

Middle School Guidance



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Changes, Changes, Changes!

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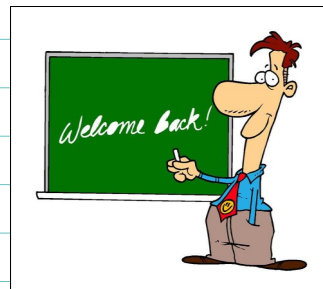
As the 2005 - 2006 school year quickly approaches, the only thought that comes to mind is that of change! For those of you who have not been by the school since the last student day on June 6, you are in for a pleasant surprise. The construction of the new middle school is taking shape very rapidly. It is hard to believe that two months ago the old structure was still in tact. There have been many rumors floating around in the community that school will not be starting until after Labor Day. I can assure everyone that the first day of school for students will be August 29, 2005. Even though the school district is going through a building project, many of the quality programs that have been in operation over the summer break still took place. They all were possible through creative thinking on the part of the administrative team. A lot of students benefit from the programs that ran over the summer months within the school district. There will be a few new faces to

the students at Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School this year. Miss Tiffany Yachere was hired to replace Mrs. Rose Shaffer in sixth grade. A familiar face from last year will be filling in for Mrs. Smith's seventh and eighth grade reading classes while she is on maternity leave - Mrs. Charlotte Carrabotta. Students will also recognize Mr. Martin Mudry from the high school floating around in the hallways this year as he gains knowledge of how the middle school conducts business on a daily basis. Another familiar face from the high school will appear in the middle school, Miss Debra Orendorf will teach a literature/drama class. Mr. Joe Shubik replaces Mr. Bob Czekaj as the high school physical education teacher. "Welcome" to all the new faces in the middle school. Another significant change will revolve around the sixth graders not using lockers this year due to the construction process. The seventh and eighth graders will be using the sixth and seventh grade lockers while the

sixth graders will use coat hooks installed in the sixth grade classrooms. There will be many other changes that will take place throughout the school year that will affect students in the middle school. As those changes surface, we will deal with them one at a time and in a timely manner. The key to this change is going to be patience.

Quote of the month

"The three P's to success - PASSION, PERSISTENCE and PATIENCE."



Have A Great
School 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:

August 16, 2005 - New student registration for the 2005 - 2006 school year. (9:00 - 2:00)

August 20, 2005 - August 27, 2005 - Somerset County Fair.

August 29, 2005 - First student day for the 2005 - 2006 school year.

September 1, 2005 - Individual

school pictures for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

September 2, 2005 - Act 80 Day.

September 5, 2005 - Labor Day.

September 19, 2005 - First Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

October 10, 2005 - End of the First Six Week Grading Period.

October 17, 2005 - Somerset

County In-Service at North Star.



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