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Baltimore County Public Schools

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff:

Ask people about their school years, and – no matter how young or old – they will immediately name their favorite teachers and talk about specific people and events that helped shape their lives.

In Baltimore County Public Schools, we recognize that what happens between the 104,000 students in our schools and our 17,000 employees is far more than a one-way delivery of information.

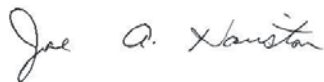
Our staff members make human connections. The experience begins each school day with crossing guards who take time to ask about students' projects and bus drivers who see the ride to school as an extension of the school day. In their classrooms, teachers help students understand how to access, evaluate, integrate, and use information. They help students recognize and develop their own strengths, and instruct them in new skills. Throughout the day, students encounter even more staff members who genuinely care about them – including school counselors, library media specialists, building maintenance staff, administrators, school nurses, cafeteria workers, and more. As a team, our staff members nurture, inspire, and challenge our students.

Graduates tell us that they are where they are in life today because our staff introduced them to certain books, activities, and ideas. Graduates tell us that they are who they are today because our staff members shared their best and demonstrated, day after day, what it means to be caring and involved adults.

Thanks to our teachers, administrators, and staff, Baltimore County Public Schools continues to build on the strength of its *Blueprint for Progress*. Their effort is matched in full measure by parents, community members, and business leaders, who are by our side as partners in fulfilling the essential responsibility of preparing for our shared future. Our success is demonstrated every day in countless ways– from awards to test scores to the sense of excitement and discovery in our classrooms.

We welcome our students to another year of academic rigor. We invite each of them to take full advantage of every person, every activity, and every lesson that will shape their lives.

Sincerely,



Joe A. Hairston
Superintendent



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The information in this guide is intended to serve as a gateway for readers to access additional important information.

Following many sections, sources for additional information will be noted by this icon: ◆

Board of Education of Baltimore County Public Schools

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is authorized by Maryland state law to “determine, with and on the advice of the county Superintendent, the educational policies of the county and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools.” Its three major areas of responsibility are school policy, school budget, and school property.

The 12-member Board is appointed by the Governor of Maryland. Seven members represent geographic districts, and four serve the county at large. Members serve five-year terms without pay. They are eligible for reappointment but may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A student member serves a one-year term.

Business meetings are held monthly during the school year to conduct the business of the Board and to receive public comment at the Educational Support Services (ESS) Building located at the Greenwood campus, 6901 Charles Street, in Towson. Except for matters that cannot be discussed in public, such as personnel and land acquisitions, Board of Education meetings (the main session of which begins at 7:00 p.m.) are open to the public.

Work sessions, held for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the school program and/or the development and discussion of Board policy, are held at the ESS Building. Board work sessions, which begin at 6:30 p.m., are open to the public.

To maintain two-way communications with the community, the Board has Area Education Advisory Councils for each of the county’s five geographic areas.

- ◆ Board Policies and Regulations: every school or www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/ or the BCPS Ombudsman at 410-887-4138
- ◆ Area Education Advisory Councils: page 10 of this guide or www.bcps.org/community/edu_advisory_council/
- ◆ Board Office: 410-887-4126



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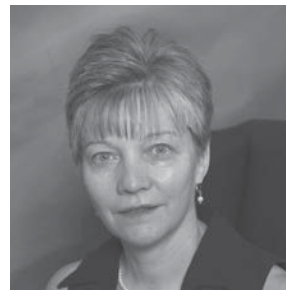
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Lawrence E. Schmidt



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Board of Education Meetings 2009-2010

July 14	7:00 p.m.	October 20	6:30 p.m.	January 26	6:30 p.m.	May 18	6:30 p.m.
August 11	7:00 p.m.	November 3	7:00 p.m.	February 23	6:30 p.m.	June 8	7:00 p.m.
August 25	6:30 p.m.	November 17	6:30 p.m.	March 9	7:00 p.m.	July 13	7:00 p.m.
September 8	7:00 p.m.	December 1	7:00 p.m.	March 23	6:30 p.m.	August 10	7:00 p.m.
September 22	6:30 p.m.	December 15	6:30 p.m.	April 20	7:00 p.m.		
October 6	7:00 p.m.	January 12	7:00 p.m.	May 4	7:00 p.m.		

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BCPS Overview

Baltimore County Public Schools is the 26th largest school system in the United States, with a projected enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year of 104,000 students and an FY 2010 budget of \$1.5 billion. BCPS students are served by: 172 schools, centers, and programs; 17,000 employees – including 8,850 teachers; and more than 24,000 volunteers. The school system graduates more than 7,500 students each year and nearly 62 percent of its graduates immediately pursue higher education.

