



BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Council Newsletter

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and communication between community and school...

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“BHS . . . We Live It!”

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From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Broomfield Parents:

Welcome Back to Broomfield High School. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Back to School Night in August. We are proud to show off our new building and our remodeled areas too. We continue to work on our “punch list” to get things completely correct. If you have done any projects in your home, I know that you understand how challenging this can be. Students and staff have been wonderful and very accommodating to workmen needing to get into areas on their time schedules, not ours.

Our first order of bricks for the courtyard has arrived and has been installed. If you didn't get to order a brick and want to, we are still taking orders. Our next order will be placed right after our Grand Opening at Broomfield Days on September 19. Join us in this worthy fundraiser for our school. Your donation is totally tax deductible and the brick is a lasting memory for all to share. It has been enjoyable to see students stop and read the bricks. We ordered 140 bricks in our first order which gained Broomfield High \$14,000 profit!! In the near future, we will be adding to our landscape in the courtyard as well as adding benches, tables, nice trash cans, etc. Thanks in advance for your support of our students. They seem to be enjoying the courtyard at lunchtime.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 pm that day with an Open House to follow. Review the additional information in this newsletter for highlights of the day. You will not be disappointed!

The school year has begun in a very positive atmosphere. Our students are truly implementing our motto:

“BHS – We Live It!

Be Responsible

Honor Yourself and Others

Strive for Excellence”

Your support and encouragement to continue this positive attitude is greatly appreciated. Our halls are empty during class and our campus seems to be cleaner than in the past.

In addition to moving into new spaces, unpacking boxes, and locating misplaced items, the staff is working diligently with students on academics. Eagle Learning Center is again open from 3 to 4 pm, M-Th in the library. Students are invited to come in and work with others with support of teachers ready to assist. Missed tests can also be made up during that time. Beginning Monday, September 14, Eagle Learning Center will be available during the school day during free periods. Student may access similar support in Room 853 during periods 4-7.

As we continue to review our CSAP data, School Climate data, and ACT data, I am very pleased with our gains. After our Professional Development Day on Friday, September 18, I will be sharing, in detail, our results from last year and our goals for the coming year.

I have sent out a few parent emails already this year. If you have not received anything from me, it means we have an issue with an email address. Please let me know if you did

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not receive anything from me and I will have it corrected. You can contact me at either 720-561-5375 (NEW NUMBER) or at ginger.ramsey@bvsd.org.

It's a Great Day to be an Eagle!

Sincerely,

Ginger Ramsey
Principal

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Parent Council Meetings are held the second Monday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the BHS Library. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2009.

The purpose of Parent Council is to provide an organized structure through which parents can communicate with the staff of the school on policies, educational and environmental issues. During each meeting reports are shared from the District Parent Council representative on issues within the district. There is also a report from the school administrators and an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern. The meetings are open to all parents of Broomfield High School students and we welcome your involvement in the meetings and on various committees created to assist the staff and students of BHS. For more information, please contact Stacey Baker at 303-465-1161.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have new phone numbers at BHS:

Main Number: 720-561-8100
 Attendance: 720-561-5381
 Fax: 720-561-5390
 Counseling: 720-561-5384
 Response Desk: 720-561-5753
 Counseling Fax: 720-561-5389

BACKPACKS STILL AVAILABLE

Backpacks with school supplies are available for students who qualify. See Mrs. Laging in the Main Office if you haven't gotten one at BHS or at FISH. Our thanks to BVSD's Impact On Education Foundation for providing these backpacks for our students.

PARENT PORTAL REMINDERS

The Infinite Campus parent portal and student portal allow parents and students to access attendance and grade information. Your passwords from last year should still work. If you have never had access to the Parent/Student Portal, if you have been locked out, or if you have forgotten your password, here is how you can get the information: Email ic.brh@bvsd.org with the following information:

Student Name
 Student ID Number (on ID Card)
 Grade
 Parent (s) Name

Please let us know if the email if you are locked out or have never had access.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thanks to all parents who joined us for BTSN in August. It was good to see so many of you here. Thanks also to Stacey Baker and to parents who brought and prepared our refreshments for the evening.

