

The Falcon Brief

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October 2018

From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings,

September was a very busy month for us with the start of the school year and homecoming activities. The Student Activities Council and Mrs. Chancellor did an awesome job planning our homecoming activities. It was exciting to see both students and staff enjoying the homecoming festivities. It was also great seeing so many community members come out to the football game to support our team.

With homecoming behind us, we are at the halfway mark of the first quarter, and it is Parent/ Teacher Conference time. We will use the Skyward online conference scheduler for scheduling conferences with teachers. Please review the attached instruction for using Skyward's online scheduler. I also ask that you please take time to review with your child their first quarter progress and begin to set academic goals for the second quarter.

Looking ahead to November, we have a number of important dates for parents to be aware of. We will again administer the practice ACT to our junior class. New this year, we will administer the practice ASPIRE interim assessment to freshmen and sophomores. The ASPIRE is part of the ACT suite of assessments, and we hope that with this additional support, students will show growth on the ACT. Our theater team will also present our Fall play "Rumors," November 9-11. Please plan to join us as we induct our next group of students into the National Honor Society on November 15th. The way things are tracking November will be a very busy month for us.

Last but not least, thanks for your continued support of school and children.

Respectfully,

Tosha Womack
Principal

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!

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

SENIORS planning to attend college in the fall of 2019 should be applying to college at this time. Students should try and have college applications submitted by Thanksgiving.

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 Career Cruising. 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 come into 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, 2018.

- College Goal WI is offering free 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 Middle High school website under Counseling Services, or through Career Cruising, 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.

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ACT Test Date

December 8, 2018
February 9, 2019

Registration Deadline

November 2, 2018
January 1, 2019

JUNIORS we will be meeting with all junior students in October to go over senior year and post-secondary plans. We look forward to meeting you and your child during this process. Please contact Mrs. Brenard in the counseling office to set up your appointment 414-371-7030 cbrenard@browndeerschools.com. The goal is to complete all meetings before winter break.

The PSAT will be offered at BDMHS on October, 10th. Stop in guidance to sign up to take this exam, the cost is \$7.00. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the ACT/SAT.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (CONT.)

JUNIORS CONT' all Juniors will take the ACT on February 20 and WorkKeys on February 21 at BDHS. To help prepare for the test, all Juniors have access to ACT prep through Method Test Prep (Career Cruising).

SOPHMORES we will be meeting with the 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.

SEVENTH GRADE THROUGH SENIORS students should be taking advantage of the opportunity to meet with college and university admission counselors who are visiting BDHS. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the colleges and universities that you may be interested in.

To see updates to this list of colleges who are visiting BDHS, please see the guidance website.

<https://sites.google.com/a/browndeerschools.com/bdmhs-school-counseling/>

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER NEWS

Greetings,

It is October! So a number of groups and programs will be starting at school. The Brown Deer MHS staff are really excited about this school year and looking forward to working with students and their families. The paragraphs below provides you with information on some of our upcoming events.

Our after-school Community Learning Center will begin on Wednesday, October 3rd from 3:30 until 4:30pm. This program allows students to receive academic support from certified Brown Deer teachers. Students will also participate in enrichment activities and be exposed to a number of guest speakers who will present on a variety of topics. This program will end on May 30th.

Falcon Family Group is a monthly group where staff and students meet to discuss a variety of topics. Some of those topics include: Trauma, Suicide, AODA, and compassion and resiliency, to name a few. These groups will meet on a monthly basis from 5:30 until 7:00 in the HS IMC. Additional information will be forthcoming. Please check your email!

The Grief Group will also be starting in October. The objectives include: helping students accept loss by talking about it; providing a safe, non-judgmental environment to process grief, and helping students to identify and express their feelings related to loss: guilt, shame, sadness, anger and anxiety.

Please join us! We would love to collaborate with you and your child. Please contact Ms. Spencer at rspencer@browndeerschools.com for additional information.



LITERACY CORNER

Every reading teacher's nightmare begins with "there aren't any good books." Maybe as a parent you have heard the same complaint from your middle/high school student. Well, this just isn't true. It's kind of like an urban legend. Each year between 4000 and 6000 young adult books are published. Are you kidding me? There must be at least one good book, once in a while! Check out these "good books" from the International Literacy Association Young Adults' Reading Choices 2018 Reading List.

