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At Berry Middle School, we aim to be *caring and supportive, challenging and engaging, and innovative and relevant*. We create a safe and inviting environment for every student and staff member by building "*Berry PRIDE*" and creating a "*No Put-Down Zone*".

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

- **Martin Luther King Day/No School** – Monday, January 15th
- **Boys' Basketball vs. Bumpus** – Tuesday, January 16th, 4:30 – 7 PM, home
- **Girls' Basketball @ Bumpus** – Tuesday, January 16th, 4:30 – 7 PM, away
- **Hoover City Schools Board Meeting** – Tuesday, January 16th, 5:30 - 7 PM
- **Physicals at SPHS** – Wednesday, January 17th
- **SPHS Show Choir performs for 8th grade P.E. classes** – Wednesday, January 17th
- **Drama Club Meeting** – Wednesday, January 17th, 3:30-4:30 PM
- **Fall Awards Assemblies** – Thursday, January 18th
- **PTO Board Meeting** – Thursday, January 18th, 8:30-10 AM
- **District Spelling Bee** – Thursday, January 18th, 9 – 11 AM, Hoover High School
- **Indoor Track Meet** – Thursday, January 18th, 2 – 7 PM, Birmingham Cross Plex
- **Berry Wrestling @ Liberty Park** – Thursday, January 18th, 4 – 7 PM
- **Boys' Basketball @ Simmons** – Thursday, January 18th, 4 - 7 PM, away
- **Girls' Basketball vs. Simmons** – Thursday, January 18th, 4 – 7 PM, home
- **Berry Wrestling Duals Tournament @ SPHS** – Friday & Saturday, January 19th & 20th

Spain Park High School 8th Grade Parent Night

Spain Park High School 8th Grade Parent Night will be held at SPHS on **February 8, 2018 from 6:30-8 p.m.** All incoming 9th grade parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Parents of incoming 9th graders will receive their student's course selection information.

From 6:30-7:10 pm, parents and students will attend the Curriculum Fair in the SPHS cafeteria. The Curriculum Fair consists of booths for elective courses being arranged in the cafeteria with representatives available to answer questions regarding elective courses. Teachers of Pre-AP courses will be available in the hallway outside of the cafeteria.

At 7:10, parents and students will convene in the theater to hear the course selection presentation. The evening will conclude promptly at **8:00** p.m.

Course selections appointments will be in a small group setting (the student's current math teacher). For this reason, parent meetings will need to be scheduled separately.

Please email questions to me to determine if an individual meeting is necessary.

hyoung@hoover.k12.al.us

Where to find course selection guide: Go to SPHS website - left side bar "Course Selection Guide"

Pink Shirt Day

On February 28th, Berry Middle School will join EVERY school in Hoover for a Pink Shirt Day. You can help bring awareness to bully prevention by purchasing a t-shirt on Thursday mornings outside the lunchroom for \$5. Shirts will also be for sale on Thursday, January 18th at the concession stand before and after Awards Day. Checks should be made out to Promo ID.

SPORTS & CLUBS

Berry Wins Wrestling Team Tournament

The Berry wrestling team, along with the SP freshmen, competed this weekend in a combined 7th, 8th & 9th grade tournament at Huntsville HS. Berry was the Big Red Rumble Tournament Champion beating out 17 other teams! We had 9 kids in the finals & went 8-1 in those matches.

1st place winners from Berry were

JR T.
Jonas H.
Morgan B.
Andrew M.

4th place winners were

Easton S.
Will C.

Physicals for Student Athletes

Per AHSAA rules, each student-athlete must have an up-to-date (within one calendar year) physical to participate in school sports. On Wednesday, January 17th, Spain Park will host school physicals for Berry athletes from 3:30 - 5:00. Physicals will be completed by area physicians and the ATI staff. Physicals will cost \$20 per student-athlete. We encourage our athletes to take advantage of this opportunity because 1. It keeps all of our athletes on the same paperwork cycle 2. More convenient than going to Dr.'s office 3. This serves as a fundraiser for our training staff to purchase supplies that we use throughout the year. However, students can still certainly get a completed physical by their own physician and turn it into the school. Students participating will be walked over to Spain Park gym after school by Berry coaches. Physicals should be completed by 5:00 and students will need a ride no later than 5:15 at the Spain Park Gym.

Directions:

1. Get a blank physical form from outside the main office or print one from our school website ([athletics/sports/sports forms//forms/AHSAA Physical](#)).
2. Complete the front side of the physical with parents/guardians. Be sure to both sign and date the front of the physical.
3. Turn physical (front side completed/backside blank) into Coach Bowden (room 118) *along* with \$20 Payment by Tuesday January 16th.

Payment: Cash or checks will be accepted. For checks, 6th and 7th grade students should make checks payable to Berry Middle School. 8th grade students should make checks payable to Spain Park High School. Checks MUST have phone # and DL # written on the check.

