



Brunswick High Newsletter October 2015

School Calendar

Date	Event
Monday - Thursday 10/12-15	SPIRIT WEEK! Monday - Decade Day Tuesday - USA Day Wednesday - Garnet & Gold Day Thursday - Class Color Day (Seniors wear blue, Juniors wear green, Sophomores wear Red and Freshman wear yellow) Help your class win most spirited!
Wednesday 10/14	PSAT
Thursday 10/15	2-Hour Early Dismissal
Friday 10/16	School Closed – Teacher Work Day Homecoming Football Game
Saturday 10/17	Homecoming Dance
Saturday 10/24	ACT
Thursday 10/29	End of Term 1
Friday 10/30	School Closed – Teacher Work Day
Monday 11/2	Term 2 Begins
Thursday 11/12	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday - Friday 11/25-27	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed

Dates and times are subject to change

From the Desk of Principal Doll

Welcome to October!

October is a busy month! Next week is Homecoming/Spirit Week and students always look forward to the daily themes.

We also have the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14. We have 167 students taking the test. October 15 is a 2-

hour early dismissal for teachers' work session and student are not in attendance on October 16 as teachers engage in professional learning.

The end of the term, October 29, is quickly approaching. I hope by now you have been on the Home Access Center to view your child's grades. Students have been reminded to access them during their Railroader Connections time.

Speaking of Railroader Connections—most students are using the study time wisely. Students are attending tutoring sessions, completing homework, studying, assisting peers and reading. Continue to encourage your children to take advantage of that time. Also, remember that BELL tutoring is held on most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00. These are two major opportunities for students to have access to teachers to receive instruction and assistance.

The Maryland State of Department Education sets the bar of Excellence in the area of attendance at 96% for all schools. Our attendance by grade from August 24-September 30 was:

9th 96.15%

10th 95.91%

11th 95.86%

12th 95.44%

Attention Student Drivers and Car Riders: Thank you for watching out for one another! There are no easy solutions except patience. Thank you, car riders, for getting out 4-5 cars at a time. It speeds up the traffic flow. I encourage everyone to try to arrive a few minutes early so we do not have the 7:26-7:28 rush.

Let's continue to make this a good year!

Guidance Office News

- **DISCLAIMER:** FCPS provides scholarship information as a resource only and does not endorse or sponsor any particular scholarship program.
- **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 online 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 5. Applications for a nomination are available at www.cardin.senate.gov.
- **FCPS Students:** New law will benefit students and lower their share of college tuition. The law requires public school systems to work jointly with public institutions of higher education including local community colleges on dual-enrollment programs that offer reduced tuition. FCPS is working with Frederick Community College to that end. FCPS urges all students who are dually enrolled or who want to pursue dual enrollment in the future to visit their high school's counseling office for a College and Career Readiness Public Institution of Higher Education (PIHE) Dual Enrollment Application Form that reflects changes in the law. High school counselors have additional information.
- **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 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.
- **How to Pay for College Night** at Brunswick High School – November 18 at 7pm in the BHS Media Center. Brenda Dayhoff, Executive Director of Financial Aid at Frederick Community College will

present important information about how to pay for college to both students and parents.

- **NAVIANCE**
 - Seniors should check Naviance regularly for new scholarships and check the BHS Website for upcoming College Open Houses and College Fairs.
 - Juniors & Seniors should click on the “College Visits” tab to sign-up to meet with representatives from colleges/universities.
 - To login to Naviance: Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>
 - Username field: Enter your Student ID number
 - Password field: Enter your Student ID number
- **Seniors:** Counselors have met with all seniors regarding graduation credits and their post-secondary plans. Senior meetings were held in the auditorium. There was a 4-year college bound meeting (for which the presentation can be found on our website at <http://education.fcps.org/bhs/node/370>); a 2-year college bound meeting and a meeting for students interested in entering the military. Students were given specific instruction with how to log into Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>) and how to sign-up for College Visits and explore scholarships on Naviance. Students were also provided with information on how to apply to colleges/universities via the Naviance web-based program.
- **Parents:** Your login information for Naviance was emailed to you in early September. Should you need any assistance, please contact the Counseling Office at 240-236-8619.
- **SAT/ACT** – Testing dates and registration deadlines can be found at www.sat.org/register and www.actstudent.org.
- **The redesigned SAT** will be offered starting in March 2016. Please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yvz61GD0ej0> for information.
- **Practice for the redesigned SAT’s** visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.
- **College Fairs and Open Houses** information can be found on the BHS website at http://education.fcps.org/bhs/sites/bhs.sites.fcps.org/files/guidance/Upcoming%20College%20Open%20Houses%20and%20College%20Fairs_3.docx

News from the Art Department

Ceramics 1 is learning to create coil pots.

Art 1 is learning to draw organic and geometric shapes using one point perspective.

Ceramics 1 students that have NOT paid their \$40 materials fee are reminded to do so immediately!

Yearbook News

The 2016 yearbook staff is busy. We have our theme picked and layout designs started. We are currently taking preorders at the discounted price of \$65 until November 1st. To order on line simply go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter our job #5848. Senior baby ad information is available at our school web site and was also mail home. New this year is the option of designing and order right on line. There is a discount if you chose this option because you will be the one designing! Full directions will be included on the site. The deadline for these is October 23rd.

