Dear YCSD Families and Staff,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Winter Break. On Monday, January 3, we will be returning to our classrooms as scheduled as we remain committed to our belief that students belong in school, in-person. As case levels rise across the country and Virginia due to the Omicron variant, maintaining safe learning environments for our staff and students will take a community effort.

**Daily Health Screenings**

Daily home health screenings are still expected for all students and staff prior to entering a school or office building. This includes a temperature check, review of symptoms, and an assessment of potential COVID-19 exposure.

**Report COVID-19 Cases**

Please notify the school if a student or employee has received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or has been identified as a close contact of someone receiving a positive test result.

**Stay Home When Sick**

One of the most effective measures in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses is to reduce the potential for exposure. At this time, YCSD will continue to follow the isolation and quarantine guidelines in place prior to Winter Break, and will seek further guidance from our local health department before considering adopting the new CDC guidelines released over break. Additionally, individuals should remain home until fever free, without the aid of medication, for at least 24 hours.

**Remain Prepared and Flexible**

While we remain confident in the effectiveness of the division’s mitigation strategies to reduce the potential for COVID-19 transmissions in our schools, community transmissions may still impact our operations. Students and staff should have their devices with them daily to be ready for any possible shift to virtual learning - for individual students, classrooms, schools, or the entire division.

Families are encouraged to have plans in place to support at-home learning for their children, should it become necessary. Additionally, as we continue to face staffing shortages in our transportation department, we encourage you to have alternate plans for transportation to and from school. Every effort will be made to communicate transportation issues as far in advance as possible.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for the first day of school in 2022.

Sincerely,

Victor D. Shandor, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent
York County School Division
NEW TUTORING ACCESS

The York County School Division announced a new program to provide students with extra academic help this school year. YCSD has contracted with FEV Tutor, a nationally-recognized company, to provide free online tutoring services for students in grades 3-12.

Students and families will have access to support at any time, from any device with an internet connection. Support sessions are live, but do not involve device cameras as they are conducted through chat and a whiteboard. You can learn more about the FEV Tutor on the division website.

FEV Tutor Family Webinars - FEV Tutor Academic Specialist, Cassie Palisky, a former educator, will be presenting a live demo of the FEV Tutor platform and answer any questions you may have. Each session will be recorded if you are not able to make either of the webinar times. You can click on your preferred date to register below:

- January 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- January 19, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Learn more about FEV Tutor here:

- FEV Tutor Dashboard
- How to Share Content with Your Tutor
- Learning Style Options

Here are some helpful resources on how to use FEV Tutor:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- How to Screen Share

If you have any questions about this free virtual tutoring program, please contact FEV Tutor directly at: va@fevtutor.com or call 855-763-2607. FEV’s Support Team is happy to answer any questions.
COVID-19 Weekly Update: We received notice that a member of the Bruton High School community tested positive for COVID-19 over the last week. This information is updated daily on the division’s COVID-19 Dashboard. Staff members have notified all individuals who were identified as close contacts, as defined by the Virginia Department of Health, to follow quarantine protocols. If you have not been contacted personally, your children were not considered close contacts. Information regarding contact tracing and quarantine requirements is available in the division’s Safe Return Plan.

All families are asked to continue conducting the Daily Health Screening each morning and to keep children home when they are sick, until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If you have questions regarding the division’s COVID-19 response plans, please contact Principal Dockery at 757-220-4050.

Senior of the Month

Peter Dang

Club Pictures

This Friday, January 7th, Candid Color will be here to take the CLUB PICTURES.

Be sure to see your CLUB SPONSOR for the time of your CLUB PHOTO and GET A PASS so you get into the yearbook for that activity.

BHS Athletic Booster Club

Our Purpose - We believe sports and athletic competition are invaluable part of a student’s education and teach important life lessons.

Our Mission - We support BHS teams and student-athletes through fundraising, providing stand out senior awards, and promoting school spirit.

Our next meeting is JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 5:30 -6:30 in the school cafeteria.

We would love to see new faces and show you all the fun we have. We will be looking for new members to join the 22-23 board. Come and see if this is a fit for you.
Panther Athletics

TUESDAY 1/4
Wrestling AWAY vs BRD at New Kent @ 6:00pm
Girls’ BB HOME vs Poquoson @5:30/7:00pm

WEDNESDAY 1/5
Boys’ BB AWAY at Poquoson @5:30/7:00pm

Thursday 1/6
Girls’ BB HOME vs Tabb @5:30/7:00pm

FRIDAY 1/7
Boys’ BB AWAY at Tabb @5:30/7:00pm

SATURDAY 1/8
Indoor Track at CNU Invite @ 10:00am
Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or funds to grant Winter Wishes.

