

BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL  
Office of the Headmaster

January 10, 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Families:

Welcome to Brookline High School! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant and diverse school community. We write to invite you to a series of informational events about our academic program, as well as courses and opportunities available to your students next year and beyond. These transition events are designed to welcome you and to answer many of your questions. Just as your students are preparing for one of life's larger transitional periods, we know that parents and guardians also are experiencing something new, exciting, and, at times, a bit daunting. The activities we have planned serve as a bridge to help everyone in the exciting transition to BHS.

While we encourage you to attend as many events as possible and know you will benefit from them, we also know how busy life gets. If you can't attend every session, do not worry. You can consider finding another eighth grade parent who can share the information.

**EIGHTH GRADE TRANSITION EVENTS – 2017**

**Tues., February 7 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium**

**Curriculum Night** for English, Social Studies, Science, Math, World Language, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Career and Technology Education, and Health/Fitness. **This evening is for parents.** It is a chance to hear from the headmaster, the assistant headmaster, the guidance coordinator, and the curriculum coordinators.

**Overview of Special Education services and programs, 6:00 pm in the Library**

This separate and earlier portion of **Curriculum Night is for parents and guardians** to meet our special education administration and available staff members. You will learn about the high school's robust continuum of special education programming.

**Fri., February 10 at BHS**

**Arts at BHS** is for **students only** and during the school day. Eighth graders visit BHS and enjoy a presentation of our Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Career and Technical Education offerings.

**Mon., February 13 – Fri., February 17 at each K-8 school**

**BHS World Language "Road Show"** is for **students only** and during the day. We will introduce our course of study for languages.

**Wed., February 15 at 5:30 pm in the BHS Auditorium.**

**Curriculum Night Part Two: Lab and Studio Night** for Career and Technology Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. **Parents and students** visit the Career/Technology Education and Performing and Visual Arts classrooms to see the working studios before choosing elective classes for ninth grade. The evening is designed to give eighth graders the chance to see BHS students in action, view the excellent facilities, and meet some teachers.

**Wed., March 1 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium**

**Life at Brookline High School: Parents and students** are invited. On this night, the headmaster, dean of students for the class of 2020, leaders of the PTO, a guidance counselor, and a panel of students will talk and answer questions about life at Brookline High, including the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition.

**Mon., March 13 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium**

**Introduction to Athletics: Parents and students are invited** to a presentation and Q&A session about our interscholastic athletic program.

We know some parents/guardians may still be deciding on where to send their child to high school. Please know that you are most welcome to attend these evenings as a way to gather information. In fact, we believe that Brookline High offers a rich, high quality program that is competitive with any private or public school in the area. We look forward to seeing you soon at the eighth grade transition events. Welcome!

Sincerely,



Anthony Meyer  
Interim Headmaster



Scott Butchart  
Dean of Students