



Brunswick High Newsletter January 2016

School Calendar

Date	Event
Monday, January 25	Second Semester and Term 3 Begin
Monday, February 15	School Closed – President’s Day
Tuesday, February 16	School Closed for Students – Teacher Work Day
Friday, February 26	Mid-Term; 2-hour Early Dismissal for Students

Dates and times are subject to change

From the Desk of Principal Doll

It’s hard to believe we are halfway through the school year! Next week, January 25-29, students will be selecting their classes for next school year. It is VERY IMPORTANT that students choose wisely as the student counts per class determine our master schedule for the new school year. I encourage students to CHALLENGE themselves so they can get the most out of their high school education.

Remember the words of Robert Fulghum in his writing, “These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten):

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first worked you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”

Please remind your children that we want them to show respect for themselves, respect for others and respect for their surroundings. Our expectations are reasonable:

- Come to school on time, attend classes on time, leave on time
- Focus on learning while in class. It is not a time for sleeping.
- Give your best every day.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Be kind. Use appropriate language and do not make fun of others.
- Use electronic devices appropriately.
- Clean up after yourself. This applies to the classroom, lunch room and all other areas of the building.
- Greet one another and say please and thank you.

I wish all students a successful Semester 2.

Sincerely,
Principal Doll

Guidance Office News

GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER: FCPS provides scholarship information as a resource only and does not endorse any sponsor of any particular scholarship program.

Counselors are starting to meet with Juniors regarding a new web-based program called NAVIANCE. Naviance is a web-based resource for staff, students, and parents that encourages and supports post high school career and college planning. Family Connection is the student's side of the system and is linked with Naviance Succeed, the counselor's system.

How can it be used?

- Career Planning: Learning Style Inventory, Interest Inventory, Personality Inventory, Resume Building
- College Planning: College Search, Application Process, College Major Exploration, Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources
- Success Planning: Personalized Goals and Tasks, Journal Entries, Student Planner, Shared Documents.

Go to the following website: <http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>

- Username: Student ID #
- Password: Student ID#

Counselors will meet with every student, by the end of the year, to review graduation credits and a Naviance lesson. Parents have log in registration codes as well. If you do not have your registration code, please contact Jill Wilton in the school counseling office for your log in information. Counselors have held two parent information sessions on Naviance and will hold two more meetings this year.

February 26th at 1pm in the Media Center

April 8th at 8am in computer lab 206

Common Applications: Many colleges/universities allow students to apply with a "Common Application" (not all do – please check). If you are interested in using this application, you will need to apply on line at the following address: www.commonapp.org.

Selective Service: A reminder that under federal law, virtually all men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Students can register on-line at www.sss.gov

U.S. Service Academy: All the U.S. Service Academies (except the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy) offer a free college education. Complete nomination packets are due by November 6. Applications for a nomination are available at www.cardin.senate.gov

Work Permits: There are new directions for minors (ages 14-17) wishing to get a work permit.

1) Complete the on-line application: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/childworkpermit/>. 2) Print the work permit. 3) Get the work permit signed by the minor (student), parent or legal guardian and employer (work permits are only valid when signed by all parties)

During the 2014 session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 467 that modified the requirements that must be met before a minor work permit can be issued. The change requires the minor's parent or guardian to certify that the age on the minor work permit is correct rather than producing proof of age to an issuing officer. This change allows the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to grant applicants the ability to download and print a work permit directly from the application website. The new system began July 29. Minors are no longer required to obtain their work permit from an issuing officer.

AP Exam Registration is underway. First semester AP course students have already received their AP Exam Bulletin and Registration form. Completed registration forms and fees are due to Mrs. Wilton in the Counseling Office by March 4th, 2016. The fee for AP Exams is \$92.00 per exam, cash or check made payable to BHS. You can also pay online via <http://www.fcps.org/School-Cash-Online.cfm>.

Attention Parents: If you have moved, please remember to bring in proof of residency, change of address and telephone number to the Counseling Office. Proof of residency includes: utility bill (electric, water, etc. – EXCLUDING PHONE BILL), mortgage statement or lease agreement.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid: Every college offers a variety of financial aid – awards may be scholarships (either need-based or merit), Grants, Loans and Work Study Jobs. Colleges will not make financial aid awards until students are first admitted to college. Therefore, students should apply for admission and check with the financial aid office, as well as the department of your subject matter for financial aid opportunities. All students and their parents can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) any time after January 1 of their senior year and submit the application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Also, check with each college and fill out any college financial aid applications that are required.