Join • Support • Engage

Want Ads: Engage with your BHS PTSA

POSITION OPEN
AfterProm Chair
Lead an amazing team that can plan activities, source food and entertainment, and fundraise for a special event for our students.

Email Felicia Brown Anderson (fxbrow72@gmail.com) for details.

Mindfulness Moment Coordinator
Needed
Each month, the PTSA in cooperation with BHS, identifies and distributes a mindfulness activity that 2AB teachers can do with their students during AEP. Reach out to Jenny Hindman (hindmande@gmail.com) to learn more.

WRITER WANTED
Do you have the “write touch” to keep people informed? Can you make a weekly deadline?

The PTSA needs the “write person” to write and submit the PTSA page to the BHS newsletter. Contact Jenny Hindman (hindmande@gmail.com) if interested.

Seeking: A Snack Break Organizer
This can be a one-time gig or reoccurring on a monthly basis. Come up with a theme, decide on snacks, make a Sign-Up Genius for donations, use MemberHub and social media to solicit food donations from PTSA members, set up the teacher and staff snack break, and send an email alert to folks to let them know that there are treats in the BHS mailroom. The Hospitality Chair, Jenny Hindman (hindmande@gmail.com) can help with this. Contact her to get involved.

Like Fun? Like Sun? Have a Student?

Join the Student Fun in the Sun Moment team that is forming. Last year, the BHS PTSA along with the school administration organized an outdoor break for students during 2nd block and AEP where they socialized, listened to music did some outdoor activities, and had a snack. Interested? Contact Jenny Hindman (hindmande@gmail.com)

Scholarship Committee Interest List Forming
The end of the year comes fast and the PTSA is getting ready; the BHS PTSA awards a scholarship to a graduating senior. Review the applications using the established criteria and decide with your committee members on the Class of 2022 honoree. This involves work at the end of May. Share your interest in serving on this committee to Felicia Brown Anderson, President (fxbrow72@gmail.com)

2022-2023 PTSA Officers Needed
PTSA officers meet monthly with the principal to coordinate activities to benefit students, teachers, staff, and families. The one-hour meetings are held on Zoom. Serving in the high school PTSA is different than elementary or middle school PTSA service, most notable in that it is not as demanding in terms of time. All positions are open. The annual officer election is held in May.

President
A PTSA president believes that together we can do more and supports impactful actions. This person:
• leads meetings,
• is the point-of-contact between the principal and the PTSA, and
• serves as public face of the BHS PTSA including the BHS PTSA at the York County Council PTA.
Speak with the BHS PTSA President to learn more, Felicia Brown Anderson (fxbrow72@gmail.com)

Secretary
Ideal position for someone who can:
• commit to one meeting per month,
• can distill 60-minutes into a couple pages of minutes, and
• post the minutes on our MemberHub site.
If interested talk to the current secretary: Stacey Turner (Teach1st@cox.net)

Treasurer
Does the fiscal world make “cents” to you? This person:
• drafts an annual budget in consultation with the PTSA officers and committee chairs,
• does monthly reconciliations,
• makes bank deposits,
• submits the 990 form, organizing for the annual financial review, and
• writes checks.
The PTSA uses MoneyMinder, an online bookkeeping software that streamlines many responsibilities. Contact Janine Felsman (99felsman@hotmail.com), current treasurer, if interested in serving.

The BHS PTSA is 100% volunteer-run. Your service has a direct impact.

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Link to application

Prospective Student Pipeline (9th-10th grade)
There are no qualifications necessary to join the PSP: all families are welcome. If you would like to stay apprised of what’s happening at The Governor’s School and receive notifications of informational events and admissions deadlines, simply provide your contact information below. You can unsubscribe at any time, so please join us.
https://nhrec.org/gsst/prospective-student-pipeline/

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See Ms. Kimbro for details and payment

JUNIOR CLASS
SHIRTS $20
See Ms. Gist in room 207 for details and how to order.

