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Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this newsletter finds all good and well with the families of our BPA boys and trust that everyone will enjoy the holiday break. I believe we would all agree that 2020 has been a year unlike any other in our lives. From the Coronavirus to lockdowns, masks, eLearning, limited social gatherings and many other challenging intrusions into our "normal daily lives", 2020 can't end quickly enough! However, as with any challenge, we've been provided an opportunity to overcome and grow. It is my hope and prayer that when we look back at 2020 in the years to come, we will be able to see much growth from all the adversity we've faced and overcome. That brings me to the important focus of this newsletter. I need everyone to have a firm conversation with their son(s) to support the college prep learning environment along with the expectations we have here at BPA prior to the start of the 2nd semester in January 2021.

The faculty and staff here at BPA understand that it takes time for all boys to reach the level of maturity necessary to be "molded" into true "Men of Distinction." We are committed to helping each and every student achieve this level of success. As we have reached the midyear point, I want to again remind everyone that Franklin Boys Prep is a magnet school, which every student applied to and was granted the privilege of attending. This privilege comes with expectations and requirements from the student, parent and school. We need your support to provide all of our boys the highest academic and character educational experience possible here at BPA.

At BPA, we are committed to offering an educational experience for our boys that, in our judgement, is unmatched in any other middle school in Hillsborough County. The focus we have on the academic and character success of our boys has been validated by BPA's reputation in our community (statewide and nationally), our State grade and 10 years of revisions / improvements to our model, vision and mission. The expectation for our boys is that they will positively contribute to the academic and character educational experiences offered here at BPA; not only for their personal benefit, but also for the benefit of their peers. The expectation for parents is that they will cooperatively work with and support your son, your son's teachers and the BPA staff members by holding your son(s) accountable for growing into true "Men of Distinction." The expectation for BPA is that we offer the very best program available and model the BPA creed!

The reason for this type of focus for the New Year newsletter is that I want to remind everyone that expectations for all students are being raised. Sixth graders have had the opportunity to transition into middle school and learn / adjust to the differences between elementary and secondary schools. Seventh and eighth graders who have already experienced and gone through the transition are expected to raise their level of leadership for their fellow underclassmen.

Parents, please help our faculty and staff, as well as your son, by having this important conversation with him about the choices and subsequent consequences (both positive and negative) which will result from his choices. We love all of our boys and fully anticipate they will respond to this petition and your conversation with them in a positive way. Please also remember that every incentive field trip / special school event has academic and conduct criteria in order to be eligible to participate. NOW is the time to have these important conversations with your son. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me personally either by phone, email or conference. Also, please stay in regular communication with your son's teachers through Canvas. It's the best way to keep up with your son's grades / assignments / upcoming assessments and events here at BPA. In advance, on behalf of our faculty and administration, I thank each one of you for your emails, phone calls and conversations of support for the mission of BPA. We could not do it without the undying support of our parents and community members. Wishing everyone a productive, successful and prosperous 2021!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Haley, Principal

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Upcoming Events

12/1- VIRTUAL Conference night 4:30-7:00 pm

12/2- Flag football vs Stewart @ Blake 7pm

12/3- Volleyball vs Stewart @ Stewart 6pm

12/7- Flag football vs Young @ Middleton @ 7 pm

12/8- Volleyball vs Young @ Young 6pm

12/9- Flag football vs Memorial @ Hillsborough @ 6:30 pm

12/11- College t-shirt day

12/11- Magnet window for high school closes

12/19-1/3- Winter Break

1/5-1/8- Achieve3000 Midyear Assessment

1/11-1/14- Semester Exams

1/15- End of quarter 2 & Nonstudent day

1/18- MLK Day & Non-student day

1/20-1/22- Midyear Writing Assessment



A message from the clinic



Dear Parents:

We are asking you for your continued cooperation in assisting us to control the spread of communicable diseases. Our goal is to make our school a healthy and safe place for both students and employees. We will call you immediately if your child becomes ill during school hours. You are expected to arrange for your child to be picked up as soon as possible. Our school clinic is not equipped or staffed to handle ill children for long periods of time.