PSAT RESULTS: PSAT test results were made available to students in early January. School Counselors will hand out score reports and PSAT test books around the first week in February.

Course Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year: From January 25th-27th, Railroader Connections teachers will be showing a video PowerPoint presentation to all students regarding the registration process for next year. This PowerPoint presentation will also be on the BHS website for parents and students to view. Registration forms are due back to school by Friday, February 5th with a parent signature. After viewing the online presentation, if you still have questions regarding the presentation, graduation requirements, special programs etc. please contact your student's school counselor.

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Dual Enrollment: Juniors (and parents of juniors) interested in taking an FCC Class for Dual Enrollment next year at Brunswick High School should attend an information session on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm in the BHS Media Center.

Rising 9th Grade Registration Presentation: On Wednesday, January 27th, BHS School Counselors will

discuss graduation requirements and the registration process for rising 9th grade students. The presentation will be held in the BHS auditorium and will begin at 7pm. School Counselors will go to Brunswick Middle School for a presentation on the registration process on Friday, January 29th. (Snow date is February 2nd).

JUNIORS and Parents of Juniors: Mark your calendars!! On Wednesday, March 9th BHS will hold a College Night. There will be representatives at BHS to discuss the SAT exam and SAT prep, Financial Aid (and how to pay for college) as well as representatives from colleges like Frostburg State University, Salisbury University, Hood College, Towson and more.

Juniors: Spring Break is a great time to plan a visit to any colleges you might be interested in attending. Many colleges hold open houses in the spring.

SENIORS: Please check Naviance for Scholarship opportunities. Scholarships are being updated weekly on Naviance now and will be updated daily when the popular local scholarships start arriving. Don't miss out on an opportunity! Check Naviance daily!

Community Foundation Scholarships: The application for the Community Foundation Scholarships will be released on March 30^h. The deadline to apply will be April 30th. Apply at: www.cffredco.org. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm in the BHS Media Center.

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors: Please be on the lookout for great summer opportunities. Check out our website for internship opportunities, summer jobs and volunteer information.

SAT/ACT Information:

School Counselors have been meeting with juniors and will continue to meet with juniors until February. Four-year college bound juniors are encouraged to take at least two college admissions tests (SAT or ACT) before the summer.

** Be aware that the Redesigned SAT will be administered starting in March. The Kahn Academy is a great tool to use for SAT prep. There are also great prep courses. See your counselor for details.

** ACT prep books are available in the counseling office.

Go to www.collegeboard.com to register. Fee reduction forms are available from your School Counselor for students who qualify.

SAT/ACT – Testing dates and registration deadlines can be found at www.sat.org/register and www.actstudent.org.

The following are also good for college prep tests:

satpractice.org

www.actstudent.org/testprep

www.princetonreview.com

www.Number2.com

College Exam Preparation Service: The Frederick County Virtual School (FCVS) will provide access to a comprehensive online College Exam Preparation (CEP) website for a nominal fee. This service can be accessed by current FCPSA high School Students. FCVS staff will provide assistance for technical issues. Go to: <https://education.fcps.org/flex/cep>.

Bell Tutoring is available after school – It is held from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Late bus transportation is available.

The following are BELL TUTORING DATES:

February: 9,10, 17,23,24

March: 8,9,15,16,29,30

April: 6,19,20,27

May: 3,4,10,11,24,25,31

June: 1

Parent Volunteers: Please remember to continue tracking your volunteer hours. Volunteer hours can be hours you actually spend at school or school events volunteering (concessions, etc.) as well as time spent attending meetings (PTA, Boosters, etc.) making phone calls, baking, etc.) Please turn in your volunteer hours for the year (May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016) to Jill Wilton in the Counseling Office by Friday, April 29, 2016. You can also email your hours to jill.wilton@fcps.org.

BULLYING: We care. FCPS has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying and harassment. Please let a school official know if you or someone you know is having any problems. School counselors meet with every freshman, every year, and review the bullying/harassment policy. There will also be a school-wide presentation during Railroader connections in the next few weeks.

We have several resources available to stop bullying:

- [Reporting Form \(online\)](#)
- [Reporting Form \(print\)](#)
- [Reporting Form \(video overview\)](#)
- [Stop Bullying](#)

English Department News

Enrichment. Collaboration. Individualization. Research. Open or “Flip” Classroom. All these terms apply to FCPS’s route to a “paperless classroom.” Lindsay Chavez, Becky Hunter, and Jenn Reynolds are three English teachers who are in the forefront of this “paperless” movement.

