



BRANDYWINE HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome back Brandywine High School students and families!

The Brandywine High School staff is ecstatic to welcome you back to school for what is going to be our best year ever! We are optimistic about the growth our school community has shown over the past four years and know that this upcoming school year will bring unbridled success. Although the summer allowed for some needed down time, our staff remained focused and busy planning for the upcoming school year. Meeting to discuss how to push our students academically and support their social/emotional growth and well being. Our focus each school year is to ensure our Brandywine students have enriching experiences that prepare each student to be college and/or career ready.

All of our efforts will align with the school's mission to "prepare students for the future by fostering critical thinking, inspiring a love of learning, and building a connected, respectful community, where every student belongs" so that we can achieve the vision to "empower every student to think critically, embrace new opportunities, and become empathetic, impactful leaders in their communities and beyond." Our instructional focus will be continuing the work on literacy across all content areas. This approach will help close the gap with our students who demonstrated a need to improve in this area. Additionally, research shows focusing on literacy helps high achieving students grow as well. We will achieve this through an intense focus on vocabulary and instructional strategies to help students become stronger analytical readers. We are motivated by how the prospect of a full scale and collective effort across all content areas can potentially have on our students' learning outcomes.

Brandywine students will be expected to follow our behavioral principles:

Be Successful
Have Respect
Stay Safe

We hope that you will join us in August for several events.

Rank One Assistance and Meet the Coaches Night - Tuesday, August 4

Rank One is the mandatory program ALL student-athletes will need to upload sports physicals and important documentation for their athletic eligibility. We will have staff on site to help parents navigate this new program. Using this program is mandatory for students who will not be able to try out for a sports team unless they have an account and updated sports physical uploaded using the Rank One program. Assistance will be provided from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

We will also host our Meet The Fall Coaches event at 6:00pm. This is a great way to interact with coaches, learn more about practices and schedules, and learn what athletic opportunities are available for all BHS students. All students are welcome and prospective athletes are encouraged to attend.

Welcome Back To School Night – Tuesday, August 25, 4:00pm-7pm

Brandywine High School and our Parent-Teacher Organization are excited to host our annual welcome back event on the evening of Tuesday, August 25 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We will have printed copies of student schedules available, access to tour the building, tables with information on sports and clubs, BHS Bulldog apparel for sale, Chromebooks for incoming 9th graders, and food trucks will be on site offering dinner for sale.



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Fall Sports - Fall sports begin in August with football practices beginning on August 10 and all other Fall sports starting on August 17. Please go to <https://www.bulldogssports.com/>, come out to our Meet the Coaches Night, or email your coach for more information.

Football: Isaiah Mays isaiah.mays@bsd.k12.de.us

Cheerleading: Elise Herkimer elise.herkimer@bsd.k12.de.us

Cross Country: Michelle Flanagan michelleluceyflanagan@gmail.com and Caitlyn Vagnoni
caitlyn.vagnoni@bsd.k12.de.us

Field Hockey: Tania Millionis tania.millionis@bsd.k12.de.us

Boys Soccer: Eddie Gibbons edmond.gibbons@bsd.k12.de.us

Girls Volleyball: Kristina Forgie kristina.forgie@bsd.k12.de.us

Marching Band: Jessica Sawall jessica.sawall@bsd.k12.de.us

The first day of school for 9th and 12th graders only is on Wednesday, August 26. All students report to school on Thursday, August 27. The first days of school will have a special schedule with a number of activities planned to help all of our students transition back to school. Students will be given their class schedules and go through the class rotation on the first day of school. Students will meet with Dr. Seemans and the administrative team to cover our Student Code of Conduct and establish clear expectations for the school year. Our district's transportation department will be sending out bussing information over the next couple of weeks.

Your child's support team is as follows:

Counseling:

Students with Last Names A-K: Mr. Kreig Joseph kreig.joseph@bsd.k12.de.us

Students with Last Names L-Z: Ms. Renee Kershaw renee.kershaw@bsd.k12.de.us

Counseling Department Chair: Ms. Lisa Street lisa.street@bsd.k12.de.us

College and Career Counselor: Ms. Susan Hullman susan.hullman@bsd.k12.de.us

Administrative:

9th Grade: Dr. Eryn Smith eryn.smith@bsd.k12.de.us & Mr. Mike Richardson michael.richardson@bsd.k12.de.us

10th Grade: Mr. John Norton john.norton@bsd.k12.de.us

11th Grade: Mrs. Jahsha Tabron jahsha.tabron@bsd.k12.de.us

12th Grade: Mr. Robert Holt robert.holt@bsd.k12.de.us

I hope that everyone enjoys the last several weeks of summer. We are very excited for what the 2026-2027 school year holds for our Brandywine Bulldogs. BHS truly is the place to be! Should you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

All The Best,

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