

Hall's Corner

Special Closure Edition #12

JUNE 5, 2020

**The school year will officially end
for students on June 17th.**

**Locker Clean Out/Textbook Return
& Tablet Device Return Details Below.**

June 8 – June 11th

NEW UPDATES!

Dear Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

This past week, counselors, administrators, and teachers joined Black Student Union (BSU) members for a ZOOM community circle on Wednesday night and we met with our BHS Culture Climate Leadership Team (CCLT) on Thursday night for another community circle. CCLT consists of student leaders from our class councils, BSU, Muslim Student Association, Jewish Student Union, Friends of Rachel (FOR), Teen Institute, (TI), International Club, Asian Student Association (ASA), Best Buddies, Mosaic Club, PTSA representatives, and various faculty members, counselors, and administrators. This is what we sent to BSU leadership and members of CCLT:

First, we miss you all and we hope you and your families are healthy and safe! I miss the energy we had and we wish to get us going again. If COVID-19 was not enough to stress us out, with massive school closures, worrying about health concerns with our family and friends, and not knowing when life will get back to normal, we are faced now once again with the brutal death of a black man, George Floyd, at the hands of police, from what appears to be over a report of him using a \$20 counterfeit bill. That is why the police were called, \$20, and he ended up dying.

We have also been confronted this summer with the killing of Ahmaud Arbery who was out JOGGING. He was determined to be a threat by white vigilantes living in the neighborhood who decided it was their right to confront, attack, and ultimately kill him in the street. In addition, a dog walker, who was asked by an African American bird watcher to put her dog on a leash in a park in NYC, refused, and then called the police on the man falsely telling the police that she feared for her life and her dog's life. This is all so painful!

As noted in Dr. McGowan's e-mail to the Brighton Community (June 2nd), we want you to all know that we are here for you and want to be there for all of you, your diverse clubs/activities/service clubs, student body, and for ALL of the students of BHS. I think you know that I have the utmost respect for the members of CCLT and value the leadership you provide to your individual groups.

If we had not been closed on March 16th, CCLT was on its way to doing some incredible work with diversity, racial/financial equity concerns, and confronting issues of student mental/physical health and overall well-being based on all of the student survey data we had been reviewing and initiatives/goals we were developing.

BSU members came together Wednesday night and members of CCLT on Thursday night. Our agenda was simple; do a general check in with our students and let them speak, share their thoughts, share their emotions, and share their feelings. We then let members connect with one another's thoughts and feelings, and ended with a brainstorm about where we go from here, at least at BHS. Students and adults felt it was important to have a wider discussion and opportunity for ALL interested BHS students/staff members to participate via ZOOM at a future date. More to come as we start to plan!

Here are some resources for your review:

Talking to students about protests and racism

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/01/health/protests-racism-talk-to-children-wellness/index.html> Offers developmentally appropriate suggestions for helping children deal with violence that is a result of racism.

Talking to students about race and violence

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/31/how-talk-kids-racism-racial-violence-police-brutality/5288065002/> Interview with a leading children's psychologist and author on how to talk to your children about these topics.

Talking to Kids About Fear and Violence (Mental Health America)

<https://mhanational.org/talking-kids-about-fear-and-violence>

LOCKER CLEANOUT DATES HAVE CHANGED!

Due to recent changes we made regarding our senior activities and graduation events, our LOCKER CLEAN OUT & LIBRARY BOOKS & TEXTBOOK/LAPTOP RETURN dates have changes slightly for our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. Please see complete updates and details below. **FULL DETAILS ON PROTOCOLS TO FOLLOW ARE BELOW!**

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T, U, V	1:00 PM
W, X, Y, Z	1:30 PM
Make-Up Time	2:00 - 3:00 PM

And... if you need something to watch, other than COVID-19 updates and information, please take a look at the following...

- **2019-2020 BHS Student Awards Ceremony**
Congratulations to all of our 2019-2020 student award winners! YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!
○ <https://youtu.be/ntwxVnhN3sE>
- **WEEKLY COUNSELING NEWSLETTER – SO MUCH GREAT INFORMATION!**
○ <https://www.smore.com/v4r9a>
- **T. Hall at HOME Video of the Week of June 1, 2020**
○ <https://youtu.be/8xh8fuMjPuE>
- **BHS Then and Now:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iA3i9UcOAw&t=46s>
- **BCSD Staff Then and Now:** <https://youtu.be/XTqAMMWO39s>
- **BHS College Decision Day:** https://youtu.be/e8uu_flklsk

Future Grade Level & PTSA Town Hall with T. Hall ZOOM Meetings!

