



**BRIAR WOODS**  
*Falcons*

*April 2011 Newsletter*

# BRIAR WOODS HIGH SCHOOL



Home Of The Falcons

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Just a reminder that spring break is scheduled for April 18th through April 22nd. I hope that everyone enjoys the time off.

Our projected enrollment for next year is around 1850 students. This is 250 more students than we currently have. Ten portable classrooms will be placed in the parking lot directly behind the building soon after school is out for the summer to accommodate the additional students. We will lose several parking spots in the process. We will be adding a number of new teachers to our staff for next year because of the growth.

We will have to schedule two back-to-school nights for next year because we will not have the parking to handle the crowd. One of the nights will be for freshmen and sophomore parents. The other night will be for junior and senior parents. We have not set the dates yet. You can expect this information to be in one of our upcoming newsletters and in a connect-ed message that we will send out.



Best Regards,  
Ed Starzenski

### Exam Schedule:

Monday, June 13, 2011 - 1st & 2nd Blocks  
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 5th & 6th Blocks  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011 - 3rd & 4th Blocks, CS Monroe A Day Exam  
Thursday June 16, 2011 - 7th & 8th Blocks, CS Monroe B Day Exam

### Bell Schedule During Exams:

9 :00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Exam  
11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Break  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Exam  
1:30 p.m. - Dismissal

\* Students **will not** be released before 1:30 pm. No individual arrangements are to be made.

# FYI



## Disability Notice

If due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in any LCPS sponsored activities, please contact Principal Starzenski at (703) 957-4400 at least five working days prior to the scheduled activity.

## Early Dismissals

**Parents:** When requesting an early dismissal, please send your **written request with your student that morning.** Mrs. Calder will write them a pass to excuse them at the appropriate time. This will alleviate the need to disrupt the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Student Parking

Students need to purchase a parking permit to park on school grounds. **The cost for the permit is \$200.00.** This is a standard fee for all of the high schools. Parking permits can be purchased from Mr. DeCenzo starting the first week of school during all of the lunch shifts in the cafeteria. **Make your checks payable to BWHS.**

## Briar Woods Absentee Call-In Line

When a student will be absent from school, parents are asked to call the attendance call-in line. The number is (703) 957-4409. Please leave the following information when you call:

1. Date
2. Student name
3. Grade
4. Reason for the absence
5. Your identity



For your convenience, this is a 24 hour answering machine. If you forget to call on the day of the absence, you must send a note with your student on the day they return to school. Without a phone call or note, the absence will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will be taken.



## Meal Prices For 2010-2011

Free and reduced lunch applications are available at the school and will be distributed in homeroom on the first day of school. Please complete the form promptly and return it to your homeroom teacher. **The cost for student lunch will be \$2.80 and breakfast will be \$1.70.** Students may pay for lunch by the week or the month if desired.



Students are prohibited from operating cell phones during school hours. Such devices may only be used by students before or after school.

School officials will confiscate such devices in any instance where a student violates this request.



## 2010-2011 School Calendar

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| September 6          | Holiday (Labor Day)                                   |
| September 7          | First Day of School for Students                      |
| October 11           | Holiday (Columbus Day)                                |
| October 29           | End of the Grading Period                             |
| November 1-2         | Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)    |
| November 24-26       | Holiday (Thanksgiving)                                |
| December 23-24/27-31 | Winter Break (Classes Resume January 4)               |
| January 1            | Holiday (New Year's Day)                              |
| January 17           | Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)                  |
| January 21           | End of Grading Period                                 |
| January 24           | Moveable Student Holiday ( planning/records/conf.)    |
| February 21          | Holiday (Presidents' Day)                             |
| April 1              | End of Grading Period                                 |
| April 4              | Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)     |
| April 18-22          | Holiday (Spring Break)                                |
| May 30               | Holiday (Memorial Day)                                |
| June 16              | Last Day of School for Students/End of Grading Period |

**NOTE: Parents with child-care or other weekday scheduling concerns – date of the Moveable Planning/Records/Conference Day between first and second semesters may change if the school calendar must be changed due to school closings for inclement weather or other emergencies**



## Eight Period Bell Schedule

| Time                    | A   | B   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| 8:55 A.M.               | Warning Bell  | Warning Bell  |
| 9:00 A.M. -10:32 A.M.   | Period 1  | Period 5  |
| 10:38 A.M. - 12:07 P.M. | Period 2  | Period 6 - Flex   |
| 12:13 P.M. - 2:13 P.M.  | Period 3/Lunch<br>A - 12:13-12:43<br>B - 12:43-1:13<br>C - 1:13-1:43<br>D - 1:43-2:13 | Period 7/Lunch<br>A - 12:13-12:43<br>B - 12:43-1:13<br>C - 1:13-1:43<br>D - 1:43-2:13 |
| 2:19 P.M. -3:48 P.M.    | Period 4  | Period 8  |



# DRESS CODE



- Clothing that exposes the midriff, chest, shoulders, back, or buttocks is inappropriate for school and is not permitted.
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts cannot be shorter than mid-thigh.
- Beach attire may not be worn to school.
- Undergarments may not be worn as outer garments or be overly visible.
- Clothing or hair that is detrimental to the safety, health, or general welfare of a student is not allowed.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- See-through clothing may not be worn.
- Clothing may not contain obscene material or be sexually suggestive, promote the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or advocate the violation of any law or school policy.
- Wallet chains are prohibited.
- Head apparel such as hats, headbands, bandanas, hoods, etc. may not be worn.
- Clothing with improper, suggestive, obscene, vulgar, lewd or racial language is inappropriate.
- Clothing which advertises illegal substances such as tobacco, drugs and alcohol is inappropriate.

**Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school.**

# The Falcons' Nest



**Store Hours: Monday - Friday at 8:30-8:55 a.m.**

**"The Falcons' Nest" ... The Briar Woods School Store**

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**Contact:** Call Martha Belote at 703-957-4400 or [email her](#) to schedule your own personal shopping appointment if regular store hours do not work with your schedule!

The Falcons' Nest is a School Based Enterprise operated by the Marketing Education students at Briar Woods High School.

**The Falcons' Nest Accepts Cash or Check payments!**

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**GREAT SPIRIT WEAR!**



# Reminders From Your School Health Clinic

Our school's Health Clinic Assistant/Registered Nurse is **Gail LeFloch**. She works in the clinic each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The health clinic assistant is supervised by a Registered nurse (Resource Nurse) whom school staff can contact at any time for advice or emergencies. The Resource Nurse visits the school regularly.

If your child has any significant medical needs, please notify the health clinic assistant/nurse even if the school has been notified in previous school years. If your child has asthma, diabetes, seizures, life-threatening allergies, or other medical conditions, you and the physician will need to complete a form so the school can understand and address your child's needs. These forms are available on the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) Web site at [http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/loudoun/pages/static\\_district\\_homepage.asp](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/loudoun/pages/static_district_homepage.asp) in the "For Parents" dropdown menu under *Medication at School—Parent Information*. These forms need to be updated each school year.

