



Berlin Brothersvalley High School

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Start Strong and Stay Strong!

With a month of the 2018-19 school year in the books, I revert back to the message to the student body on the first day of school: “Start Strong, Stay Strong, and Finish Strong.” I believe the students and staff at BBHS can agree that it has been a strong start to the school year in many ways. Academically, students are working diligently in the classroom and taking advantage of the many opportunities we are able to offer at BBHS. Athletically, our fall sports teams are well into their respective seasons and gearing up for post-season success. In the arts, our marching band has been visible throughout the community and county performing at various functions. As mentioned in this newsletter, our choral department is preparing for their performance in Disney World this November!

While we have started strong, now the focus shifts to staying strong. Solid academic performance begins with regular attendance and strong daily effort! I look forward to the many successes that lie ahead! If I can ever be of assistance, please contact the BBHS office.

Brian Thompson, BBHS Principal

Act 80 Day—No School for Students

There will be no school for students on **Monday, October 8.**

PSAT Administration

The PSAT will be given to all 10th grade students on **Wednesday, October 10.**

SAT School Day Administration

The SAT will be given in school on **Wednesday, October 10.** Interested students should visit the BBHS Guidance Office.

FAFSA Workshop

There will be a financial aid workshop in the BBHS library at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15.**

Red Ribbon Week October 22-26.

End of 1st Marking Period

Tuesday, October 30

Be sure to like BBHS on Facebook!

Guidance Corner

What Tests and When

As a parent, you might be feeling a little out of the loop as to what test your child will need and when they should take it. Most colleges, universities, and technical and trade schools rely on standardized tests to determine how ready your child is for post-secondary level work. A good test score can help your student get into your school of choice, earn scholarships, and receive advanced placement or college credit. Here is a brief explanation of each test and a timing guideline to help get you started.

Accuplacer: A testing system that can be used to determine if students have the skills and knowledge needed to start taking college-level courses, regardless of whether they're enrolling in a career-training or a traditional college program. The purpose of the Accuplacer test is to evaluate the mathematics, reading, and writing skills of test-takers. Currently at BBHS, students enrolled in ACM courses take the Accuplacer at the beginning of the course. Recently, Mrs. McMillen has proctored this exam for students pursuing a degree from a technical school.

PSAT: A 'great practice' test for the SAT and ACT. PSAT scores are also used to identify National Merit Scholars (Grade 11) and award merit scholarships. This is a great opportunity for students to get a feel for the SAT/ACT tests without the high costs. It also helps students prepare for the SAT or ACT.

SAT: A multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper test that measures a high school student's readiness for college in English, Math, and Reading. It also provides colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. College admissions officers will

review standardized test scores alongside your high school GPA, the classes you took in high school, letters of recommendation from teachers or mentors, extracurricular activities, admissions interviews, and personal essays.

ACT: An entrance exam used by colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. It is a multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper test similar to the SAT. The ACT also tests knowledge in Science. The ACT may be recommended for students entering a science field of study.

How important SAT or ACT scores are in the college application process varies from school to school. Many schools have an established cutoff score. The easiest way to find that information is to look on the admissions page of that particular school. If you still have questions regarding testing, please contact Mrs. McMillen in the Guidance Office at 267-4622.

Music and Meatballs!

The Choral department is busy preparing for many activities this fall! We have concerts and community performances approaching as well as a much anticipated performance at the



Candlelight Processional at Disney World's Epcot in Orlando, FL. This excitement has spread to our theme for our upcoming fundraising event **Music and Meatballs!** Members of the High School Concert Choir will be performing Disney music while guests enjoy an all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner. Students and parents will be serving the event in the school cafeteria from **5:00-7:00pm on Friday October 12th**. Tickets can be purchased in advance from a choir member or at the door. We invite you to come *Be Our Guest!*