Inclusive Schools Week & Preparing for HS! Bonnie Branch Middle School <dnr@hcpss.org> Mon 12/7/2020 5:39 PM

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Please help us celebrate National Inclusive Schools Week! Today, students participated in a lesson during their Homeroom period discussing what this means and how we can all support this effort. We want each and every student at Bonnie Branch to feel safe and welcome and this is another reminder of the power we can have in shaping the culture around us.

Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) and <u>Stetson & Associates, Inc.</u>, which is held each year during the first full week in December. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

This year, the Inclusive Schools Week's theme is "The Time for Inclusion is Now!" Join us in celebrating Inclusive Schools Week December 7-11, 2020!

8th Grade Prepares for High School

Our 8th grade students will learn about how to select courses in high school starting in HOMEROOM on Monday, December 14. There will be a second lesson for students on December 21. Please encourage students to take good notes during those presentations!

Additionally, mark your calendars! We will hold help sessions for parents next week: December 15 (Spanish Presentation), December 16, and December 17 at 7:00pm each night.

Google Meet Code for December 15: HIJOS

Google Meet Code for December 16: HSPrep

Google Meet Code for December 17: HSPrep

Parents will be able to select courses for high school starting Monday, December 21 in Synergy. The deadline to complete this process is Friday, January 15, 2021.

Our counselors created the following slide show to help you prepare: SLIDESHOW

Here are some additional dates to help 8th grade parents prepare for high school:

December 8 from 7:00 - 8:00pm: Virtual Career Academy Information Night.

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- Click on the link and scroll down to see all of the academy choices for students.
 Click the link for any academy you want to see. You must do this to PREREGISTER.
- December 9 from 10:00 10:45am: Junior ROTC Information Session
 O Google Meet Code: BBMS-JROTC
- December 14: Introduction to High School Presentation #1 during Homeroom
- December 15: Help Session for Parents (Spanish Presentation in Spanish)
 O Google Meet Code: HIJOS
- December 15: Help Session for Parents (Makeup Presentation in English)
 O Google Meet Code: HSPrep
- December 21: Introduction to High School Presentation #2 during Homeroom
- December 21: Parents can begin selecting courses in Synergy for 2021-2022 school year (9th grade courses)
- January 15: Deadline for Parents to Complete Course Requests in Synergy

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