## **School-Sponsored After-School Activities and Sports**

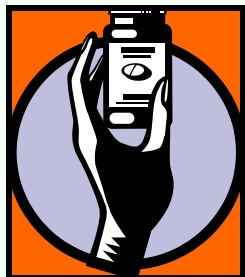
If your child has diabetes, an epinephrine auto-injector, an inhaler or other emergency medication at school, please notify the teacher/ sponsor that your child has the health concern. Also notify the health clinic assistant/nurse 1-2 weeks prior to the event. The clinic is closed after dismissal and the nurse/health clinic assistant is not in the building. Arrangements need to be made to have medication available and to train staff. It is strongly suggested that middle and high school students carry their own inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector for quick access to medication. For students to carry an inhaler, the physician must complete and sign the "Asthma Health Care and Action Plan", form 11:14, giving his/her permission for the student to carry the inhaler, and the parent and student must sign the "Parent/Student Agreement for Permission to Carry an Inhaler." form 11:14b. For students with an epinephrine auto-injector, the physician will need to sign the bottom of form 11:10 and the parent and student will need to sign form 11:10c under "Agreement for Permission to Self-Administer and/or Carry Epinephrine." For students with diabetes to carry any of their medical supplies, the diabetes form, Part 4 Permission to Self-Carry and Self-Administer Diabetes Care, needs to be signed by the physician, parent, and student."

**If your child is ill because of a contagious disease such as the flu, strep throat, chickenpox, etc., it would be helpful to note the reason for the absence when you call the absentee call-line. This will help the school take measures to know the extent of the disease and reduce its spread**

A parent or guardian must deliver any medication (prescription or non-prescription) to the school office or clinic. **Students may not transport any medication to or from school.** Parents are responsible for picking up any unused medication.

If your child takes a prescription medication that to miss a dose would have serious health consequences (seizure medication, insulin, etc.), it is strongly suggested that a 24-hour supply of the medication be left in the school clinic in case of a prolonged school day. The medication must be in an original pharmacy-labeled bottle and have a physician's order on file in the clinic. The order must give the times during the 24-hour period that the medication is to be administered .

The health clinic assistant/nurse must have written instructions from the physician in order to administer **prescription medications**. These should include:



**Student's name**  
**Name and purpose of the medication**  
**Dosage and time of administration**  
**Possible side effects and measures to take if those occur**  
**End date for administering the medication**  
**Parent signature giving permission to administer medication**  
**Contact physician & Physician's signature.**



# Los recordatorios de la Clínica

La enfermera para esta escuela es **Gail LeFloch**. Ella trabaja en la clínica cada día de 8 hasta las 4. La enfermera certificada a quien el personal puede contactar en cualquier momento en caso de un consejo o una emergencia. Las asistentes de la clínica han sido entrenadas en primeros auxilios, resucitación cardiopulmonar, uso de un defibrilador externo y administración de medicamentos. La enfermera certificada visita la escuela regularmente. La enfermera no pueden dar un diagnóstico médico. Si tiene una preocupación médica que es urgente, por favor lleve a su hijo(a) a su médico u hospital.

Si su niño/a tiene una seria necesidad médica, por favor notifique a la clínica/enfermera aún si la escuela fue notificada en años pasados. Si su niño/a tiene asma, diabetes, epilepsia, alergias que ponen su vida en peligro u otra condición médica, usted y su doctor necesitarán llenar un formulario para que la escuela pueda entender y ayudarle con sus necesidades. Estos formularios están disponibles en la página web de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Loudoun: [http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/loudoun/pages/static\\_district\\_homepage.asp](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/loudoun/pages/static_district_homepage.asp) en "Para Padres" Medicamentos en la Escuela, estos formularios deben ser llenados cada año escolar.

## Actividades Después de la Escuela y Deportes

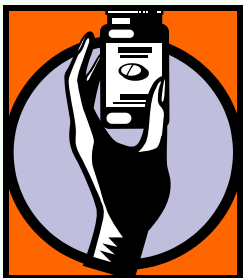
Si su niño tiene diabetes, una inyección para la alergia u otra medicina en caso de emergencia por favor informe a la maestra o auspiciador de la condición médica. También informe a la asistente de la clínica o enfermera si su hijo se quedará en alguna actividad después de la escuela o en un club de deportes por lo menos 1-2 semanas antes de empezar el programa. La clínica se cierra después de las clases y la enfermera o asistente ya no están en la escuela. Arreglos tienen que ser hechos para tener la medicina disponible y empleados posiblemente entrenados. Se recomienda bastante que los de la escuela media y secundaria cargen su propia inyección antialérgica para un uso rápido. Para que un estudiante pueda cargar su inhalador, un doctor tiene que llenar y firmar el "Asthma Health Care and Action Plan", formulario 11:14, dando permiso para que el estudiante cargue su inhalador y el padre de familia y estudiante tienen que firmar "Parent/Student Agreement for Permission to Carry an Inhaler". Para que el estudiante cargue su propia inyección de epinephrine el médico tendrá que firmar la parte de abajo del formulario 11:10 y el padre de familia y estudiante firmarán el formulario 11:10c bajo "Agreement for Permission to Self-Administer and/or carry Epinephrine." Para estudiantes con diabetes que necesitan cargar sus objetos médicos, sección 4 del formulario de diabetes necesita ser firmado por el médico, padre de familia y estudiante.

**Si su hijo está enfermo de algo contagioso como strep a la garganta, varicela, flu, etc., sería beneficioso hacerlo saber cuando llame a reportar la ausencia. Esto ayudará a la escuela a tomar precauciones para reducir el contagio de estas enfermedades.**

El padre de familia tiene que traer el medicamento (con receta o sin receta) a la oficina de la escuela o la clínica. **Los estudiantes no pueden llevar ningún tipo de medicamento a la escuela o a la casa.** Padres son responsables de recoger cualquier medicamento que sobre.

Si su hijo toma medicina que al olvidarse una dosis puede causar serios problemas de salud (medicamento para epilepsia, insulina, etc.), es aconsejado que tengamos en la clínica de la escuela una cantidad del medicamento para 24 horas en caso de un día prolongado en la escuela. El medicamento debe estar en su botella original y tener las órdenes del doctor en la clínica. La orden del doctor tiene que especificar las horas que el medicamento debe ser dado durante el periodo de las 24 horas.

La asistente de la clínica/enfermera tiene que tener las instrucciones del doctor escrita para poder dar el medicamento: Las instrucciones deben incluir:



Nombre del estudiante  
Nombre y propósito del medicamento  
Dosis y hora de administrar  
Posibles reacciones y medidas a tomar si estas ocurren  
Fecha en que se para de dar la medicina  
Firma del padre dando permiso para administrar medicina y contactar al doctor; y la firma del doctor.



# Medication Administration

The health clinic assistant/nurse has a specific “Authorization for Medication Administration” form which should be used for physician’s orders. Copies of this form as well as other medical forms are also available in the school office or at the following link:

<http://cmsweb1.loudoun.k12.va.us/50910061112842/FileLib/browse.asp?A=374&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=67367>.

All prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy bottle with the proper label containing the student’s name, medication, dosage, and instructions for administration. Upon request, most pharmacies will provide an extra bottle with the proper amount of medication for school. **Please do not send more than a 60 day supply of medication.**

If the health clinic assistant/nurse needs to give **non-prescription medication**:

- It must be in an original package with the name of the medication and instructions;
- she must have a note from the parent regarding when and how much medication to administer;
- she will only give the amount listed on the package for your child’s age and weight and for the recommended length of time the student should receive the medication unless she has doctor’s orders on the “Authorization for Medical administration” form to dispense differently
- she cannot administer medication that is not in its original container.

