

# Middle School Guidance



## Career Awareness

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Thoughts about what one would like to do in the future have come to the forefront in recent years. Career exploration in years past was something that was not even considered until you entered high school. Fortunately, that mindset has changed. Research now tells us that the earlier students are exposed to career opportunities the more likely they will be better prepared and more suited for their chosen profession. The Berlin Brothersvalley School Board has adopted the goal of promoting career awareness in their four year plan. The Pennsylvania Department of Education adopted Academic Standards for Career Education and Work. These standards went into effect on October 25, 2006. To examine these goals more closely, click on the following link:

[Career Education and Work Standard](#)

The Berlin Brothersvalley School District has purchased Career Concepts Portfolios for students in grades six, seven and eight. These folders will follow students from sixth grade through twelfth grade and assist in determining a career pathway. Each year, incoming sixth graders will start the process of acquiring knowledge about a possible career choice. While in the middle school, students will begin to understand themselves better by generating a career cluster through the world of work map. Students will work through the computer program and track their career cluster. Students will be able to make better choices about what career path that they wish to pursue in the high school through this program. Each year students will have Career Awareness lessons where career choices will be explored. It is hoped that through these lessons

students will choose a career that "fits" their personality and interests. Students should also realize through this unit that the more education they receive, the more money they will make. Questions or concerns, contact the Middle School Guidance Office.

### Quote of the month

"Success without a positive attitude is called luck. Success with a positive attitude is called achievement."

(Mike Weisberg)



**Merry  
Christmas**

### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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## Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

**December 15, 2007** - Chrisma-haunkwanzika Middle School Dance 6:30 - 9:00.

**December 19, 2006** - Third Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

**December 24, 2006** - Christmas Eve.

**December 25, 2006** - Merry Christmas everyone!

**December 26 - December 30, 2006** - Christmas Vacation.

**December 31, 2006** - New Year's Eve.

**January 1, 2007** - Happy New Year!

**January 2, 2007** - First day back from Christmas vacation.

**January 12, 2007** - Middle School Fun Night #2 6:30 - 9:00.

**January 17, 2007** - End of the

Third Six Week Grading Period.

**February 7, 2007** - Fourth Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

**February 9, 2007** - Middle School Valentine's Day Dance 6:30 - 9:00.

**February 12 through February 23, 2007** - P.S.S.A. Writing Assessment for grades five and eight.

**February 14, 2007** - Happy Valentine's Day!