



Principal's Message

Greetings,

With semester one in the history books, we are hopeful that this next semester will be just as great. Please note that second semester is a very busy time for us with graduation approaching quickly, prom, state and advanced placement testing. Please remind your student to get a good night sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast to prepare for the upcoming state testing. The dates and times of all upcoming events are listed below for your planning.

The 2017-18 course selection has begun. Counselors will provide students with information about the course selection process via presentations in their classrooms after which time students will have the opportunity to select their courses. Information was shared with parents about the process through email and "Peachjar." It is imperative that both students and parents understand that courses selected at this time will dictate the number of classes offered in a particular course for the coming school year. Therefore, courses offered next year are based on the course request students make during our spring course selection process. Some courses may require approval based on certain prerequisites for the course to be taken. To assist you in choosing courses you may want to review the on-line Course Catalog. Please remember there will be no changes to schedules after June 1, 2017, so please take some time to choose courses carefully.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing families at our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences that are scheduled for February 21-23. As always, thank you for supporting our school.

Respectfully,

Tosha Womack

Principal

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

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Tosha Womack

Principal

Mr. Andrew Bauschelt

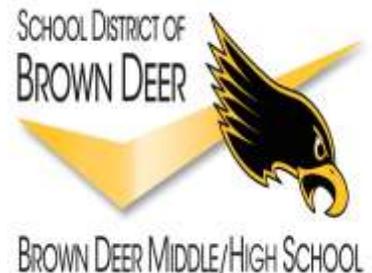
Assistant Principal for students grades 7-9

Mr. Charles Tollefsen

Assistant Principal for students grades 10-12

Mr. Michael Novak

Athletic Director



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SCHOOL COUNSELING NOTES

Seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2017 should be applying to college at this time. Many of the application deadlines have passed, or are due soon. All transcript requests should be made through Naviance. If you need a letter of recommendation from a staff member, that also needs to be requested in Naviance after speaking with the person. ACT/SAT scores must be sent by ACT and SAT to the colleges you are applying to. 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.

You should also be checking out scholarships. You can go to the Brown Deer Middle High school website under Counseling Services, or through Naviance, 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>
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

All seniors planning on attending a 2 or 4 year college should fill out the FAFSA application.

College Goal WI is offering free help with the FAFSA form. More information can be found on their website at: www.collegegoalwi.org.

Juniors All Juniors will take the ACT on February 28 and WorkKeys on March 1 at BDHS. To help prepare for the test, all Juniors are working on ACT prep through Naviance Test Prep. Please be reminded that the privilege of prom is linked towards students' progress on the test prep. **To meet the requirement, your son/daughter must work on the program outside their HIP period!**

We have been meeting with all junior students (started in October) to go over senior year and post-secondary plans. We look forward to meeting you and your child during this process. If your child has not had their conference yet, 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.

Sophomores we will be meeting with the sophomores 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.

Sophomores 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 or the Naviance calendar.

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

<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=browndeer>

8th Grade through Juniors Students will be starting the scheduling process next Monday (Feb. 6) and continuing throughout the month of February. Please review your child’s class selections and sign the class selection sheet. Key dates for the scheduling process include:

Feb. 6 Students will receive a copy of the classes offered at BDHS and their transcript. Parent signature is required on the course selection sheet.

Feb. 13 Students will be inputting their courses into Skyward.

- Feb. 13- Juniors
- Feb. 14- Sophomores
- Feb. 15- Freshmen
- Feb. 16- 8th Grade
- Feb. 17- EEN students

Mar. 5 The Skyward window will close this day. The window will be open for any editing of class selections from the Feb. 13-Mar. 5.

Mar. 12 Class verification slips will go home in the mail. The slip will need to be returned IF a change is needed.

School Counselors

<p>Mrs. Spaude Counselor (414)371-7031 serving students (A-L) mspaude@browndeerschools.com</p>	<p>Mr. Flegel Counselor (414)371-6707 serving students (M-Z) jflegel@browndeerschools.com</p>	<p>Mrs. Stresman Counselor (414)371-6714 serving students 7th- 8th grade kstresman@browndeerschools.com</p>
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2017 Advanced Placement Exam Schedule

Advance Placement Exam Schedule- AP exam forms will be mailed the week of February 13 and must be returned by March 17th.

Week 1	Morning Session 8:00AM	Afternoon Session
Monday, May 1	Chemistry	NA
Tuesday, May 2	NA	Art History
Wednesday, May 3	English Literature & Composition	Physics 1(Algebra)
Thursday, May 4	US Government	NA
Friday, May 5	US History	NA
Week 2	Morning Session 8:00AM	Afternoon Session
Monday, May 8	NA	Physics (Mechanic)
Tuesday, May 9	Calculus AB & BC	NA
Wednesday, May 10	English Literature & Composition	NA
Thursday, May 11	World History	Statistics
Friday, May 12	Economics	NA

STUDENT SERVICES NOTES

Family Engagement at Brown Deer Middle/High School

Falcon Family Group...

We are pleased to announce the Falcon Family Groups will continue throughout second semester.

As you may already know, these groups offer parents the opportunity to learn about new topics, share ideas, express concerns and network with other Brown Deer parents. Some of our previous topics included: Social Media Tips, Respect, Bullying, and Cultural Diversity in a School Setting. We have a number of interesting topics to share with you this semester during our next group sessions.

