

# Middle School Guidance



## Transition tips from M.S. to H.S.

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As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close at Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School, another school year awaits in a few months for the students. We say, "good-bye" to our eighth graders who will transition into the high school. During this time, parents as well as students are reminded that the skills used in the middle school may need some solidification to make sure that there is a solid foundation starting off the school year in high school. Examples might include the following: revisiting study habits, test-taking skills and strategies, and organizational methods. The following article emphasizes transitional techniques that make the jump from middle school to high school smoother. Regardless of how successful or unsuccessful middle school was, these techniques can be valuable for all students to revisit. For the full article, the link is:

<http://smartblogs.com/education/2014/06/03/9-tips-for-transitioning-teens-from-middle-school-to-high-school/>

The article mentions the following strategies: preparing students for an increased study and homework schedule along with a more in-depth curriculum. Attending a parent night at the beginning of the year to meet teachers, review class syllabi and ask questions about projects, tests, notes, etc. Review the assignments with your child, pointing out that there may be more steps involved with the high school curriculum. Encourage parents/guardians to stay abreast of assignments and grades through the pupil management system. Organization and management skills are going to increase from middle school to high school. Stressing the importance of rereading material after the initial read for fur-

ther clarification and preparation for upcoming assessments. Instead of "cramming" the night before, model the study technique of "chunking" material a few days before the test. Practice testing material in various ways (orally, written, etc.). Finally, the article mentions understanding unmotivated students.

### Quote of the month

"It's matter over mind, and grind over matter. If you stay focused on yours, mine shouldn't matter." -

Jay Bilas

*The greatest gift  
I ever had  
came from God  
I call him Dad*

Happy Father's Day

### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into PowerSchool 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:

**June 10, 2014** - 8th grade vs. staff basketball game.

**June 11, 2014** - Last student day of the 2013 - 2014 school year.

**June 14, 2014** - Flag Day. Display the colors proudly!

**June 15, 2014** - Happy Father's Day.

**July 4, 2014** - Happy Independence Day America!

**August 6, 2014** - New Student Registration (9:00 – 2:00)

**August 26, 2014** - First student day of the 2014-2015 school year.

