

**PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY MEETING / HS PSO ZOOM MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

Start time: 6:02pm

PRINCIPAL AST'S REPORT

Board of Education Meeting: The Board will be meeting Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 pm regarding the district plan going forward for the rest of the calendar year. This will be live-streamed, but the public cannot participate in work sessions.

Concurrent Learning Model Moving Forward

In an effort to reduce the need for students to change between learning models when the district responds to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation in our community, county, and state (5 Day In-Person, Hybrid, and Online Learning), we will be transitioning to a Concurrent Learning Model at BBHHS for the remainder of the school year starting on November 2nd. This will involve all of our students, both In-Person and Online, learning together concurrently. Our teachers working with students through APEX provided an effective solution for learning when we were in a more static environment, however the increased levels of uncertainty and possibility of future change demands a more flexible permanent learning model.

We came to this decision because our focus and biggest concern is to be able to provide our students with the content and tools necessary to be successful on what are referred to as "High Stakes Tests", i.e. State tests, SAT, ACT for college recruitment. We also felt it was unfair for our families to have to worry about switching between the learning platforms based on the color coding system. As well, we saw that our teachers were doing a very good job of teaching daily lessons with kids both in class and on-line at the same time. Our teachers have been doing a great job in the Hybrid, which made this solution possible. So for all these reasons we decided to move to the Concurrent Learning Model which Asst. Principal Scott DeTray has been working on the Master Schedule and we thank him since this is the 4th version of the high school master schedule.

Learning Activities for Online Students in Concurrent Learning Model

- Synchronous Learning (at the same time as classmates)
 - Live Streaming or Zooming (could be for part of or the whole period) with the teacher and classmates
 - Class configuration may include
 - Whole group direct instruction
 - Small group learning activities with classmates
 - Individual breakout rooms
- Asynchronous Learning (during the assigned period, but learning independently)
 - The teacher will provide an instructional video to watch.
 - An activity will be provided following the instructional video.

- The teacher will offer an opportunity to connect virtually to get help or ask questions.
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Expectations for Online Students in the Concurrent Learning Model

- Follow your schedule and visit your classes' Google Classroom daily
- Complete daily assigned classwork, homework, readings, etc.
- Communicate all concerns, questions, and needs to your teacher
- Actively participate in concurrent learning activities (Zoom sessions, Zoom group work).

Career Resource Center

Our CVCC Career Counselor Specialist, Randi Borosh has developed [this great resource](#) for students and families to continue their career exploration and planning. We encourage students and families to check out all the excellent resources available on the site.

This is an example of some of the Asynchronous counseling resources that they are providing students this school year to support their programming, which has been interrupted due to the Hybrid schedule. Our Counselors have also been putting out weekly social/emotional learning activities as well as information on other resources and learning tools to help our students and we will be including this in our weekly newsletters to families.

We will be receiving the PSAT results sometime in mid-December, which will also involve some counseling information being shared with families in January. We ask all families to review and discuss the information being shared by the counseling team, and let us know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates

November 5th - Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appointment)

November 23 & 24 - Professional Development Days - NO SCHOOL

November 25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 4th - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

NOTE: Excited to announce this monumental occasion will be held in person at the school with limited number of family members invited to provide social distancing.

ON-LINE CHAT QUESTIONS TO PRINCIPAL AST:

Q: How many students are there in the 100% on line learning mode right now?

A: Approx. 149 – 159 students. It's a fluid number. There are 20-30 students using APEX.

Q: Could parents of first quarter APEX students have a meeting with high school and district leadership:

A: Yes, on both questions. Mr. Ast provided his email asts@bbhcsd.org.

Q: Could Counselors host on-line SEL instruction and support activities open to all students?

A: Due to preserving instruction time there is not enough time for them to be able to do that right now. They will prioritize topics (SEL, Academic Planning, College and Career Planning) where they will provide some In Person services, but are trying to share as much as possible in other ways.

Q: Why aren't plastic dividers set up in the classrooms right now? They are also not the same version we were shown because they have a border that blocks part of the students' view. Not all clear plastic.

A: We purchased the dividers when we were going to return to 5 day in class because we couldn't achieve 6' social distancing with all in class students in together. Since we have remained hybrid we can maintain that distance and the teachers chose not to use them so the students could have a better view.

It was a matter of supply and demand as to why we didn't get the all clear plastic dividers. We have requested the all clear dividers but have not been able to obtain them.

Q: So kids currently in hybrid really have no change to their learning model?

A: Correct. No change for the kids that were already hybrid.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser:

We have 3 high school students: Alexa Vollweiller, Kaitlyn Lyden and Ava Singh, heading-up our school fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Asst. Principal Jacobs serves on the LLS Board. The campaign will run from January 9th – February 27th. They have a lofty goal of \$70,000. This is a great opportunity for students to work on their leadership, communication and volunteerism skills.

HS PSO PRESIDENT, MEGAN SARFI'S, REPORT

Update on Membership / Contest for next 4 weeks:

Membership is down this year so in an effort to bolster those numbers we are holding a membership raffle.

- We will pull one membership to win a \$10 gift card & Chipotle freebie on the following Fridays: 11/13, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11.
- Winner will be contacted and prize will be mailed. All memberships are eligible to win (individual, family, or staff) JOIN NOW!

PSO Committee Openings:

- We have openings for Staff Appreciation, After-Prom Co-Chair, Gifts & Goals, and FaceBook Admin.
- Due to circumstances we will not be filling the Bulletin Board or Sr Lounge positions.

PSO Committees:

Bulletin Board - *Open (not filling this year)*
CAPA Rep - *Marla Speeth*
Staff Appreciation chair - *Open*
Fundraising - *Open*
After Prom Chair(s) - *Marla Speeth & Open*
Gifts & Goals Committee - *Open*
Senior Lounge Committee - *Open*
Website - *Ronda Strmac & Kelly Petros*
FaceBook Admin - *Megan Sarfi, Denise Gawlik, & Open*

Tammy Bodossian volunteered for Staff Appreciation during the meeting. She would love to have a co-chair to help her with this committee.

Expenditures:

- Water Fountain Filters - We gave \$500.00 to the school to help offset the cost of new filters for the Water Filtration Bottle & Drinking Fountains.

Fundraisers:

- Marching Band - Citrus Sale. See the BBHHS Marching Band website for details. Will also be posted on the HS PSO website.
- Robotics Club hosting a fundraiser. 24 days of giveaways. Tickets are \$20 each, 5 for \$50, or 10 for \$100. Information is posted on the Robotics Club website and will be posted on the high school PSO website.

On-Line Chat Questions for President Sarfi:

Q: Megan, have you considered limiting PSO Facebook participation to paid members like they do at the other schools?

A: We discussed this option and since this is such an unusual year with on-line students and hybrid, we thought it was best to not limit social media information from the PSO to just our members. We may go back to that option next year.

Q: Is the Senior Lounge currently open?

A: Mr. Ast answered this question and yes, it is open but more students are taking advantage of the "open campus" option so he's not seen many students in there during the day.

PSO Council Report:

Ronda Strmac gave report.

Suggested topics for next meeting:

Meeting adjourned: 6:51pm

Next meeting:

December 3rd at 8am.

Zoom information for meeting:

- 1) Will be posted on the HS PSO FaceBook private group page a few days prior to meeting
- 2) REMIND will be sent. To subscribe to HS PSO REMIND
TEXT: @bbhhsps TO: 81010