For the health clinic assistant/nurse to give acetaminophen to your child, you must have completed this section on the emergency card and signed it. Parents/guardians of elementary students will be contacted before giving any acetaminophen in order to assure that it has not been given at home. Because acetaminophen can cause liver damage in large amounts over a period of time, middle and high school students may only receive four doses of acetaminophen in a four-week period. Before a fifth dose is given, the parent/guardian will be contacted.

**Students who have fevers should be kept at home until free of fever for 24 hours. Students who do not feel well should stay home. When students come to school ill, they not only are not able to participate fully in class but also may infect other students with their illness.**

Be sure to keep the “Emergency Information” updated so we can reach you if your child is ill or injured. This can easily be done on-line through the Parent Information Management System at <https://webinter.loudoun.k12.va.us/Pim/?575Nav=|&NodeID=6681>

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and students new to Loudoun County Public Schools will be screened for vision and hearing during the first 60 days of school. Kindergarten students who did not have distance vision screening or hearing tests within two months of the beginning of school will also be screened.

Virginia requires that school divisions provide information on scoliosis to parents of students in grades 5 through 10.



# Administración de Medicina

Un formulario específico “Authorization for Medication Administration” debe ser usado para las instrucciones del doctor. Copias de este formulario como otros formularios medicos estan disponibles en la oficina de la escuela o: <http://cmsweb1.loudoun.k12.va.us/50910061112842/FileLib/browse.asp?A=374&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=67367>.

Toda medicina con receta tiene que estar en su botella original con etiqueta con el nombre del estudiante, dosis e instrucciones. Muchas farmacias pueden dar una botella extra con la cantidad apropiada de medicina para la escuela si se les pide. Por favor no mande medicina para mas the 60 diaz.

Si la asistenta de la clínica/enfermera tiene que administrar **una medicina sin receta**:

- Tiene que ser traída por el padre en su caja original con el nombre e instrucciones.
- Ella tiene que tener una nota del padre diciendo cuanto y cuando dar la medicina;
- Ella solo dará la cantidad que dice en el paquete para la edad y peso de su hijo por el tiempo recomendado a no ser que se tenga ordenes diferentes escritas por el doctor en el formulario “Authorization for Medication Administration”
- Ella no dará medicina que no está en su envase original.

Para que la sistenta/enfermera pueda dar acetaminophen a su hijo, usted tiene que completar la parte de la tarjeta de emergencia y firmarla. Los padres de estudiantes en la elementaria serán contactados antes de darles este medicamento para asegurarse que no fue dado en la casa. Acetaminophen puede causar daños al hígado en grandes cantidades y períodos largos, estudiantes del intermedio y secundaria solo pueden recibir 4 dosis de acetaminophen en un período de 4 semanas, antes de la quinta dosis el padre será contactado.

Los estudiantes que tienen fiebre deben quedarse en casa hasta 24 horas después de que de parar la fiebre. Los estudiantes que no se sienten bien deben quedarse en casa. Cuando los estudiantes vienen a la escuela enfermos no participan normalmente en clase y pueden contagiar a otros.

Asegúrese de mantener la tarjeta de información al día para poder localizarlo en caso que su hijo este enfermo o lastimado. Esto puede ser hecho fácilmente en el internet a través de Parent Information Management System: <https://webinter.loudoun.k12.va.us/Pim/?575Nav=I&NodeID=6681>

Todos los estudiantes del 3<sup>er</sup>, 7<sup>mo</sup> y 10<sup>mo</sup> grado nuevos al Condado de Loudoun serán evaluados de los ojos y oídos durante los primeros 60 días de escuela. Estudiantes del kindergarten que no fueron evaluados para la vision u oído dentro de los 2 meses de empezar la escuela, también serán evaluados.

Virginia requiere que las escuelas provean información en scoliosis a padres de estudiantes del quinto al décimo grado.

# FALCON REMINDERS...

## *Clinic News Flash!...*



**To all parents whose children require a medication, such as an inhaler or Epipen, at school.**

This is a reminder that the medication forms for this are found on the [www.lcps.org](http://www.lcps.org) under the "For Parents" section. The form must be completed by a physician and parent and must be on file in the clinic for any student to have these medications in their possession.

Please contact the school nurse, Gail Le Floch RN at 703-957-4406 if you have any questions.



## Change of Address/Phone

In order to change a home address, a parent/guardian must present (in person) a copy of the deed, settlement paperwork, recent mortgage statement or lease of the new residence.

Parents may change their phone or email information in person at the guidance office or online using the [Parent Information System \(PIMS\)](#).

# *Senior Class Notes*

## Graduation Information

**Date:** Saturday, June 18, 2011

**At:** 2:00 PM

**Where:** Patriot Center - George Mason University

## **Class of 2011 Officers:**

**President:**            **Kathryn Davidson**  
**Vice President:**   **Annelise Apodaca**  
**Secretary:**         **Robert Villoch**  
**Treasurer:**         **Alex Janzen**  
**SCA Reps:**           **Brian Hulcher**



## Cap and Gown Order Information

Seniors who did not order their cap and gown on the November ordering days, can order through the following web site: [www.hjgraduation.com](http://www.hjgraduation.com)

Please note that students must have a cap & gown in order to participate in the graduation ceremony

## **Senior Class Sponsors:**

**Ms. Susan James:** [susan.james@loudoun.k12.va.us](mailto:susan.james@loudoun.k12.va.us)

**Mrs. Michelle Hoffmann:** [michelle.hoffmann@loudoun.k12.va.us](mailto:michelle.hoffmann@loudoun.k12.va.us)

Senior Class Trip  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
Hershey Park-PA

**We will leave Briar Woods at 8:15am & return by 10:00pm.  
Cost: \$75**



Information will be distributed on Tuesday, February 22 during homeroom. Students must complete the "Universal Field Trip Permission Form", and pay the \$75 fee, which includes admission to the park and transportation by charter bus. Checks should be made out to BWHS; cash will also be accepted. Students must buy their own lunch and snacks at the park. **All permission slips and money must be turned in to Mrs. Hoffmann by Thursday, March 31.**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MARCH 31st.**



## SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION

### 2010-2011

The following guidelines, approved 10/13/99, and revised 1/8/10 will be used for the **Senior Exam Exemption Program**.

- The program is optional and may be implemented at the discretion of each high school.
- The program will use second semester data only.
- To be eligible, a student must have at least a 70 (C-) average for the second semester through the first eight weeks of the fourth nine-week grading period.
- To be eligible, a student can be absent no more than two (2) class periods in block classes.
- The program applies to students assigned to senior homerooms.
- Any student meeting the criteria for exemption may choose to take the exam.
- Exam exemption will be determined class by class.
- Seniors enrolled in an SOL course may be required to take the exam regardless of their grade or attendance if they fail the SOL exam.
- Students attending more than half of a class will be counted present for purposes of this program – tardies to class or early dismissals from class that do not result in missing more than half of a class will not be considered.
- Classes missed due to organized school activities (i.e., field trips, athletic team participation) will not count as absences from class for purposes of this program.
- An absence to observe a recognized religious holiday will not count for purposes of this program.
- An absence due to required accepted college visits (with proper documentation) will not count for purposes of this program.
- In-school restriction and suspension days will be counted as absences from class.
- All other non-school related absences – whether excused or unexcused – will be counted as absences from class.
- Cheating or any other integrity violation that results in disciplinary action removes the student from consideration for exam exemption in all classes.
- A senior failing to meet the requirements for exemption may appeal to the teacher (except in cases of an integrity violation). The teacher may determine on a case-by-case basis that special circumstances exist and permit the student to be exempt from the exam. No review of teacher decisions beyond the individual school level will be available.

