoin College/etc)  
must undergo the application process.**

**Please see below from Central Office.**

**A paper application can be obtained in the Main Office at  
BJHS or at the BSD Central Office if needed.**



BSD welcomes volunteers and community involvement in our schools and both value and appreciate the role that volunteers play in supporting teaching and learning. We believe that our schools and our students benefit greatly from the support of our community and consider volunteers to be valuable resources.

A volunteer is someone who provides services, without compensation or benefits of any kind or amount, in the schools or in school activities. Volunteering can take many forms, including working in the classroom, assisting on projects outside of the classroom, or helping with school wide or district projects, or even chaperoning field trips.

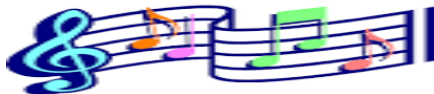
Any individual who wishes to volunteer time and services in the Brunswick schools is required to complete a volunteer application, agree to a background check, and attend an orientation provided by the District before volunteering begins. Our goal is to make the application and orientation process accessible, inclusive, and swift.

To apply online (recommended option), To fill out the application online: <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=177819725>

Paper copies are also available at each school and at Central Office.

Please feel free to contact the Central Office with any questions about this process (319-1900).

Thank you for being a part of the Brunswick School Community and for helping to create a valuable learning environment for each student in our schools!



Welcome back from BJH Music! We are excited to continue our award-winning music program here at BJH! As a parent, you can help support your music student in several ways. First, please visit the music website which can be found on the BJH website at Departments. <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/handerson/> Here you will find our calendar, current announcements, pages for all of our music groups, archived emails and a lot of news! BJH music is also social, so find us on Facebook! (Parents only!)

We will have our opening Booster Meeting on Monday, October 1 at 6:30pm in the band room. We are dependent on our Boosters for support in many areas so please stop in to see what we can all do to support our fine musicians. We look forward to another fantastic year!

Heidi Anderson – Band ([handerson@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:handerson@brunswick.k12.me.us)) & Shari Tarleton – Chorus ([starleton@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:starleton@brunswick.k12.me.us))

# Husky Snack Cart

Open daily between periods 2 and 3.

Located in the Main Lobby in front of Mrs. Duffy's office.

All snacks are 50 cents each or less.  
Items vary. Cash only.

## Lost and Found!

In an effort to keep our Lost and Found area in a neat and orderly condition, we will empty it at the end of each quarter. (This also limits the amount of items students will have to sift through when they are hunting for a lost item. In the past there have been so many items that many students would be overwhelmed by the chore of going through all the stuff.)

We have already collected some clothing items. Please make sure your student checks the Lost and Found frequently. Names on items will also help found items to get returned to their owners quickly.

The quarters end on these dates:  
**1st quarter November 9th;**  
**2nd quarter January 25th;**  
**3rd quarter April 5th;**  
**and the last removal will be at the end of school in June.**

## Book Club!

Do you enjoy reading fascinating books? Do you like discussing what you've read with friends? Starting September 19th, 7th and 8th grade students can participate in the BJHS Book Club, led by Melissa Orth of the Curtis Memorial Library. The Book Club will meet every Wednesday afternoon in room 205. The club begins right after school and runs until 3:30. Students should make prior arrangements for a ride home, and should see their L.A. teacher for more details.

## Fall Sports Season is Here!

The first weeks of September are the start of evaluations and practices. All athletes interested in participating in a fall sport are required to have the signed forms (found on our website) including the Athletic Participation Permission form that requires a physician's signature before a student-athlete is allowed to participate in evaluations, practices or games.

This season we will continue to offer Cross Country, Field Hockey and Soccer. Cross country is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls; this is also a no-cut sport. Field hockey is offered to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. There will be two teams, Team A and Team B. Team A is primarily made up of 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and Team B typically made up of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Team make up is determined by skill level. As this sport typically attracts newcomers, our goal is to provide safe and developmentally appropriate placements for players in order for each player to grow and improve their skills. We have soccer teams for both boys and girls open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. Teams carry 20-24 players typically; If numbers surpass 24, there may be a rotation of playing time at the coach's discretion in order to provide an athletic environment that promotes individual and team growth and safety.

Forms needed from each athlete:

- *Athletic Permission Form*
- *Athlete Contract*
- *Eligibility Contract*
- *Bus Transportation Agreement Form*

All forms, as well as a weekly sports schedule, can be found on our website.

***Good Luck to All Teams and Go Huskies!***

Athletic Director, Jim St. Pierre

## BJHS Main Office Quick Reference

(This information is found in your Student Planner/Assignment Notebook).

**LATE PASSES:** The warning bell rings at 7:47. At the 7:50 bell, the front doors are locked and students should be seated in their advisor classrooms. If students are late, they will need to come in through the front doors to the main office, sign in and have their hall pass signed (in the back of their assignment notebook). If the student has a parent/guardian or doctor note, or the parent/guardian signs them in at the main office, the tardy will be excused. If not, it will be unexcused until a parent/guardian note is received.

**PLANNED ABSENCE:** If you know that your student is going to be missing school for travel or any other reason, please complete a planned absence form available in the main office.

**ABSENCES:** Anytime a student is absent from school, a parent/guardian note with signature must be presented to your student's advisor or the main office in order for the absence to be excused. We also appreciate a phone call to the office in the morning letting us know that your student will not be present (319-1930).

**EARLY DISMISSALS:** If a student needs to leave school early for an appointment, the student should bring in a parent/guardian note to the main office to have the dismissal noted as a hall pass in their assignment notebook. This will allow the student to show their teacher the hall pass to be dismissed to the office to await their pickup. It is the student's responsibility to remember to dismiss from class at the appointed time.

**BUS PASSES:** If a student needs to ride a different bus than the one assigned, the student must bring a signed note from the parent/guardian stating which bus they should take, the address they will be going to, and the reason for the change first thing in the morning. The bus garage must approve every request via the BJHS main office. Students may only be allowed on a different bus with a signed blue bus pass from the main office. Approved reasons for a bus change are a change in child care/after school care or a family emergency.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the main office at 319-1930 or email

Mrs. Duffy at [aduffy@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:aduffy@brunswick.k12.me.us) or

Mrs. Granholm at [egrholm@brunswick.k12.me.us](mailto:egrholm@brunswick.k12.me.us)