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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Important Dates (mark your calendars)

January 10th- PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center

January 11th - Incoming 6th grade Parent Information Night, BBMS

January 30th- BBMS/HHS HCDrugFree Event- *Substance Use and Its Impact on Academic Achievement and Mental Health*, Howard High, 7 pm

[Urgent Message to the BBMS Community- please read a plea for help](#)

LOOKING FOR A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?

Why not get more involved at BBMS??

As we enter the second half of the school year, we look back at the success we have had, but also begin to look ahead to finish out this school year strong. We even begin to look ahead to begin the next school year even stronger. The PTA consist of all **VOLUNTEERS** who work to provide an enrichment to the learning that students receive at BBMS. We fund many educational programs but also provide a variety of programs to offer new experiences for our students to develop and grow. Every parent, every family, every student, every staff member plays a role in creating the **BEST** possible experience for our student's middle school years. Middle school is just 3 short years and parent involvement is crucial during this stage of development. At the end of this school year we have a **LARGE** turnover of Executive Officers as well as Committee Chairs. Many of them are 8th grade families who will be moving on to High School and some are at the term limit for their position.

What does this mean? As people transition from BBMS, we need to fill those chairs in order for the PTA to have the success that it has had and continue to become better and stronger.

This year, we will have a turnover of President, 1VP, 2VP, Treasurer, and PTACHC delegates.

The good news is that most of them will remain at BBMS and active in PTA to help those newbies who are coming in :) We will also have many open chair positions (8 committee chairs) to fill.

With this much turnover, what needs to happen??

We need people to start joining our forces NOW!! Not in the spring when it typically happens. Most importantly, we need an upcoming president and upcoming treasurer to start shadowing now to make the transition easier. If you are considering a position, please reach out to a PTA member and ask them about it. Meetings are less than 1 hour, 1x a month!! Our phenomenal administration is so supportive!! Some of the positions can be done without even setting foot in school! Just do your job and send your report for the meetings. We have something for everyone!!

What happens if we don't fill necessary positions? : (

Well... A LOT!! Many activities will NOT be able to happen....Dances, Reflections, Poetry Slam, Father's Being Involved, Stars, Staff Dinners, 8th Grade Shakespeare Experience, International Night, Class trips that the PTA supports, 8th grade transition events, spirit wear, Staff support, and special events just to name a few!!

The PTA can only be as strong as the involvement and support we receive. Thank you to those who have shown their support. We can't do it without you. For those looking to be more involved, make it your New Year's resolution. Reach out to Tonya Sigalas at president@bbmspta.org and see how you can play a part in making a difference today. Grab a friend and get involved together, that is always more fun!!

Here is to the second half of our school year!! Our community is so amazing!! Play a part in making it even better for all our students!!!

Thank you for your consideration!!

Tonya Sigalas

BBMS PTA President

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