# BRIAR WOODS BAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 9<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm

All-Virginia Band & Orchestra Concert

Charlottesville High School

Charlottesville, Virginia

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Solo & Ensemble Festival

All Day Event

Eagle Ridge Middle School

Music Booster Discount Card 50% OFF

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Good to July 2011

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BEST DISCOUNT CARD EVER**  
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| <br>Hill Street & Blue<br>10% Off Any Purchase<br>Excludes Alcohol<br>Address: 703-455-4243 | <br>5-7<br>10% Off Any Purchase<br>Excludes Alcohol<br>Address: 703-227-4215            |  |
| <br>IHOP<br>10% Off Any Purchase<br>Address: 703-723-3267                                   |  |   |

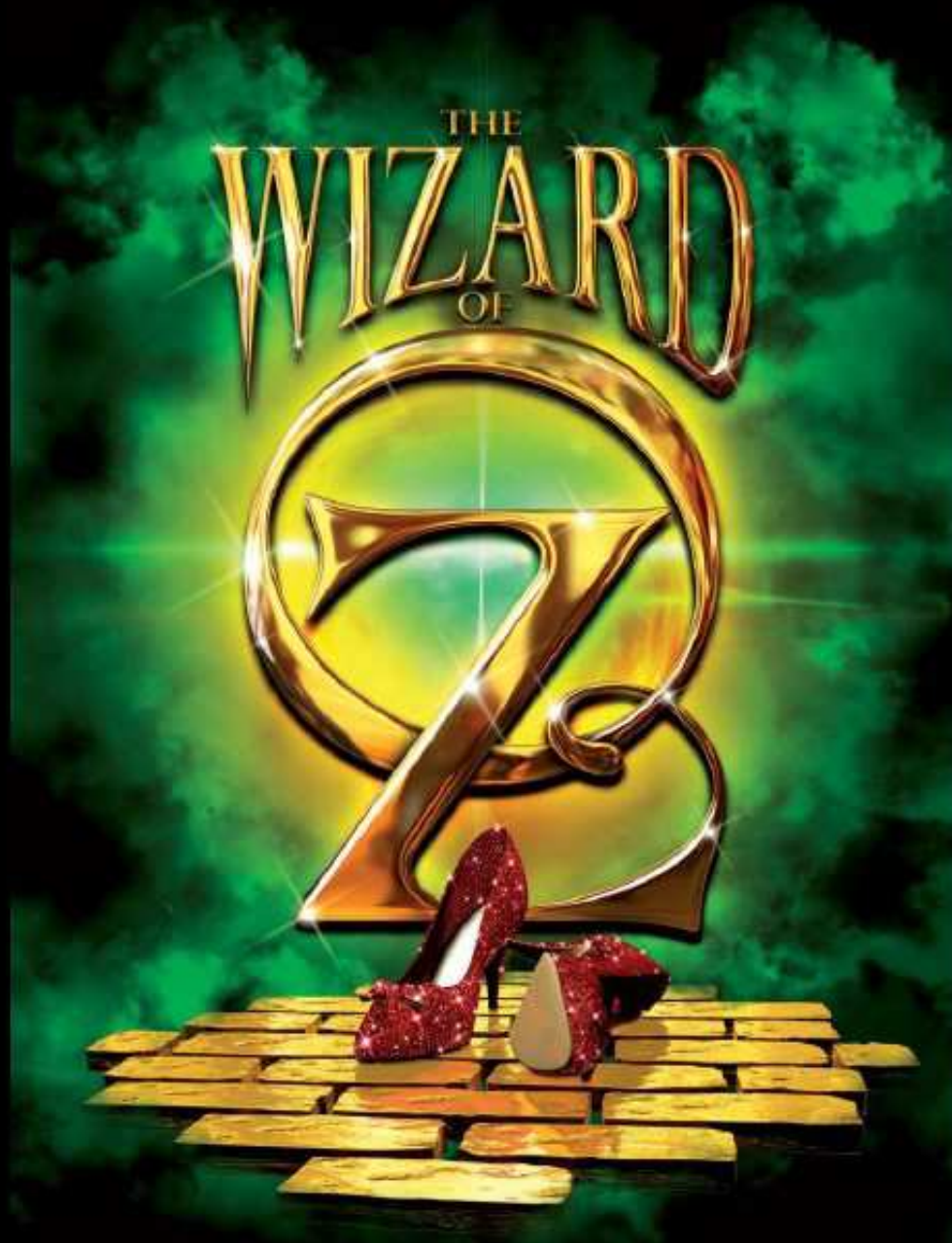
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Expires 7/31/11

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The Wizard of Oz

By Frank Baum

With music and lyrics of the MGM motion picture  
score by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg.

Turner Entertainment Co. - Tam Whitmark

March 31 7:30 PM

April 1 7:30 PM

April 2 2:30 PM

April 2 7:30 PM

BWHS Auditorium

Tickets sold at the door  
Tickets

\$7.00 for students

\$10.00 for adults

# This Just In...



## Peer Tutoring Program

The Peer Tutoring Program is up and running. If you student is struggling with a particular class we would be happy to help. Please have your student stop by the library to see Ms. Clerkin for more details.

## Advanced Placement Fees



Students and/or their parents/guardians pay the costs of the AP examinations. Each exam is \$80.00.

There are two payment options.

1. An on-line payment system is available for electronic payments on the Loudoun County Public Schools' website (more information below).
2. The guidance office will collect checks or cash payments. Cash or check payments must be made in person. Please do not mail or drop-off payments.

If a family needs to arrange for a payment plan, or anticipates difficulty in paying for the exam, the family should speak confidentially with the school principal or guidance director.

AP classes are "weighted" by 1.0 in the grade point average calculation process if the student passes the course and takes the related exam; however, students who do not take the exam will not receive any grade weighting.



## ATTENTION SENIORS!...

Transcript release forms are available in the Guidance office or you can print them off the BWHS Guidance page.

