



Berlin Brothersvalley High School

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Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!

With the start of the 2022-23 school year on the horizon, I hope that you all have had a healthy, relaxing summer and the opportunity to recharge. We are excited to welcome students back to BBHS on Tuesday, August 30th!

Upon returning to school, students will notice several changes in the building. Over the summer, we were able to install new classroom furniture throughout the district. The new furniture allows for the convenient configuration to a collaborative learning environment. We would like to thank our wonderful custodial staff for their hard work in removing the old furniture and completing a thorough cleaning of all classrooms, hallways, and common areas. If you see Eric, Cindy, Patrick, Matt, or Kenny, be sure to thank them for preparing the building for our return!

To stay up to date on events occurring within the District, please visit www.bbsd.com. Please be sure to like the BBHS Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support of the Mountaineer educational community!

With Mountaineer Pride,

Brian Thompson, BBHS Principal

**9th Grade
Orientation
August 25 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Chalk the Block
School Kickoff Event
August 29 from
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**First Day of School
Tuesday, August 30**

**Labor Day-No School
Monday, September 5**

**Homecoming
Weekend
October 7-8**

**PSAT Testing
Tuesday, October 12**

**SAT School Day
Thursday, October 27**

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Brothersvalley
Schools" App on
your mobile device!**



Chalk the Block School Year Kickoff Event

On Monday, August 29th, BBSD will be hosting its first annual “Chalk the Block School Year Kickoff” event. As an alternative to the traditional Meet the Teacher night, all K-12 BBSD students and families are invited to attend an evening of fun from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the middle school parking lot that will include food trucks, music, sidewalk chalk art, face painting, community resource booths, and more!

We hope that you will join us for an evening of friends, fun, and food to usher in the 2022-23 school year!

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Chalk the Block

School Year Kickoff

Monday, August 29th
5:00-7:00

BBSD Middle School Parking Lot

All BBSD students and their families are welcome to participate!

Activities:

- Sidewalk Chalk Art
- Face Painting
- Balloon Animals
- Music
- Games
- Selfie Station
- Food Trucks
- Community Resource Booths

Food Trucks On-Site!

- Kona Ice
- Stairs Pizza
- Lions Club Funnel Cakes
*Items available for purchase

*Hosted by the BBSD Trauma Skilled Schools Team

9th Grade and New Student Orientation

BBHS is excited to welcome the Class of 2026 to our hallways! To assist in the transition from BBMS to BBHS, we will be hosting a 9th grade student and parent orientation night on Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the BBHS auditorium. We encourage all incoming freshmen and students who are new to our school to attend this informational session.

BBHS Welcomes New Staff Members

BBHS is honored to welcome the following individuals as new staff members for the 2022-23 school year:

Mrs. Ashley Benton—HS Social Studies
Mrs. Alexis Saylor—K-12 Band/General Music
Mrs. Sumer Lambie—HS Math
Mr. Matt Caton—Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor

Athletic Passes Available

The start of the new school year also ushers in another exciting season of Mountaineer athletics! Don't miss a minute of the action; get your Mountaineer athletic pass today! Passes are valid for all home, non-playoff athletic events.

Adult-6 Games: \$18

Adult-12 Games: \$36

Student-All Games: \$10

Student-6 Games: \$3

65 and Older BBSD Resident-All Games: Free
With Proof of Residency

School Social Work: Mrs. Danielle Hay

Hello! I am excited to be your K-12 School Social Worker again for the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you all had a long relaxing summer and you have returned to school recharged and ready to have a successful year. Please remember that I am available to all students throughout the school year as a support for your mental health needs and a link to community resources. I am also the homeless liaison for BBSD, so please contact me for assistance if your family's housing situation changes at any time.

My office is located between the elementary library and elementary office but I often float around in the high school to meet with students. Feel free to stop in my office, ask Mrs. Boyer to track me down, or email me at dhay@bbsd.com if you'd like to meet. I look forward to working with students that I have seen in years past but also meeting some new faces this year as well!

Community Agency Spotlight: Cornerstone Community Services

We would like to take a moment in each newsletter to share a community resources to shine some light on the supports available to students here in our district and within our community. In this newsletter, we are recognizing Cornerstone Community Services of Somerset County. This agency provides outpatient mental health counseling to children and adults through their office in Somerset. A licensed counselor from Cornerstone Community Services is also contracted to provide services once per week here within our building during the school day. The counselor

can assist students in addressing depression, anxiety, conflict in peer and family relationships, trauma, and various other concerns. If you are interested in accessing this service, please reach out to Mrs. Danielle Hay, School Social Worker.

Mindful Moments From Our School Social Worker

Returning to school can be exciting but it can also feel very overwhelming. If you are feeling the stress of summer ending and a new year beginning, it might be the perfect time to learn some mindfulness skills! Here is a great video outlining one of my favorite mindfulness strategies, the 5-4-3-2-1 method. <https://youtu.be/30VMIEmA114>

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A complete list of BBSD staff members can be found at www.bbsd.com.