

**PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY MEETING / HS PSO MEETING
ZOOM MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Meeting start time: 8:00am

PRINCIPAL AST'S REPORT

BBHHS Spirit Week

We have been celebrating Spirit Week with the Homecoming Parade tonight and the Homecoming Football Game on Friday.

Spirit Days

- Monday 9/28 - Jersey Day
- Tuesday 9/29 - Dress Like a Teacher
 - Taco Tuesday - Free taco lunch for students during lunch periods
- Wednesday 9/30 - Pajama Day
- Thursday 10/1 - Meme Day
 - Taco Thursday - Free taco lunch for students during lunch periods
- Friday 10/2 - Class Colors (Seniors - Black, Juniors - White, Sophomores - Red, and Freshmen - Gold), Staff Bees Spirit Gear!

PSAT Wednesday October 14th - In Person at the HS - Early Dismissal

Wednesday October 14th is PSAT day for students grades 9-11. Freshmen will be taking the PSAT 8/9, Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT (only juniors can qualify for awards in the National Merit Scholarship Competition). Students are asked to report to their designated testing location in the high school at 7:35 a.m. We will be utilizing the entire building to maintain social distancing. Students will be dismissed after testing concludes at approximately 11:00 a.m. for freshmen and 11:30 a.m. for sophomores and juniors. Seniors are given the day for college and career planning. They should work on college applications, work on their resumes, utilize Naviance, and/or participate in virtual college visits.

Busing will be available on this day (a.m. and p.m.) because it's a remote learning day for the whole District so buses are available and will be at the school for those that need to utilize it.

Students should take advantage of Kahn Academy. It's free. Studies show that 12 hours on Kahn Academy can up your test scores by as much as 90 points.

Bees Online Spirit Store Grand Opening

BBHHS is excited to introduce a new Spirit Store for all your BEES gear needs. [Click here](#) to access the Bees Spirit Store and utilize our Grand Opening Code: GRANDOPENING20 for 25% off your order. A percentage of profits is given back to the high school to support our student activities and programming. [This design link](#) allows you to purchase gear for a specific club or sport at the high school.

BIMAS-2 Universal Screening

As part of the District's Mental Health Action Plan, the high school will administer the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System (BIMAS-2), a universal screener for all of our students three times during the year, with the first administration beginning October 5th. We ask all parents to also complete their parent survey, which will be emailed to them during the assessment window.

- October 5th and 8th - Seniors and Freshmen
- October 12th and 15th - Sophomores
- October 19th and 22nd - Juniors
- Youth Risk Prevention Survey year (administered just after the BIMAS). This is new this year.

This is only a screener, not a diagnostic test.

Uphill/Downhill Run – will take place 10/17 – 10/24 (virtually). This is put on by the schools foundation. All proceeds benefit BBHCSD mental health programs.

Mr. Ast thanked Kelly Petros for putting together the virtual sign up for parent/teacher conferences in November.

Upcoming Dates

- Financial Aid Night - October 5th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - November 5th

Questions Submitted in Chat to Mr. Ast:

Question: Why wasn't a Hybrid Model like Strongsville Schools' considered?

Answer: Mr. Ast not privy to the discussions and decisions of the Board and Superintendent. A lot of schools are returning to in school 5 days a week. Mr. Ast would refer this question to District Leadership. A lot of options were considered. He can't say why the Board chose this plan.

Question: Where will students store the plexiglass tri-fold partitions during the school day?

Answer: A decision on that has not been made yet. They have built in handles and are approximately 3' tall but are extremely light. It may be that the student has to carry them with them all day but not sure yet.

Question: How will the high school manage social distancing with an all in scenario and maintain 6' especially in classes with more students in them?

Answer: Mr. Ast feels that most classrooms are large enough to handle the students. The social distancing may be reduced to 3' – 6' which is the recommendation of the American Council of Pediatrics. The ACP has encouraged schools to fully reopen for

the mental and social well-being of children. They are trying to cap the class sizes at 25 students. Any extra furniture in classrooms has been removed so that they can space out the desks. The largest group in the cafeteria is 230 but they have plenty of room to accommodate that many students.

Question: Will open campus policy still continue with a 5 day a week plan?

Answer: Yes, that will continue.