Use this form to have your transcript sent to colleges, universities, and scholarship programs. **Students are charged \$3.00 per request.**

## 2011 Briar Woods LCPS Science Fair Winners

Jarrood Ayoub

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Engineering: Electrical & Mechanical (\$75)

Leah Basso

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Earth & Planetary Science (\$100 & qualifies for Virginia State Science Fair)  
American Meteorological Society Banquet Award  
U.S. Metric Association Award

Joey Chlanda

Honorable Mention: Engineering: Materials & Bioengineering  
American Meteorological Society Banquet Award

Ravi Jasti

CIA Award (tour of Langley facility)  
Commissioned Officers of the United States Public Health Service Award  
Inova Loudoun Hospital Award (\$25)

Tyler Lauer

George Washington University Young Scientist Award  
Future Scientist Award

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**\*\*Briar Woods students who attend the Academy of Science\*\***

Tracey Atkinson

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Chemistry (\$100 & qualifies for Virginia State Science Fair )  
MIT Club of Washington (\$150)  
Northern Virginia Dental Association Award

Molly Booth

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Environmental Engineering (\$100 & qualifies for Virginia State Science Fair)  
Belfor USA Award (\$250)  
CIA Award (tour of Langley facility)  
Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Award (\$250)  
Oswego State University of New York Genius Olympiad Invitation

Emily Crisp

Best of Fair (qualifies for international competition)  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Biochemistry (\$100 & qualifies for Virginia State Science Fair)  
Willocroft Scholarship Award (\$2000 to student; \$1000 to student's selected teacher)  
US Army Award

Catherine Gorick & Yasamin Sharifzadeh (team project)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Microbiology (\$100 & qualifies for Virginia State Science Fair)  
Associated Microscope Company Microbiology Award

Mary Pothen

Honorable Mention: Microbiology  
Commissioned Officers of the United States Public Health Service Award  
US Navy/Marine Corps Award  
Virginia Dental Association Award

# *4th Annual Cabaret Night!*



*Date: Friday April 29th*

*Time: 7:00 PM*

*Location: Cafeteria*

*Come and enjoy BWHS's very own "Dinner and a Show"!*

*A full line up of talent will entertain you while you are served a three course pasta meal!*

*Tickets sold at the door!*

*Students: \$10.00*

*Adults: \$15.00*

# Briar Woods Football State Champs

6th Annual

## MULCH SALE

Your order will support Briar Woods Football. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

**What?**

**3000 Large, 3-Cubic Ft. Bags of High Quality, Shredded Hardwood Mulch (40-lb. Bags) to sell!**

**How?**

- **20-bag minimum order for free Home Delivery. (Mulch will be placed in the driveway next to your home.)**
- **10 bags or less orders, pickup at school from 9a-12p.**
- **Orders must be Pre-Paid, to secure your amount.**

**Cost?**

**Pricing is listed below on Order Form**

**When?**

**Pick Up and Delivery Date @ Briar Woods  
Saturday April 2nd  
Pick up time 9:00 am to 12:00**

**Questions?**

**If you have questions, please call:  
Emily Ciullo 703-726-0280, 703-861-6524  
Charlie Pierce (S)703-957-4400**

### ORDER FORM (10-Bag Min. Please)

Mail Form & Fee to:

Briar Woods Football  
22525 Belmont Ridge  
Ashburn, Va 20148  
703-957-4400

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Include Subdivision) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 - 50 Bags \$ 4.75 per bag
- 51 - and up \$ 4.25 per bag

| # of Bags | Price/Bag | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----------|-------|
| _____     | _____     | _____ |
| X         |           | = \$  |

# Open Computer Lab / Math Help

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Before School on

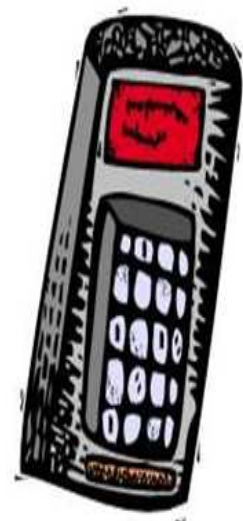
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:25-8:55



After School on

Thursday 4:00-4:30



No passes, Just show up!



# Guidance News

## 20010-2011 Guidance Staff

Dave Royhab **Guidance Director**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Susan James       | Counselor for seniors: <b>A – C</b><br>Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: <b>A – Da</b>    |
| Evan Rodgers      | Counselor for seniors: <b>D-Ha</b><br>Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: <b>De-Ho</b>      |
| Beth Dekenipp     | Counselor for seniors: <b>He - Mc</b><br>Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: <b>Hu - Mc</b> |
| Shannon Powell    | Counselor for seniors: <b>Me - Rol</b><br>Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: <b>Me –Sa</b> |
| Michelle Hoffmann | Counselor for seniors: <b>Rom – Z</b><br>Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: <b>Sc – Z</b>  |
| Jan Develli       | <b>Career Resource Specialist</b>  |
| Melissa Pumphrey  | Guidance Secretary   |
| Corina Lawson     | Guidance Secretary   |

### BWHS Guidance Website – Did You Know?

Did you know that the guidance department maintains a list of private tutors? It can be found on the BWHS guidance webpage under keyword “Academic Guidance.”

## LCPS Grading Scale & AP Weighting

| Letter Grade | Numerical Grade | Quality Points |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| A+           | 98 – 100        | 4.3            |
| A            | 93 – 97         | 4.0            |
| A-           | 90 – 92         | 3.7            |
| B+           | 87 – 89         | 3.3            |
| B            | 83 – 86         | 3.0            |
| B-           | 80 – 82         | 2.7            |
| C+           | 77 – 79         | 2.3            |
| C            | 73 – 76         | 2.0            |
| C-           | 70 – 72         | 1.7            |
| D+           | 67 – 69         | 1.3            |
| D            | 63 – 66         | 1.0            |
| D-           | 60 – 62         | 0.7            |
| F            | 59 & below      | 0.0            |

### Courses Weighted by 1.0 Quality Point:

All AP courses

### Courses Weighted by 0.5 Quality Point:

All Academy of Science courses

English 9 Honors  
English 10 Honors  
English 11 Honors

Pre AP World History 1

Earth Science honors  
Biology Honors  
Independent Research Science

Algebra 2 w/ Trig  
Math Analysis  
Multivariable Calculus

Level 4 foreign languages

Dual Enrollment courses (that have been preapproved)

**Note: LCPS does not provide un-weighted GPA's, report cards, or transcripts**





## 2010-2011 Report Card and Interim Dates

| Marking Period   | Interims Distributed* | End of Marking Period | Report Cards Distributed |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Marking Period 1 | October 5 & 6         | October 29            | November 10              |
| Marking Period 2 | December 14 & 15      | January 21            | February 4               |
| Marking Period 3 | March 2 & 3           | April 1               | April 13                 |
| Marking Period 4 | May 17 & 18           | June 16               | June 22 - <b>mailed</b>  |

In an effort to increase communication and to keep parents informed, all of our students will receive interims from all of their teachers on the dates listed.

## HOMEWORK REQUESTS

The guidance office will gather work for any student who is out of school for three or more consecutive days due to an excused absence. Please contact the guidance office to make a request. Please call in the morning before 9:00am - **collecting work often takes one school day**.

Also, please be sure to check the teachers web page as sometimes homework is posted online. To contact the guidance office call 703-957-4402.



## Course Scheduling for 2011-2012

It's hard to believe it, but it is already time to plan for the 2011-2012 school year! At BWHS we have developed a comprehensive scheduling program that helps students and parents make the best course choices possible. Below is a detailed timeline for our scheduling program (dates may change due to snow days!). Please note that your child's Course Selection Form will be sent home for your review/approval until after March 1, 2011.

*February 10, 7:00pm*

### **BWHS Scheduling Information Night for Parents**

Counselors will provide information regarding graduation requirements, courses for next year, and the course selection process.

Department chairs and teachers will be available to answer your questions about specific courses

*January 31 – February 11*

### **Scheduling Presentations**

Counselors will facilitate classroom presentations to review graduation requirements, courses for next year, and the course selection process. Students will receive the 2011-2012 Program of Studies.

*February 16*

### **Advanced Placement Fair during FLEX period**

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Advanced Placement courses we offer.

*February 18*

### **Elective Fair during FLEX period**

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the elective courses we offer – including electives from the Social Studies, Fine Arts, Health & PE, and Career & Technical Education Departments.

