

**End of the Quarter - NEWS!**

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# End of Quarter 1 - this Friday!?!

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## November 2

### Early Dismissal Day: Friday, November 6, 2020

Please refer to the following early dismissal day scheduled for Friday, November 6th:

- Period 1: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
- Period 2: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
- Period 3: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
- Period 4: 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The HCPSS 2020-2021 calendar includes four scheduled 3-hour early dismissal days:

- Friday, October 16, 2020
- Friday, November 6, 2020
- Monday, November 23, 2020
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Please take note that the virtual schedules have been adjusted for these scheduled early dismissal days to provide students with synchronous learning for each class. The support sessions, however, will not be offered on early dismissal days. Visit the [HCPSS website](#) for more information regarding middle school schedules.

## PTA NEWS

- Next PTA Meeting – November 11 @ 7:00pm. Google Meet Code: BBMSPTA

- We hope to see you there!
- **BBMS PTA Spirit Wear Design Contest**
  - This year PTA Spirit Wear fundraising kicks off with a DESIGN CONTEST. We are calling all creative students to show off their talents and connect the community in this memorable virtual learning 2020. Two winning designs will be selected for the spirit wear, one for T-shirt and another for mask. The winners will receive a free spirit wear featuring his/her design.
  - Please send an email with student name, grade and design to Sunny Zhao at [bbms.spiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:bbms.spiritwear@gmail.com) by Monday November 9, 2020.
  - **Deadline: November 9**
- **Tutoring Services** - please remember to visit the PTA website: <https://www.bbmspta.org/> where you can sign up for individual tutoring. Tutoring is available in multiple languages, including Spanish!

## STUDENT UPDATES

- **SEL / Homeroom Lesson from today, Monday, November 2: The topic is #ONEBBMS - Student Belonging Survey**
  - During Homeroom each week we try to engage students with topics that impact the entire school. Today, students had a chance to share their "voice" with us by taking a "BBMS Belonging Survey". We want to see how connected each student feels to the BBMS community. Results of this survey will help us shape efforts to make BBMS an even better place for everyone.
  - Student Voice committees will be started for each grade too.
  - Look for details coming soon!
- **STUDENT NEWS SHOW:**
  - The BBC team of students includes Andie Chung, Mia Lehman, Gavin Reardon, Ryan Schwab, Ryan Zhou. They have put together our weekly news show for BBMS each week and they are fantastic. Be sure to check out there latest show here:
  - Have you seen the student run BBC? Remember, our weekly shows are posted on the [Student Resources Page in Canvas](#).
  - **For more news:**
    - Instagram: [@bbms\\_sharks\\_media](#)
    - Twitter: [@hcpss\\_bbms](#)
- **Student Discussions - Presidential Election**
  - As the national election approaches, we anticipate that students will have very strong opinions about the outcome. As a school community, it is our responsibility to teach students how to discuss potentially controversial topics with civility.
  - We want students to be prepared for chat rooms, discussions, etc. in class next week and believe, with your help, that students will be able to maintain a level of civility in discussing this important topic. We can and will model for them appropriate ways to reflect on this election; and I am sure they will make us proud.

- Please take time this week to discuss this with your child and stress the importance of respecting that everyone will have differing opinions and that no one opinion is better than another. Students will look to adults for guidance in how to have discussions about sensitive topics and we appreciate you taking some time to help them understand this before election day.

## **Upcoming Dates to Note**

- **Tuesday, November 3:** No School for Students or Staff; Election Day
- **Friday, November 6:** Three-Hour Early Dismissal; End of Quarter One
- **Monday, November 9: Quarter Two Begins!**
  - Students begin new quarter two classes – courses include: Careers, Phys Ed, Health, FACS, Art, Music, Tech Ed, Brain Boost, Academic Seminar, etc.
- **Friday, November 13:** Families can begin to schedule parent conferences in HCPSS Connect
- **Monday, November 16:** Report Cards available online!
- **November 16 to 20: American Education Week**
  - BBMS SPIRIT WEEK!!!
  - Parents will be invited to visit classes this week!
  - Get ready – you WILL be asked to participate!
- **Wednesday, November 18:** Honor Roll Recognition at BBMS (aka Drive Thru... details to be shared soon)
- **Thursday, November 19:** Last day to schedule parent conferences in HCPSS Connect
- **Monday & Tuesday, November 23-24:** Three-Hour Early Dismissal; Parent Conferences
- **Wednesday, November 25:** No school for students; Parent Conferences
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26-27:** No school for students; Thanksgiving

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