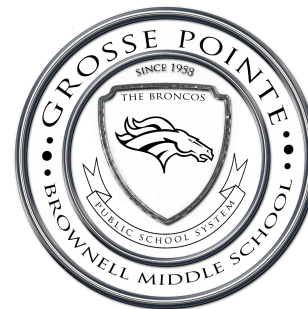


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Mr. Rodger W. Hunwick, Principal

Mrs. Holli McNally, Assistant Principal

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Happy New Year

We hope the Holiday Season was a relaxing, enjoyable, and fun-filled time for the entire Brownell Community. As we ring in the 2018 year, we'd like to remind everyone that the second quarter comes to a conclusion on January 19, 2018. Please encourage your child(ren) to remain focused and on task in an effort to end the semester on a positive note. Report cards will be available on-line Monday, January 29.

Brownell Drop-off & Pick-up Safety

As we enter the winter snow season more students are dropped-off and picked-up from school. Please join together with the Brownell Administration and Staff to ensure the safety and well being of all students before and after school by helping us to promote the proper drop-off and pick-up procedures.

- Please drop-off or pick-up students at the properly designated area(s)
- All yellow-lined curb areas are NOT drop-off and/or pick-up areas
- Students must use the designated crosswalk to gain access to the south bound side of Chalfonte Avenue
- Avoid pick-ups or drop-offs that impede the flow of vehicle traffic

Please view the YouTube video titled [Brownell Drop-off & Pick-up Safety](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PlhrgAS22s) to help promote these procedures (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PlhrgAS22s>) with others in the Brownell Community.

Grosse Pointe Parents for Unity in Diversity Council

All parents and community members in the Grosse Pointe Public School District are welcome to participate in the meetings led by the Diversity Council. Quarterly meetings are part of this learning community's outreach program that works together with our school community to help ensure all of our students experience success. The group is led by Ms. Ginni Winters, a consultant from Wayne County RESA. All meetings are held at predetermined Grosse Pointe Public School locations at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is January 18, 2018 at Maire Elementary in the library. Future meeting dates for the 2017-18 school year are March 22, 2018; April 26, 2018; and May 24, 2018.

Parent Group Email Notifications

Brownell Middle School is using parent group emails to remind you of important, upcoming meetings and events. So, if your email address has changed, then please update it in the MISTAR ParentPortal. If you forgot

your PIN and password or you do not have an email address registered with the district, you can email parentconnect@gpschools.org . Please provide your name, child's name, school name, and your email address.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call my direct line at (313) 432-3904 or email me at hunwicr@gpschools.org.

Dress for the Weather

Students need to be dressed appropriately for the colder days ahead. Please have them dressed in a winter coat, hat, gloves, and boots. The students go outside every day. They will stay indoors ONLY when the wind chill is below zero degrees (per the district guideline.) The local WeatherBug app is used to check the wind chill factor.

Sincerely,



Rodger W. Hunwick

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. MCNALLY

PBIS-Positive Results

Now that the first semester and second card marking are coming to an end we look forward to reporting more positive results. Seven signatures in a student PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) planner is the plateau number for an administrative intervention meeting. Eight signatures result in an office referral. As of 12/19/17, 98% of the student body at Brownell has maintained less than 7 signatures in the second quarter. The data demonstrates, once again, that the vast majority of students are consistently prepared and responsible for their own learning. It also indicates that nearly all students: arrive on time to class, complete their work, and behave according to Bronco Expectations throughout the school day. These results prove that the Bronco Nation continues to "Buck-Up" and improve.

Bronco PBIS data as of 12/19/17		
Students with 0 signatures	Students with 1-4 signatures	Students with 5+ signatures
51%	42%	7%
120 rewards have been earned for 20+ positive stamps		

Student Social Media Safety

The middle school years are a time when student social activity manifests itself more as a priority in life. This fact, coupled with the many social media platforms and apps available, provides students the ability to interact, share pictures, and search the internet with ease. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child(ren) the positive, good multimedia that devices provide as well as the negative. Digital citizenship is an important aspect of having access to electronic devices.

Scheduling Begins for 2018-19 School Year

Students will begin the registration process for next year by meeting with counselors and administration. Counselors will review the High School Program of Studies and course requirements with eighth graders.

Materials will be sent home during this time and will include all deadlines for the submission of the scheduling information. The calendar for scheduling looks like this:

Incoming Sixth Grade Students

During the month of January, our counselors and principals will be meeting with incoming students and parents of next year's sixth grade class. A parent informational meeting will be held in the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday, January 16, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We will also be meeting with fifth grade students at each of our three feeder elementary schools on the following dates:

Richard	Monday, January 8, 2018	9:20 am
Monteith	Tuesday, January 9, 2018	9:00 am
Kerby	Wed., January 10, 2018	9:00 am

Please see *Counselor's Corner* for the scheduling process timeline for present sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

Core Honors Courses

When scheduling, current sixth and seventh graders request elective courses, while the core academic courses are scheduled for them. Students who are currently successful in Honors courses will automatically be scheduled in Honors courses in that subject for next year. Current sixth graders will have the potential to qualify for two more Honors courses in seventh grade. Honors Science and Honors Social Studies are offered for seventh and eighth graders. Current sixth graders who qualify for Honors Science and/or Honors Social Studies will be notified by mail in May and will have the opportunity to elect those courses at that time.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

January is a busy month for registration. Counselors will be registering all incoming grades. Parents of 8th grade students received an email on December 20 outlining the registration process. Here is the upcoming calendar of important dates for students and parents.

