

## **Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, PSO Report, Thursday September 10, 2020**

### **Opening of School**

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your help, patience, and support with the opening of the school year. This has been a year like no other and we are thrilled to have most of our students back in the building.

### **National Merit Semifinalists**

Congratulations to seniors Michael Corbo, Max Hartland, Anthony Minatel, Stephanie Mossop, and Maddie Shaheen on earning the distinction of being National Merit Semifinalists! Every year 2.5 million students take the PSAT/NMSQT during October of their junior year. Approximately 30,000 students are identified as National Merit Qualifiers and then 16,000 are selected as National Merit Semifinalists.

### **Open House Thursday September 17th - Virtual - Website Release**

On Thursday September 17th a link to the Open House website will be shared with families. We encourage all parents/guardians to view their child's schedule and then click on the videos from their teachers to learn more about their courses and ways to support students' learning. We realize that some of the important informal interactions that our team has is being lost so we encourage families to share relevant information with teachers, school counselors, and administrators so we can better serve your students this school year.

### **Club Fair - Virtual - Website Release**

On Friday September 18th a link to the Club Fair website will be sent to students' emails and included in the newsletter. Our clubs and activities are working hard to continue their programming despite the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage all students to check out ways to get involved and find something to participate in this school year.

### **Senior Parent Night - Live Stream Event - Monday September 21st**

All senior parents/guardians are invited to an important informational session regarding their pivotal role in their senior's college application process. A link to the event will be sent to senior parents through Naviance and posted to the HS website.

### **Financial Aid Night - October 5th - Live Stream Event**

Monday, October 5th the School Counseling Office will be hosting a Virtual Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. A financial aid officer will help families navigate financial aid forms (FAFSA and CSS Profile) and provide tips for applying for scholarships and other types of merit based aid. A link to the event will be sent to senior parents through Naviance and posted to the HS website.

### **Student Council Elections**

Student Council will be holding elections for class officers and representatives the week of September 14-18. If you are interested in running, please see the attached information on requirements and responsibilities for members, officers and representatives.

**Thank you for all the continued support and please let me know if you have any ideas or need assistance in improving the educational experience for our students at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. -Steven Ast**