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Happy November, BJHS families!

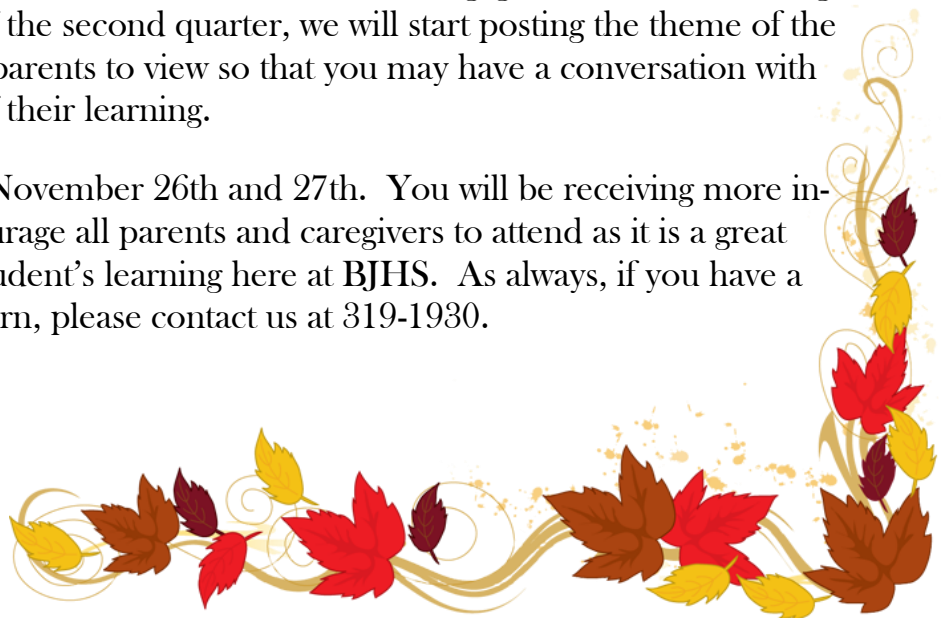
Students at BJHS have been busy finding geocaches, exploring Greek culture, learning how to make paper, and plenty more! As the first quarter draws to a close, I wanted to share a few updates and reminders.

Our fall athletic teams experienced many successes, and it is hard to believe that we are approaching the winter season. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be able to participate in basketball, and this year we are going to host tryouts and limit participation to 10-14 athletes per team. The Brunswick Recreation Department has many programs available for grade 6, and we will offer an intramural basketball experience for students in grades 7 and 8 if there is enough interested. Please view the athletics section of this newsletter for more detailed information.

Our students have a dedicated Social-Emotional Learning block every Wednesday. We use Second Step as a base curriculum, and many teachers are expanding their use and including circles, team building activities, and other methods to engage students in meaningful conversations. At the start of the second quarter, we will start posting the theme of the week on our school website for parents to view so that you may have a conversation with your student about this aspect of their learning.

Conferences are coming up on November 26th and 27th. You will be receiving more information over email. We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend as it is a great opportunity to engage in your student's learning here at BJHS. As always, if you have a school-related question or concern, please contact us at 319-1930.

With gratitude,
Mandy Lewis



Notes from the Nurse

Cellphone Use

Students must have on file a cellular permission form with a parent/guardian signature to have a cell phone in school. The cell phone must not be visible, activated, or in use during school hours. Cell phones should be turned off and in the student's locker during the day.

There have been occasions when a student has texted or called their parent/guardian from their personal cell phone to state they are not feeling well and wanting to go home. Students are to come to the health office if not feeling well and appropriate actions will be taken. I need to be able to track the various illnesses and follow up when needed. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thanksgiving Break

No School

There is no school
on November 28th and
November 29th.

REMINDER
NO SCHOOL

November 11th—Veteran's Day

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 26th

Please contact your child's
advisor for specific times.



November 26th—Half day

Students are released at 12:15

PICTURE



RETAKES

MONDAY, Nov. 25



BOOK FAIR!

Parents, caregivers, and community members:

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

When?

Students visit during school hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 3—Wednesday, Dec. 11

Where?

Parents, caregivers, and community members : BJHS Lobby

Students visit during school hours: BJHS Library

Why?

To encourage reading of young
adult fiction and nonfiction

Payment

Cash, credit cards or checks payable to BJHS



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BRUNSWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY



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 Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 in room 204.

Students should arrange for a ride home.

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.

Coming in to drop your child off or picking them up?

