

BBMS News- 9/25/21

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This week students participated in the Fall MCAP testing. We are so proud of how well they persevered through testing Thursday and Friday. We will provide time for makeups this week for students who were unable to complete testing in English, math, and science (grade 6 only). Please be sure your students continue to bring their charged HCPSS Chromebooks to school for makeup testing as well as instructional uses. This coming week and into the week of October 3, our school will be conducting a Chromebook inventory. This is important for verification purposes. Thank you!

Car Rider Reminders: PLEASE follow directions of staff on outdoor duty. This is for the safety of all involved. We also ask that you refrain from dropping your student off in front of the school and along the street. This greatly increases the chance for accidents along Ilchester Road. Students should not exit their car until they reach the back of the school where it is safe and monitored by staff on duty. If your child is dropped off after 8:20, however, they should use the front entrance to sign in.

Heritage Speakers of Spanish: The Office of World Languages will be testing our heritage speakers of Spanish to establish high school placement, Friday, October 22. [Here is more information about the program.](#)

BSAP Saturday Math Academy: The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall session is approaching! This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer a virtual enrichment program for Howard County Public School Students in all levels of math for grades 3-12. Registration will take place online September 25 until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#). For more information, please visit:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/09/bsap-saturday-math-academy-virtual-fall-2021-program/>

[Flyer in English](#)

[Flyer in Spanish](#)

Picture Day is coming: Flyers will be going home with children this week. Our picture day is September 30.

Quarantine Support: If your child is required to quarantine, the following supports continue to be available:

- Students may access instructional materials via the teacher's Canvas page.
- In addition to accessing instructional resources from teachers' Canvas pages, students may participate in two weekly virtual check-ins with each teacher to ask questions or receive help on assignments. Please visit your child's teachers' Canvas pages for times and google meet codes if you would like to take advantage of these virtual check-ins.

Tik-Tok Challenges: As you may be aware, there are two challenges that have been going around on Tik-Tok encouraging students to either vandalize school restrooms or steal something from schools. This challenge involves removing soap dispensers, smearing soap over the floors and walls, clogging sinks, etc. Another challenge involves removing items from classrooms. We have had minimal impact at BBMS but do ask that you please have a conversation with your child about the negative impact of such behavior and social media influence. Thank you!

Important Resources: If you or someone you know has an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:

Grassroots Crisis Intervention at 410-531-6677

The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

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