Question: Has anyone considered the effect of 5 day a week in school plan and the timing on fall sports? Our kids have been able to successfully train, and compete, even in an altered format thus far. What happens when students get to play offs and the risk of exposure is heightened and maybe a team has to quarantine?

Answer: Mr. Ast said that our focus is first on safety and education in the schools. Yes, fall sports is a concern but the start of the second quarter made sense as a start time to the 5 day return.

Question: If a child is quarantined for 2 weeks, what are their education options?

Answer: Any student that is quarantined should stay up with their studies and continue learning while they are out. This will be similar to if a student was out for a few days on any other year.

Question: If a student goes from the current hybrid plan to on-line due to concerns about return to all in 5 days, will that student still be offered their same courses and/or teachers such as Honors and AP courses? Would they just be on-line with their current schedule?

Answer: Mr. Ast was not able to answer this question at the time. This is all still being worked out now that the Board has approved the return to 5 day instruction. Our school district has always had an on-line learning platform for students who have serious illnesses, disease or mental health issues that prevent them from being in school. So we've always maintained a program for this.

Question: Are you saying that an AP class that is delivered equitably now in hybrid will change completely for a student who does not feel safe in 5 day in-person and chooses to convert to all on-line instruction? They will no longer have a BBH teacher?

Answer: All on-line students have BBH teachers that will continue through the end of the year. It will be a teacher that has taught that AP class before.

Question: Why was the fall play canceled? Will it be rescheduled?

Answer: Mrs. Garlock and Mr. Lesh are planning a different theatrical experience. There will be something. Guidance for indoor school activities came later than outdoor

activities so we hadn't had guidance until the end of August on how to proceed on these types of events. There is a concern about fees related to paying for rights to use plays, etc. if we can't have a large enough audience to break even on costs.

Question: Can you give an update on Progress Book/Pay Schools/Final Forms fees and the correct application of payments?

Answer: Mr. Ast said they continue to work on this transfer to the new system. This has been one of the most difficult program transitions he's had to deal with. They are more aligned each day but bugs in the system continue to occur. They are going case by case and fixing the accounts.

Question: With the 5 day in school plan, will temperatures still be taken before coming into school for the day?

Answer: Mr. Ast said that at this point they are still planning to take temperatures every day. All school entrances will be used for temperature checks once we go to 5 days to ensure students aren't standing outside in long lines waiting to get their temperature checks before entering the school building. Bus drivers will not be doing temp. checks when we return to 5 days.

Question: Regarding "free" lunches, has quality gone down or is 7th period lunch lacking because food is sitting too long and there is a lack of choices at that point?

Answer: Mr. Ast said that he hadn't heard that quality has gone down. There has been a slight increase of students getting lunches now that it is free, but many still taking advantage of open campus and leaving the building for lunch. He suggested they reach out to Cindy Finohr directly with any questions or concerns regarding school lunches.

PSO PRESIDENT, MEGAN SARFI'S, REPORT

General Business

President Sarfi has shared a link on the high school Facebook page to a petition created by one of our high school students. Over 300 students responded about returning to 5 day a week instruction versus hybrid learning. President Sarfi thought it was important to let their voices be heard and so parents and administrators can view their comments.

President Sarfi mentioned that the results of the parent survey regarding returning to 5 day in school instruction can be found on the Board of Education website.

This is a reminder that funds received from the National Cares Act has allowed all students (regardless of economic status) to receive a daily free breakfast and lunch through the end of this calendar year.

Membership Update

Our current membership is 134 and that breaks down to approx. 84 families and 50 individual memberships. We don't have the number of staff members yet. Membership dues are one of our biggest fundraising programs. An individual membership is \$5 and a family membership is \$10. We are here for all families regardless if you are on-line or in school learning. We will be working on some membership drive ideas.

No fuss fundraiser

We have decided to hold off on the no fuss fundraiser until the second semester. More information on this fundraiser will be sent out later in the school year.

Band Boosters Report

Michelle Banks gave a quick Band Boosters update. The Band Boosters have worked hard on PPE equipment for the band. Over 400 masks and 600 instrument covers have been distributed to both the high school and middle school bands in effort to keep everyone as safe as possible from contacting Coronavirus.

The annual Band Boosters Citrus sale will be taking place in November.

Next HS PSO Meeting

Our next HS PSO Meeting will be an evening meeting so that more of our working parents can join us. It is set for Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm.

New Business:

None.

Meeting Ended: 9:22a.m.