

December 2024

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The sights and sounds of the holiday season have arrived in full strength, and I can think of no greater time to reflect upon the many blessings we have in our personal lives and those in our BBHCSD school family than during this time of the year. Winter Break begins in our district on Monday, December 23rd and lasts through Friday, January 3rd. When we arrive back for class on Monday, January 6th, a new year will be upon this district, and we look forward to the excitement of new initiatives, opportunities for our students, and advancement. On behalf of the Board of Education and the administrative team, please have a safe, restful, and joyous time away.

This mid-month report shares important updates at the district level, but also demonstrates that the heart of our operations at the building level is alive, festively-inspired at this time of the year, and actively engaged in our students' academic endeavors and overall well-being.



With Superintendent Jeff Harrison and Treasurer Craig Yaniglos

COFFEE HOUSE VISITS

ALL VISITS BEGIN AT 9 A.M. AND LAST UNTIL 10 A.M.

- ☕ Thursday, December 19th @Panera in Brecksville
- ☕ Thursday, January 16th, 2025 @Coffee Club in B.H.
- ☕ Thursday, February 20th @Panera in Brecksville
- ☕ Thursday, March 20th, @Coffee Club in B.H.
- ☕ Thursday, April 17th @Panera in Brecksville

Informal, but informative. Come to ask questions or listen to an update of important items within the BBHCSD. This is your chance to Bee Engaged!

Coffee House Visit Tomorrow, December 19th & Key Communicator Night January 29th

Our next Coffee House visit will take place tomorrow morning, Thursday, December 19th at 9 a.m. at Panera in Brecksville, and is designed for citizens who may not be able to attend evening events to come and chat with me and Treasurer Craig Yaniglos. Our first event in November was well-attended by more than a dozen individuals and topics ranged from future master planning efforts, district finances, building culture, curriculum, and more. If you have the opportunity to visit and chat, please do. We ask you to also mark your calendars for our Bee Empowered Key Communicator Night on Wednesday, January

29th, as an invitation for those available during the evening hours to visit BBHES at 7 p.m. and listen to an update and ask questions. Keeping an open line of communications with our residents, parents and citizens alike, will remain a top priority.

District Partnering with Rust Belt Riders for Community Composting

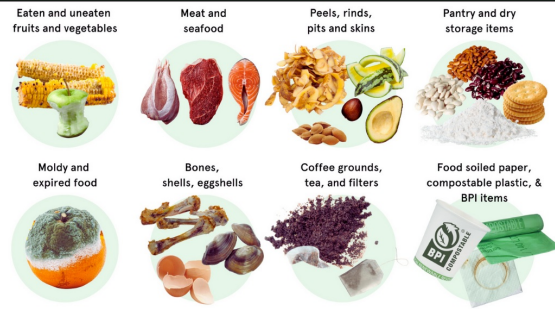
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Food Services is encouraging us all to do our part to reduce food waste and has been partnering with Rust Belt Riders to provide composting services for the district's school cafeteria kitchens. We need your support! See the list nearby of acceptable items to compost, simply collect these food scraps at home, and bring them to one of the district's two drop-off sites, outside the Board of Education and

Elementary School, where materials can be deposited and converted into rich, healthy soil. Signing up for the program not only keeps more food out of landfills but also helps the BBHCS save on the district's composting program in our school cafeterias. Visit www.rustbeltriders.com/dropoff to sign up for a monthly drop-off membership. See the nearby graphic to learn what participants have been composting!

What can I compost with Rust Belt Riders?

ACCEPTABLE

We accept all food, BPI-certified single-use compostable items, and some paper products!



Congratulations, National Honor Society Inductees!

Last week, approximately 114 students were formally inducted into the BBHHS chapter of the National Honor Society, signifying their dedication to the four pillars of the organization, which are *character, leadership, service, and scholarship*. Applicants must also be a Junior or Senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher and seek a recommendation from a member of our staff who affirms their individual NHS qualities. Students who possess the minimum academic qualification are invited each fall to complete an application that is reviewed by a group of faculty members as well. This ceremony is always a joy in which to participate, because these students represent the finest examples of academic, interpersonal, and co-curricular strengths among our high schoolers. Thank you to our student and staff speakers, our NHS

advisers Mrs. Jaci Owens and Mrs. Jennifer Williams. [You can read a full list of the names of inductees here.](#)

Check the Athletics Website for Athletic Competitions

Our Bees will be competing throughout Winter Break, and so that you can attend one of the many competitions in which our student-athletes participate, [please be sure to visit our athletics website here.](#)

Middle School Getting into the Holiday Spirit

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School is also in the midst of Holiday Spirit Week, where Monday was Holiday Sparkle and Flannel Fun, Tuesday featured all-things-winter activities for Reindeer Games, today was 'White Out' day, Thursday, we will see our favorite Holiday movie characters, and Friday will be Sweater Day. Thanks to our building leaders, staff members, and students for showing their festive side, and helping everyone get into the mood for the next few weeks.

H.U.D.D.L.E. Members Constructively Engage Middle School Students

Last week, our high school H.U.D.D.L.E. members had the valuable experience to lead classroom-based lessons for 6th and 8th-grade students, discussing how marijuana can interfere with the

development of valuable life skills. These important student-based, peer-to-peer engagement opportunities, which are overseen by adults and our C.A.P.A. organization have the ability to promote learning in new, different, and at times more effective ways. High School students shared with their peer Middle School students about brain development, and how cannabis/marijuana can impact this, academic success, and cause relationship issues. HS and MS students discussed refusal skills to address peer pressure of experimentation. A strong parent-child relationship, open communication, and clear expectations regarding substance use can significantly impact a child's likelihood of engaging in substance use behaviors. MS students engaging with our HS students continue to be positive interactions.



Choir Performance Entertains Elementary Students, Bee Your Best BEEstro, & More!

The Elementary and Intermediate Schools of Brecksville-Broadview Heights are alive with festive holiday moods as well, with an eye on academic progress, incentives and seasonally-themed activities. The principals have continued with the Bee Your Best BEEstro, identifying students at each grade who go above-and-beyond in their behaviors, interactions with others, and show PAX leadership skills.

Those identified eat lunch on the stage in the cafetorium each month. The High School Choir visited the Elementary School this week, to perform a holiday medley, and interact with students there. Our 5th grade band has practiced hard and performed for parents and families too. Polar Express Day was in full-force this afternoon among our Kindergarten students, to prepare our youngest children for the holidays, and the Principals all dress as elves on the shelf, during the last few weeks. We thank our PSO members, building staff, and families for making BBHES a fun and festive place leading up to winter break.

As you can see, the BBHCSD finds itself in a time to celebrate our accomplishments, positive strides, and true sense of school community. Perhaps one of our finest traits is when our students interact with one another among various grade levels. This is true interactive learning, collaboration, and a real sense of a family...one of my favorite attributes of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools.

From our school family to yours at home... Happy Holidays.

Enjoy your break.

Sincerely,

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