AFTERSCHOOL TUTORIALS
We HAVE BEGUN our Afterschool Tutorials/Activities on Tuesday, September 21st.
Teachers will schedule students for afterschool tutorial/activities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Students will be able to have up to 3 tutorial/activity sessions during this time.

SENIOR RECOGNITION
YEARBOOK ADS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! ADS BEGIN AT $50.

Please visit the link below to design and purchase your ad through Jostens:
https://tinyurl.com/bhsads22
Panther’s Pride
Snacks to Tie You Over

If you need a little something to tie you over until you get home, swing by. We have food and drinks!

When/Where:
*The Commons 1:50 - 2:15 after 4B except Fridays
*Room 216 2:15 – 3:00 (hours may vary) Monday-Thursday

Quesadillas - Cheese/Cheese & Bacon/Cheese & Pepperoni $1.00
Hot Dog .50
Drinks $1.00
Brownies .50
Cookies 1.00 (pack of two)
Chips .50
Popcorn .25
Snow Cones - Closed for the winter 😊
*****While Supplies Last
Get your Yearbook!

The 2022 edition of The Brutonian is on sale now! Go to the site below to order. Limited quantities are available. See Ms. Walden in room 201 with any questions.

https://www.tinyurl.com/bhsyearbook22
2021-22 Daily Health Screenings for Families and Staff

To protect the health and safety of others, all YCSD students and staff members are expected to perform the following daily health check before coming to school or work.

Symptoms
If you or your child are experiencing any of these symptoms, please STAY HOME until symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication.

- Temperature 100.0 F or higher
- Cough/shortness of breath/difficulty breathing*
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle/Body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Unusual rash
- Red or pink eyes not explained by allergies or injury

* (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)

Potential COVID-19 Exposure/Close Contact
If you or your child have participated in any of the following activities, please take extra precautions (face coverings, frequent handwashing, etc.) and/or follow recommended isolation/quarantine measures in accordance with state and national guidance.

- Traveled to a level 4 risk area, as defined by the CDC
- Had close contact with an individual who has traveled to a high-risk state or country, as defined by the CDC
- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19

Exposure or close contact includes living in the same household, being within 6 feet of the person for 15 minutes or longer, or being in direct contact (e.g., sharing utensils, coughing, sneezing, kissing, etc.).


Pending or Positive COVID-19 Test Results
If you, your child, or a member of your immediate household, has been tested for COVID-19, please STAY HOME until test results have come back negative. If you or your child receives a positive COVID-19 test result, please notify your school nurse or building administrator immediately.

Tips for Returning to School & Work Safely

- Allow time each morning to complete the screening checklist.
- Use the same thermometer on the same spot each day for consistency. When using an oral thermometer, avoid food or drinks for at least 15 minutes prior.
- Practice appropriate mask use. Make sure you know how to wear your mask and how to properly take one on and off.
- Practice hand hygiene. Make proper handwashing a frequent part of the daily routine (at least 20 seconds ensuring the front, back and in-between fingers are washed).
- Practice distancing. Consider ways to visualize a 3-foot distance.
- Purchase reusable water bottles. Schools will only have water-refilling stations operating, not water fountains.
FACE COVERINGS
A cloth or paper disposable mask, gaiter, or religious face covering that covers the mouth and nose completely. Any depiction(s) on a face covering must adhere to the YCSD dress code (images, patterns, phrases and words). Masks or other items that include a valve, hole, gaps or openings to facilitate easier breathing, or are made of a material such as mesh, are not permitted.

FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN...
On division school buses, vans and vehicles when more than one person is in the vehicle.
Inside buildings when more than one person is in a classroom, office/cubicle, meeting room, or public space. *Masks are also strongly encouraged in cubicles that open to other cubicle spaces when both spaces are occupied.
NOTE: Children who are under two years old are not required to wear a face covering.

FACE COVERINGS MAY BE TEMPORARILY REMOVED
When engaging in indoor physical activity (e.g., during indoor recess, after school sports, or when exercising in a gym) where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, and during classes or activities held outdoors.*
To eat or drink, but care should be taken to maintain as much space as possible between people.
When a teacher directs an individual student to remove a mask to support an instructional lesson or that student's personal need.
During indoor practices or performances involving singing, acting, or playing musical instruments where face coverings are impractical to wear while playing the instrument.*
*NOTE: In such cases, distancing strategies of 6 feet or more must be in place to the greatest extent possible.

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

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