* If any questions, please email Coach Matt Bowden at mbowden@hoover.k12.al.us

Alabama State Thespian Festival

This year's State Thespian Festival is February 23-24 at Pelham HS. All 7th or 8th

grade Drama Club members are invited to attend. The fee is \$65 and includes a t-shirt, registration for two competitive events, and entrance to dozens of workshops on acting, dance, singing, and technical theater. Registration must be completed by December 1st, and fees are due by December 8th. Please email Mrs. Rowe with any questions at drowe@hoover.k12.al.us

Find more details

here: <http://bit.ly/ThespianFestInfo>

Important Dates are:

here: <http://bit.ly/ThesFest18Dates>

The link for REGISTRATION is

here: <http://bit.ly/ThesFest18> (Due Dec 1)

PROGRAMS & LESSONS

Community Service Award recognition

Please contact your grade level counselor if you have signed up for the Community Service Program and have documented 60 or more community service hours. Individuals with 60 or more hours are eligible to be recognized at the Winter Awards Assembly on January 18th. Completed hours should be turned in to your grade level counselor by Friday, January 12th.

Erin's Law

To comply with Alabama's new [Erin's Law](#), HCS school counselors and administrators have created a plan to provide basic child sexual abuse prevention lessons for students. We have prepared a brief [video](#) that outlines plans for elementary, middle and high school levels. Please [click](#) here for more detailed information on HCS's plan to implement Erin's Law, including the option for your

child to opt out of these lessons if you so choose.

Click [here](#) for this information in Spanish.

I Am a Witness – Teen Bullying Prevention

The *I Am a Witness* online campaign aims to put an end to bullying by encouraging witnesses to speak up and to stand up for someone in need. Check out this website for tips, videos and resources:

<http://iwitnessbullying.org/>

BERRY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Dress Code Reminders

We have had quite a few dress code violations in the last few weeks. As we start a new semester, please help us remind students of the following Hoover City Schools Dress Code policies:

- #4: Leggings/jeggings/tights are **NOT** considered pants and **must be worn with a long dress or skirt.**
- #7: Pants and skirts with holes above the knee are not allowed.
- #8: Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be hemmed and **not shorter than mid-thigh when student is seated.** Shorts that are torn, in disrepair, or spandex are not allowed.

Protect Your Chromebook

In order to prevent breaks, please consider taking the following precautions to keep chromebooks in good condition:

- Get a chromebook case that stays on the device at all times.
- Only add educational extensions recommended by teachers.

- Don't keep your chromebook in your backpack. It can be cracked by the weight of other books or by handling the backpack too roughly.
- Avoid using the chromebook while walking, and don't leave them on the floor.
- Avoid storing the chromebook in lockers unless necessary.
- Treat them as the fragile objects they are – be careful!

If your chromebook still needs repair:

1. Chromebooks needing repair should be brought to the library.
2. When chromebooks return to Berry, they will be stored in the 7th grade office. They will be delivered to students ASAP.
3. If a student owes a fee for a repair, they may receive a fee slip rather than a chromebook. ***However, they may now pay at Berry!*** Please send any students wanting to make payments with cash or checks to the 7th grade office. They will receive a receipt to bring home to parents, and I will keep another copy of the receipt for our records. Parents may also pay online at <https://secure4.myschoolfees.com>.
4. Payments made online with a Mastercard or Discover or in person in cash will ensure chromebook delivery in a day or two. Payments by check online will have to clear the bank before the chromebook can be returned to the student. This could take up to 10 days - a long time when a kid needs a chromebook! Paper checks brought to the 7th grade office must include a phone number, driver's license number, and the student's name.

New Instructions for paying online:

1. Go to <https://secure4.myschoolfees.com/>
2. Log in using the e-mail and password you set up during registration.
3. Select the "Student Items" tab.
4. Select "Show Student Fees" on the ***Berry Middle School account*** for your child. **Do not use IT account.**
5. Select the chromebook fee.

6. Click on "add to cart"

7. Click on "Checkout."

News from the Nurse

All medication must be delivered to the school office/health room by an adult. Students are not allowed to carry medication to the health room.
NO EXCEPTIONS

New Attendance Procedures!!

A new e-mail address has been created to receive all attendance notifications. This includes parent and doctor notes, check out/in information, and any questions or concerns about your student's attendance. Please send correspondence of this type to: bmsattendance@hoover.k12.al.us

Morning Carpool Procedures

Parents, please help us to make morning carpool drop-off safer by:

- Making sure your child is ready to exit the car before pulling up to BMS
- Pulling up to the front of the line to drop off your child
- Refraining from driving around other cars taking too long – this creates a dangerous situation for any students, parents, and teachers attempting to cross the parking lot to enter the building