



# HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR BFCS 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 7TH GRADE

### *Virtual Information Session with Ms. Dressel*

Learn more about next year, including information about classes, transportation, school schedule, athletics, and more!

**Tuesday, April 20, 6pm**

[Click here to register for the link and passcode!](#)

### *New webpage for rising 7th grade families!*

We have added a new webpage for our rising 7th grade families! [Click here to visit the new site!](#)

Featured on the new webpage:

- Videos from our current 7th grade teachers explaining the 7th grade curriculum.
- Handouts regarding athletics and fine arts programs
- Copies of this newsletter

## CLASS SPOTLIGHTS

### *Beginning Band*



Beginning Band offers the band experience at the introductory level. This class is for any 7-12th grader and does not require an audition. Students may pick from woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. The goal of the class is giving students another way to express themselves while developing fundamental skills needed to perform; students are held to a high standard to ensure their success on their chosen instrument. Topics covered include reading music, music notation, analyzing and evaluating music, as well as composing and improvising simple melodies. Students will have the opportunity to perform during the concert season as well as various other playing opportunities.

### *Beginning Strings*



Beginning Strings offers a beginning instruction on violin, viola, cello, and string bass. This course will focus on the fundamental skills necessary for progression through the BFHS orchestra programs. No audition is required - all that is necessary is the desire and motivation to study a musical instrument! This class is ideal for those who were unable or only partially able to participate in an instrumental music class during previous school experiences as well as for those who may have experience and need a review playing fundamentals and technique that are vital for lasting musical development. Any students who have already played in the school orchestra for had private lessons for 1 or more years should sign up for Concert Strings.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Tatum Brown, 11h grade**

**Choir Student of the Month for the Virtue of Auctoritas, or Spiritual Authority**

*Tatum exemplifies what it means to be a Charger! She is well-rounded, dedicated to her academics and extracurricular activities, and she always seeks to do good in her family, school, and community. Intention, purpose, and meaning are the driving factors behind all she does. I thought of her for the virtue of Auctoritas because of the wonderful example she sets for her peers. She leads quietly by example and by doing so has rightfully earned the spect of her teachers and peers. Keep up the good work, Tatum!*

- Mrs. Otero, Choir Teacher



## MORE HAPPENINGS!



### Open Houses

We have a general Open House for community families interested in attending BFHS. Families will hear from our Principal, tour the campus, meet our teachers, and learn what it means to be a Charger! At this Open House, we will discuss many of the topics covered during the BFCS 7th Grade Info Night.

**April 28 @ BFHS, RSVP on [bfcsaz.com](http://bfcsaz.com)**

### Spring Sports

Our Athletics are back in full swing, with our junior high athletes starting games this week! In Quarter 4, JH students can participate in track and field, basketball, and even wrestling!



### Spring Musical

BFHS presents *The Little Mermaid*, with shows on May 6, 7, and 8! Ticketing information coming soon!



### Fine Arts Building

We are currently on track for the new fine arts building to have a substantial amount of the building completed by the end of April. We're excited to be heading towards the final stretch!

## CONTACT US



**Ms. Christina Dressel**  
**JH Transition Coordinator**  
**JH Advisor**

[cdressel@bfcsaz.com](mailto:cdressel@bfcsaz.com)

*Here to answer your questions about the transition from 6th to 7th grade, including classes, opportunities, and student life! I am also here to help with course selection for all rising JH students!*



**Mrs. Sharon Turgeon**  
**High School Registrar**

[sturgeon@bfcsaz.com](mailto:sturgeon@bfcsaz.com)

*Here to answer your questions about enrollment procedures, documentation, scheduling a tour, and registration!*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## When and how can we sign up for the buses/shuttles?

You can view the busing schedule and sign up for the bus on the [transportation](#) page of our [website](#)! We recommend signing up for this service online in the summer before the start of the 21-22 school year.

## What time is lunch?

Junior high and high school have different lunch times. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, JH lunch is at 10:45am. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, JH lunch is at 9:55am. You can find the [bell schedule](#) on the [family resources page](#) of our [website](#)!



## What is the dress code?

The BFHS dress code is available in the [BFHS family handbook](#), which one can find on the [family resources page](#) of our [website](#). If you have any questions about specific guidelines, please reach out to our Dean of Students, Mr. Santana, at [msantana@bfcsaz.com](mailto:msantana@bfcsaz.com).

## Does my child have to take a 0 hour?

Taking a zero hour (6:30-7:20am) is optional for JH students. However, if a JH student would like to take two electives (instead of just one), he or she will need a 0 hour in his/her schedule to accommodate the extra class in the school day. JH Cheer is only offered zero hour during second semester, and Junior Dance Company is only offered during 7th hour (2:20-3:15pm). Please contact the high school for more information about these two classes.



## What should we do if my child wants to change his elective request?

If you would like to make a change to your child's elective request form, please contact Ms. Dressel at [cdressel@bfcsaz.com](mailto:cdressel@bfcsaz.com).

## What sports can junior high students participate in and does a child need to have experience?

You can view Athletics Opportunities for JH students on this [handout](#). Students do not need to have experience to try out for a sport. All athletes must register on [Registermyathlete.com](http://Registermyathlete.com) and complete the necessary paperwork before trying out.

## How can my child audition for an advanced fine arts class?

The following fine arts courses require an audition or tryout: intermediate ballet/jazz, advanced dance, junior dance company, JH cheer, JH Honor Choir, Symphonic and Chamber Orchestra, and Symphonic and Chamber Band. If your child would like to take an auditioned fine arts class, please contact the following teachers to schedule your audition:

Band: Victor Mendoza, [vmendoza@bfcsaz.com](mailto:vmendoza@bfcsaz.com)  
Cheer: Stephany Quick, [squick@bfcsaz.com](mailto:squick@bfcsaz.com)  
Choir: Haylee Otero, [habney@bfcsaz.com](mailto:habney@bfcsaz.com)  
Dance: Melanie Ellis, [mellis@bfcsaz.com](mailto:mellis@bfcsaz.com)  
Orchestra: Cindy Petty, [cpetty@bfcsaz.com](mailto:cpetty@bfcsaz.com)



You can find many answers on the family resources page of our website. You can also call the high school at (480) 558-1197 or email [cdressel@bfcsaz.com](mailto:cdressel@bfcsaz.com) with additional questions about the transition into junior high!