As always, any questions please contact Mrs. Tucker at 240-236-8656 or donna.tucker@fcps.org

From the World of World Languages

The World Language Department has been using peer tutoring during the newly added Roader Connection time,

pairing up strong upper level students with struggling lower level students. The students are helping each other, engaged and learning together!

This month's Shining Superhero is Sarah Buckley. Sarah has spent countless hours tutoring Spanish I students and has really helped students learn to love Spanish! What a great role model and asset to the World Language Department.

This month's Rising Superhero is Haileigh Webb. Haileigh has worked very hard to improve her Spanish and it is paying off! Bravo Haileigh!

English/Drama Department News

It's that time of year again - time for poetry! Brunswick High School is thrilled to participate in Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud is a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. Brunswick has been a part of the competition for four years, sending winning participants as far as the regional finals! This year we hope to see a Railroader again take the stage in Cumberland and go on to represent our school at the state level. Join us in the Brunswick High School auditorium on Friday, November 13th for an evening of moving and humorous poetry recitation!

Math Department News

This school year there is a change to the county-wide course assessment for the three main math courses. Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 are no longer giving an end of course CRES assessment. Instead, the CRES has been broken up and revised to create two exams called Benchmarks. The Benchmarks will be given 1/3 of the way through the course and 2/3 of the way through the course. The through course exam model allows time for students to relearn and teachers to reteach material that students did not grasp as evidenced on the Benchmark exams. The format of the Benchmarks is similar to that of the CRES; question types include selected response, student-produced response, and free response. Two formative practice benchmarks are available for teachers to use with students to prepare for each Benchmark. The Benchmarks will be given mid-October and mid-December in the fall Semester.

News from the Science Department

The science department would like to promote the county organization, WISE- Women In Science and Engineering. Meetings will be held at the Earth Space Science Lab (210 Madison Street, Frederick, MD). WISE meets once a month and is open to all female high school students across the county. Meetings run from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM and feature a female STEM professional as a guest speaker each month. WISE encourages the young women of FCPS to consider pursuing careers in science and engineering. For more information please visit <http://education.fcps.org/sciencesec/node/11> or ask your science teacher. Past BHS participants have had great experiences with this organization.

Social Studies Department News

The Civics and Law Academy will be held at Oakdale High School on November 14, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Civics and Law Academy is a free opportunity for Frederick County Public Schools students to engage with local attorneys and judges in learning about the law and society through a program specifically designed for high school students. Interested students should see register at <http://www.frederickbar.org/> or see Mr. Skena in room 220.

Note Taking Tips from the Special Education Department

Big Rules for Great Notes

No one can remember everything they read or heard during a class. That's why you need to take notes. Taking good notes will help you remember what you read and boost what you learned. Good notes can also serve as a study guide.

Here are a couple of basic rules for taking notes:

1. Keep your notes short. If you write too much, you'll be right back where you started—trying to separate essential from nonessential information. Try these methods:
 - a. Write sentence fragments instead of complete sentences when taking notes.
 - b. Use abbreviations to save space and time. For example:
 - + or & = and
 - b/c = because
 - w/ = with
 - c. Use sketches, charts, and lists to separate the important facts from the small details.
2. Check and double-check your notes after class—preferably on the same day. Make sure that you have spelled all names correctly. This will help to reinforce the information and give you the opportunity to fix any errors while the content is still “fresh in your mind.”

*Adapted from Test-Taking Strategies & Study Skills for the Utterly Confused by Laurie Rozakis, Ph.D.

Student Government Update

Tuesday, October 13: Blood Drive (8:30 – 2:00 in the old gym)

Homecoming Week:

Monday, October 12: Decade Day

Tuesday, October 13: USA Day (Red, White & Blue)

Wednesday, October 14: Garnet & Gold Day

Thursday, October 15: Class Color Day (12th-blue, 11th-green, 10th-red, 9th-yellow, staff-tie dye)

Pep Rally during fourth period (11:30 – 12:15)

Powder Puff Game (1:00)

Friday, October 16: Homecoming Game

Saturday, October 17: Homecoming Dance (8:00 – 11:00 pm – If you are interested in chaperoning, contact Heather McCabe)

NHS News

On November 9, 2015 at 7:15 P.M., the Brunswick High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold their annual induction ceremony. Eligible students will join the forty five current members of the Brunswick High Chapter.

“B” Award

On November 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M., BHS will hold the "B" award ceremony, a tradition at Brunswick High School for more than 90 years. The awards are presented to students in grades 9 through 12 who have demonstrated excellence in all phases of student life during the entire school year.

Brunswick Community Show

The 36th Annual Brunswick Community Show sponsored by the BHS FFA Chapter and FFA Alumni was held on October 7 & 8. Many students from the BHS Career & Technology and Art Department placed various projects in the show. Students from the Art classes placed drawings and photographs in the show. The Cultures & Crusines class baked cakes and fudge to enter into the show. The Horticulture, Pre-Vet and Power Technology classes created safety posters to enter. The Horticulture class also created corsages, flower arrangements and bud vases for the show. The Learning for Life class made soap, Tie Dye shirts and posters for the show. The show is a great opportunity for the students to display skills they have learned in class.

Aside from the exhibits, the FFA Alumni held a cake auction to benefit their college scholarship for FFA Chapter senior members. This year's auction raised over \$8600. This is the highest total in the history of the show. This year's FFA Ambassador was BHS junior Claire Edwards.

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