

## BHPRSD AND CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE



### The Winter Clothing Drive Was a Huge Success

**WE COLLECTED OVER 50, FIFTY-GALLON BAGS OF CLOTHES**

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and the bitter cold of winter weather, I am humbled by the participation of our students, parents, and staff in our winter clothing donation drive. We were able to collect and sort bags upon bags of new and gently used winter clothing to donate to those who need a little extra comfort and warmth in the months ahead.

I appreciate the support of our Home & School Councils, Parent-Teacher-Partnerships, our Job Transition II program, our Junior Air Force ROTC cadets, and the countless service-club student and staff volunteers who donated, sorted, and inventoried all of our donations. If we were to place a cash value on all of the donations, it is estimated between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

We will happily donate a portion of the clothing to our own Care Closets for our high school students and also make a larger donation to Goodwill.

Below is a picture of our Job Transition II student volunteers with Dr. Repici ready to ship out our donated clothing.



### Programs to Train the Workforce and Earn College Credits

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District and Camden County College have a partnership so that our high school students can earn college credits while in high school or earn industry credentials on their way to a career. Last school year, we had 235 students earn College Credits through the High School Plus partnership. Additionally, we had 906 students register for Dual Credit based on their enrollment in an approved high school course.

12<sup>th</sup> grade students can enter into the College Now Program or dual credit via the STEAM Academy. There are a number of courses students can take that could lead students to a certificate for employment in different areas of interest. Students can be released to attend college courses that can put them on track for a number of career opportunities so that they are that much closer to a full time position. This could be in the automotive, culinary, or computer industries.

Senior students can identify a certificate or postsecondary area of interest and utilize the College Now option to begin their journey while still in high school. Seniors pay for two college credits, and take the Accuplacer exam in their junior year.

We also have a Vocational Intern Partnership with the Finishing Trades Institute in Philadelphia, PA. The purpose of this program is to educate and provide the necessary experience on the skills and demands of the apprenticeship programs offered at the Finishing Trades Institute. The program is used as a stepping stone for students to progress from classroom to potential Apprentices or Industrial Workers. Students are placed into a cohort of 20 students. These students, once a week for 15 weeks, will go to the Finishing Trades Institute in Philadelphia, PA. They learn job safety, drywall, paperhanging, painting, and glazing. The program also affords students construction industry recognized certifications in OSHA 10 and First Aid/CPR. Students gain points to enter into a paid apprenticeship following graduation to enter into a union position for eventually becoming a journey man.

Please talk with your school counselor for these options. Please see our [Program of Studies](#) for more information.

**Week of November 15 - The first full week of the second marking period has already passed. If you performed well in the First Marking Period, we are hoping you can sustain that performance.**

**If you *did not* perform well, then work to bring up that grade in the Second Marking Period. Start by setting some goals, like:**

- A. Schedule time every day to do homework in 20 minute increments, until you complete all of it.**
- B. Eat healthy, get exercise, and get plenty of sleep. Trade in your candy for carrots! Take a walk, do jumping jacks, or do 20 squats or lunges.**
- C. Check your Google Classroom every day at least three times. Set reminders on your phone or Google Calendars.**

**Remember to follow the directives of your teachers and ask for extra support. Your teachers are there for you!**

**We can help. We have many academic support programs to provide you with assistance in learning old or new content. See page 2 for tutoring opportunities.**

**If you need information on the newest State Testing Guidelines, please watch this [video](#) produced by our Supervisors of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy.**

**Contact the school for anything you think will help your child succeed because we are here to ensure the success of all of our students.**

## Inclement Weather Days

There will not be any remote instruction school days this school year. In preparation for potential inclement weather, realize that schools will be closed or delayed in the event of inclement weather.

### ATHLETICS UPDATE

The Winter Athletic Season is upon us. We wish all of our Winter student-athletes success and joy as they compete in an honorable way for all three high schools.

There are still COVID protocols in place for the Winter Athletic Season. If you are coming to the school to watch an athletic contest, please adhere to these guidelines:

- All spectators must wear a mask while on school property.
- Spectators, not in the same household, are to social distance, 3 feet apart or more, in the stands.
- There may be limits on how many spectators we can permit.
- Spectators must be seated during the events. They cannot approach or stand around the student-athlete or coaching areas.

**If a student-athlete is not exerting his or herself, they must wear a mask on the sideline. Cheerleaders and any Music participants must do the same when they are not exerting themselves. This is a directive as per the Department of Health.**

For detailed information on NJSIAA Phases of Play, please go [HERE](#).

For detailed information on eligibility and forms for your student athlete, please go the following school web links:

[Timber Creek](#)

[Triton](#)

[Highland](#)

### How you can help your child embrace change and achieve success:

1. Make sure that your child **reviews the Google classroom** everyday.
2. Have your child **email their teacher** to schedule **extra help** and/or to have their **questions** answered.
3. Sign in to the **Parent Portal** to **check your child's grades** and view teacher comments.
4. Check the **calendar links** on teacher websites for your child's classes to see the **assignments** given.

**Remember, TOGETHER we can accomplish anything!**

### COVID-19 IN CAMDEN COUNTY

The latest [NJ Health COVID-19 Activity Level Report](#) illustrates the third straight week of increased COVID-19 positive cases for the week of November 13, 2021. For comparison purposes, last year at this time, for the week of November 7, 2020, the Case Rate was 38.63 in our region and last week the Case Rate was 19.78. The percent positivity rate a year ago was 9.95 and last week the percent positivity was 5.59.

