

# The Falcon Brief

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December 2020

## From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Falcon Families,

Happy December! I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the unusually warm weather.

### Phase 3 In-Person Instruction:

On Monday, December 7, 2020, we will return to our hybrid, in-person instructional model for families who chose in-person instruction. Students in grades 9-12 who chose in-person instruction will return two days a week based on the first letter of their last name. Students with last names starting with A-L will attend class in-person on Monday and Tuesday. The students with last names beginning with M-Z will attend class in person on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will remain a virtual school day for the remainder of the school year. The in-person students will follow the schedule displayed in this newsletter. I am linking a permission slip for students who will not stay for the afternoon HIP/Study Hall. Students will need to return the signed permission slip before they will be allowed to leave at 2:00pm. I am also linking the frequently asked questions for your review.

[Early Release Permission Slip - 2pm](#)

[BDHS Reopening FAQs - In Person](#)

### Phase 3 Virtual-Instruction:

For our virtual parents/guardians, we need your help. Please have a conversation with your children regarding their routine/schedule as they are learning from home. As you know, the work assigned by our teachers is critically important to providing your children with a full-year of academic learning. Your emphasis to them on the importance of completing their assigned tasks is very much appreciated. We also greatly appreciate your efforts in monitoring their work from home.

### Virus Mitigation:

In-person students will enter and exit through the fieldhouse doors. Ms. Lam and I will meet with the in-person students at 8:00 a.m. on December 7 and December 10 to review all procedures to support the mitigation of the coronavirus. I ask that you please remind your children about social distancing, hand washing, and the face mask mandate.

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## 12th Grade Open-Campus:

In-person 12th-grade students will be allowed open-campus for lunch. The students can leave campus during their lunch period but must return 5 minutes before starting their next class. Seniors in good academic standing will be allowed an open-campus class period and open campus for lunch. Parents and guardians will need to sign the attached permission slip for students to be approved for open-campus. A student's open-campus will be revoked based on academic and disciplinary concerns. [Open Campus Permission Slip](#).

## Apprenticeship/Tech Ed Program

We welcome Mr. Strzok to our tech ed department. He will take over Mr. Griffie's work with our Apprenticeship Program/Industry Advisory. He comes with a wealth of experience in education and is a graduate of the UW-Stout School of Trades. Mr. Strzok has set up successful trade programs in several school districts. He is an excellent addition to our school.

## Holiday Break:

The holiday season is officially upon us. We just returned from Thanksgiving break, and in 2 weeks, we will begin Christmas break. We return from Christmas break on January 4, 2020. Please remind your children that shortly after we return in January, we will have our semester exams.

Happy Holidays!!

Mrs. Womack

***Our Mission:** At Brown Deer Middle/High School, we are not only preparing our students for the world; we are preparing them to LEAD the WORLD!*

## Phase 3 In-Person Daily Schedule

| Time             | Period               |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 7:55-9:00 a.m.   | Breakfast/Study Hall |
| 9:00-10:00 a.m.  | 1                    |
| 10:05-11:05 a.m. | 2                    |
| 11:10-11:50 a.m. | 3 - LUNCH            |
| 11:55-12:55 p.m. | 4                    |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m.   | 5                    |
| 2:00-3:10 p.m.   | HIP/Quiet Study Hall |

# BDHS COUNSELING UPDATES

## Seniors

- If you are planning to attend college in the fall of 2021 you should be applying to colleges at this time. Students should try to have college applications submitted by Christmas.
- All transcript requests should be made through Xello. If you need a letter of recommendation from a staff member, you need to email that teacher requesting the letter.
- ACT/SAT scores are listed on student transcripts. Certain schools require scores to be sent by ACT and SAT directly to the colleges you are applying to. Check with the school you are applying to if you are unsure of their requirements. If you are having difficulty with this process please make sure to contact the Counseling Office for assistance.
- If you are a senior and you are unsure of your post high school plans you should also make an appointment with your counselor to discuss options.
- All seniors planning on attending a 2- or 4-year college should fill out the FAFSA application. The FAFSA application opened October 1, 2020.
- You should also be checking out scholarships. You can go to the Brown Deer High School website under Counseling Services, or through Xello, to link to scholarship websites and to view other scholarship opportunities. It is very important to make sure you are getting all documentation for colleges and scholarships submitted by their deadlines.
- Any senior interested in taking the ACT should contact their counselor.

## Juniors

- All juniors will take the statewide ACT in March at BDHS.

## Sophomores

- We will be meeting with sophomores, during the second semester, in small groups to review their transcript, discuss post-secondary goals, discuss college entrance requirements and set goals for their future years. This is a great opportunity for students to start their post-secondary planning.

## Freshmen

- We will be meeting with all freshmen, before winter break to discuss the 16 career clusters along with creating a 4-year plan for classes.

## STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

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# BDHS INFORMATION CORNER

Dear Families...

Brown Deer School District is in the season of Giving! That's right, we have some awesome incentives to share with your family. I know a number of students who are anxiously awaiting to return to school and could add a little **Pizazz** to their already exciting life. Would you be interested? It would be worthwhile!!! All good ~ if you are unable to participate in December's happenings. Look forward to activities, events and info sessions being held in January. More information will be forthcoming. But for now, this is what's happening:

We have a **Giving Tree** where 50 families receive gifts from anonymous employees at one of our dedicated, committed community organizations. The smiles and appreciation on students' faces from this generous offer is priceless! It's a great feeling to pay-it-forward. A smile can go a long way, share yours with someone :)

**Shop with a Hero** - Students engage in an out of this world shopping experience with BD Police Department. On that shopping trip, students are paired with an officer for an hour or so of shopping. Students can shop for themselves or for a family member. Their gifts are wrapped by the officer and delivered to the family. How awesome is this??

**AAYI**-The African American Youth Initiative will meet the **3rd Sunday** of each month (virtual). The mission is to "embrace and change with all deliberate speed school practices, instructional methodology and school structures that perpetuate achievement and/or opportunity gaps in our schools." As an added incentive, during the last weeks of June and July students engage in a real-life college experience at Concordia University where they are exposed to a variety of college career readiness activities, field trips and lessons. Students in 8th through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to participate.

If your family could benefit from community resources, a referral to a therapist or a mental health organization, a clothing or food voucher, or anything else ~ please let me know. I have a number of organizations that are willing to help!

Feel free to reach me at [rspencer@browndeerschools.com](mailto:rspencer@browndeerschools.com) or (414) 371-7033.

Thanks for being a part of the Brown Deer family! We miss you!!!!

Rashonda Spencer  
School Social Worker



# 2020-21 CALENDAR

**\*\* Calendar subject to change. Please always check the BD website for all updates\*\***

## December 2020

9 No School – Professional Learning Day  
21-31 No School Winter Break

## January 2021

1 No School Winter Break  
4 School Resumes  
18 No School MLK Day  
21 HS Exams  
22 HS Exams  
22 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
27 No School Professional Learning Day



## February 2021

1 Report Cards Mailed  
10 No School-Professional Learning Day  
17 Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8 pm  
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19 No School

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Reception Office**  
(414) 371-7000

**Athletic Office**  
(414) 371-7007

**Health Office**  
(414) 371-7024

**Attendance Office**  
**Please phone in your child's absence**  
**(414) 371-7020**  
**24 hours day, 7 days a week**  
**Please leave the student name, date of absence,**  
**and reason for absence.**

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