If you missed seeing our new facility at BTSN, we invite you to join us for our Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Saturday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m. We'll be open until 4 p.m. During this time we will also be showcasing the work of our students. Art/photography students will have a display in the lobby, Prostart students will do culinary demos in the foods lab, and our musicians will perform at the Ribbon Cutting and in the Courtyard throughout the afternoon. Please come join us and enjoy the expertise of our students.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – September 23 & 24, 2009

Broomfield High School staff would like to welcome all parents to the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences to be held on Wednesday, September 23 (3:15 – 7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, September 24 (3:15 – 7:00 p.m.). This is a great opportunity

for parents to meet with instructors for an update on their student's academic progress. Conferences will be held arena style in the school cafeteria and Wilkerson Gymnasium the first evening and in classrooms the second. Teachers will be available for both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions. Coaches and part-time teachers will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. each evening. An additional evening of arena-style conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10 from 3:15 – 7:45 p.m. Parking for all conferences is available in the east lot. If you have any questions about Fall PTCs, please contact Mr. Bocard or Mrs. Laging at 720-561-5376.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR 2009

By now, Freshman Seminar is well under way. The goal of Freshman Seminar is for students to make a smooth transition to high school, to develop a positive relationship with an adult, and to increase academic success.

The advisors have an exciting semester planned for their freshmen. In September, students will have met several times with their advisors and Blue Crew student mentors and attended an Activity Fair to increase student participation in extracurricular activities. Please keep posted for additional Freshman Seminar information throughout the semester.

popular book, "Combinations: Opening the Door to Student Leadership."

For more information on this event, please contact Traci Hagie at 720-887-2231 or 720-561-5777. For more information about Ed Gerety, visit www.EdGerety.com

Reminder:

If you move please provide proof of address change by bringing in a copy of your utility bill to Heather Trujillo our registrar.

If any contact information for you or your student has changed you may email her at heather.trujillo@bvsd.org the changes or call 720-561-5388.

Thanks for keeping your students information current.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Cell phones and other electronic devices may not be used in the classroom or during instructional time without permission of the teacher or staff in charge. Teachers or staff will take the cell phone or device away if the student uses them without permission. Cell phones may be held by the instructor, or placed in the Main Office in a secure place. Students may pick them up after 3 p.m. regardless of when their school day is over. The second time a cell phone or other device is removed, a parent or guardian must pick it up. The third time this happens, it is an act of defiance and will be treated as such.

SENIOR PARENTS - - - TAKE NOTE:

The Senior Class Panoramic Picture will be taken on Wednesday, September 16 at 9:15 a.m. in Wilkerson Gym at Broomfield High. Please encourage your students to join us for this "once in a lifetime" special photo event.

MATH IS EVERYWHERE!

The old question of "When am I ever going to use this?" is inevitably going to come up in math classes across the country this year. Unfortunately, the answers of "You'll need it next year" or "Because I said so" aren't sufficient for curious minds. Therefore, I'm looking for help from all the parents and guardians working in the "real world." If you work in a job where you and/or your company use math, I would love to hear from you. At the very least, I need ideas of where math is used. If it's really interesting, I may ask you to be a guest speaker...just like elementary school career day! If you can help, please contact Pamela Rizzuto at pamela.rizzuto@bvsd.org. Thanks for your help!!!

SPARKING A COMMUNITY OF CONNECTIONS

Wednesday, September 23

at 7 p.m.

Broomfield High School Auditorium

The power of respect, the impact of choices, and other issues facing Broomfield youth are the focus of "Sparking a Community of Connections," a dynamic presentation by nationally known speaker and author Ed Gerety which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at Broomfield High School.

Sponsored by Broomfield High School's Friends of Rachel Club, Broomfield Substance and Alcohol Free Environment (B-SAFE) program, City and County of Broomfield Health and Human Services and the Parent Engagement Network (PEN), this presentation offers a refreshing look at today's youth. A leading speaker and author on youth leadership in the United States, Gerety will share techniques to break down the barriers and strengthen communication with our teens. Learn how respect, character, appreciation, leadership, and attitude can make a difference when it comes to raising young people. Gerety has shared this message with more than one million people throughout North America. He is the author of the

NEW TARDY POLICY

Structure:

- A) Four tardies in one class in one semester = Tier 1 penalty
- B) Four tardies in a second class = Tier 2 penalty OR 4 additional tardies in the same class = Tier 2 penalty
- C) Additional four tardies in any course = Tier 3 penalty

- This resets each semester
- A meeting with student, parent, teacher/administrator is expected when Tier 3 penalty is enacted

Penalties:

Tier 1) Lunch Detention M, Tu, Wed

This involves the student sitting at a separate cafeteria table, finishing lunch in 15 min. and cleaning tables for the remainder of the period. If the student is absent from their penalty, the detention will be doubled. If the student is absent from their penalty a second time, it will be escalated to Defiance and will be dealt with by an administrator.

