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Dear BBMS Families,

Thank you for the great turnout for Back to School Night this week! It was great to see so many new and returning families to BBMS. We were excited so many Hispanic families joined us for the pre-welcome too. **What a great way to kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month!**

Many questions surfaced regarding how will students retain knowledge between semesters if they don't have classes all year long?

(Read below for ways to get help)

You wanted to know what supports would be offered through BBMS for students who are seeking to keep skills sharp and fresh. This email is the first of many to begin addressing that area. We have many ideas to address this; some are further along than others, however, and we continue to welcome your suggestions and ideas. As always, we will need your help to run some programs - so please consider how you might be able volunteer your time this year.

We thank you for wanting to see your students do their very best and we know that virtual learning will be harder on some students than others. So, please continue to communicate with us; send in questions, ask for advice, and become part of the solution. Together, our community has a wealth of knowledge and resources and we will be stronger for it. Please join the PTA and be that active member of your child's school. We need you!

Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley, Principal

PTA Membership: <https://www.bbmspta.org/become-a-member>

- **The PTA is also looking for parents who are bilingual in Spanish and English** to form a stronger connection for our families in this community. If you can be someone that other families can call when they have questions about school we would certainly appreciate it. Please email keiabenefield@gmail.com or andrew_cockley@hcpss.org if you can help with this group.
- **The PTA has partnered with a non-profit organization who will provide tutoring services for Bonnie Branch Middle School this year. All services will be free!** There will be a link that allows you to sign your child up in the next PTA eblast. Once you sign up you will receive a call or email and they will match a tutor that will meet your child's specific needs. You will be able to pick a day and time and a zoom link will be sent and your tutoring services will start! This information will be available to you on 23 September via PTA eblast or on the PTA website. They also tutor in all subjects to provide help in other areas you would like to address. They have over 4,000 tutors (elite high school students), who are interviewed to ensure they are getting the best students. More information will be in the PTA eblast. We hope this helps!

CLUBS: visit this link to see all of our clubs being offered virtually this fall:

- <http://bbms.hcpss.org/news/2020/09/exciting-virtual-after-school-programs>

GT Seminars: visit this link to see what instructional seminars are available for ALL students. Deadline to sign up is Sept 29!

- <http://bbms.hcpss.org/news/2020/09/gt-instructional-seminars>

BSAP SATURDAY MATH ACADEMY:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2020/09/bsap-saturday-math-academy-fall-2020-registration-september-12-2020/>

The Howard County Public School System's BSAP Saturday Math Academy (BSAP-SMA) has been in existence since 1992. The program was developed in collaboration with the HCPSS and parents as a response to requests for opportunities to network. The priority was to learn instructional mathematical strategies to support their children at home and to accelerate academic achievement.

Registration for the Fall 2020 BSAP Saturday Math Academy will be on September 26. [Click here](#) for more information, including registration information.

HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center: there is a tab for "Middle School Math" which break each course down by units. Inside you will find practice problems, solutions, and more. We will provide more detailed instructions soon, but for now, this is a great place to start if you want to practice those math skills. Click [HERE](#).

KHAN Academy: the Khan Academy has great courses set up to help prepare students for their next class in math. These are called "Get Ready For ____". Courses go from 3rd grade all the way to Pre-Calculus. Directions for enrolling in these classes can be found [HERE](#).

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