6th to 7th Grade

Monday, 1/22/2018	6 th hr (last 20 minutes) meeting and distribution of course selection sheet
Thursday, 1/25/2018	Course selection sheet due in social studies class
Friday, 1/26/2018	Scheduling in computer lab A56 (Callaway, Dettlinger)

7th to 8th Grade

Tuesday, 1/30/2018	Advisory meeting & distribution of course selection sheet
Friday, 2/2/2018	Course selection sheet due in science class
Monday, 2/5/2018	Scheduling in computer lab A56 (Sonnenberg, Jordan)

8th to 9th Grade

Thursday, 1/11/2018	5th hr presentation to all 8th grade students in Multi-Purpose Room
Friday, 1/12/2018	HS Scheduling Presentation to 8th grade parents, 8:30am in Multi-Purpose Room
Wednesday, 1/17/2018	HS course selection sheet due in science class
Thursday, 1/18/2018	Scheduling in computer lab A56 (D'Angelo, Brennan)

Please contact us if you have any further questions regarding course selections or any other questions or concerns.

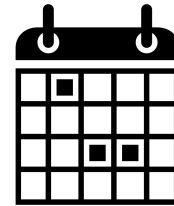
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KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 3 School reopens at 8:20 am
- 8 Grades 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball @ Kelly Middle School, 4:00/5:00 pm
- 10 Principals' Roundtable Meeting @ cafeteria, 2:00 pm
- 10 Grades 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball vs. Pierce @ Brownell, 4:00 pm
- 10 Grade 8 Parent Meetings at GP High School of your residence, 7:00 pm
- 11 Grades 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball @ South Lake Middle School, 4:00/5:00 pm
- 12 Grade 8 Parent Meeting re: high school course offerings @ Multi-Purpose Room, 8:30 am
- 13 MSBOA Solo & Ensemble @ Rochester High School
- 15 No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 16 Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting @ Multi-Purpose Room, 7:00 pm
- 17 Present grade 8 course selection sheet due in science class
- 17 Grades 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball vs. Parcels @ Brownell, 4:00 pm
Boys' Basketball Banquet immediately following games @ cafeteria
- 19 ½ day for students, dismissal at 11:33am
Teachers' Records Day in pm
- 22 PTO meeting @ library, 6:00 pm
- 22 Deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter
- 25 Present grade 6 course selection sheet due in social studies class
- 26 Grade 8 vocal music field trip to Grand Rapids @ Michigan Music Conference
- 31 Crazy Sock Day



February

- 2 Present grade 7 course selection sheet due in science class
- 2 Grade 6 Activity Night @ gyms, 6:00-8:00 pm

SEVENTH GRADE

English

Mrs. Duffield

"I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only teach them to think."

~Socrates

Welcome back to school! This month is an especially busy one with the semester ending on January 19th. Classes complete *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* Unit and begin the study of *World Mythology*. A culminating "Greek Day" is scheduled for mid-February. Expect an informational letter in the weeks ahead detailing this exciting event including opportunities for parent volunteers. Grammar lessons continue and students write every day in class. Multi-paragraph compositions are the focus. Students must read a minimum

of 20 minutes daily as Oral Book Review #4 is due on Friday, January 12th. Wishing 2018 brings us all peace and prosperity!

Social Studies

Mrs. Corden

Happy New Year to all! I hope your Holidays were filled with relaxation and fun. January continues with much remaining to be covered in the study of the Eastern Hemisphere. Another week or two will be spent wrapping up Australia and New Zealand. Classes will be taking part in a World Summit making arguments for and against allowing building and enterprise on the continent of Antarctica. Then, students will study the major religions of the world, which is always an eye-opening unit for all. From there we will most likely be spending time in Southeast Asia, before leaving for China.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

EIGHTH GRADE

English

Mrs. Duffield

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

~ Anne Frank

Welcome back to school! This month is an especially busy one with the semester ending on January 19th. Classes complete the *Chains* Unit and begin the study of *World War II literature* including The Diary of Anne Frank, the memoir Night by Elie Wiesel, and numerous non-fiction selections. Grammar lessons continue and students write every day in class. Multi-paragraph compositions are the focus. Students must read a minimum of 20 minutes daily as Oral Book Review #4 is due on Friday, January 12th. Wishing 2018 brings us all peace and prosperity!

DRAMA CLUB

Brownell Middle School presents *Disney's* **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

February 8 & 9

7:00 pm curtain @ Brownell Multi-Purpose Room

\$10

Tickets go on sale to the public the week of January 22, 2018.

Families, friends, and fans may purchase tickets on-line at **SEATYOURSELF.biz** or at the door.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

See over 100 Brownell students having fun “*Under the Sea*”.

Susan Dempsey-Director

Carolyn Gross-Musical Director

Tammy Duffield-Producer