*February 22 & 23*

### **BWHS Scheduling Days**

- Scheduling Day 1 on February 16: Students will receive course selection forms in homeroom in the morning. Core teachers will discuss recommendations with students throughout the day. Elective teachers will help students choose electives.
- Scheduling Day 2 on February 17: Core teachers discuss recommendations throughout the day. Elective teachers will help students choose electives. Homeroom will meet at the end of the day. Homeroom teachers will collect course selection forms and turn them into guidance.

*March 1 – April 15*

### **Individual Student/Counselor Scheduling Conferences**

Counselors will facilitate individual conferences with students to refine their course choices. A copy of the Course Selection Form will be sent home for parent approval.



## **SAT & ACT Dates & Deadline for 2010-2011**

Both the **SAT** and **ACT** tests are administered on nationally standardized dates and require advanced registration.

Students may register on-line or may obtain paper registration materials from the guidance office. Registration and study information is available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT and at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT. Students should register at least six weeks in advance of the tests. **The Briar Woods High School SAT & ACT code number is 470-061.** You will use this code when registering.

Students usually register for the SAT or ACT in their junior year and repeat the test in the senior year. Some students elect to take both the SAT and ACT.

Most colleges require SAT or ACT for college admissions. Some colleges also require certain SAT Subject Tests for admissions or placement. Students should check with all of the colleges to which they plan to apply to determine which tests are required and preferred.

The ACT is different than the SAT in that it tests a student's educational development in four distinct areas: English, Math, Reading and Science. Some students feel that the ACT is better suited for their individual strengths than the SAT. While it is not as popular with students in this part of the country as the SAT, most colleges will accept either test.



# SAT AND ACT TEST DATES AND TEST CENTERS

***The dates and test centers listed below are not official*** - check the SAT & ACT websites for official dates and test center locations. On-line registration information is available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT and at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT. Hard-copy registration materials will be available in the Career Center.

## SAT

**May 7:** SAT and SAT Subject Tests, Broad Run High School

**June 4:** SAT and SAT Subject Tests, Park View High School

## ACT

**April 9:** Broad Run High School

**June 11 (no Loudoun location)**

## SAT Online Prep Course

Briar Woods High School now offers a .5 credit/one semester SAT Prep course built into our schedule for students in grades 10, 11 and 12. The course is based on the "SAT Online Prep Course" produced by the CollegeBoard.

Students may also take the course independent of teacher instruction free of charge (this option is available to all students, including freshmen).

### **Students will have the option to:**

- 1)** Take the official full-length pre-test. Find out where you need to focus your study.
- 2)** Work through the lessons and quizzes. Review key concepts, learn approaches, and practice with lesson quizzes.
- 3)** Take the practice quizzes. Take a practice quiz and learn through detailed explanations.
- 4)** Take an official full-length practice test. Take an official practice test and identify the concepts and skills you may need to review or practice further.
- 5)** Take another official practice test. Take an additional official practice test and view an analysis of your performance.

\*To access this program, log onto the Briar Woods website and follow the guidance link to "SAT Online Prep Course." Then enter our school code: 470061.

Select "Independent Study" to begin your session.

# *Guidance News Flash!*

## BWHS Career Center



The Career Resource Center is designed to support students and parents with information on college, scholarships, grants, financial aid, SAT and ACT registration, vocational and military training opportunities and part time job opportunities.

Our Career Resource Assistant is Jan Develli. She can be reached at 703-957-4402 or by emailing her at [Janet.Develli@lcps.org](mailto:Janet.Develli@lcps.org)

## Transfer/Withdrawal from Briar Woods High School

In order to withdraw from Briar Woods, a parent/guardian must come to the Guidance Office to sign a withdrawal form and provide information about the family's new address.

On the last two days of attendance at Briar Woods, students will return all school-issued books and materials to school staff. Once all faculty and staff signatures have been obtained, the student will be issued a withdrawal slip to take with them to their new school.

For more information, contact Mrs. Pumphrey or Mrs. Lawson in the Guidance Office at 703-957-4402.



## PEER Counselors

Often students can benefit from talking to a fellow student. PEER students are trained to listen and to determine when student problems require more professional intervention. Students can refer themselves or friends who are having various problems.



## Loudoun County Public Schools Parent Resource Center April Event Schedule

Events are held at the LCPS Administrative Building  
unless otherwise indicated  
21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA, 20148

**Autism Series:** [Keys to Successful Toilet Training](#)  
*Friday, April 8 from 9-11 am (morning session)*

**Autism Series:** [Supporting Students with Asperger's Syndrome](#)  
*Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm*

Pre-registration is required. Call 571-252-2185 to register or go to  
[www.loudoun.k12.va.us/prc](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/prc)

Be sure to register for  
["KEEP IN TOUCH"](#)

To receive notice about special events and announcements

If, due to a disability, you need assistance or an interpreter,  
call 571-252-2185 five business days before an event.

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## Project Uplift

### What is Project Uplift?

Project Uplift is a special program that enables high-achieving rising seniors to experience college life on the Carolina campus. Students spend two days visiting classes, meeting with faculty and staff, interacting with Carolina students, and participating in cultural and social activities. This year's program will be held on **May 19-21, May 26-28, June 2-4, and June 9-11**. There is a nonrefundable \$10 registration fee; beyond that, Project Uplift is an all expense paid program, including meals, room, and program materials (excluding travel costs).

### Who is eligible for nomination?

Project Uplift is designed for students from under-served communities such as American Indians, African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, and Asian Americans. We also welcome prospective first-generation college students and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Students should be academically motivated, rank in the top 25% of their class, be enrolled in a curriculum that includes AP course(s), foreign language, and advanced mathematics. Project Uplift nominees show active involvement in extracurricular activities and have demonstrated leadership.

Go to <http://www.admissions.unc.edu/Event/ProjectUplift/default.html> for more information.



## Get a jump start this winter break!

Below you will find a worksheet to help you apply for local scholarships...

### How to Apply for Local Scholarships

Wise planning, excellent organization, good research, and quality applications all contribute to obtaining the funds you will need to attend college.

Many individuals, organizations and businesses provide local students with scholarships and grants.

- Local scholarships can be found on the Loudoun County Public Schools website: [www.lcps.org](http://www.lcps.org)
- From the menu click to “Services,” then drop down to “Guidance.” On the left side of select scholarship applications. A list of the applications is provided.
- Please read the scholarship requirements and select the scholarships for which you qualify.
- Submit the completed application with any additional information required **no later than April 8, 2011 unless otherwise specified.**
- Please submit ALL completed application to Mrs. Develli in the Career Center. All transcripts needed for the scholarships will be provided by Mrs. Develli.
- Loudoun County Public Schools will publish a Scholarship and Financial Aid Handbook that will be available to all seniors in late February 2011. This book will have scholarships that are Briar Woods High School specific.





# **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEETING SCHEDULE 2010-2011**

**All meetings will be at 8:15 am in the Auditorium.**

**September 21 (8:00 meeting time)**

**December 15**

**January 18**

**February 15**

**March 15**

**April 12**

**May 17**

**June 7**



**Tryout Information:** Before a student can try out for a sport, he/she must have a physical on file at the school. **The physical must have been given by a doctor after May 1, 2010** and must be on a VHSL physical form. Athletic Insurance Forms, Athletic Statement of Risk Forms, Athletic Emergency Contact Forms, Athletic training Rules Forms, and Team Training Rules Forms also must be completed. All forms can be located on the Loudoun County Website or on the Briar Woods Boosters Website: [bwhsports.org](http://bwhsports.org)

**Tryout Dates:**

Winter Sports: November 15, 2010

Spring Sports: February 22, 2011

\* Please check the Briar Woods Website: [bwhsports.org](http://bwhsports.org) for specific team tryout dates!!