Tier 2) 6:30 am - 7:20 or 3:10 - 4:00 pm trash clean up: M, Tu, Wed

Students are to report to the Main Office at the assigned time (the time is chosen by the student so that legitimate conflicts can be avoided). Students will be given an area to clean. If the student is absent from their penalty, the detention will be doubled. If the student is absent from their penalty a second time, it will be escalated to Defiance and will be dealt with by an administrator. If the student has eight tardies in one class at the point, a parent will be contacted regarding this issue.

Tier 3) Two weeks of trash clean up: 6:30 am - 7:20 or 3:10 - 4:00 pm trash clean up: M, Tu, We (repeated the next week)

Students are to report to the Main Office at the assigned time (the time is chosen by the student so that legitimate conflicts can be avoided). Students will be given an area to clean. If the student is absent from their penalty, the detention will be doubled. If the student is absent from their penalty a second time,

it will be escalated to Defiance and will be dealt with by an administrator.

Any additional group of four tardies will be dealt with as a defiance of authority.

SINGERS ARE CLIMBING A NEW VOCAL LADDER

Broomfield Choirs have lots of new opportunities this year to build up an excellent choir program at BHS!! I am excited and proud to be a part of the choral traditions that have been established for five decades at Broomfield HS. New teachers at BHS have an opportunity in this edition of the parent newsletter to tell you about themselves; in this space, however, I need to tell you all the things that I'm looking forward to with BHS Choir! Here are just a few of the important highlights for the next few months.

From our first day of school together, we began working on singing and ensemble skills. We got excited together when I told them our first performance was a mere week away, to sing in front of the entire student body of an assembly. At the time of this writing, the assembly hasn't happened yet, but I expect that the students will make a GREAT showing, and will demonstrate that vocal music is alive, well, and growing at BHS.

Our advanced juniors and seniors will soon be auditioning for Colorado All State Choir. This is a great opportunity for students to go through a rigorous individual audition process, memorize a piece of music, and demonstrate music theory and singing skills in front of a judge. Those that pass the audition in October will perform at the end of a three-day long festival in early February with world-class conductors.

Our first concert is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 at 7pm. It will be our first major opportunity to showcase the choirs. Already we are working on repertoire, and establishing vocal norms and having great fun doing it. You'll be very pleased with what

these kids have already shown me, and the ways they've already grown in terms of vocal technique, ensemble building, and performance practice.

I shared today with the singers that we will be having a Choir Camp in mid-November. We'll be heading to the Estes Park YMCA for a two-day trip. After getting everyone settled down from the excitement of hearing about an overnight, just-choir gig, I told them that it's a great way to build community, work on new music, establish traditions, have voice building workshops, have fun, and enjoy the great outdoors. More information will be emailed/sent home about this very soon.

Sharing with you my excitement at being at Broomfield HS, and writing to you how well the kids are getting along and building themselves up musically – it really can't be done in a newsletter. I hope you come to a concert, talk to parents of choir kids, get involved in what's happening with our singers. BHS is a great place to be, and I'm proud to be a part of it. Please let me know if you have questions, or want to get involved, or just want to share with me about our great kids. The choir room door and my email box are always open (brian.dufresne@bvsd.org).

See you at the concerts!!

CARE PACKAGES FOR FINAL EXAM WEEK

FBLA is selling care packages for students to have during the stressful times of final exams. These packages are a fundraiser to help benefit the FBLA organization to assist members in attending leadership conferences.

We know how stressful and taxing finals can be on a student. This package would be a nice reminder that your child(ren) has someone thinking of them during school. In the package there will be food that is both healthy and tasteful.

You can purchase the care packages by calling Ms. Betty Peters or Broomfield FBLA at 720-561-8236 to order for \$5

per package. This package includes Fruit Snacks, Goldfish of Cheez-its, Chewy Bars, Smarties, and Nature Valley Granola Bars. Water, Sunny D, or Capri Sun will also be included.