ZOOM LINKS will come out as the dates get closer.

12th Grade Students – 6/8 at 4:00 PM

BHS Faculty Meeting – 6/9 – 2:30 PM

11th Grade Students – 6/9 at 4:00 PM

10th Grade Students – 6/10 at 4:00 PM

PTSA – 6/10 7:00 PM

9th Grade Students – 6/11 at 4:00 PM

As I noted since week one, *remember, your family's health and well-being are your number one priority right now during this stressful time. If your child cannot complete the schoolwork being assigned or is not able to complete it due to a variety of factors, that is OK. We will adjust and get through this. We have already worked with several families on this very issue. You are not alone! Just contact your child's teachers, counselor, or me!*

Thank you!

T. Hall

Topics in this Week's Hall's Corner

Students in the News – Essential Workers, AWARDS and Special Book Drive! YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!

Counseling Newsletter

Updated Locker Clean Up Schedule – NEXT WEEK June 8th – June 12th NEW DETAILS!

Food Service Program – FRES NOW!

Emergency Health Information

Locker Clean Out and Textbook Return/Laptop Return Protocol

Attention Juniors – Writing Your College Essay Summer Program – Virtual! YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

STUDENTS SERVING AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS!

At BHS, we have many students serving as front line essential workers! Students are providing meals, medical/nursing/health care, and keeping our grocery stores open and stocked for the rest of us. **KUDOS TO ALL OF THEM! YOU MAKE BHS PROUD!**

Kiarrah James – Burger King Day Shift Leader

Lucas Mark – Dairy Queen

Nicole Arapov – Dunkin Donuts

Daisy Marvin - Dunkin Donuts

Do you have a BHS student who is serving as an ESSENTIAL WORKER (grocery stores, food service industry, medical/nursing/health care, hardware stores, etc.) during this pandemic?

We would like to recognize these students in upcoming Hall's Corners as part of Students in the News and THANK THEM for all that they are doing for the rest of us. **Send names and JOB TITLE to BHS secretary Denise McEvily at Denise_McEvily@bcasd.org.**

LIFESMARTS BHS TEAM – CHAMPIONS for 2019-2020

“The student team from Brighton High School was crowned New York LifeSmarts champions for 2019-20. LifeSmarts, a consumer education competition that challenges teens in grades 9-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities, is a program of the National Consumers League. **The winning team, coached by Mike Blake, consists of juniors Alex Dorsey, Elizabeth George, Gwyneth Palacios, Faith Stanley and Mattie Valinsky (captain).**”

<https://www.monroecopost.com/news/20200529/brighton-students-take-2020-lifesmarts-title>

Do you want to do something positive?

WriteRochester, a new youth-empowerment writing organization with members from multiple school districts, is planning a book drive! The books will be donated to Bright Red Bookshelf, a reading program that provides free gently used books to lower-income families. BRB's inventory is severely lacking due to COVID-19, so every book helps. The books we collect will be distributed to the community at several locations in Rochester, many of which are simultaneously giving out food to families in need.

The book drive will run from June 8 - June 22, 2020. Books can be dropped off at two student houses, 144 Southern Parkway and 936 Hillside Avenue. If you are unable to deliver to these locations, email writerochester@gmail.com and someone will come pick the books up from your house. WriteRochester is accepting any and all books, but especially children's books for the students who have been struggling to keep leaning while their schools are closed."

COUNSELING NEWS and NEWSLETTER

Click here for great information from the weekly newsletter!

- <https://www.smore.com/v4r9a>

UPDATED LOCKER CLEAN OUT SCHEDULE

Here is the final schedule for the school year along with dates for students to clean out their lockers, pick up PE locker materials, and return textbooks, library books, and other school supplies/calculators.

Due to changes made in the construction dates for an electrical shutdown at BHS, we need to move our locker clean-out dates up to the week of June 8 – June 11! **Due to this early clean out, yearbooks will not be available for pick up as they are not scheduled to arrive until the week of June 15th.** We will notify you when you can come to school to get your yearbooks.

Please see complete updates and details below.

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We are inviting students to school to clean-out their lockers and to return class books and library books according to the scheduled times and dates listed above.