**Designated non-practice/play dates for 2010-11**

November 22-25

December 24

April 21-23

December 25

January 1

**Designated non-play dates for 2010-11** (Practices may be held)

September 9 and September 18

**Designated non-play dates after 6:00 PM for 2010-11** (Practices may be held)

September 8 and September 17

**No practices on Sundays.**

**Note:** Athletes should be prepared to practice/play on all other holidays or workdays. Any absence from these could be deemed "unexcused" unless first cleared through the coach.

**VACATION POLICY**

It is the expectation of the athletic department that athletes make a commitment to a team when they tryout. Vacations by athletic team members during a sports season are discouraged.

**EXAM WEEK PRACTICE TIMES**

During the week of exams one (1) hour practices are permitted on nights before an exam day.

# ***SAVE \$\$..... PURCHASE A SEASON ATHLETIC PASS!!***

Apply for a **Briar Woods High School Season Pass**. These passes are good for all regular season home events (does not include playoff or tournament games) at Briar Woods High School during the 2010-2011 school year.

If you attend all Briar Woods home games this year, you will spend \$400.00 per person on tickets. Season passes can lead to a tremendous saving, especially if you have children involved in multiple sports.

To apply for a season pass, simply fill out the order form shown below and make all checks payable to Briar Woods High School. Completed order forms should be returned by mail or in person to the athletic department. Take advantage of this limited time offer. **Get yours Today!!** (Please allow 2 working days to process all requests)

## ***NO SEASON PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT ATHLETIC EVENTS!!***

-Season passes entitle the person whose name appears on the pass to admittance to any regular season home athletic event. **(personal I.D. must be presented with pass).**

-The no re-entry rule will apply to season ticket holders and the season pass is non-transferable.

**-Any misuse of the pass may result in revocation without refund. There will be a \$5.00 replacement fee for any lost cards.**

***For further information, contact the Athletic Department at (703)-957-4408.***

## **\*PASS MUST BE PRESENTED AT EVENT FOR ADMITTANCE\***

**Family Plan: \$200.00 Pass #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Office Use Only)**  
(TWO (2) ADULTS & FOUR (4) STUDENTS MAXIMUM ON FAMILY PLAN)

Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

Student #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

Student #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #4 \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) (please print)

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**Adult/Student Plan Only: \$100.00 (1 Adult or 1 Student)**

**Pass #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Office Use Only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

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**Make Check payable to BWHS and mail to: Jerry Carter, Athletic Department, 22525 Belmont Ridge Rd., Ashburn, Va. 20148**

**\*You can come by and pick up the passes or they will be available at the first home game you attend.**



## Briar Woods Athletic Boosters Club

22525 Belmont Ridge Road  
Ashburn, VA 20148  
703-957-4400

### 2010- 2011 Membership Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Student(s) Name(s)</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Sport</u> (Year of Graduation) |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____                     | _____        | _____                             |
| _____                     | _____        | _____                             |
| _____                     | _____        | _____                             |
| _____                     | _____        | _____                             |

#### Check Desired Membership Classification

Please make check payable to BWABC

- 1 Year \$25       2 Year \$45       3 Year \$65       4 Year \$85  
 Lifetime \$400\*

**\*Lifetime Membership also includes a 2010-2011 Family Season Athletic Pass for 2 Adults and up to 4 Students.**

#### We need your help. Please check as many Volunteer Opportunities as you can!

- |  |                                     |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity  | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising Sales     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |

**BRIAR WOODS HIGH SCHOOL**



**PTSO**

**(PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ORGANIZATION)**

**JOIN - SUPPORT - VOLUNTEER!!**

**ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20**

(PTSO Membership Form as well as more information on the PTSO is available on the main BWHS Website under community link)

**MEMBERSHIP DUES HELP SUPPORT:**

- STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS
- TEACHER REQUESTS (CLASSROOM ITEMS, ETC.)
- SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS
- PROJECT GRADUATION
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

BWHS PTSO members are welcomed to attend PTSO Board Meetings. Meetings are held in the school library. Please check the PTSO Website for meeting dates.

For general inquiries about the PTSO please email Fernando Mathov at [bwhsptsopresident@yahoo.com](mailto:bwhsptsopresident@yahoo.com) and for membership inquiries please email Jan Thomas at [tthomas83@aol.com](mailto:tthomas83@aol.com).

The PTSO is in need of a President and a VP of Fundraising for the 2010-2011 Academic Year. If interested please email Fernando or Jan at the addresses listed above.

The PTSO has scheduled a combined Mock SAT/ACT Exam for October 16th. The reservation form will be on the web site and the charge will be \$10. The exam will be administered by Kaplan.

*Look for the PTSO website under "Community" on the BWHS main website*

Briar Woods High School  
Parent – Teacher – Student Organization  
2010-11 Membership Form  
JOIN! SUPPORT! VOLUNTEER!

Return completed form and dues to:  
BWHS – PTSO, Attn: Jan Thomas  
22525 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn, VA 20148

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

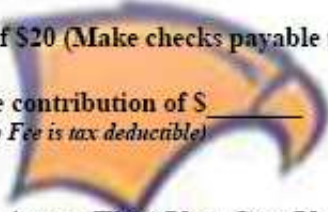
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing Membership Dues of \$20 (Make checks payable to BWHS PTSO)

I am also including a tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any add'l contribution over the \$20 Membership Fee is tax deductible)



**Please Check the Areas That You Can Volunteer to Help**

Office Administration (assist with morning attendance; answer phones around noon time)

Hospitality (provide food and/or assist with set-up for receptions)

Library Volunteer

Project Graduation, June 2011 (more details TBA)

Silent Auction, Spring Fund-raiser, Feb/March 2011 (more details TBD)

Chair       Co-Chair

Call me for anything!

I prefer to be contacted by e-mail, phone, or both (circle one)

I am available before / after school, any time (circle one)

PLEASE!! DON'T FORGET TO RE-LINK YOUR GROCERY CARDS!  
(HARRIS TEETER: 5980 – GIANT: 05301 – BLOOM: 01114)



Below please find the 2011-2012 school calendar. This calendar includes a pre-Labor Day opening. The School Board adopted next year's calendar at their meeting on October 12, 2010.

## 2011-2012 School Calendar

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| August 29      | First Day of School for Students                      |
| September 5    | Holiday (Labor Day)                                   |
| October 10     | Holiday (Columbus Day)                                |
| November 4     | End of the Grading Period                             |
| November 7-8   | Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)    |
| November 23-25 | Holiday (Thanksgiving)                                |
| December 22-31 | Winter Break (Classes Resume January 3)               |
| January 1      | Holiday (New Year's Day)                              |
| January 16     | Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)                  |
| January 20     | End of Grading Period                                 |
| January 23     | Moveable Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conf. Day) |
| February 20    | Holiday (Presidents' Day)                             |
| March 30       | End of Grading Period                                 |
| April 2-6      | Spring Break  |
| April 9        | Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conf. Day)          |
| May 28         | Holiday (Memorial Day)                                |
| June 8         | Last Day of School for Students/End of Grading Period |

**\*NOTE: Parents with child-care or other weekday scheduling concerns – dates of the Moveable Planning/Records/Conference Day between first and second semesters may change if the school calendar must be changed due to school closings for inclement weather or other emergencies.**

## Parent Information Management System (PIMS)

Loudoun County Public Schools is pleased to announce the availability of the Parent Information Management System (PIMS) on November 7th.

