

FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL 2023-2024 BHPRSD MUSTANGS, TARTANS, AND CHARGERS ARE FOCUSED ON SUCCESS

MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, STAY FOCUSED, AND BE POSITIVE



With the arrival of Fall comes increased viral infection rates

**WE KEEP OUR SCHOOLS
CLEAN AND ASK THAT
STUDENTS DO THEIR PART
TO KEEP EVERYONE
HEALTHY**

As we have done since COVID-19 impacted our daily lives, we will continue to clean every classroom, office space, and bathroom by sanitizing high-touch areas, like desk-tops and door knobs, make available tissues and hand sanitizer, and utilize air purification systems. We are prepared to keep children as healthy as possible.

We ask that students frequently wash their hands, limit sharing food and drinks, and observe reasonable manners when coughing or sneezing.

If your child is experiencing illness, please keep them at home. Please contact our schools to report an absence.

The attendance phone numbers at each school are listed below:

Triton (856) 939-4500; Press 1

Highland (856) 227-4100; Press 1

Timber Creek (856) 232-9703; Press 1
Stay healthy!!

BHPRSD Begins School Year with Enthusiasm

The anticipation of a new school year comes with enthusiasm and great joy. Meeting our students brings excitement as school staff assess how best to reach each individual learner. We believe that each child has a gift, and yet, recognize that some gifts are prevalent and overt, while some have not yet been realized and are in development. Regardless, our school staff approach each day as an opportunity for inspiration and look to motivate students to be their very best self.

We also recognize that students learn in different ways along different timelines across different paths. At BHPRSD, we have developed a multi-tiered system of support through a revamped Response to Intervention (RTI) process. During that process, if data suggest students require additional support, we have systems in place to accomplish the following:

1. Hold student meetings and review academic performance.
2. Communicate to parents and caregivers any suggested interventions and current academic performance.
3. Conduct informal and formal observations to assess whether the interventions are applied in classrooms, and that the application is having its desired impact on the learner.
4. Monitor student performance every 6-9 weeks and manage any adjustments required for improving student performance.

Adjustments could include scheduling students for additional academic help, meetings with teachers, counselors, or support staff, and required attendance at “Lit Lab,” as examples. Adjustments could also be made by teachers. For instance, a student may be added to a small group for intensive support in class or the teacher may change strategies in their deployment of teaching content. Teachers at BHPRSD will exhaust every avenue with every learner to provide opportunities to learn content and skills. We appreciate our partnership with our caregivers and hope that together we can provide a healthy learning environment for all children.

Please remember to check out website for valuable information and updates about this school year at www.bhprsd.org.

Schools Across the State Adopt Civility Policies

Nationally, regionally, and locally, some parents and spectators have expressed their disappointment or displeasure in ways that are indecent, rude, and with a lack of respect. While there is an understanding that caregivers and parents want the very best for their children, in moments of frustration, at times, the manner in which those feelings are expressed lack decorum and decent manners.

Unfortunately, these patterns of behavior and poor examples of uncivility have prompted State and local officials to adopt what is acceptable behavior and what is not in the context of communicating with staff members in school districts. The result is an adoption of policy that expresses the expectations for civil communication.

The BHPRSD adopted a [Civility Policy](#). The expectation is that educators and parents will treat each other with respect and courtesy. Some unacceptable behavior includes:

- Disorderly conduct or contact
- Using abusive or obscene language
- Disrupts, interferes with or disturbs the educational process
- Assaulting or threatening to do bodily harm.

To read the full policy, please click the link above.

IN THIS ISSUE

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM OPIOID OVERDOSE AND FENTANYL



In partnership with the Camden County Commissioners, Camden County Department of Health, Gloucester Township, Bellmawr, and Runnemede Police Departments, and the Camden County Prosecutor, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District has been the leader in making available and training staff on dispensing naloxone (Narcan), the opioid overdosing antidote.

On August 1, 2023, all of our bus drivers have been trained in administering Narcan in an emergency and all of our BHPRSD buses are equipped with Narcan. Fentanyl is a scourge impacting our communities and accidental exposures are increasing. We just want to be in a position to save a life. Thank you to our bus drivers for their eagerness to be equipped and prepared to save a life.



FOOD SERVICES

The [lunch order form](#) should be completed and handed into the child's vice-principal if a student qualifies for free and/or reduced lunch. Participation in this program not only provides your student with a free or reduced breakfast or lunch cost, but also determines their eligibility for SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement, and college application fee waivers. You can find information regarding that financial assistance at this [link](#).

In addition, parents and caregivers are invited to make paying for lunch easier by visiting [My School Bucks](#). My School Bucks is a convenient and secure online payment service where you can place funds into a student's account.

We are so appreciative of our cafeteria workers who prep and create lunch, then clean providing this service to the community. As I mentioned to students, we would appreciate students cleaning up after themselves following breakfast and lunch. We have plenty of trash and recyclable containers for students to utilize. Thank you for keeping our schools clean and tidy.

TECHNOLOGY

1. Do not bring your Chromebook charger to school. It should remain at home, and you should charge your Chromebook every night.
2. You Should use the case that is provided for your Chromebook. It is protective and students are responsible for any damage to the Chromebook. A damage fee could be assessed.
3. If you are experiencing problems with the Chromebook, there is a process in each high school where a repair can be scheduled.

Things To Do After 2

Our schools support over 27 varsity-level, competitive athletic programs, including our newest offerings over the past few years, like Lacrosse and Volleyball. Our newest offering for the 2023-2024 school year is competitive E-Sports, a competitive gaming league.

We also offer over 40 clubs and activities in each high school, so there is something for everyone. Getting involved in clubs, activities, and athletics enriches the high school experience, so we encourage all students to sign up and get involved.

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

- [Timber Creek](#)
- [Triton](#)
- [Highland](#)

Mental Health Matters

If your child is experiencing mental health challenges, we have a counselor in each school prepared and trained to help. Please reach out to them via the emails below:

Tia Gay, Triton

tgay@bhprsd.org

Abigail Altman, Highland

aaltman@bhprsd.org

Ashlea Reese, Timber Creek

areese@bhprsd.org

Additionally, we offer this resource to students, staff, and families:

BHPRSD partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care

coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance abuse treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstance.



Call 888-515-0595 at any time in any language. Or, visit

www.caresolace.com/bhp

to search services on your own or click "book appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone. This is a free service for our students and their families.