Please do not send your child to school if any signs/symptoms listed below are present:

1. Vomiting or diarrhea within past 24 hours
2. Fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ within past 24 hours
3. Chills
4. Sore/red throat and/or congestion
5. Persistent coughing, sneezing, or shortness of breath
6. Loss of taste or smell
7. Red watery eyes
8. Rash
9. Earache, drainage from ear
10. Excessive mucus from nose (runny nose), particularly greenish-yellow mucus

Your child may return to school as soon as all signs/symptoms are gone for 24 hours without the use of medication to treat the above signs/symptoms or when your healthcare provider provides a written statement indicating your child is ready to return to school.

If suspected COVID-19 exposure, please follow isolation or quarantine procedures as directed by your healthcare provider and/or the Department of Health. Please notify your school if you are tested or test positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for working with us.

Sincerely,

Nurse Saunders and Nurse Shay



Know anyone interested in coming to BPA?

Our boys do NOT need to re-apply for middle school, but if you know any current 5th grade boys that would be a good fit for Franklin, please share.

The first application window is the best opportunity for families to get a seat at the middle school of their choice. The first School Choice Application window will close on December 11, 2020.

Apply:

<http://tinyurl.com/lwantBPA>

Website:

<http://Franklin.mysdhc.org>

Franklin BPA HYPERLINK "https://youtu.be/W2r_P06fx5U"https://youtu.be/W2r_P06fx5U__



Midyear Writing Assessment

On Wednesday, 1/20, we will be on a modified bell schedule as your son will be taking his Midyear Writing Assessment. Our 6th grade students will be handwriting their assessment, while 7th and 8th grade students will be typing their responses. Due to the fact that 7th and 8th graders need to test in the computer labs, your son may be testing on Wednesday 1/20, Thursday 1/21, or Friday, 1/22. This writing assessment is extremely important as it will indicate to his teacher where writing instruction needs to go in the upcoming weeks that lead to the FSA Writes in April. Your son must receive an 8/10 in order to pass the FSA Writing Assessment. While the midyear scores are not due until the end of February, your son's LA teacher will be working diligently to get those scores in as soon as possible so that everyone is fully aware of how close the boys are to reaching proficiency. At our next conference night, please speak with your son's language arts teacher about strengths and weaknesses that have been observed with his writing. Thank you for all your support as we push our boys to their maximum writing potential.



What's AVID been up to?

- Costa's Levels of Thinking and Questioning - How can we ask better questions to improve our understanding?
 - Level 1 - Gathering Info (Input)
 - Level 2 - Processing Info
 - Level 3 - Applying Learning (Output)
- Goal Setting - long-term, mid-term, and short-term goals
- Calculating GPA - How does it connect to goal setting?
- Networking - How to utilize classmates in order to achieve academic success!



8th Grade Parents



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The magnet application window for high schools will be closing on December 11th, 2020! Additional resources can be found on the school district web page. Go to sdhc.k12.fl.us- select families and then select magnet or choice.

Our district has many different magnet options available for our boys. Below are the different magnet schools as well as their area(s) of focus:

Armwood offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Blake offers numerous areas of focus including: Visual Arts, Communication Arts, Performance Arts, and Urban Teaching Academy.

Jefferson offers numerous areas of focus including: Business & Finance Leadership Academy , Culinary Arts, Law & Criminal Justice Leadership Academy , and Maritime & Marine Environmental Science Leadership Academy .

Lennard offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Leto offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Middleton offers numerous areas of focus including: Academy of Computer Game Design & Computer Systems Engineering / Information Technology , Academy of Engineering, and Biomedical-Biotechnology / Scientific Research.

Spoto offers the Collegiate Academy which allows students to graduate from high school with an Associates of Arts degree.

Tampa Bay Tech offers numerous areas of focus, including: Architectural and Environmental Design, Academy of Health Professions, and Academy of Veterinary Science.



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BPA Vision
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