Please support both your student and the FBLA organization by purchasing a Final Exam Care Package.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Our school interventionist, Traci Hagie, and school social worker, Lauren Kaven, will co-facilitate a Grief and Loss support group each semester utilizing the HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties Healing Circles School Grief Group Guidelines. The group for first semester will run for a 7-8 week period, beginning in October and meeting on alternating class periods. The goal for students attending this group is to feel supported as they grieve the loss of a special person who died. Students may share as much or as little as they feel comfortable in group. Contact information or questions: Traci Hagie: 720-561-5777 (thagie@broomfield.org) or Lauren Kaven 720-561-8235 (lauren.kaven@bvsd.org).

Traci is available to assist students struggling with substance abuse issues, and Lauren is also available to provide support services and crisis intervention for students struggling with social/emotional/behavioral issues.

LOOK WHO'S NEW AT BHS:

Kristen Bushaw, Science Teacher

First I have to say that I am honored to be an Eagle. I was given the incredible opportunity this year to work here at Broomfield and I can not believe how lucky I am. Before I was a teacher I lived in the Dominican Republic in the

town of La Victoria developing a youth outreach program. This program included Friday night clubs, talent shows, community outreach programs, day trips, and week camp opportunities. It was here that I combined two of my passions traveling and working with high school students. If I am not teaching I am outside. I ice climb in Ouray every year, I have through backpacked the Colorado Trail, and I have climbed several 14ers. I am thrilled to be here with your students and proud to now call myself an Eagle.

Brian du Fresne, Director of Choirs

I appreciate the opportunity to say hello to the parents of the students I've worked with for the last few weeks! What a great school Broomfield HS is! Each time I'm engaged in conversation with kids, I hear from them a sense of pride, and I keep hearing that every teacher and administrator is proud of each of our kids.

Choir kids, in my experience, are a very inquisitive lot, and I think it has to do with the fact that singing is such a personal experience. I've shared with them that I am a professional singer, organist and pianist, and that I have done a great amount of professional theatre (equity and non-equity), and that I have been a choir director since I was a teenager. The Arts Nova Singers is a semi-professional choir in Boulder – I am the Bass section leader and soloist, and have been for fifteen years. St. John's Episcopal Church in Boulder is my home for thirteen years now, and I am their Principal Organist. I recently won certification with the American Guild of Organists, one of only eight in the country this year at this level. The Trouble Clef Theatre Company is the group for which I was most recently their Resident Music Director, and I was nominated for a national prize a few years ago for a production I music directed.

I share my duties in Boulder Valley School District with Monarch High School. MHS has five choirs which I direct, and I also teach AP Music

Theory and Guitar on alternating semesters. This year, Broomfield HS has two choirs which I am proud to direct. My main goals this year are to build the choral program's size and enrollment, continue in the good traditions that Broomfield has established, teach a high level of vocal technique and musicianship, and to re-instill in the students a sense of pride and accomplishment in their choral program.

Parents, there is nothing holding us back this year. You should expect great things from our singers. I do!

Graham Debenport, Social Studies Student Teacher

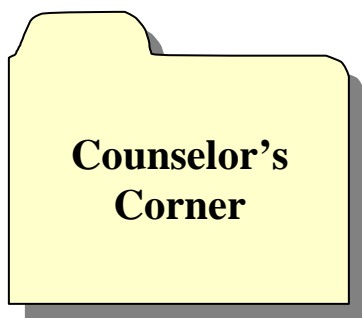
I am extremely excited to begin my student teaching experience at Broomfield High School and look forward to working with you and your students over the course of the fall semester. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, explain my background, and highlight some of my main goals and objectives for this student teaching experience.

My name is Graham Debenport, and I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. I attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, graduating in May of 2007 with a B.A. in History, as well as two minors in Sociology and Classical Humanities.

Currently I am enrolled in the Master's Plus program at the University of Colorado, Boulder and will be completing a semester long student teaching experience at Broomfield High School. While teaching and working with Mr. Jensen and your students, some of my main goals and objectives will be to develop an understanding of effective teaching strategies, learn the planning and use of an effective and engaging lesson plan, develop and receive feedback on my own skills in presenting diverse subject matter to different sized groups of students, and stretch my own comfort zones through participation in areas outside of my assigned classroom. I also hope to regularly challenge myself and become as involved as possible in this whole experience so that I can learn

how to effectively reach all students and make the study of social studies as captivating for them as it is for me. I have already begun presenting lessons on my own to each of our classes, and look forward to expanding my role in each classroom.