If you are planning to join us, please feel free to share topics you are interested in. We try our best to accommodate all of our parents. Our groups will be held on Friday mornings from 8:30 until 9:15am and Tuesday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00pm, IMC (room 124). The specific dates will be provided in a future mailing. Along with making new friendships and engaging in a healthy dialogue...a light snack will be provided for the morning group. We will provide a light dinner for the evening group. We are also hoping to provide childcare for parents with younger children for our evening group. More information regarding this will be forthcoming. In the meantime, feel free to contact Mrs. Cain, Mr. Harris, Ms. Spencer or Ms. Stresmen at the emails below with additional questions or suggestions.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to seeing you at our next Falcon Family Group!!!

Student Services

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Mrs. Future Cain

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Character corner

"Taking care of each other is what we do - it's The Brown Deer Way" is our theme for the months of February and March. In February students will explore ways to take care of each other and those around them in the community. Students will explore how individuals in their lives take care of them, and how the students take care of others. They will also look at taking care of themselves based on who they are friends with, the decisions their friends make, and trying to offer positive support to friends in areas of need. As we live in a world of chaos or turmoil, how can we support each other? Students will then spend the month of March participating in a March Madness of Community Service. HIPs will join together to adopt a charity or cause and put their caring for others into action. They may be serving lunch at a residence for the elderly, packing boxes of food for the Hunger Task Force or Feed My Starving Children, or holding charity bake sales to support local causes. All to help support the community that helps support us!

That's the Brown Deer Way.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 21 & 22 from 4:00pm-8:00pm and February 23, 12:00pm-4:00pm. Sign-up information is posted on Peachjar or a hard copy can be sent home at a parent's request.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK TOOLS

School Social Work Updates

Did you know your child could be in jeopardy of failing if he or she misses 10 days of school per year? We realize that some students may need to miss school due to illnesses, appointments, or other situations that may arise.

Outside of those unforeseen events, we want your child in school daily. Good attendance plays a key role in ensuring your child has the necessary skills to become a productive adult. Please schedule appointments and vacations during non-school hours. Do not let your child stay home if they are not sick. If your child is required to miss school, please contact the school to inform us of the absence. If you have a written excuse pertaining to your child's absence, submit the excuse to the attendance office when your child returns to school. Encourage your child to make up missing assignments and tests.

Perhaps your child is blatantly refusing to attend school! When this happens, seek out assistance from school personnel. Maybe there is a particular reason why your child does not want to attend school? We are willing to engage with your child to get to the root cause of the issue. Not only can school personnel reiterate the importance of attending school, but there are a number of community agencies who will assist your child with daily attendance. Let us know if you are interested in attendance resources or other interventions. We are more than happy to brainstorm with you and your child.

Here are a few other recommendations:

- Monitor your child's attendance in Skyward
- Review Brown Deer's Attendance Policy (included in the 2016-17 Student/Parent Handbook)
- Engage in a dialogue with your child about daily attendance, homework, and their social life
- Make sure your child is well rested, eat a healthy breakfast, and adheres to a structured morning routine
- Provide intangible rewards for good attendance~ a pat on the back, verbal recognition or a HUG

Your hard work and dedication to ensure your child meets his/her academic and attendance goals do not go unnoticed. Thanks for helping your child to be successful.

Best regards,
Rashonda Spencer, SSW

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 (414) 371-7006 Assistant Principals Office (414) 371-7026 Counseling Office (414) 371-7030

BROWN DEER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2016 – 2017

Home of the **FALCONS!**



****The Calendar of Events is subject to change, please keep up to date by checking our website: www.browndeerschools.com****

February 2017

2 Report Cards Mailed
16 Musical “Cinderella,” 7pm MAC
17 Musical “Cinderella,” 7pm MAC
18 Musical “Cinderella,” 7pm MAC
19 Musical “Cinderella,” 2pm MAC
21 Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8pm
22 Parent/Teacher Conference 4-8pm
23 Parent/Teacher Conference 12-4pm
23 Early Release @ 11:02
23 Sadie Hawkins Auction MAC 6pm
24 No School
27 Auditions: Spring Play
28 ACT Exam Gr 11th

March 2017

1 ACT WorkKeys Gr. 11
1 MS Orchestra Concert 7pm MAC
6 HS Orchestra Concert MAC 7pm
13 Spring Choir Concert 7pm MAC
17 Advanced Placement Exam Forms Due
18 District Solo- Ensemble @Hamilton (Sussex)
20 HS Band Concert MAC 7pm
20-23 Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Gr 7-11
20-23 Wisconsin Forward Exams 7th- 8th
22 Blood Drive-8:30-1:30pm Fieldhouse
24 No School
3/27-4/2 Spring Break – No School

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BROWN DEER presents



RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA
Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 7 PM
Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 7 PM
Saturday, February 18, 2017 @ 7 PM
Sunday, February 19, 2017 @ 2 PM

Brown Deer Middle/High School Auditorium
8060 N 60th Street - Brown Deer, WI 53223

Advance tickets available beginning January 17, during school hours, in the main office.
Ticket Prices: Adult/\$9 - Sr. Citizen/\$7 - Student-Child/\$5

CINDERELLA is presented through special arrangement with:
R & H Theatricals - 229 West 28th Street - 11th Floor - New York, NY 10001 - www.rh.com