Point Guard by Mike Lupica. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. Gus is more excited about basketball than any other sport he's ever played. Gus has been practicing new moves, and lately he's more surprised when he misses his shot than when he scores. When his friend Teddy tries out for the team, it looks like his school's home team will be unstoppable.

Slider by Pete Hautman. Candlewick. When David accidentally charges \$2,000 to his mom's credit card, he uses his talent for devouring large quantities of food at several competitive eating contests to earn back the money. While keeping his financial struggles a secret, David helps with his autistic younger brother, Mal, and finds that he is also good at being a super supportive brother.

10 Things I Can See From Here by Carrie Mac. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books. Maeve is in a state of constant anxiety. Her mind is frantic with catastrophic "what ifs" and worst-case scenarios. When her mother travels to Haiti for six months, Maeve moves to Vancouver with her dad, a very pregnant stepmom, and two brothers. Maeve's life changes when she meets free-spirited Salix and a romance begins.

What Girls Are Made Of by Elana K. Arnold. Carolrhoda/Lerner Publishing Group. Sixteen-year-old Nina faces the emotional challenges of a devastating break-up in this thoughtful and gut-wrenching novel. Nina looks for fulfillment by working at an animal shelter as she attempts to define her true self by her own terms and not by a boy's. A gritty, honest book about love and the conditions we attach to it.

For more information about reading, and everything related contact Beth Sande (esande@browndeerschools.com) or Nancy Taylor (ntaylor@browndeerschools.com). Until next time, keep reading! (Secret info for parents only: young adult books are even good for the real adults. Shush, don't tell your young adult.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

8th GRADE D.C. FIELD TRIP: We still have plenty of room for students interested in the April 25-30th trip to Washington, D.C. Last year, 70 8th graders participated and saw the incredible monuments, museums, memorials, and government buildings of our nation's capital. This is an incredible, once in a lifetime trip. Please sign up ASAP. For information, contact Mr. Adam Bold (abold@browndeerschools.com) or Mrs. Cristy Bauer (cbauer@browndeerschools.com).

7th and 8th Grade Assignment Calendars: From the homepage of our website, choose the Schools tab, then find Students under Brown Deer Middle High School. At the bottom of this page, you will find a daily listing of assignments and links to teachers' websites.

2018 CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2018

- 2 Senior Group Picture 10:45am FH
- 2 Senior Banner Athletic photo 9:45am NC
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm FH
- 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm FH
- 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-4pm teacher classroom
- 11 Early Release 11:02 am
- 12 No School
- 135th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- 15 Color Me Happy Walk/Run
- 23 Senior Cap & Gown Meeting 10:45 am MAC
- 24 Orchestra Concert 7pm MAC
- 25 Picture Retake Day 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- 26 No School
- 29 HS Choir Concert 7pm MAC
- 30 Senior Cap & Gown Orders Due 10:45-11:50 am

NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 Musical Auditions
- 2 Musical Auditions
- 2 End of 1st Quarter
- 9 Report cards mailed
- 9 No School Professional Development
- 9 Fall Play MAC 7 pm
- 10 Fall Play MAC 7 pm
- 11 Fall Play MAC 2 pm
- 12 Band Concert 7pm MAC
- 15 National Honor Society Induction MAC 6 pm
- 21 Early Release 11:02 am
- 22 No School – Holiday
- 23 No School - Holiday

DECEMBER 2018

- 7 STEM Industry & Parent Open House - 7-8:30 am
- 14 No School – Professional Development
- 19 HS Christmas Concert MAC 7 pm
- 24-31 No School Winter Break

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<p>Reception Office (414) 371-7000</p> <p>Athletic Office (414) 371-7007</p> <p>Health Office (414) 371-7024</p>	<p>Attendance Office</p> <p>Please phone in your child's absence (414) 371-7020</p> <p>24 hours day, 7 days a week</p> <p>Please leave the student name, date of absence, and reason for absence.</p>	<p>Office of the Principal (414) 371-7006</p> <p>Assistant Principals Office (414) 371-7026</p> <p>Counseling Office (414) 371-7030</p>
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