The PIMS is an online tool that provides a convenient way for the primary parent/guardian of a student to manage changes to their phone and/or email contact information.



The PIMS will be available on **November 7, 2008**.

### **It's as Easy as 1.2.3**

1. Access the PIMS link from the LCPS Public Internet site. [www.loudoun.k12.va.us](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us). From the LCPS home screen, click on the PIMS link on the left-side under "Quick Links".
2. You will be guided through a series of screens where you will be prompted to enter some identifying information, assert your relationship to the student and enter updated contact information.
3. Once the request has been submitted, your child's school will review the request before accepting.

**Note:** The PIMS will be rolled-out in phases. This is phase 1 - at this time only the parent/guardian listed as their child's First Contact will be able to request updates. Parents may not want to use the PIMS or have the means to do so. PIMS is simply a tool that will give those parents who so desire the ability to request changes online. At this point, this method of updates will not replace the hard-copy Emergency Card that is sent out to all families with requests for contact information updates — instead it is offered as a convenience in addition to the emergency card.





# Early Closing



## EARLY CLOSING

In the event that circumstances necessitate the early closing of school after school is in session, announcements will be broadcast over the same radio/TV stations listed previously.

When we have an early closing, it will probably be announced that school will close either one or two hours earlier than usual.

## ONE-HOUR EARLY CLOSING

1. All bus routes operate as usual except for starting one (1) hour earlier than the normal time.
2. All after-school activities requiring school bus transportation are canceled.
3. Other school activities not requiring transportation service are at the discretion of the principal.

## TWO-HOUR EARLY CLOSING

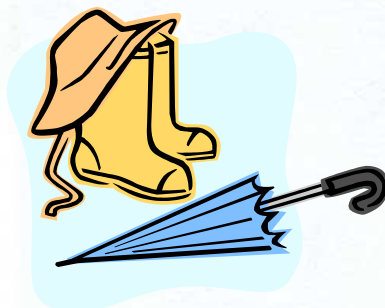
All routes will operate two (2) hours early with the following exceptions:

| <b>PROGRAM</b>   | <b>TRANSPORTATION AND ADJUSTED SCHEDULE INFORMATION</b>  |
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| <b>Kindergarten / STEP (4-year-old)</b>  | Morning Kindergarten will go home at their regular time.<br>All afternoon programs are canceled.   |
| <b>ESL</b>   | All afternoon classes are canceled.  |
| <b>Pre-School, Special Education Early Childhood Classes and Head Start Programs</b> | <b>AM Sessions</b> – These students will remain at school until the time other students are dismissed. These students will ride their regular bus with the other special education students.<br><b>PM Sessions</b> are canceled. |
| <b>Monroe Technology Center</b>  | Students will be transported back to their home school two (2) hours earlier than normal.  |
| <b>Activities/Athletics</b>  | All after-school activities requiring school bus transportation are canceled.<br>Other school activities not requiring school bus transportation service are at the discretion of the principal.                                 |

# Delayed Opening

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS FOR TWO-HOUR DELAYED OPENING

| PROGRAM                                    | TRANSPORTATION AND ADJUSTED SCHEDULE INFORMATION   |
|--|--|
| <b>Kindergarten / STEP (4-year-old)</b>    | <p><b>A.M. Session</b> – will begin <b>two (2) hours late</b> and remain in school for two hours. These students will leave school one hour later than usual.</p> <p><b>P.M. Session</b> – will begin <b>one (1) hour late</b> and remain in school for two hours, dismissing at the regular time.</p> |
| <b>ESL</b>                                 | <p><b>Elementary School</b> – Students will go to their ESL school on a two-hour delayed schedule and will follow the kindergarten release procedures.</p> <p><b>Middle &amp; High Schools</b> – Students will stay on their regular delayed opening schedule.</p>                                     |
| <b>Full Day Special Education Programs</b> | Students in these programs will arrive two (2) hours late at the appropriate school and remain until the end of the normal school.   |
| <b>Head Start</b>                          | Students in this program will arrive at school on a two-hour delayed schedule and will dismiss at their regular dismissal time.  |
| <b>Early Childhood (Pre-School)</b>        | <p><b>AM Session</b> – Will begin two (2) hours late and remain in school for three (3) hours. These students will leave school one (1) hour later than normal.</p> <p><b>PM Session</b> – Will begin one (1) hour late and remain in school for three (3) hours dismissing at the regular time.</p>   |
| <b>Monroe Technology Center</b>            | Students will arrive two (2) hours late and remain until normal dismissal time.  |



## SCHOOL CANCELLATION/DELAYED OPENING/EARLY CLOSING

In the event that weather or other reasons require either closing or delaying the opening of school before buses start on their routes, announcements will be made over the following radio/TV stations by 6:00 A.M.

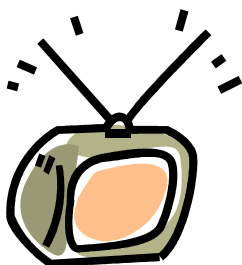
These stations are notified by direct calls and should be the primary stations that are monitored.

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| WRC (TV Channel 4)          | Washington, DC   |
| FOX (TV Channel 5)          | Washington, DC   |
| WJLA (TV Channel 7)         | Washington, DC   |
| WUSA (TV Channel 9)         | Washington, DC   |
| News Channel 8              | Washington, DC   |
| WINC (92.5 FM)              | Winchester, VA   |
| WMRE (1550 AM)              | Charles Town, WV |
| WTOP (1500 AM and 103.5 FM) | Washington, DC   |
| WMAL (630 AM)               | Washington, DC   |

In the event of a delayed opening, please stay tuned to the radio/TV station in case some change in the weather causes schools to be closed for the day.

A one-hour delay would mean that all **morning** programs would operate as usual except that they would start one (1) hour later.

A two-hour delay would mean that school opening would be delayed for two (2) hours with specific alternatives to certain programs.





**Briar Woods High School**  
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### Administration

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. Edward Starzenski | Principal            |
| Dr. Tammy Brock       | Assistant Principal  |
| Mr. Michael Byers     | Assistant Principal  |
| Dr. Drew Pendleton    | Assistant Principal  |
| Mr. Jerry Carter      | Athletic Director    |
| Mr. David Royhab      | Guidance Director    |
| Mrs. Jennifer Traina  | Activity Coordinator |

### Office Staff

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. Glikas   | Secretary            |
| Mrs. Leonard  | Secretary            |
| Mrs. Altland  | Secretary            |
| Mrs. Smith    | Book Keeper          |
| Mrs. Calder   | Attendance Secretary |
| Mrs. LeFloch  | Nurse                |
| Mrs. Pumphrey | Guidance Secretary   |
| Mrs. Lawson   | Guidance Secretary   |

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Main Office:</b>       | <b>703-957-4400</b> |
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