

# BRIEN McMAHON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another exciting and important school year is about to begin. It is my hope that as a team, we will motivate our students to take on the academic challenges that will best prepare them for college and the workplace.

Enclosed is important information from the school, the health center (freshmen only), and the Parents' Club. The school emergency cards are included as well. Please fill out the card and have your student return it on the first day of school. Accurate contact information is imperative to improve communication with our families. During the first month of school, students will receive the High School Student and Family Handbook, and the BMHS Guide for Students and Families. Please take the time to read and review all the material with your child. There are many important rules and regulations that will affect his or her daily life. Both documents are available on the school website.

The first day of school is September 1 for freshmen, students new to BMHS, and seniors. Freshmen and students new to BMHS will report to the auditorium. Seniors will report to homeroom. The homeroom assignment sheet is included in this mailing.

There have been great improvements to our website this past year. You can find our homepage on the Norwalk Public Schools site, or visit it directly at: <http://portal.norwalkps.org/schools/bmhs>. We are working toward making this an up to date and accurate source of information for the BMHS community.

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will receive a BMHS planner on the first day of school. A planner is a valuable tool that helps to develop organizational skills, effective time management, and positive academic outcomes. For these students, the planners will also serve as passes if there is ever a need to leave class. Teachers will encourage students to use their planners on a daily basis. A limited number of planners will be available for purchase.

The administrative team was very busy this spring and summer hiring twelve new members of the faculty. We welcome a new school psychologist, and teachers to the English, Math, Science, World Languages, Special Education, Art, Business, Physical Education/Health, and English Language Learners departments. These professionals join our team with varying degrees of experience and high levels of enthusiasm. We are pleased to have them join our outstanding staff.

The start of a school year is a time for reflection. It reminds me that we must all take the time to talk to our children, to be involved in their lives, to remind them to stay focused, to have goals for them, to encourage them to do the necessary work to achieve their goals, and to acknowledge that life is precious and fragile. Talk to your children about school. Ask them to share the knowledge they are gaining and to show you their work. By attending school activities, coming to Open House (September 14), being an active member of the Parents' Club (first meeting – September 13), you let your children know that you value their education. Be involved! If you have questions or concerns, call teachers and guidance counselors. Important numbers are listed in the two handbooks. Students who have teachers, a counselor, administrators, and their parents or guardians on their team have the greatest chance of meeting their fullest potential.

I look forward to a successful school year. The entire faculty is committed to your child's academic, social, and emotional growth.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Brown Koroshetz  
Principal