

News from BBMS

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TOPICS:

1. Report Cards available today!
2. Return to School Commitment Survey due Feb 10 (*New Deadline)
3. Back to School Night - Feb 9 @ 6:00 to 8:00pm
4. Black History Month Celebrations at BBMS
5. PTA Meeting - Feb 10 @ 7pm
6. School Supplies / Agenda Books / Computers
7. 6th and 7th Grade Students - course requests due Feb 15

Dear BBMS Families,

How was the first week of new classes? Are your students developing a good routine? We've seen so many changes to what school looks like and how instruction is being delivered, but I can honestly say I am proud of our students and teachers for how they've handled the challenges of learning virtually. I've witnessed the use of new technologies and programs that engage students as active learners. I've listened in during classes when some terrific discussions were taking place. We realize that school has looked very different this past year and I hope that your family's experience has been a positive one. Now, we are beginning to switch gears once again as we prepare to welcome students back into the building on March 1, 2021. It will be great to see kids back in school! When students and staff return, there will be many changes to how things "used to be" in order to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone involved and we will share all of those protocols with you soon. For now, we want to focus on making sure we know everyone's commitment for returning. Your response to the survey will help us prepare and we thank the 75% of our families for completing that task. We still have a way to go ~ so if your family has not completed a survey about returning to school, please do so right away. There is a lot to keep track of in the coming weeks, so please reach out to us if you have any questions or if you need support. Let's keep the momentum going BBMS ~ we have come so far this year and we know our students and staff are ready for this next phase too!

Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley
Principal

1. REPORT CARDS

- Report cards are now available!
- Quarter 2 report cards are posted and available to view by families. T
- Here is a step by step guide to view report cards:
 - Log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) "Synergy"
 - Select More Options (Family File, Report Cards, etc.)" from the left panel
 - Select "Report Cards" from the middle section
 - Select the report card you wish to access

2. RETURN TO SCHOOL COMMITMENT SURVEYS

- If you have not already done so, please [complete the two-question commitment form](#) in HCPSS Connect by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10.**

3. BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @ February 9 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

- Come meet your Q3 teachers! This is a great opportunity to learn more about classes your student is taking this year.
- Codes and schedules will be shared in a separate email.

4. BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

- The Student Voices group will meet next Friday, February 12, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **The code will be BBMSVoice.** Our topic will be Black History Month: Past, Present, and Future. We will discuss how Black History Month began, how it is celebrated now in the eyes of the students, and how we can celebrate it going forward. We are also highlighting **Champagne & Cupcakes Bakery** - a local, Black-owned business in Howard County. Here is the link to their website: <https://www.champagneandcupcakes.shop>.
- <https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/34464/pages/black-history-month-writing-challenge-and-other-resources>
- **EVENT: February 25 from 4-5pm: Jason Reynolds Watch Party!**
 - Jason Reynolds, a young adult author who also happens to be the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, is speaking to students about his newest project called "Grab the Mic: Tell your story." Click [HERE](#) (links to an external site) to join in and listen, Thursday, February 25 from 4-5 pm. If you want to **join Mrs. Verlich's watch party, we'll be using code bbms-grabthemic**

5. PTA MEETING @ FEBRUARY 10 at 7:00pm

- Please join us on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00pm for our monthly meeting. Come talk about the return to school, courses for next year, and more!

6. PICKING UP SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Please stop by BBMS any day between 8am and 3pm to pick up the following supplies:
 - Chromebooks - families will receive a personal email notification for this item.
 - Agenda Books - we have one for every BBMS Shark!
 - Art Supplies - if your student is taking an Art class in Q3.
 - Spanish and French - come pick up your textbook and teacher created materials.
 - Other: individual teachers will notify students if they need to come to school for materials.

7. 6TH AND 7TH GRADE STUDENTS - YOUR COURSE REQUESTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 15

- Families need to select Fine Arts and Elective Courses for 2021-2022.
- There are many resources on our website to help guide you through this process.
- Please ask your counselor or an administrator if you have questions about this process.

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