Lindsay Chavez finds Google Classroom especially effective with her language instruction. The students play “Kahoot,” a learning game that improves their vocabulary.

Becky Hunter focuses on individualizing instruction. Students can create their own prompts or projects, research on line with their own personal interests in mind, and develop a product. Google Classroom helps absent students keep up because they can access the work/assignments for days they have to miss school.

When asked about this approach, Jenn uses Google Drive and Google Classroom to give-and-receive assignments and to provide specific “feedback” to students on their composition work or any assigned task. She encourages her students to create and share a variety of documents for peer evaluation and collaboration.

Math Department News

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is almost here! The BHS Mathematics Department is excited to offer a new class for the fall: Intermediate Transitional Algebra. This one-semester course is designed to help students transition from Geometry merit to Algebra 2 merit. Students who completed Yearlong Algebra are encouraged to enroll in Intermediate Algebra after Geometry but before Algebra 2. Students are reminded that they must complete 4 credits in math in order to graduate from an FCPS high school. Also, current freshmen

and sophomores are required to take a math course each year during their high school career. Please talk with a math teacher or a guidance counselor to decide which class is best for you. Possible course selections are listed below based on a student's current Semester 2 math class.

Current Semester 2 Class	Suggested 2016-2017 Class(es)
Algebra 1B	Geometry Merit Intermediate Algebra *
Algebra 1 (18 Week)	Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors *
Geometry Merit	Intermediate Algebra Algebra 2 Merit *
Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors Pre-Calculus Honors *
Algebra 2 Merit	Advanced Algebra (and/or) Statistics & Probability
Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus Honors (and/or) Statistics & Probability
Pre-Calculus	Calculus 1A & Calculus 1B (and/or) Statistics & Probability
Statistics & Probability	AP Statistics (Spring)
Calculus 1B	Calculus 2 (Spring) (and/or) Statistics & Probability

* Suggested spring semester course if student is taking two math courses in one year

Science Department News

The science department is offering two new courses for next year and our theme is earth and space science! A new course, Physics of Earth and Space will replace Intro to Chemistry and Physics for our merit and honors ninth graders. Course topics will span formation of the universe, formation of stars, momentum, conservation of energy, speed, motion, gravity, waves, electromagnetic spectrum, plate tectonics, Earth's interior, Newton's laws, magnetism, thermodynamics, human impact/biodiversity, water and carbon, as well as weather and climate.

For upper level student who have completed two lab sciences, a new course offering will be Climate Oceans Weather Space Science. The course is designed to answer four guiding questions in earth and space science: 1) How do we know the age of the universe? 2) How do we know the earth is changing? 3) How do we know the age of the earth? 4) How do we determine the past, present and future climates of the earth? Students will answer these questions through a variety of projects, presentations and laboratory experiences.

With these new classes and this year's addition of Forensic Science, BHS students will have some very exciting choices to make for their science classes!

News from the Social Studies Department

BHS Students Attend Model United Nations

On Saturday, January 9, five Brunswick High School students participated in the Frederick County Model United Nations simulation. The Model U.N. is a challenging academic endeavor which tasks students with researching how a modern issue is impacting the country of their choice. Students write a position paper that outlines the response that leaders of their chosen country might have about the issue. The papers are submitted and evaluated for their effectiveness. On the day of the simulation the students meet at Hood College and participate in the simulation which challenges them to represent their country and advocate that the United Nations act in a way which will benefit them. Many skills are learned by students who participate in the Model U.N. ranging from debate and public speaking to research and analytical thinking. Students who are interested

in participating in future Model U.N. simulations should see Mr. Skena in room 220.

BHS Social Studies to Offer New Courses

The social studies department at BHS is offering two new courses for the 2016-2017 school year. The first of these courses, Media Literacy in the Information Age, will task students with analyzing the important and ever-changing role that media has on our lives. Students will learn how to evaluate media and to become active consumers of media. This course is very relevant to the world that today's students live in and promises to be an exploration into the real world. The second new course, Law and Society, explores and examines controversial issues that exist in our society and justice system. Students will be given the opportunity to express their opinions and viewpoints on societal issues and will learn to think critically about the world they live in.

In addition to our new courses we will continue to offer other popular electives, including Philosophy of Knowledge and World War II. Lastly, we will again offer four Advanced Placement courses to challenge the dedicated learner; AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP World History and AP United States History.