I feel extremely honored to be working with such an amazing group of cooperating teachers and students, and really look forward to this experience. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at graham.debenport@colorado.edu



Counseling Questions??

We have a counselor available everyday at the Response Desk to answer questions. Please call **720-561-5753** for questions or to schedule appointments. The Counseling Response Desk is located in the new Career Center in the Counseling Office in the new building. Remember that you and your student can select any counselor to meet with that you chose.

Visit with College Representatives

Juniors and seniors, this is your chance to visit with college admissions representatives from around the county without traveling! We have many colleges planning to visit Broomfield High. The colleges, dates, and times are posted on the bulletin board outside of the Counseling Office or on the Naviance website. To visit, sign your name to the list and pick up a pass from the response counselor the morning of the visit. Please use this exciting

opportunity to learn more about specific colleges from the actual admissions representatives.

Register for the PSAT

Broomfield High School will be giving the PSAT on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 7:30 AM. This test is available to juniors and sophomores, although juniors are given priority registration. Juniors can register in the Counseling Office beginning September 21, 2009. Sophomores can register on October 12, 2009, if space remains available. Please bring \$25 (cash or check) to the Counseling Office to register. For juniors, this is your only opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Be sure to come prepared with #2 pencils, a calculator and a photo ID. Go online to learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT at www.collegeboard.com/psat.

ACT Registration

Broomfield High School will be a test site for the October 24, 2009. Please go to www.actstudent.org for information on registration.

Out-of-State College Nights

There are several opportunities for parents and students to meet with college admissions representatives from out of state. Learn about admissions requirements, financial aid, special programs, college majors and tuition and expenses.

October 7, 2009
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Monarch High School
329 Campus Drive
Louisville, Colorado

October 8, 2009
6:30 - 8:30 PM
John F. Kennedy High School
2855 S. Lamar Street
Denver, Colorado

In addition, the Annual "College Fairs of Greater Denver" Saturday College Workshop will be October 10, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. at Cherry Creek High School. Directions and a list of participating schools can be found at www.collegefairsdenver.org.

In-State College Night

The Colorado Council on High School College Relations will host an In-State College Night at Coors Events Center on the University of Colorado – Boulder campus Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for juniors, seniors and their parents to meet with college representatives.

Scholarship Scams

This is the time of year that parents and students start receiving mail that offers scholarship money. How do you know if it is a legitimate organization or a fraud? Here are some tips to recognize the good from the bad.

Scam

- States you've won an award for which you didn't apply.
- Does not supply valid contact information.
- Guarantees you will win an award.
- *Asks for money, credit card numbers or checking account information. (To "hold" the scholarship.)

A legitimate scholarship service

- Sends information about awards when you request it.
- Makes contact information available upon request.
- Does not guarantee you will win an award.
- Should not direct you to a fee-based provider because they know that financial aid information is readily available for free.

Homework Trouble or Test Anxiety?

Keeping up with homework at the beginning of the school year is one way to ensure an academically successful year. If your student asks for help and you aren't sure where to turn, you might explore the following sites:

www.lii.org - Librarians' Index to the Internet

This site is appropriate for high school students and is funded by the Library of California. Librarians seek out the most reliable on-line resources for a variety of subjects. To be listed, the websites must be current, competently written and free.

www.encarta.msn.com - MSN Learning and Research

This site has some promotions and advertising, but offers some great information in exchange. It offers information on a wide variety of topics, but it is particularly useful for encyclopedia, dictionary and atlas items. Use the K – 12 success tab on the homepage for additional information.

www.mathforum.org/dr.math - The Math Forum @ Drexel: Ask Dr. Math

This isn't so much a homework website as a math website. The "math doctors" on this website are volunteers that have a true passion for math. You can search by level or by specific topics. There are a lot of excellent strategies for learning concepts as well.

www.history.com - The History Channel

If you need a famous historical speech, this is the place to find it with over 540 archived speeches.

www.smithsonianeducation.org - Smithsonian Education

Explore topics such as art, science and nature, history and culture or people and places. Use the "Students" tab for more specific information.

www.nationalgeographic.com - National Geographic

A site that includes information on maps and geography, history and culture, animals, photos and art, places and sciences and nature. In addition, there is a homework help research option.

www.how-to-study.com – This site offers study skills, study strategies and study tips. This site offers great tips on reducing test anxiety as well as time management.

www.howtostudy.org – This site provides information on study skills.

www.mathpower.com – Has information about basic math, algebra, study skills, math anxiety and learning styles.