Guided by its Blueprint for Progress, Baltimore County Public Schools consistently and steadily raises student achievement and is committed to increasing academic rigor and expanding educational opportunities for all students.

◆ BCPS achievements and honors: www.bcps.org/system/about_us.html

About the BCPS Information Calendar

Each calendar page includes the following information for that month:

- The Baltimore County Board of Education Approved Calendar listings: days that schools are closed for all students appear shaded in blue
- 2009-2010 Testing Calendar listings: dates that tests will be administered are listed (subject to change – for details, see www.bcps.org/offices/accountability_research_testing/testing_calendars.html)
- BCPS systemwide recognitions and events
- BCPS Board of Education meetings
- Major holidays

Opposite each calendar page is the list of BCPS community stakeholder group meetings for that month as well as additional holidays and other dates of interest as adapted from *Resources for Planning the School Calendar*.

Getting Started with BCPS

The information in this section will help you as you enroll your children and prepare them for school.

Attendance requirements

According to Maryland law, every child in Baltimore County between the ages of 5 and 16 must attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless enrolled in a private school or in a home instruction program approved by Baltimore County Public Schools.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/sss/brochures/Attendance-Brochure.pdf
- ◆ Absences: page 6 of this guide

Enrolling your child

FIRST: Determine which school your child will attend based on your home address by using the school boundaries locator at www.bcps.org/apps/boundaries/ or by calling 410-887-4215. To send your child to a school other than the one that he or she is designated to attend, ask any school for a copy of a special permission transfer form. Submit the completed form to the principal of the school you want your child to attend. The principal of that school will decide whether to approve or deny the transfer.

- ◆ The Office of the Residency Liaison: 410-887-6403
- ◆ Pupil Personnel Services: 410-887-6485

If your family is experiencing homelessness,

you can request assistance with the school registration process by contacting either the last school attended or the school nearest you. The school will provide you with the name and telephone number of a school pupil personnel worker or a school-based homeless liaison to assist with immediate enrollment.

- ◆ Pupil Personnel Services: 410-887-0404 or www.bcps.org/offices/sss/brochures.html
- ◆ Homeless Liaison: 410-887-6485

If your child was born outside of the United States or speaks a language other than English, make an appointment for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) intake and screening before registering for school in Baltimore County.

- ◆ The Office of World Languages: 410-887-6752

If your child needs additional support in making the transition to a BCPS middle or high school in the Northwest or Southwest region, the Bridge Center can offer a range of services.

- ◆ Any middle or high school or The Bridge Center at 410-887-4418

SECOND: Complete the registration process by first calling and then visiting the school. Schools are open throughout the summer to accept registrations, and early registration is always encouraged. In general, to register a child for Baltimore County Public Schools, you will need all of the following:

- Proof of Baltimore County residency – to include one of the following:
 - A signed settlement sheet indicating home ownership
 - A title indicating home ownership
 - A mortgage coupon book
 - A real estate tax bill
 - A lease or rental agreement from a real estate management company or private party owner
- A photo ID of the parent (If ID includes an address, that address must match the address indicated on the registration form.)
- Additional proofs of residency – to include three of the following:
 - Federal or state income tax return for the most recent year
 - W-2 form for the current year
 - Notarized statement on company letterhead from an employer
 - A mailing to you (the parent/guardian) from a government agency
 - Charge account/credit card billing statement
 - Bank account statement
 - Utility bill
 - Cable bill
 - Voter's registration card
 - Motor Vehicle Administration vehicle registration
 - Driver's license, Maryland identification card, or age of majority card from the Motor Vehicle Administration
 - Notarized letter from landlord acknowledging shared domicile arrangement
 - Court documents
 - Government-issued license and/or professional certificate
 - First-class mail from a business or agency
- Certificate of birth for the student
- Immunization record for the student (see next page for more information on immunization requirements)
- Copy of the child's most recent report card (if applicable)

If your child is transferring from another public school in Maryland, obtain a copy of the Maryland Student Transfer Record from your child's current school.

- ◆ Any school or www.bcps.org/schools/moving_tips.html



Antonia Vega, 2009 graduate of Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts

Early identification and intervention services

If you are concerned that your child might be experiencing developmental delays, Baltimore County Public Schools can assist with early identification and intervention services:

- ◆ Children from birth through 2 years old: call the Infants and Toddlers Program at 410-887-2169
- ◆ Children from ages 3 through 5 who are not currently enrolled in a Baltimore County Public Schools preschool or kindergarten program: call Child Find at 410-887-3017
- ◆ Children ages 3 to 21 enrolled in an MSDE-approved private/parochial school located in Baltimore County: call Child Find at 410-887-3017

Kindergarten, prekindergarten, and other early childhood education services

Baltimore County Public Schools offers full-day kindergarten in all of its elementary schools for children who are 5 years of age on or before September 1. If your child's birthday does not meet the September cut-off date but you feel that your child is prepared for kindergarten, contact your community school to request early admission testing. You can also contact the school to request a waiver to delay the start of kindergarten. Prekindergarten services, for children who are at least 4 years old by September 1, are available in some elementary schools. Enrollment preference is given to those students determined to have a higher need for the program. A similar program for 3-year-olds is available in some elementary schools. All sessions are half-day and follow the same schedule for the school year as other grades.

