

The Falcon Brief

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December 2017

From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Falcon Families,

Quarter 1 report cards have been mailed; please take some time to review them with your daughter or son. Remember you can utilize your CONNECTS account to see regular updates on your child's grades and assignments at any time. Please use the e-mail feature in CONNECTS to contact any of your child's teachers, or call them via phone extension. The next report card mailing will be February 1, 2018, which is the end of Semester One. **The semester grade is the only grade of permanent record**—the grade that is recorded on your student's transcript. The 1st Quarter Grade you see in this report represents 40% of the progress toward that official semester grade.

All students in grade 11 took a practice ACT test on November 30, 2017. We are continuing to provide Naviance services for student college preparation. All students in grades 9-11 are provided access to the "Naviance Test Prep" program for ACT/Aspire test preparation. All students are expected to work on this online program, weekly, during their HIP (homeroom) period; each student is expected to complete the process during the 2nd and 3rd Quarters, before the February ACT test, and April Aspire test dates. Each student should plan to invest 1-2 hours weekly outside of HIP to get the full benefit of the test program.

During the month of November, the Brown Deer Way student teams at both the elementary and middle/high school raised money to assist Lee School District in Florida. Lee School District requires continued support as the area recovers from hurricane damage. The students will donate sheets, blankets, socks, book bags and under garments.

Our December service activity will include a "Giving Tree" to support families at BDMHS. The "Giving Tree" is a chance for people to give a gift to a family in need. We are especially seeking gender neutral gifts to assist. Thanks in advance for your support of our students.

In closing, please remember to review the calendar included in this month's newsletter or check our website for our calendar of events.

Respectfully,
Tosha Womack
Principal

***Our Mission:** At Brown Deer Middle/High School, we are not only preparing our students for the world, we are preparing them to LEAD the WORLD!*

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

SENIORS

Seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2018 should be applying to college at this time. Many of the application deadlines have passed, or are due soon. All transcript requests should be made through Naviance. If your child needs a letter of recommendation from a staff member, that also needs to be requested in Naviance after speaking with the person. ACT/SAT scores must be sent by ACT and SAT to the colleges to which your child is applying. If your child is having difficulty with this process please make sure they come into the Counseling Office for assistance. If your child is unsure of their post high school plans they should make an appointment with their counselor to discuss options.

Your Senior should also be checking out scholarships. They can go to the Brown Deer Middle High school website under Counseling Services, or through Naviance, to link to scholarship websites and to view other scholarship opportunities. It is very important to make sure your son/daughter is getting all documentation for colleges and scholarships submitted by their deadlines.

If your child is interested in taking the ACT, they should register on www.actstudent.org for the next available test date.

ACT Test Date

February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018

Registration Deadline

January 12, 2018
March 9, 2018

JUNIORS

All Juniors will take the ACT on February 27 and WorkKeys on February 28 at BDHS. To help prepare for the test, all Juniors are working on ACT prep through Naviance Test Prep. We recommend using the test prep as much as possible to help prepare you for the ACT.

We have been meeting with all junior students (started in October) to go over senior year and postsecondary plans. We look forward to meeting you and your child during this process. If you child has not had their conference yet, please contact Mrs. Brenard in the counseling office to set up your appointment 414-371-7030 cbrenard@browndeerschools.com. The goal is to complete all meetings before winter break.

Sophomores We will be meeting with the sophomores in small groups to review their transcript, discuss post-secondary goals, discuss college entrance requirements and set goals for their future years. This is a great opportunity for students to start their post-secondary planning.

Freshman We will be visiting freshman classes prior to winter break to help students understand transcripts, GPA's, class selection, future plans and more.

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STUDENT SERVICES

AP Study Lab

In our continued effort to support AP students as they challenge themselves with the rigorous course requirements of these classes, we have decided to offer an AP Study Lab during the midday HIP (10:51-11:21, 11:21-11:51) for 10th-12th grade AP students only.

The AP Study Lab will be supported by Ms. Stephanie Snyder, our former librarian and current school writing coach. Ms. Snyder holds an English teaching license and has been providing AP support for students informally for the last number of years.

Ms. Snyder provides support in study skills (note-taking in particular) and writing for AP students during these times. Students will need to sign up via google doc; the number of students who can sign up each day will be capped at 15 per period. Additionally, teachers can sign students up for AP Study Lab if/when they see students struggling and need extra help with study skills and/or writing. If a student signs up or/is assigned to Study Lab by a teacher, that student's attendance is expected.

AP Study Lab will begin on **Tuesday, November 8th**. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Snyder: ssnyder@browndeerschools.com

Assignment Calendars--7th and 8th Grade

Starting this quarter, the 7th and 8th grades will have an assignment calendar posted on the district website. This assignment calendar lists all teachers for each grade level and what daily assignments need to be completed by students. The calendar will be refreshed each month, but parents and students will be able to view all of the days in each month in case there are occasions when students are absent or have forgotten to turn in assigned work. Some teacher names will also be hyperlinked to their websites for additional information and resources. It is our hope that parents find this resource an easy way to view their students' weekly school work.