Fall Driver's Ed classes through BVSD Lifelong Learning

Fall Drivers Ed Session A

Tuition:\$95.00 Materials Cost: \$0.00

Location: Broomfield High School

Rm. 223

Monday, Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM; 10 sessions starting September 21, 2009, ending October 21, 2009

Instructor: Boulder Driving Academy

View complete class details at www.bvsd.org/LLL. Scholarships are available.

Safe2tell

To help in communication about school climate, Broomfield High School is now a member of the Safe2tell program. This program is designed to report ANY information to the school AND remain ANONYMOUS. With your help, we can make Broomfield High School a SAFER and better place.

To remain anonymous you must call 1-877-542-SAFE.

Safe2tell is designed to help you anonymously report anything that is scaring or endangering you, your friends or your family. You don't need to be afraid to call. You never have to give us your name if you don't want to. In factm Colorado State Law guarantees you will remain unknown if you choose. At safe2tell, there is a trained call taker waiting to help you around the clock. This person will listen to you and get help for your problem.

Safe2tell is modeled after the Student Crime Stoppers program. It allows students, teachers, parents or anyone else to call a toll free Colorado state wide hot line with information about a crime that has already happened, or one they fear may happen. We want to make our schools and communities safer by focusing on prevention. So if you've seen something suspicious, been bullied, feel threatened or noticed that a friend needs help, call us and make a difference before something bad happens.

To make a call, dial 1-877-542-7233 from anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free. Remember, your identity is safe. When you call, no one will ask your name or number. And we do not have caller I.D. We only want to hear your concern and try to help

Still not sure if you should call? If you don't, who will? We need your help to improve your school and community. By calling, you can help stop a friend from committing suicide, get another student off drugs, or stop a bully from making other people miserable. If you have information about the following topics or just need someone to listen, please call.

Here are just a few of the things we can help with . . .
Guns, knives, explosives, gangs, bullying, meanness, teasing threats, harassment, fighting, planned fights, assaults, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual misconduct, sexual assaults, suicide threats, planned parties, drugs, alcohol, stealing, vandalism, fire starting, animal cruelty, ditching, anything else that concerns you.

Broomfield High School Attendance Policy

(Attendance Office: 720-561-5381)

The attendance policy at Broomfield High School has been developed to serve a two-fold purpose. First, to maximize a student's opportunity to receive a quality education, and second, to meet state law requirements.

Policy:

1. On the second unexcused absence, a warning notification will be mailed home.
2. On the fourth unexcused absence notification will be mailed home that the student has lost credit for the class. **The student may appeal loss of credit with an administrator.** (see Appeals)
3. **Five minutes late for a class constitutes an unexcused absence. Students are still expected to attend that class.**
4. Suspensions do not apply towards the attendance policy.
5. **Tardies under five minutes will result in disciplinary action.**
6. Efforts will be made to contact parents by a computer calling machine after each unexcused absence.
7. **Notification will be mailed home when a student has reached eight excused absences in one class. Medical documentation will be required for subsequent absences to be excused. School related activities are excused from the eight. Any subsequent absence will automatically become unexcused unless documentation is received.**

Appeals:

1. Appearance before an administrator will determine whether or not credit will be lost in classes in which maximum limit of absences has been reached. Intervention procedures will also be discussed.
2. Failure to schedule an appeal within one week of notification will result in an F grade for the class.
3. A student may appeal once in a calendar year.

How to excuse absences:

1. Calls by parents or guardian must occur within 48 hours following the absence. Parents can access the Attendance Office message machine after hours. (720-561-5381)
2. **Bring appropriate written documentation for any missed class time for doctor's or dentist's appointments (DOC);**
3. If during the day, your student needs to miss a class, please be sure to write a note excusing your student. Your student needs to give the note to Mrs. Young in the Attendance Office, so she can write your student a pass to be released from class. All Students NEED to check in and out of the Attendance Office.

According to Board Policy the following absences are defined as excused:

- illness or injury (EXC/ILL)
- administrative approval (ADM)
- school activities (ACT)
- custody of a court or law enforcement

- authority or medical (DOC)
- family emergencies (EXC)

Unexcused (UNX) absences include:

- truancy
- working (non-school involved)

Single period absences during the day MUST be documented.

