BBMS News - End of Year Schedule

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News from BBMS

Hello BBMS Families – does it feel like we are nearing the end of the year?

It seems like yesterday that we were wondering about COVID and what the school closure would bring. Then during the closure, our nation was rocked by a "pandemic of racism" (Dr. Martirano and Chair Ellis). I cannot recall a more challenging time to be in school, but at the same time, I am optimistic that real change will occur. To that end, we have built in time for students to express their voice before they head off for the summer. We want to let our students know that we care about them and that we don't ever want them to feel unsafe, excluded, or mistreated - especially while they are BBMS Sharks.

Conversations Around Race and Racism for Students: Friday, June 19 and Monday, June 22 @ 10:45am – 12:15pm (*tentative).

As you may know, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is partnering with the Office of Student Access and Achievement, the Black Student Achievement Program, and the Restorative Justice Partnership to offer virtual check-ins for staff to share and process their feelings during these difficult times. To that end, the above-named offices and organization have developed a plan to offer similar check-ins for our students to assist those of you who may not be comfortable or who may be unable to engage students in these conversations themselves. We will offer these to students through a sign-up process (Google Form). Sign up today!

Office Hours: Friday, June 19 and Monday, June 22.

We heard from staff that due to the HCPSS lessons this week, there may not be enough time to celebrate the end of the year with students. We've designed the last three days of school to account for this so we can "finish strong" and appropriately close out classes, clubs, etc. All Google Meets on Friday and Monday will be voluntary for students, but we wanted to allow time for teachers and students to connect to say

farewell, etc. Students do not have to stay in the session the entire time to allow those in A/B day classes to see both teachers if they choose to.

Friday, June 19:

Period 1 Office Hours = 8-8:20

Period 2 Office Hours = 8:30-8:50

Period 3 Office Hours = 9:00-9:20

Period 4 Office Hours = 9:30-9:50

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Monday, June 22:

Period 5 Office Hours = 8-8:20

Period 6 Office Hours = 8:30-8:50

Period 7 Office Hours = 9:00-9:20

Clubs/Activity Groups = 9:30-9:50

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Tuesday, June 23:

*All teachers will send a Canvas message to students re: Talent Show link, Summer Reading Program, Q4 Make Up, etc.

- Talent Show Video
- 8th Grade Celebration = 10:00am 12:00pm

BBMS Sharks sure have GRIT!

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