Career & Technology Department News

Family and Consumer Science

Parenting class offered:

A Parenting class will be offered this semester. Students will be required to bring home a simulated baby on a scheduled weekend. Students enrolled in the class will have the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for healthy relationships, decisions to be a parent or not, reproduction, the birth process, birth defects, infant development, and care of young children.

Preschool:

The Brunswick High School Preschool is scheduled to begin February 22 and end May 19. A graduation/potluck dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 20. Preschool parents and their families are invited to attend and bring a covered dish. Chicken and dinner rolls will be provided. Further details will be provided to preschool parents.

Students of the month for Child Development: Sydney Yablon, Independent Living: LeAnn Bartholomew, and Cultures and Cuisines: Eno Baffoe. These students exhibited an enthusiasm for learning, working well with their assigned groups and displayed kindness and generosity.

Transition Education

Meritorious Service Learning

Did you help somebody out this fall? Provide a service for free? Do you volunteer in your community? Then please fill out the Meritorious Service Learning form to get credit for your volunteer service. Forms are available from the transition office (room 113) or you may download them from Mr. Beavan's webpage on the BHS website. Please have the forms completed with the appropriate signatures and return to the transition office ASAP. You may apply for recognition for any volunteer service you have done since you began high school.

For more information please contact Mr. Beavan in room 113 or 240-236-8555, or Robert.beavan@fcps.org.

Agricultural Science

Students in the Horticulture class were very busy this holiday season. Students grew a large crop of Poinsettias in the BHS greenhouse and created many Thanksgiving flower arrangements.

FFA members participated in this year's BHS Santa's Workshop. The students made corsages and candle cane

reindeers for the many children that participated in the event. It was a fun and exciting evening. The FFA members would like to thank everyone who purchased citrus product from them.

Explore Your World!

The Agriscience Department is encouraging all BHS students to “check out” the following classes being offered next year:

Pre-Veterinary / Small Animals: This course provides students with basic knowledge and skills to care for small animals. Students will have an in-depth look at a range of small animals which include dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, fish, reptiles, birds, guinea pigs, chincillas and ferrets.

Horse Care Management: Areas studied include careers, anatomy, breeds, reproduction, feeding, diseases, stable planning, safety, equipment and judging.

Horticulture: Students raise plants for themselves and for sale in the school’s greenhouse. Students will learn how to make corsages, boutonnieres, and various floral arrangements.

From the Yearbook

The 2016 yearbook is just about completed and is heading to the plant in Kansas for printing. There is still time to pre order a copy on line. Simply go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter our job #5848. As always, any questions please contact Mrs. Tucker at 240-236-8656 or donna.tucker@fcps.org

Interested in working on next year’s book? Sign up for publications and learn everything from layout design to photography, journalism to sports coverage, and everything in between!

Art Department News

It’s time to start registering for next year. Every student is required to have at least one art credit to graduate. There are many different areas within the arts to choose from including the visual arts. Within this area Brunswick offers a wide variety of art forms to try. From traditional drawing, painting, and ceramics to digital classes such as computer graphics and photography there is something for everyone. Art classes are a chance to find and develop your creative voice as well as creative problem solving skills. So as your looking at electives think about the arts. You don’t have to stop at just one!

From the World of World Languages

World Languages....Did You Know?

Did you know Frederick County has the largest Latin program in Maryland? Did you know that the average SAT score increased by 100 points after a student took just 2 years of Latin? Did you know that many colleges are now requiring 3+ years of a foreign language? Did you know Spanish is the country’s fastest growing language? Did you know many professions such as police officers and firefighters can earn more money simply by being proficient in Spanish? World Languages provide so many opportunities to our students.

With registration right around the corner, consider taking or continuing the study of Spanish (Level IAP), Latin (Level IAP) or both!

Study Tip from the Special Education Department

As the start of the second semester is upon us, we want to take the time to encourage students to re-organize, get organized and stay organized. A large amount of school-related stress can be lifted off of students that take the time to keep their materials organized. Getting organized can be a tedious task, but it will be well worth it in the end. We’ve given you a few tips to get started!

- Keep an agenda or assignment calendar.
- Have a separate divider / notebook for each class.
- Take 5 minutes each afternoon to “file” away your papers.
- Plan ahead, prioritize and use “To Do Lists”. (Google Keep is a free app for making lists.)
- Utilize your time wisely in Railroader Connections, and ask for help!

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