Parent or Guardian Responsibility for School Attendance:

1. To recognize that any absence, regardless of cause, has a detrimental influence on student achievement.
2. To contact the school regarding student attendance by calling the Attendance Office **within 48 hours of an absence** or by providing appropriate documentation for appointments.
3. To monitor your student's attendance and be aware of any missed work.
4. To contact the school and request a conference with the appropriate administrator upon notification from the school of an attendance concern.

Student Responsibility for School Attendance:

1. TO RECOGNIZE THAT ANY ABSENCE, REGARDLESS OF CAUSE, HAS A DETRIMENTAL INFLUENCE ON STUDENT ACHEIVEMENT.
2. To attend school during all of the days on the established Boulder Valley School District/Broomfield High School Calendar.
3. To appear on time and prepared to learn.
4. To contact teachers immediately upon returning to school to arrange all makeup work assigned and establish with teachers when makeup work is due.
5. To provide documentation for classes missed due to appointments, or a parent may excuse in person.
6. **If it becomes necessary for a student to leave school during the day, he/she MUST CHECK OUT in the Attendance Office, Clinic, or Main Office.**

Prearranged Absences (PRE):

A request for a prearranged absence must be submitted to the Attendance Office **three days** prior to the absence. Prearranged absences must be approved by an administrator prior to submittal to the Attendance Office.

Makeup Work:

Students who have been absent are responsible for makeup work with their teachers and to adhere to the BVSD Standard Base Grading philosophy. Long-term assignments are due upon return to class. For more information see BVSD policy IKEA at <http://www.bvbsd.org>.

Final Exams:

Final exams or culminating activities are offered in all courses each semester. Permission to take exams early may be granted by the principal for **extenuating circumstances**. A missed final may not be made up unless the absence is excused.

Parent Engagement Network presents:
Thriving During the Teenage Years
 A New Resource for Parents
 By Dr. Jan Hittelman

In an effort to better serve parents and families, BVSD Superintendent Dr. Chris King launched the **Thrive Update Newsletter** last school year. Its mission is to empower families through scientifically valid knowledge to support healthy youth development. Individual schools distribute this monthly electronic publication to parents through their email lists. If you are not receiving Thrive Update, contact your local school and ask to be included. Past issues are available on the BVSD website at: <http://bvsd.org/PARENTS/Pages/ThriveNewsletter.aspx>

Each month Thrive Update provides useful information on a number of topics, as well as providing a calendar of events sponsored by the district and/or its community partners. In addition, I write a question and answer column, "Q & A with Dr. J". Please help us by submitting your questions to me at the contacts below. Best wishes for a wonderful 2009-2010 school year!

UPCOMING PEN EVENTS:

<p>Wednesday, September 2 Louisville Middle School 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p align="center">"How are All the Children?" 8th Annual PEN Kick-off</p> <p align="center">Power of Parents Sparking the Hidden Strengths of Our Youth Welcome: Chris King, Superintendent, BVSD Stephanie Hoy Exec. Director, Assets for Colorado Youth www.buildassets.org</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 16 Platt Middle School 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p align="center">Raising Girls With Positive Self-empowerment</p> <p align="center">Personal foundation and conflict management skills for success Rachel Simmons, Oprah-endorsed National Speaker and author, "Odd Girl Out" & "Curse of the Good Girl" www.rachelsimmons.com</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 23 Broomfield High School 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p align="center">Sparking a Community of Connections</p> <p align="center">Learn techniques for breaking down barriers and strengthen connection with their kids, other youth, and the community Ed Gerety Author and National Presenter www.EdGerety.com</p>
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Learn more about PEN by visiting their website: www.parentengagementnetwork.org or by contacting Paula Nelson, PEN chair (pnj6225@yahoo.com 303-880-6030) or Eugenia Brady, PEN Co-Chair (eugenia.brady@bvsd.org 720-447-1713).

