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Bloomington Junior High School

January 2012

A message from Dr. Silvey



WEATHER CLOSINGS – With inclement weather and the possibility of school closings, it is time for our annual reminder. Whenever Bloomington District 87 Schools close, we will make the announcement as early as possible. Several people will be driving around Bloomington very early in the morning checking road and sidewalk conditions to determine whether we will have school. Remember, we only serve the city of Bloomington and have no rural routes, so District 87 will frequently have school when other school districts close.

In an effort to ensure that parents/guardians have school closing information in a timely manner, District 87 now has an automated calling system to notify you about school closing. If you have recently changed your telephone number, please contact BJHS (827-0086) to update your telephone number.

In addition to the automated calls, information regarding school closing is available from WJBC AM 1230, WHOI, WEEK and WMBD, The Pantagraph as well as the District 87 website—www.district87.org.

Dates to Remember

January 5, 2012.....School Resumes
January 16, 2012.....NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 17, 2012NO SCHOOL School Improvement Day
February 6 - February 10, 2012.....Parent / Teacher Conference Week
February 20, 2012.....NO SCHOOL

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Week of February 6 thru February 10, 2012

The faculty and staff of Bloomington Junior High School are committed to meeting the needs of our students and parents. Some teams established evening hours for parent teacher conferences during the week of February 6 thru February 10, 2012. The teams' parent/teacher conference schedules will be mailed to you during the week of January 16th. Teams' conference schedules will be posted on the BJHS website also.

We encourage you to make an appointment to meet with your child's team/teachers to discuss his/her academic progress. An appointment can be made by calling 827-0086 starting January 25, and asking for Linda Mardis.

This newsletter is published as a service of Bloomington Junior High School. If you have news about the junior high that you would like to communicate, please make contributions to:

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Mrs. Sherrilyn Thomas
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Mr. John Whitcomb
Associate Principal

Ms. Leslie Alappattu
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Website:
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Attendance Hotline:
827-BJHS
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Select 1234

The Attendance Hotline is available twenty-four hours a day.

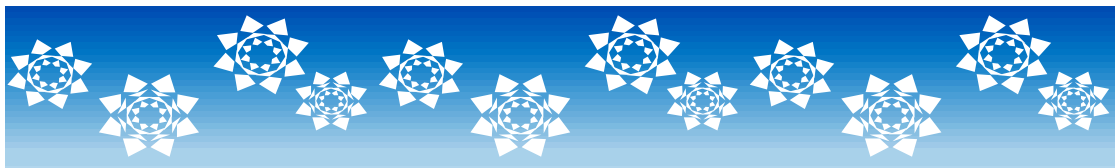
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Important News From the Nurse's office:

For the 2012-2013 school year, Illinois State law now requires all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster on or after the student's 10th birthday. Proof of having received the Tdap booster must be submitted to the school nurse before the first day of the 2012-2013 school year.



An Important Message for Eighth Grade Students

Registration for High School

During the week of January 5-12, eighth graders will be learning about the structure of high school systems and then selecting courses for their ninth grade year. Each student will be directed to fully involve a parent/guardian in this process. Students will be required to get a parent signature on the course selection form. Please be alert for this form and accompanying information. Additional information and resources are available at this website:

http://www.district87.org/staff/aplingtonm/BHS_registration.htm.

Resources for Students and Families

The BJHS Student services website offers users information on a wide variety of topics ranging from community events and services to topics related to parenting and adolescent needs. Please consider browsing this website: <http://www.district87.org/staff/aplingtonm/> to discover the many helpful resources.



Attention Parents and/or Guardians:

We are very concerned about the safety of students who are dropped off and picked up in the North front parking lot. I'd like to give you a few reminders about the pick up and drop off procedures:

- ⇒ Please observe the signs as you pull into the parking lot.
- ⇒ Please watch your speed at ALL times. Please drive no faster than 10 MPH for the safety of our students.
- ⇒ Stay to the right if possible. You may park on this side all the way up to the dotted yellow lines that are painted for the busses to park.
- ⇒ Please do not wait for the spot in front of the door to open up to drop off or pick up your students. Pull to the curb where it is open and let your students out of your vehicle.
- ⇒ Before you leave the curb please signal and look.
- ⇒ If there is no room at the curb, please pull into one of the parking space lanes as far as you can go and drop off your student. The student then can look and see the traffic before crossing. This also allows the traffic in the right lane to see your student and let them cross.
- ⇒ Do not drop off students from the left lane. It is a through lane and must remain open for busses. If you drop off your student from the left lane you increase the risk of an accident involving your student. Several complaints have come to Dr. Silvey from parents unable to see the students until they pop out of the vehicle.

We are trying to do everything we can to prevent a tragedy in our parking lot. A little patience and courtesy goes a long way to keep our kids safe. Thanks for your assistance!

Outdoor Education News

Sign up has been wonderful! The students will be informed which week they have been assigned to Outdoor Ed family group assignments will be made sometime this month. Please contact me if your 7B student needs to go a specific week. You will not be able to change weeks after January 11th.

Attention all Outdoor Ed canoe class participants: Remember that you will need to participate in a swim session or turn in a swim check worksheet before January 11th or you will not be able to participate in a canoe class. The next swim check session is January 11th from 3-5 p.m. at the BHS pool. Worksheets are available from Ms. Shaw. Thanks to the students who have turned in a worksheet or attended the first swim check session.

Volunteer sign-up is going on now!! **If you haven't signed up to help, please contact Patty Kelly at (309) 585-0298 or Kelly.psp@gmail.com. You may also turn in a completed volunteer form to the main office. The form is available in the office or you can print it off the Outdoor Education website. A link to the Outdoor Education website is posted on the BJ website.** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered as of this date.

If you want to volunteer for nurse duties either week, Monday through Friday morning, please let Ms. Shaw know as soon as possible. Thank you to the nurses that have already volunteered.

Remember, we need your support to help the program run smoothly!! We are still in need of assistance for the camp work days that will be held at Camp Ingersoll on April 9th or 16th, May 5th and 6th.

Wish list:

- * Old towels,
- * hot pads
- * oven mitts
- * clean egg cartons
- * ½ gallon clean deli containers with lids
- * stainless steel utensils.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Shaw at 827-0086 ext. 818 or by email at shawd@district87.org if you have any questions about Outdoor Education.

