

Middle School Guidance

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Welcome Back Students!

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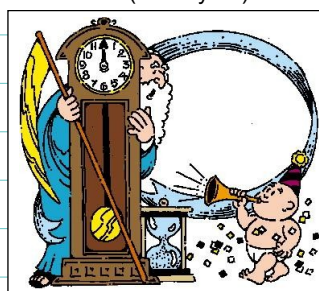
Welcome back to students and staff! I hope that Santa Claus was "good" to everyone. I'm quite confident that everyone was blessed with gifts that they truly wanted. Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays and spending time with family and friends is now behind us, it is back to the job at hand; providing the best education possible for the students at Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School. As we rapidly approach the mid-point of the 2004 - 2005 school year, parents, students and staff need to monitor more closely the performance level within the classroom. This particular time in the school year is critical to the educational process! Staff members are examining more closely the material that will be tested on the

P.S.S.A. (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment). These assessments will take place in February and in April. Sometime in early February, parents will be notified through the mail regarding their child's performance over the first semester. Parents will receive a "**Possible Failure Letter**" if a student has an average score of sixty-nine percent or below in any subject area. With the opening of the Logic House Parent Portal/Cockpit later this month, parents will be able to access their child's current scores in each subject area, as well as homework assignments and daily attendance. This wonderful tool will greatly assist parents with what is taking place in their son's/daughter's classroom. Parents also need to be

aware that they can schedule a conference with their child's teacher at any time throughout the school year. Please contact the middle school office to do so. The phone number is 267 - 6931. Happy New Year!

Quote of the month

"Without a dream there is no reason to work...without work there is no reason to dream." (Lee Ayers)



Happy New
Year

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging in to 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:

January 1, 2005 - Happy New Year!

January 3, 2005 - First day back from Christmas vacation.

January 10 - January 15, 2005 - Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

January 19, 2005 - End of the third six week grading.

January 20, 2005 - Logic House Parent Portal/Cockpit to be open for all parents in the school district.

February 9, 2005 - Fourth six week grading period mid-term.

February 10, 2005 - Early dismissal at 1:30.

February 11, 2005 - Snow Day.

February 12, 2005 - Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School

Valentine's Informal-Social. (6:00 - 8:00)

February 14, 2005 - Happy Valentine's Day! Snow Day!

February 14, 2005 - February 23, 2005 - P.S.S.A. Writing for fifth and eighth graders.

February 21, 2005 - President's Day.

March 4, 2005 - End of the fourth six week grading period.