News from BBMS!

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News from BBMS - finish strong!!

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Dear BBMS Families:

We hope you are donig well and that students are finding this marking period to be their very best yet! We have been thrilled with how well our "in-person" students are doing. With that said, we hate to cut off requests, but we have reached a capacity where we are not able to make any additional changes to A, B, or Everyday student schedules. We extended the May 7, 2021 deadline for families who made requests beyond that date, however, we are no longer able to honor requests for students to switch their schedules. Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

This week, students will complete their second round of MAP testing. Students will take the MATH MAP TEST on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 in their 3rd period class. Students who are "in person" are expected to report to BBMS that day. Everyone else will take the test with their 3rd period teacher. The schedule is changed that day, with students joining their 3rd period class at 8:30am for testing. Yes, everyone will start their test with their 3rd period teacher at 8:30am next week.

And lastly, as we approach the end of the year, we hope you are able to encourage your student to stay connected and work to their full potential. We can't wait to celebrate all of our students soon; but, we especially look forward to celebrating our 8th grade as they prepare to leave us for high school next year.

Below are important dates and notices. Please call our office at 410-313-2580 if you have any questions that we can help you with.

Go Sharks!

Dr. Andrew Cockley, Principal

"NEWS-WORTHY" TOPICS

(1) Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours:

Every student in HCPSS has a requirement to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours in order to graduate from high school. Most students will need to earn 75 hours (*please refer to the Approved Catalog of High School Courses for specific hour requirements for students who enter HCPSS after 6th grade). Students at Bonnie Branch will earn 25 hours of service through activities designed in homeroom. Homeroom meets every Wednesday at 10:30am. Students must complete the required activities in their grade in order to earn the 25 hours of service for that year. Teachers and Grade Level Team Leaders are tracking the hours students earn and there will be a makeup process for students who have fallen behind schedule. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher if you want an update on those hours - thank you! We want all students to leave BBMS with the SSL hours they need to graduate.

(2) ATTENTION 7th GRADERS: WEB Leader Applications are due on Wednesday, May 26

Reminder: Current 7th graders who would like to be a W.E.B. Leader for the 2021-2022 school year should fill out a Google Application by Wednesday, May 26. Information was shared with all 7th graders about W.E.B. during the homeroom sessions on Wednesday, May 12. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Koslowski: sarah koslowski@hcpss.org, Caroline Sneller: sarah koslowski@hcpss.org, Caroline Sneller: kelly_butler@hcpss.org, or Kelly Butler: kelly_butler@hcpss.org.

<u>APPLICATION</u>: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdu78EwviLs8XsGT8uQ1oegAdeP9TII5fRxlsqqDy9UpyDMhw/viewform? usp=sf link

(3) IMPORTANT DATES:

- . May 26 students take the MAP test in Math with their 3rd period class. Testing begins at 8:30am
- May 31 schools and offices are closed. Memorial Day.
- June 1 8th Grade "Field Day" for Hybrid A and E Group students.
- June 4 8th Grade "Field Day" for Hybrid B and E Group students.
- June 9 8th Grade students virtual high school visit day.
- June 11 8th Grade Promotion "Ceremony"/Celebration at BBMS!

*This event will begin around 1:30pm due to dismissal times at Ilchester ES. We need to ensure that buses are not impacted by our event. The design of the 8th grade celebration will include a drive through process where parents and students drive from station to station (remaining in vehicles) to collect awards, promotion certificates, and have a chance to take selfies in a photo booth, collect mementos, and received recognition from teachers. Students will be given an opportunity to walk through the parade early (as well as through the school hallways) before they go home if they are a bus rider and cannot get back to school at 1:30pm. We will provide more details to you in a separate email explaining the route and instructions so you are prepared to have a great celebration. Parents can decorate cars, students can dress up, and we will make this a festive parade through the BBMS campus one last time as BBMS Sharks! *June 14 - RAIN DATE.

- June 10-11-14-15: 3 Hour Early Dismissal Days for Students. BBMS students will dismiss at 12:15pm each day.
 - Period 1 = 8:30 to 9:15
 - Period 2 = 9:20 to 10:05
 - Period 3 = 10:10 to 10:55
 - Period 4 = 11:00 to 11:45
 - Grab and Go Lunch and Dismissal = 11:45 to 12:15

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