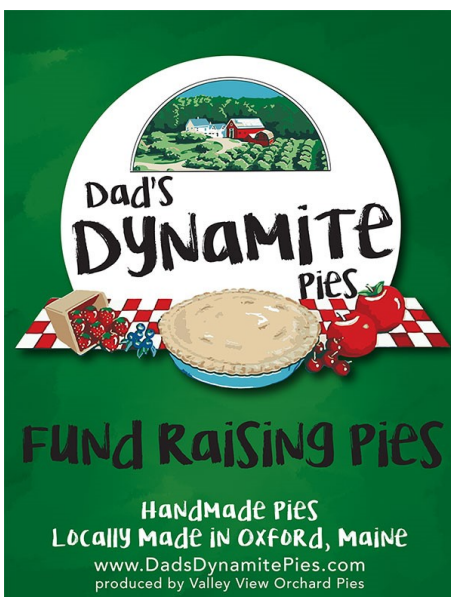
Check out lost and found!

Coming to Parent Teacher Conferences?

Check out lost and found!



The lost and found will be cleaned out and donated at the end of the day on November 26th



Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser pie pick up day is

Tuesday, November 19 from 5:00–6:30 p.m.

ALL pies ordered will need to be picked up on this day during this time period. Keep pies frozen until ready to bake. Cooking instructions are included and are also available at dadsdynamitepies.com

If you have any questions please contact:

Becky Wilkoff at beckywilkoff@yahoo.com

Curtis Library Class Visits at BJHS Library

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. Reading is key to academic success and the partnership between CML and BJH allows for a broader scope of books to be available to students for recreational reading. Melissa brings a selection of titles weekly to BJH Library and presents book talks to a few classes from the same grade. 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 it out, sign it in pen, and return it to your child's advisor. Due to library policy, a child may not borrow an item using anyone else's card but their own.

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. Due be aware that library fines may accrue during that time.

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.





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❖ Winter Holiday Resources ❖



Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell, and Freeport

American Legion Post #21 Thanksgiving Dinner open to all. Meal-Thursdays, November 28, 2019 at noon. Call 443-9804.

Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 at noon. Reservations are helpful but not required. Call 725-2648.

Freeport Community Services Thanksgiving Meal – all welcome. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 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 through November 15, 2019. Food and gifts application available through December 8, 2019. Pickup December 21, 2019. Proof of residency required. Call 865-3985 x205.

Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys. Harpswell Residents Only: Limited food & heating assistance. Email harpswellsantafund2019@gmail.com

Mid Coast Hospital Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Call 373-6786.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags for Brunswick, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, & Topsham Thanksgiving baskets available November 1 through November 27, 2019 for food pantry clients during food pantry hours. Contact [Devyn at dsantora@mchpp.org](mailto:Devyn@dsantora@mchpp.org).

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Christmas Meal - all welcome; served Wednesday, December 25, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm.

Midcoast Pizza and More Restaurant for Bath and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 12-2. Transportation may be available; meal delivery available. Call 443-6631.

Portland Press Herald Toy Fund Children birth through 18 years old. Birthdates required. For application or donation information visit website www.bruceroberstoyfund.org or call 791-6672.

Salvation Army of Bath/Brunswick: Holiday Food Baskets and Toys for Brunswick, Harpswell & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond Christmas toys by application from October 2 through November 7, 2019. 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 26th at 4:30pm; Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30pm. Call 443-2187.

Find Help –

Are you looking for information to help a family member a friend, or yourself?

211 is where to start. It's FREE and confidential.

You call – We listen

CALL 211

VISIT 211maine.org 1-866-811-5695

TEXT your zip code to 898-211



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Join us on **Friday, November 15 at 7:00 P.M.** in the BJH Gymnasium for the "Husky Howl"! The Howl is our annual student talent exhibition and this year's program features an amazing line-up of singers, dancers, actors, and instrumentalists! Admission is \$5 per person at the door. Proceeds will benefit the BJH Music Department



Put it on your calendar: This year's Music Department Tree and Wreath Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7.** We'll have beautifully decorated wreaths from Mason's Tree Farm, freshly cut trees of all sizes from Pleasant View Tree Farm; and a variety of baked goods featuring holiday favorites from our Music families!

On **Monday, November 25,** Gelato Fiasco on Maine Street in Brunswick will be holding a "Scooping for Community" day to benefit the BJH Music Department! Gelato Fiasco will donate 100% of your purchase back to the BJH Music Department! Just tell your server you are there to support BJH Music (or present them with this handy coupon below!). Gelato Fiasco is open from 11 to 11 with up to 40 flavors of fresh gelato daily!



Gelato Fiasco Coupon

Monday November 25

11:00 am - 11:00 pm

"Scooping for Community" day to benefit the
BJH Music Department at Gelato Fiasco in Brunswick

MATH NEWS

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 23 at Messlonskee Middle School. Parents are welcome 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 Tuesday, December 17. 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!

Math Team



6th grade - Mrs. Hebert, Room 304, jhebert@brunswick.k12.me.us

7th grade - Mrs. Russo, Room 209, mrusso@brunswick.k12.me.us

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

MATHCOUNTS®

Math Counts practices are starting on Friday, November 15. We practice after school on Friday 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 solving. The competition format involves written and oral problem solving. The regional Math Counts competition is usually on the last Saturday in January, and if your child qualifies for the state final competition, it is usually on the first Saturday in March. This year's competition dates have not yet been confirmed. Once we get closer to the competition dates, we will be practicing twice a week, on Friday afternoons and adding in Monday or Tuesday practices. 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.



