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Connecting with me

If you have a question, concern, or suggestion it is best to connect with me directly. Replying to the BHS_info address goes to a general mailbox and not to me. So, give me a call or drop me an email.

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OUR MISSION

We believe ALL students will graduate from Beaverton High School prepared for, confident in, and excited about the future they choose.

Upcoming events

Beaver Achievers (open Library time) Saturdays: 9:00-12:00 ALL are welcome

Choir Concert: October 26th, 7:30-9:00

Homecoming Week: October 23-28, Dance, Saturday Oct. 28th. 7:00-10:00

Look for the good

Last week during the principal's coffee we discussed the rise in anxiety and stress that we are seeing at school. There were some good observations that came from the group.

- Our students, your children, get news of any event, so fast and without filter. It appears on their phones/devices.
- Many are influenced by a need to put forth a persona online that is positive and meets the expectations of others.
- Young men and women now know what is happening in the lives of their peers very quickly.

On the face of it there is nothing wrong with any of these. We know that each and together they can lead to stress and anxiety. So, what to do?

- Teachers ask students to put phones away, close devices when they are not "out and fully engaged in the learning". At home devices can go away for a time, be turned off, or put in "cell phone daycare."
- One parent offered that we should try to "look for the good" wherever we can find it and share that.

Halloween costumes

If students choose to wear costumes to school we ask that they follow a few reasonable expectations. No costume that does not follow school dress code expectations of full coverage of the body. No masks, replicas of weapons, or portrayal of anything that is defaming or derogatory. In the past, we had students show up dressed as homeless and carrying a cardboard sign. In a school that strives to be welcoming and inclusive there is no place for this sort of portrayal.

Fall sports

We are coming to the end of the fall athletic season. All of our teams showed tremendous teamwork, drive, and determination. We had an exciting win over Westview last Friday. The team played very well and the crowd was large. Teams will begin to hear about next round games soon.

ACHOO!!!

We are in the midst of cold/flu season. If you could donate some boxes of tissue and containers of hand sanitizer we certainly would appreciate it. Drop them off in the main office.

Beaver Broadcast

Here is a link to the latest version of Beaver Broadcast—a student created production. <https://youtu.be/JmGHXhFKmWo>

Dance Prep

Homecoming tickets are on sale now. Students can beat the rush if they get them at the start of the week.

I wanted to be sure everyone is aware of the Dance Processes and Expectations before Homecoming is upon us.

- ALL students need to complete a Dance Contract. These are available at school
- Any student who wants to bring a guest from another school needs to complete a Guest Pass
- No guests are allowed who are 21 years or older
- ALL fines and fees must be paid prior to purchasing a dance ticket
- Tickets are available now at school and are NOT available for purchase at the dance
- Students need to complete a check of fines and fees in the library before purchasing tickets at the bookkeeper's office.
- Before entering the dance, ALL students are asked to submit to a breathalyzer test.
- We expect students to dance appropriately and in a way that demonstrates respect for all who are present
- The dance ends promptly at 10:00

Early Release Wednesdays

Teachers and staff are using the time available on Wednesdays for some amazing collaborative work. These collaborative endeavors are ones that were challenging without regular shared time.

- One group of teachers, from various subjects, is discussing teaching strategies and then finding time during the day to get into each other's classes for the lesson and then discussing what they see.
- Music teachers from across the district are meeting together to talk about instruction specific to their discipline.
- Teams of teachers are working together on ways to incorporate technology and Canvas (learning management system) into their classes.

Did you know?

- Immunizations and physicals are available for students in the Beaverton School Based Health Clinic right on the BHS campus. They accept most insurance. [health clinic](#)
- Students at BHS were born in over 50 different countries. (check out the flags in the cafeteria next time you're on campus)

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