To access the calendar, follow these steps:

1. From the home page, choose the Schools menu and click Brown Deer Middle High School.
2. Once you're on the BDMHS page, choose the Students menu and scroll over to Announcements where you will find 7th Grade Assignments and 8th Grade Assignments.
3. Click the desired grade level link, and the assignment page will open.

We hope this communication tool helps you as parents support your students with their classwork. Please let your student's' homeroom (HIP) teacher know if you have any questions.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER UPDATES

At BDMHS we value our student's socio-emotional well-being. We want all students to transition into the world knowing they are loved, supported, and can accomplish any goal they wholeheartedly believe in. As a way to foster this process the Administration and Pupil Services Team implemented several support groups to ensure students are fully focused and prepared to do great things while in school and thereafter.

Girl's Group~All female students at BD will participate in this group. A variety of topics and activities will be introduced. The kick-off was November 22nd. The group will convene monthly.

Falcon Family Group~Mostly geared for parents. A variety of topics will be discussed (school report card, social media, and healthy relationships). Students will be invited to future groups. Next meeting TBD in IMC. More details will be forthcoming.

Grief Group~For students who have recently experienced a death of a loved one. Support group will take place once per week during last HIP. Participation is voluntary.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER UPDATES CONT'

We believe in building our student’s character while giving them the necessary tools to navigate through life. The groups listed above will be implemented throughout the 2017-18 school year. We hope students and parents will benefit from the discussions, activities and engagement.

Parents, thanks for all you do for your children and for entrusting Brown Deer staff to be a part of their developmental process.



Dress Code Reminders

As the weather turns colder, please remind your students to dress appropriately for school. Jackets that are intended to be worn outside are not allowed to be worn during the school day: in classes or the hallway. Please encourage your students to wear layers as there is some temperature variance within different classrooms. Students are not allowed to bring or wear blankets in school. Additionally, please remember that hats and hoods are to be taken off once students enter the building. Thanks for your help.

JANUARY 2018 Grades 9-12 EXAM SCHEDULE: SEMESTER ONE

As we prepare to close out the first semester of the 2017-18 school year please take a minute to review the January exam schedule. It is important that students are well rested, have scheduled study time and eat a healthy breakfast so that they are prepared to do their best. Please note that only students in grades 9-12 will follow the exam schedule below.

If you have any question in regard to the exam schedule please feel free to contact the school at [\(414\)371-7000](tel:4143717000)

 BROWN DEER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL 				
JANUARY 2018 Grades 9-12 EXAM SCHEDULE: SEMESTER ONE				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27
BLACK Period 1 Exam	GOLD Period 1 Exam	BLACK Period 6 Exam	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
7:55 - 9:15 AM	7:55 - 9:15 AM	7:55 - 9:15 AM	Faculty/Staff	Faculty/Staff
BLACK Period 2 Exam	GOLD Period 2 Exam	GOLD Period 6 Exam	PD Day	PD Day
9:26 - 10:46 AM	9:26 - 10:46 AM	9:26 - 10:46 AM		
LUNCH 10:46-11:46	LUNCH 10:46-11:46	LUNCH 10:46-11:46		
BLACK Period 3/5 Exam	GOLD Period 3/5 Exam	Make-up/Help Period		
11:51 - 1:11 PM	11:51 - 1:11 PM	11:51 - 1:11 PM		
Makeup/Help Period	Makeup/Help Period	Make-up/Help Period		
1:19 - 3:15 PM	1:19 - 3:15 PM	1:19 - 3:15 PM		

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Reception Office (414) 371-7000 Athletic Office (414) 371-7007 Health Office (414) 371-7024	Attendance Office Please phone in your child’s absence (414) 371-7020 24 hours day, 7 days a week Please leave the student name, date of absence, and reason for absence.	Office of the Principal (414) 371-7006 Assistant Principals Office (414) 371-7026 Counseling Office (414) 371-7030
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2017-18 CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2017

- 4 HS Orchestra Concert 7pm MAC
- 8 No School
- 11 HS Band Concert 7pm MAC
- 20 Christmas Concert 7pm MAC
- 22 Early Release @ 11:02am
- 23-29 No School Winter Break

JANUARY 2018

- 1 No School Winter Break
- 2 School Resumes
- 10 Choir Concert 7pm MAC
- 15 No School MLK Day
- 22 HS Exams – Black Day
- 23 HS Exams – Gold Day
- 24 HS Exams – B6 & G6 / Makeup Day
- 24 Brown Deer District Bee 2pm MAC
- 24 End of 1st Semester
- 25 No School
- 26 No School
- 30 College, Career & Workforce Night 5:30-7:30pm North Commons

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 Report Cards Mailed
- 15 Musical 7pm MAC
- 16 Musical 7pm MAC
- 17 Musical 7pm MAC
- 18 Musical 2pm MAC
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8pm Novak Family Fieldhouse
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8pm Novak Family Fieldhouse
- 22 Parent/Teacher Conference 12-4pm Teacher classroom
- 22 Early Release 11:02am
- 23 No School
- 26 Auditions: Spring Play
- 27-3/13 ACT w/Writing Gr 11th
- 28-3/14 ACT Workkeys