- ◆ Any school, www.bcps.org/offices/early_childhood/, or 410-887-4313

School calendar

To meet state requirements, schools must be open each school year for a minimum of

Adreanna Donophan, Norwood Elementary School, grade 3



180 student days, including at least 1,080 hours for elementary and middle schools and 1,170 hours for high schools. BCPS includes emergency closing days in the calendar to accommodate unplanned days off, late arrivals, and early dismissals due to inclement weather or other circumstances. These days may be reduced if they are not needed to meet the requirements noted above.

Immunizations

Students need proof of immunizations to attend schools in Maryland.

- ◆ www.edcp.org/html/schoolrequire.html, a Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Web site, for a complete list of immunizations required for school entry by grade and a copy of the Maryland DHMH Immunization Record (896 form)

Student handbook

Students receive copies of the annual Student Handbook at the beginning of each school year. You are expected to review this document closely with your children for information regarding students' rights and responsibilities, parents'/guardians' rights, disciplinary offenses and consequences, substance abuse policies and services, privacy

protection, Internet safety, and important permission forms. Read, sign, and return the required forms.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/students/

Emergency contact information

At the beginning of each school year, you are required to provide complete and accurate contact information so that you can be reached in the case of an emergency or to discuss student progress. Please notify the school during the year if your information needs to be updated.

Privacy

Students' privacy rights are governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which describes the type of student information that may be shared. The Student Handbook, distributed at the beginning of each school year and available online through www.bcps.org/students/, explains this right and describes the procedures in place to protect student privacy.

- ◆ Page 28 of this guide

Before- and after-school care

Independent before- and after-school child care is available at many BCPS elementary and middle schools.

- ◆ Elementary and middle schools

Day to Day Information

The information you might need throughout the school year and answers to your everyday questions can be found in this section.

School closings/delayed openings

If the Superintendent closes schools or cancels any school system events, this information will be posted immediately on the BCPS Web site, www.bcps.org, and information line, 410-887-5555. This information will also immediately be released to local radio and television stations.

To prepare for emergency early dismissals, you must complete an emergency dismissal form and return it promptly to the school at the beginning of every school year. You are asked to discuss the emergency plan with your children so that they will know what to do in the case of an unexpected school closing.

In the event that a single elementary school will close early, the principal of that elementary school will make sure that the parents or guardians of each child are contacted and are aware of any early closures. If you are not contacted, your elementary children will remain with staff at the school until you come to pick them up.

Bus transportation

In general, bus transportation will be provided for elementary and middle school students living more than one mile from school and for high school students living more than one-and-a-half miles from school. Working with the Office of Transportation, schools will determine which students qualify for bus services and will inform families of bus routes and bus stop locations during the latter part of August. If any bus stop changes are made during the school year, you will be notified by the school.

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September 2009

Meeting/Events

- 3 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-30 Library Card Sign-Up Month
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 13 Grandparents' Day
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month (through 10/15)
- 15-16 Mexican Independence Days
- 16 Mayflower Day
- 17-23 Constitution Week
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 22 First day of autumn
- 27 National Good Neighbor Day

TESTING INFORMATION:

Testing dates refer to tests that are administered on paper and/or online. Test schedules are subject to change.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/accountability_research_testing/testing_calendars.html
- ◆ Student's teacher or school counselor



Dionta Lyle, 2009 graduate of New Town High School



Food services and free and reduced-price meals

BCPS students have the option of bringing lunch to school or buying it. Nutritious lunches are served each school day at all BCPS schools, and breakfast is available at most BCPS schools. For those who qualify, meals are available free or at a reduced price.

Families that may be eligible are urged to apply. To determine eligibility, please contact your child's school for a packet or visit the Office of Food and Nutrition Services' Web site at www.bcps.org/offices/ofns. Other services may be available to those students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

If a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability that would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, substitutions will be made as prescribed by the doctor at no extra charge.

- ◆ 410-887-7855

Absences

After an absence, your child should return to school with a note signed by you that includes his or her name, the date of the absence, and reason for the absence. If your son or daughter is absent for an extended period because of illness, the school may require a written explanation from the doctor.