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Parent Engagement Network presenta:
 Superando con Éxito los Años de la Adolescencia
 Un Nuevo Recurso para Padres
 Por el Dr. Jan Hittelman

En un esfuerzo para servir mejor a los padres y familias, el Superintendente del BVSD Dr. Chris King el año escolar pasado lanzó las **Novedades de Porque amo a mi hijo**. Su misión es capacitar a las familias a través del conocimiento científicamente válido para apoyar el desarrollo saludable de los jóvenes. Las escuelas distribuyen individualmente esta publicación electrónica mensual a los padres a través de su lista de correos electrónicos. Si usted no está recibiendo las Novedades de Porque amo a mi hijo, contacte a su escuela y pídale que lo incluyan en la lista de correos electrónicos. Las publicaciones pasadas están disponibles en la página Web del BVSD: <http://bvsd.org/PARENTS/Pages/ThriveNewsletter.aspx>

Novedades de Porque amo a mi hijo proporciona todos los meses información útil sobre varios temas, y también proporciona un calendario de eventos patrocinado por el distrito y/o sus socios de la comunidad. Al mismo tiempo, yo escribo una columna de preguntas y respuestas, “P y R con Dr. J”. Por favor ayúdenos enviándome sus preguntas a los contactos que se encuentran a continuación. ¡Mis mejores deseos para un año 2009-2010 maravilloso!

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS DE PEN:

<p>Miércoles 2 de septiembre Escuela Intermedia Louisville 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>8^a Inauguración Anual de PEN “¿Cómo están todos los niños?”</p> <p><i>El poder de los Padres</i></p> <p>Iluminando las fortalezas ocultas de nuestra Juventud Bienvenida: Chris King, Superintendente, BVSD Stephanie Hoy Directora Ejecutiva, Recursos para la Juventud de Colorado www.buildassets.org</p>	<p>Miércoles, 16 de septiembre Escuela Intermedia Platt 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>Criando niñas con autonomía positiva</p> <p>Desarrollo personal y habilidades para manejar la resolución de conflictos con éxito</p> <p>Rachel Simmons, Autora y presentadora nacional, respaldada por Oprah “Odd Girl Out” y “Curse of the Good Girl” www.rachelsimmons.com</p>	<p>Miércoles, 23 de septiembre Preparatoria Broomfield 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>Provocando una comunidad de conexiones</p> <p>Aprenda técnicas para romper barreras y fortalecer las conexiones con sus hijos, otros jóvenes y la comunidad</p> <p>Ed Gerety Autor y presentador nacional www.Ed@EdGerety.com</p>
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September 10, 2009

To the Parents/Guardians of Broomfield High School Students,

As the health and building leadership for Broomfield High School in Boulder Valley School District, we would like to ask for your assistance and cooperation in several health related matters.

As you may be aware, chronic health conditions, such as allergies and diabetes are on the rise. We have students who are medically fragile entering our schools. Some of the decisions we each make as parents, educators and health providers can be critical for all students. For this reason, we ask that you consider the following:

- If your child is new to the school or the district and has health care needs, please include that information on the registration materials, alert the principal and health room para.
- If your child has significant health needs, particularly if there are medical orders for medications or treatments, please meet with school and health personnel as soon as possible to avoid a delay in school attendance until the district can adequately and safely meet your student's needs.
- Each school year has unique situations, so please update the school through the health office regarding your student's health needs yearly or more often.
- If your student is participating in out of the building activities, field trips or extra curricular activities that may require special planning, please alert the school of these and consider having a family member accompany your student for some events.

For the sake of the student with health concerns, we ask that you consider the following:

- Please be considerate of students with significant, sometimes life threatening allergies. Consider the food you supply for your student or school events. Consider this for projects that may bring foreign materials into the school. You may receive notification of specific health conditions or allergies in your student's school.
- Please alert the health office if your child has signs or confirmation of an illness that may be contagious. Consider keeping him/her out of school. Some students do not have a normal ability to fight infections.
- Consider regular health screening. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yearly health screening and your provider can access what is recommended according to age. The school district provides vision and hearing screening for those pre-K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th. If your student is new to the district or you have a concern, please alert the health room.
- Consider immunizations that comply with the state recommendations. The recommendations can be found via our website: www.bvsd.org or <http://cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html>.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration of the needs of all students, including your own.

Sincerely,

Ginger Ramsey
Principal

Susan Rowley RN, MS, CPNP
Health Services and Medicaid Coordinator

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PARENT RESPONSE FORM

I have a question: _____

I have a concern: _____

I have something positive to share: _____

I have the following expertise I'd like to share. I would be available: _____

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Please return to Ginger Ramsey, BHS, #1 Eagle Way, Broomfield, CO 80020
OR email Ginger.Ramsey@bvsd.org

If you have special needs due to a disability and wish to request accommodations in order to participate in a school activity, please notify the 504/ADA liaison, Craig Bocard, at 720-561-8100 at least two days in advance of the event so that appropriate arrangements for reasonable accommodations may be made. Thank you.