

The Falcon Brief

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October 2020

From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Falcon Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are amid phase 2 of our re-entry plan and have fifty-two, 9th-grade students who attend school in person 2 days a week. While this is not the way I would have chosen to welcome freshmen into high school, things seem to be going well. I have been visiting Google Classrooms and it seems that our students who are virtual are also doing well despite the circumstances. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

While we are adjusting to our new normal, it is important to remember that adolescent executive functioning skills are still developing. This is why collaboration between the school and home is imperative during this time. We will be working on these skills through our Brown Deer Way lessons throughout the school year to assist students with organizational strategies, work habits, and managing school during these unprecedented times. I also ask for support from parents and guardians to assist us in reinforcing these skills. We will continue to learn and grow together.

In addition, our football season has been moved to the spring of 2021. In working with the student leadership team, we have decided to move homecoming activities to the spring to align with the football homecoming game. We will keep families informed of any changes surrounding activities and athletics.

Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Respectfully,
Tosha Womack
Principal

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

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High School
Home
of the
Falcons!!!



SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

SENIORS planning to attend college in the fall of 2021 should be applying to college at this time. Students should try to have college applications submitted by Thanksgiving. All college applications, FAFSA, and scholarship documents will be available in the 12th grade Brown Deer High School Counseling google classroom.

Early deadlines include:

- **November 1st for UW-Madison and University of Minnesota early admission**
- **December 1st for Marquette University (Final Deadline)**
- 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 opens October 1, 2020.

- College Goal WI is offering free virtual help with the FAFSA form. More information can be found on their website at: www.collegegoalwi.org.
- 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 register on www.actstudent.org for the next available test date.

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 08, 2021

JUNIORS We will be meeting with all junior students virtually, starting the week of October 12 (including the virtual parent teacher conferences) to go over senior year and post-secondary plans. We look forward to meeting you and your child during this process. You will be receiving an email, through your child's Brown Deer email account, to sign up for the virtual Junior conference. The goal is to complete all meetings before Thanksgiving break.

The PSAT will be offered at BDMHS on October 29th. Stop in guidance to sign up to take this exam, the cost is \$17.00. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the ACT/SAT.

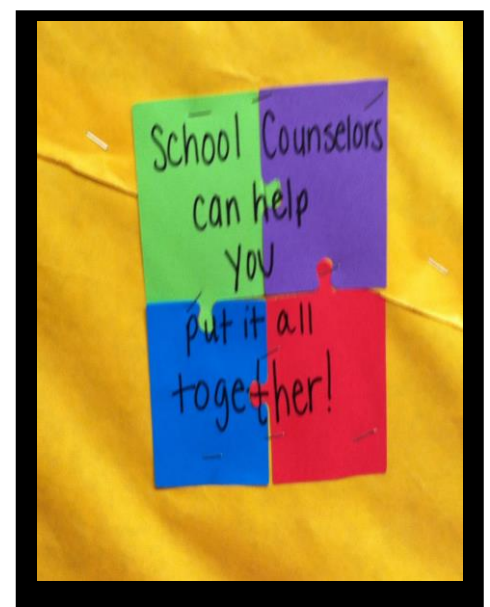
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BDHS INFORMATION CORNER

WHAT IS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)?

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to:

- Recognize and manage their emotions
- Demonstrate care and concern for others
- Establish positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions
- Handle challenging situations constructively

What is Brown Deer School District doing to support students with SEL?

Brown Deer School District has made Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) a focus for grades PreK-12. We are working with administrators, teachers, students, families, and outside agencies to create an emotional learning environment that responds to the needs of adults and students, while teaching social skills that are appropriate at each grade level to ensure all students are seen, valued, and heard.

How will SEL be embedded into the school day?

Our focus this year will be building strong and caring relationships with all students and families. SEL will be embedded into our systems of practices through the following:

- Embedding SEL instruction into existing curricula
- Taking advantage of teachable moments that occur naturally throughout the day
- Promoting students' feelings of autonomy, relatedness, and competence
- Providing opportunities for students to practice social and emotional competencies in all classes daily



BDHS INFORMATION CORNER

Greeting Families,

When school abruptly ended this past Spring, I never imagined the closure would continue into Fall. Not returning in person is heartfelt for many of us. We are one big family at Brown Deer. We care deeply about our students and each other. I know a number of our families are affected by this change and look forward to returning to school.