The Department of Health and the Black Horse Pike Regional School District family is urging our students, staff, and those in our communities to continue to be vigilant against the spread of COVID-19. Remember that transmission can occur even when an individual is asymptomatic (showing no signs of illness). Please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and stay socially distant (at least 3-6 feet).

Be smart, stay safe.

### How Do I Find Free In-School Tutoring?

The screenshot shows the Triton Regional High School website. The navigation menu includes Home, Our School, Academics, Activities, Arts, Athletics, Counseling, CST, Parents & Students, and Staff Resources. The main content area features a 'Career Day' announcement from the Black Horse Pike School District, with dates for Triton High School (Tuesday, April 5th), Highland High School (Wednesday, April 6th), and Timber Creek High School (Thursday, April 7th). A QR code is provided for more information. On the right side, there is a 'Coronavirus Self-Checker' widget and a 'KAPLAN SAT CLASS FOR JUNIORS Link to Register' button. In the footer, there is a 'Math Tutoring Click Here!' link circled in red, with an arrow pointing to it from a text box on the right that says 'Each School's Webpage lists the same free math and English tutoring opportunities. If you need assistance, please click the links.'

**Breakfast &  
Lunch:  
Free to All  
Students**

ALL students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch every day, whether they are in school or not, for the first several weeks, so long as New Jersey continues their support of this food service program. This is great news for our families. When students enter our doors in the morning, breakfast is a grab & go...and it's free! For those students in school, if they wish to order lunch, every day they will complete a lunch order form. **The food will be delivered to their last period classroom in the new schedule.** The lunch order form can be found on the front page of every school's webpage:

[Timber Creek](#)

[Highland](#)

[Triton](#)

**Career Counselors Ask Students About Their Experiences  
In Our Career Investment Programs**

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District was able to offer more Career Investment options to 12th graders who plan on pursuing a career in a trade after high school. We offer the following programs: Automotive Technician, Culinary, Baking and Pastry, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Electrical Residential, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), Hydrotechnology (Plumbing), Pharmacy Technician, and Welding. Each of our schools have students enrolled in some of these programs. Here's what our students have said about their program:

**Culinary Arts:**

"There isn't anything I don't like about the class because every class we learn something new and exciting. When I get it right I feel so happy with myself and feel like I can do anything. Like when we get assignments to do and we prepare the food quickly and in the end it tastes good and they tell me it tastes good I feel accomplished even though some of the things are very hard to do I don't really give up that easily."

**Carpentry:**

"I like the hands-on things we are doing. We get to work with lumber and build different things. Also, the instructor is very good and works well with all students so that we don't get confused."

**HVAC:**

"For the past month and a half I have been taking an adult class for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. I have learned a lot from just the beginning of this course from the lab and theory side of it. My professors have taught me a lot about this field and some things you can only learn from people who have been in the field for their entire lives. From the tricks to know when on a job site, and just the basics of the trade. I look forward to the hands-on work the most. Later on in this chapter we will be taking the copper piping we cut and bent and brazing it to make a coil. Brazing is just melting the copper pipes together using a filler metal. Also I look forward to diagnosing problems with units and fixing them as a team like we would on a job site."

**Electrical:**

"So far this year in electrical residential class we have learned a lot so far from all the safety procedures to wiring receptacles. In the program there is a lot of stuff that I'm truly looking forward to learning how to do, also a lot that I have already learned. Currently, we just started hands-on activities and are starting small." "We are learning how to strip and splice wires in ways that prove to be effective and coherent for the safety of the people who will eventually live in the homes you work."

"I am looking forward to doing projects because we will be making a circuit by ourselves. This means we will get a 2x4 and set up a wire for an outlet. This will have us splice wire, strip wire, mount an outlet to the 2x4, and run wire through the box."

**Cosmetology:**

"In the beginning of class, I do theory, which is mostly reviews and going over chapters from 3 to 6 PM. After we have our break we then start with practical, which is our hands-on time. The most we have learned so far is rollers, pin curls, the shave, and our newest chapter is braiding. My favorite one is braiding because it comes very easy to me and I personally already knew most of the braidings that they taught us and how to do them."

**Pharmacy Technician:**

"The Pharm Tech program was the start to figuring out what I wanted to do. Taking this program has helped me get my foot in the door. I'm a go-getter, so I just went for it. The classes are sometimes long but the book is easy to grasp. Our teacher is nice and wants to see us succeed. He was really proud of me when I got into CVS.... This program has been a challenge but it's worth it. I'll never regret taking this program."

**Automotive:**

"The Automotive program is a very hands-on program that also incorporates useful information about the automotive industry. I really enjoy working with the instructor and other students in the class. It is an awesome experience. Also, all of our supplies (overalls, boots, etc.) were provided to us, which made for an easy transition. While I have worked with cars prior to this experience, this has allowed me to learn more and offered me the opportunity to learn new things and new ways to work with different types of cars and issues."

**Plumbing:**

"I can not say enough good things about the Plumbing program. I love the hands-on learning environment. The program provides me with tools and skills that I can use both in and out of the classroom. Our instructor is very knowledgeable and helpful. Overall it is a great learning environment."

**Welding:**

"I have been enjoying the Welding Program. I have learned a lot from when I first started. I went from knowing nothing about welding to now having an understanding. I have learned formulas to help me make cuts in metal, weld them together, and create things. We pretty much practice this every class so we can perfect it. I want to go into engineering one day and I think having an understanding of this trade will help me achieve that goal."

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 or need support, Call 2-1-1 for information or text "NJCOVID" to 898-211 or click this [link](#) for more resources.