Locker Clean Out/Textbook Drop Off Tablet Device Information

- June 8 – 11 depending upon grade level (SEE CHART ABOVE)
- **9th, 10th, 11th graders and TABLETS – Bring your tablets to school if you want...**
 - The Latest version of Windows with all the updates installed;
 - All software to be updated;
 - To have Office license errors be corrected;
 - To get Policy updates to better remotely manage tablets;
 - To Hit the ground running in the Fall with a fully updated tablet!

IMPORTANT – COVID-19 Concerns

If you cannot come in or do not wish to come in due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation/concerns, please e-mail Debora Kapp at Debora_Kapp@bcisd.org and we will pack up lockers for students and arrange for alternate pick up and return of textbooks, etc.

We want to make this a safe and easy process for students, so please follow these COVID-19 procedures:

- **Students must wear a mask** when entering the building and maintain proper social distancing;
- **Students must wash hands with hand sanitizer upon entry.**
- **Students MUST bring their own bag(s)** to collect items from lockers;
- **Families must wait outside** (a student may make multiple trips ONLY if needed);
- **Students MUST use DOOR #24 to enter the building**
 - **Wheelchair accessible entrance Door #20;**
- Security guards and administrators will be posted throughout the building to assist in moving students along.
- **Students should report to the GYM upon entering the building to**
 - **Drop off** textbooks, library books, calculators, etc.
- **Move quickly to GYM, return books, etc. in the GYM and then proceed to clean out lockers;**
- **LEAVE LOCKER DOORS OPEN/DO NOT CLOSE THEM** and leave the locks on the locker;
- **Walk directly back to the gym atrium and go to the GYM if you have new items from your locker to return (textbooks or school supplies);**
- **Pick up PE Locker bags** as you exit the building;
- **Pick up ARTWORK in the gym;**
- Hand sanitize before exiting.
- **Exit the building through the main entrance only near the GYM – DOOR #1.**

To minimize building traffic, it is very important to follow these procedures and this schedule; however, siblings may come at the same time and day. Each day has a make-up time for the specific grade level; however, only a small number of students will be allowed in the building at a time, so there could be a longer wait during make-up times.

Can't remember your locker number or combination? We will have properly attired staff on hand to supervise and to help with lock and locker problems.

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Do you need a breakfast and lunch for your students? **You can pick up lunches and breakfasts every day from 9-11 AM at FRES!** If transportation is an issue, please call us and we'll get food to you. [Details are available at this link.](#)

EMERGENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

If you have an urgent mental health concern for the safety of a student, please contact 911 or *Lifeline at 275-5151*. If you have other concerns about mental health and/or safety and are unsure about what to do, you can contact the **Safe Schools Helpline at 1-800-418-6423 ext. 359** or you may also submit a report through the Safe Schools website at www.safeschoolhelpline.com. This is up and running 24-7.

TECHNOLOGY HELPLINE

Do you have technology/internet/device questions?

Student/parent support at www.bcsd.org/help

All other inquiries call 585-242-5200 x5555

There are "how to" guides on our web site which parents can access through your building home page or the district page. There is also a link to a great parent resource guide...[A Parent's Guide to How to Set up Home Learning](#). If a student, for some reason needs Internet, our HS parking lot has wireless available; all they need to do is drive over, park, and they will be able to grab the signal from their device. They do NOT need to get out of their car or come into the building. **The building is CLOSED.**

We look forward to seeing out students and will be on hand to help!

ATTENTION JUNIORS – Writing your COLLEGE ESSAY!

Multiple one-week sessions offered, beginning the week of July 13th, Monday – Friday!

AM Session: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PM Session: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road South OR through Distance Learning on-line

Fee: \$89 (financial assistance is available!)

Soon, members of the Class of 2021 will begin their college search. The college application process, composing the college essay in particular, may be overwhelming. This summer enrichment class is designed to help students write the college essay, generate ideas for short answer questions and provide an overview of how to address the entire college application. Students will read and critique model essays, be provided with written feedback on work, have one to one conference time with the instructor and complete at least one full essay in five days.

Start the college application process by completing the most challenging part of the application this summer, the essay. This enrichment course has been designed for 2020-2021 seniors only. You do not have to attend BHS to register for this class!

Sign up at <https://brightonschools.revtrak.net>

Questions may be directed to Brighton Community Education at ce@bcsd.org or 585-242-5200 ext.5595.