

## BBMS News

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# Bonnie Branch Middle School

## September 9, 2019

Please visit the [BBMS Website](#) and [BBMS Calendar](#) for important information.

Bonnie Branch Middle School will host **Back to School Night next Thursday, September 12, 2019**. The evening is for parents only. While we love our students, this is an evening for parents to hear from their child's teacher about BBMS curriculum standards, learning expectations, and how to help your child build the strong foundation needed for high school.

Throughout the evening our 8th grade WEB leaders will help you find your way through the building.

Here is an overview of the evening:

- 5:30 – 6:00 - World Languages – TBD. This presentation is mainly for 6th grade parents who want to learn what options exist for World Languages in middle school. 7th and 8th grade parents are welcome to attend if you child is not already enrolled in a World Language course.
- 6:00 – 7:00 - Stop by our main office if you need help with HCPSS Connect & Family File (aka emergency card information)
- 6:00 – 6:30 - Gifted and Talented overview for 6th grade parents and any parents new to HCPSS and Bonnie Branch Middle School. (Cafeteria)
- 6:35 – 6:45 - PTA Meeting in the Cafeteria to approve the annual budget.
- 6:49 – 6:59 - ALL parents in SHARK TUTORIAL. Greetings and announcements.
- 7:02 – 8:30 - Parents: you need to know your SHARK TUTORIAL teacher and room number. Parents will follow their student's schedule and visit each class. Schedules will be available in your Shark Tutorial class for parents who need a copy. REMINDER: parents can access schedules in Canvas. Bring your phone; that way you have a copy of the schedule at all times.

\*Lastly, please don't forget to bid on the incredible auction items at our SILENT AUCTION! Proceeds from the auction directly support the Positive Behavior Interventions Supports (PBIS) program at Bonnie Branch Middle School.

**Safety Drills** - Student and staff safety is our highest priority. As part of our comprehensive

safety plan, we conduct various drills throughout the year (evacuation, lockdown, shelter in place, etc.). The purpose of these drills is to practice procedures and to prepare for real emergency situations. On Friday, we conducted two emergency drills. Students did an excellent job participating in the evacuation and reverse evacuation drill, as evidenced by the focus and safe behavior they demonstrated throughout the entire emergency preparation scenario.

**School Pictures** - Mark your calendars School Pictures will be taken on September 27th. More information will be posted on our website shortly.

**HCASC Meeting** -Leadership and Service Opportunity- All Middle and High School Students are Welcome to attend the HCASC Meeting 9/11 7:00-8:30 at the Homewood School 10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042

We invite students to

- Work with student leaders from across HCPSS
- Meet with the Student Member of the Board of Education
- Gain Leadership Skills
- Turn ideas into actions
- Learn about Community Service opportunities
- Practice civic engagement and serve as an informed citizens

We welcome all interested students to attend Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) meetings throughout the year on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 9/11 7-8:30 at the Homewood School**

For more information please contact [cindy\\_drummond@hcpss.org](mailto:cindy_drummond@hcpss.org)

Policy 8020: Grading and Reporting Middle and High School specifies that student behaviors may not be used to reduce a student's grade. *"Student behaviors, including but not limited to, lateness to class, absence (however, per Section IV.A.4., excessive absences may result in loss of credit), or disciplinary action, may not be used to reduce a student's grade. However, student behaviors and attendance may impact the student's grade indirectly because of missed instructional time and incomplete assignments."* Wearing or changing into a specific uniform for physical education class is not part of the physical education standards, curriculum, requirements, or expectations. Students' grades should not be reduced due to a failure to wear a specific uniform for class. Students should not be required to change or wear specific uniforms for class nor should they be required to purchase uniforms from the school in order to participate or maintain a grade. Students should be able to participate in the active portion of the class, as long as they are meeting the guidelines for physical education dress as indicated. Students who are not dressed safely to participate should be given an assignment aligned to the current unit of study and should participate in a non-active role in class.

***Community News for Parents - The below community notices are neither***

***sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.***

Please visit the Community News and Programs page at <http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/> for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

**Paris and Barcelona Trip** - Join Mrs. Jimenez on September 25th at 6:00 PM in room 20 A to learn about an exciting opportunity for your student. Mrs. Jimenez hopes you can join her to learn more about the student tour she is leading with EF Educational Tours. Here's what we'll cover during the meeting: PLEASE RSVP

- Where and when we're going
- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How your child can earn academic credit
- Flexible payment options that keep the tour affordable

I'll also share details about how to sign up (space is limited!) and answer any questions you might have.

Can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP using the [link](#) This event is not affiliated with the Howard County Public School System.

**Howard High School PTA Color Splash FUNDrin** - Howard High School PTSA will host a community wide Homecoming Week Kick-off Color Splash FUNDrin by Get Active Fundraising on September 22nd, 2019 at 2pm to raise money for our school. The Color Splash FUNDrin is an untimed Fun Color Run (on and off road) for all ages and fitness abilities. Walk, jog, or run to the finish line! One time around the course is .95 miles. Choose to go once, twice or three times around. Along the route, participants pass through vibrant colored zones, making it a "colorful experience." This event is fun for all ages and a great way to make running fun and exciting! Additionally, during the race, participants are doused with colored water at various color zones ending with one grand finale color powder celebration at the finish line. Early Registration is \$25 per participant. Save \$20 when you register 4 people. Participants that register by 9/8/19 will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet. Late Registration fees will go up to \$30 if you register after 09/08/19 and a race t-shirt, race bib and color packet will not be guaranteed.

You can sign up for the run by visiting [secure.getactivefundraising.com](https://secure.getactivefundraising.com) and searching for our event or by completing a paper registration form. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. This is a great way to promote any business and support your community. Please contact the event organizer Marilyn Sanchez-Henry @ [marigavin@me.com](mailto:marigavin@me.com) for more information or visit our social media pages.

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