Paint-your-own-Pottery Night!

Join us for an enjoyable evening of pottery painting! Choose your project (bowl, cookie plate, or mug), decorate it however you like, and leave it with us to glaze and fire in time for the holidays! All pottery and glazes will be food safe, and perfect for gift-giving.

This event is a fundraiser for the BJHS Art Department, and we ask \$25 per person (\$20 per person for parties of three or more). This covers one pottery project (bowl, plate, or mug) and all materials and firing. Additional pottery projects are \$10 each while supplies last. All ages welcome! Tasty treats, door prizes, and good times **GUARANTEED!**



Sign up online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944afa82babfa7-paintyourownpot1>

Date: 11/22/2019 (Fri.)

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm EDT

Location: BJHS Art Room

Be all you can be for the Geography Bee

The bees are coming, the bees are coming--geography bees that is. Soon our school will be buzzing with excitement as the class and team geography bees take place in December. But your budding geographer can earn his or her stripes by practicing ahead of time for the bee. Here are a couple of ways to do it.

- Every day the National Geographic Society offers a ten question quiz. Some are thematic in nature, while others cover a range of territory. Either way, since the National Geographic Society is the sponsor of our school bee, these daily quizzes will help your child's geographic knowledge fly. Click [here](#) to take today's quiz.
- Junior High students tend to love Kahoots, which are on-line quizzes, and in this case your child can play ones built around geography. Your student can even compete against friends. You can pick one out by selecting this [link](#). What could be sweeter than this honey of a combination?



Here are some more tips to prepare for the Bee:

- Make flashcards or use some other technique (Quia lets students make on-line quizzes for themselves). This will help you memorize the capitals of the countries of the world and the capitals of the fifty United States.
- Memorize these Basic Earth Facts, the Highest, Lowest, and Deepest points around the world, and study other geographic superlatives.
- Some Geo Bee questions are taken from important current news events. Natural disasters, floods, volcanoes, political or economic changes often become questions. If you don't recognize a city or country in the news look them up in an atlas.
- The CIA World Fact book is a great place to learn about the languages spoken around the world, countries' currencies, different religions and former country names. (Here's that [link](#)).
- Finally, use an atlas or a geology book to review landforms, bodies of water and other concepts about physical geography.

Winter Sports Season Information



Winter sports sign-ups are from Oct. 30 to Nov. 6. There is a list by the gym for each team where students can sign up. We are gauging interest at this point. Coaches are in the process of being hired and schedules being built.

What BJHS has for winter sports:

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.

Basketball teams will have 10-14 players per team. There will be tryouts.

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. FMI see the Rec Department website.

Cheering will be offered this winter. Details coming in late November; the season begins in December.

Wrestling will not be offered this winter.

If there is significant interest in basketball, we are hoping to offer an intramural program for students not on one of our teams.

Tryouts for the basketball teams will be between November 11 and 14. The tryout schedule will be posted on the athletics homepage on November 6th. Each team will have two evaluation sessions. Students are expected to be at both tryout sessions.

Students who do not make the school team are encouraged to participate in the junior high rec basketball program. FMI see the Rec Department website.

Ice Hockey is not school sponsored. For more information: Please visit the website brunswickhockey.org.

A Brunswick Parks and Rec Indoor Track program for youth ages 5 to 15 (upper ages 11-15 M/W nights) is being offered. FMI see the Rec Department website.

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, but a separate statement of health from the doctor works. This form needs to be completed annually. You can obtain athletic forms on the athletics webpage or at the main office. If your child played a fall sport for BJHS, he/she is all set. *Students need to have the correct paperwork on file before trying out.*

Ordering a Yearbook is easy! Click on the link that is connected to this icon on the BJHS homepage.



The yearbook is now \$29.



BJHS now has a food pantry! Please encourage your child to visit the guidance office and choose some non-perishable food items to bring home. Parents/Caregivers may also stop by as well.

Take a *Culinary World Tour!*

Travel around the world while visiting the Brunswick Junior High School cafeteria during the month of November. Inspired by recipes from the BJHS library, The Food Service staff will prepare and serve internationally inspired foods from around the globe.

Brunswick Junior High students and staff may have fun exploring recipes and flavors from other countries: Africa, the Mediterranean, and the Americas. All of the ingredients are easy to find and the recipes are quite simple.

One of the best ways to learn about healthy, nutritious foods is preparing them yourself. Healthy eating is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. If you would like to prepare any of the featured dishes at home for yourself and your family, look for the descriptive labels in the cafeteria. The BJHS library has information and recipes available. Visit the library today and begin your around the world culinary journey.