Although most of us are unable to meet in person I am still dedicated to helping students reach their full potential. I will continue to facilitate groups, provide virtual counseling, attendance interventions, behavior support, classroom support and community resources to those families in need. I want all of our students to meet their academic and social goals. They deserve nothing but the best. I will do my best to ensure this happens.

The grit, compassion and resilience our students exhibit during these unprecedented times will provide them with the necessary tools to challenge any obstacle they may encounter. Their hard work will not go unnoticed. Every effort they put forth - whether it's going above and beyond to complete an assignment, emailing a teacher, supporting a friend, or submitting an electronic copy of their work makes a huge difference in establishing character and work ethics. Encourage your child to keep at it and to never give up.

In the words of Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until it is done."

Rashonda Spencer
School Social Worker



PEARLS FOR GIRLS

Want to become a PEARLS Girl? PEARLS for Teen Girls To learn more about PEARLS, visit our website at <https://www.pearlsforteengirls.com/groups>.

Juniors and Seniors, you can also sign up for our College and Career Coach program! Get support from your coach with college applications and essays, career exploration opportunities, college visits, and determining your skill set. If you are interested, the flyer is attached. To learn more about our College and Career Program, visit our website at <https://www.pearlsforteengirls.com/collegeandcareercoachprogram>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trenice at trenice.ferguson@pearlsforteengirls.com

PEARLS is a unique leadership development program serving girls middle school through high school, and beyond. We empower girls to live out the PEARLS values:

Personal Responsibility
Empathy
Awareness
Respect
Leadership
Support

- Become your best self
- Fun and Games
- Self-Care Tips and Tricks
- Sisterhood
- Goal-setting
- Leadership Development
- College and Career Readiness
- Self-Esteem Building

Virtual groups are girls-only, safe-space gatherings for girls in 5th-12th grade to bond and learn more about themselves. Groups are free, meet once weekly and involvement is 100% voluntary.

BDHS INFORMATION CORNER

The fall **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are approaching. The conferences will be held virtually via Zoom on the dates listed below:

- Tuesday, October 13, 4:00-8:00p.m.
- Wednesday, October 14, 4:00-8:00p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, 12:00-4:00p.m. ****EARLY RELEASE DAY****

Please follow the directions listed below to register for Parent/Teacher Conferences online. The teachers will then send you a Zoom invite at a later date.

SKYWARD PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULING:

- Go to **Browndeerschools.com**
- Select **Families**
- Select **Skyward Family Access**
- Select **Skyward Family Access middle of the screen**
- **Log in using the same login as Online Registration**
- Select **Conferences**
- Select **All Conferences**
- **(Select a Time)**
- Select actual time
- Save
- Repeat for each class
- An email reminder will be sent

To schedule a conference for another student:

- Under Family Access (upper left corner) select ALL STUDENTS
- Select another student
- Repeat

EARLY RELEASE DAY STUDENT SCHEDULE - 2020-2021

Half Day Schedule	
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Period 1
8:50 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	Period 2
9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Period 4
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Period 5
<i>Lunch will be available for carryout only.</i>	

2020-21 CALENDAR

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

October 2020

13 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
14 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
15 Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-4:00pm
15 Early Release for Students @11:15am
16 No School
29 Virtual Jostens Senior Cap & Gown Meeting
28 No School - Professional Learning Day

November 2020

5 HS Exams
6 HS Exams
6 End of 1st Quarter
10 Senior Cap & Gown Order
Due Date
16 Report Cards Mailed
18 No School- Professional
Learning Day
19 Lifetouch Picture Make up
Day (*TBD*)
25 Early Release @11:15am
26 No School – Holiday
27 No School - Holiday
30 School Resumes



Fall Schedule

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.**

Office of the Principal
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Assistant Principals Office
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Counseling Office
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