As parent or guardian, you have the right to determine when your children will be absent from school for religious observance. Students will not be penalized or suffer prejudicial consequences for these excused absences and will be allowed reasonable opportunities to make up work missed during such absences. Inform the school of the absence in advance so arrangements can be made for any missed work.

Academic services and support

If your child needs additional support, ask the school if assistance may be available from:

School counselors – who help students make responsible decisions; mediate problems; plan for college, work, post-secondary training, and lifelong learning; develop a sense of respect for themselves and others; and deal with traumatic losses and developmental issues.

School social workers – who provide individual and group counseling; educational workshops for students, parents, and school staff; staff consultation; program development; diagnostic activities; and links to outside services and support.

Pupil personnel workers (PPWs) – who assist students experiencing academic, behavioral, emotional, physical, and social difficulties. PPWs also work with residency assistants to resolve residency issues.

- ◆ Office of Pupil Personnel Services:
410-887-0404

School psychologists – who provide consultation, assessment, and intervention services to address the learning, behavior, and mental health of all students, students at risk, and students with intensive needs.

- ◆ Office of Psychological Services:
410-887-0303 or www.bcps.org/offices/sss/psych_services/default.html

Safe and drug-free schools

Health and safety programs, designed with the Baltimore County Police Department and Health Department, encourage students to avoid destructive decision-making, disruptive or violent behavior, and tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. Students with possible personal or family problems with drug use can refer themselves for assistance or can be referred by their parents, teachers, or school administrators. Referrals can be made to school counselors or other student support services staff, or, if the school has one, a school student assistance team. If needed, the student can be connected to a licensed addictions counselor.

- ◆ Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools:
410-887-6439 or www.bcps.org/offices/sss/safe_drugfree/default.html

School health services

A registered nurse is assigned full-time to each school and provides a comprehensive health services program. Each school also has a staff member, in addition to the school nurse, with current training in CPR and first aid.

The focus of the school health services program is to assure student safety and ensure that health problems do not become barriers to student achievement. Nurses also provide families with information on health care resources.

Vision and hearing screening programs are conducted by the Baltimore County Department of Health in prekindergarten (age 4) or kindergarten and grades 1, 4, and 8. If you do not want your children to participate in these screenings, please notify the school nurse in writing.

To alleviate minor discomforts and prevent early dismissals from school, school nurses may administer nonprescription medications for certain conditions (e.g., headaches or stomachaches). Parent permission is required before a student may receive medication.

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<i>Visit www.bcps.org for more news and information about Baltimore County Public Schools.</i>		1 <small>Alternative-Maryland School Assessment Testing Window Opens</small>	2	3	4	5
6	7 <small>Labor Day Schools and Offices Closed</small>	8 <small>Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building</small>	9	10	11	12 <small>ACT College Admissions Test</small>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <small>Rosh Hashanah</small>
20	21 <small>Id al-Fitr</small>	22 <small>Board of Education Work Session 6:30 PM – ESS Building</small>	23	24	25	26
27	28 <small>Yom Kippur Schools & Offices Closed</small>	29	30	<i>Watch “On the Move” online (www.bcps.org/offices/ed_channel/OnTheMove.html) to see Superintendent Hairston and Board of Education leaders participate in activities that showcase school system progress and success.</i>		

Look for a new issue of “Classroom to Community Express,” the BCPS newspaper that is sent home with all students.

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Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-30 Crime Prevention Month
- Czech Heritage Month
- Italian American Heritage and Culture Month
- Polish American Heritage Month
- Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Month
- 4-10 Fire Prevention Week
- 6 German American Heritage Day
- 11-17 National Educational Office Professionals Career Awareness Week
- 12-16 National School Lunch Week
- 16 World Food Day
- 19-23 National School Bus Safety Week
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 United Nations Day
- 24 Make a Difference Day
- 31 Halloween

TESTING INFORMATION:

Testing dates refer to tests that are administered on paper and/or online. Test schedules are subject to change.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/accountability_research_testing/testing_calendars.html
- ◆ Student's teacher or school counselor

If your child needs medication during the school day, you must (1) provide the school nurse with an order from your health care provider; and (2) deliver the medication to the school in a pharmacy-labeled container. If there is a medical concern that requires your child to carry emergency medications, such as inhalers or an EpiPen®, please talk with your school nurse.

Fifteen schools have school-based wellness centers that provide primary care services. Generally, each center only serves enrolled students who attend the school where the center is located. A list of schools with school-based wellness centers can be found on the Office of Health Services Web site.

- ◆ The Office of School Health Services:
410-887-6368 or www.bcps.org/offices/sss/health/

Library media centers

Support and extend your child's learning and homework needs by using BCPS school

library media resources. Access your child's school library collection and evaluated Web sites online at <http://destiny.bcps.org>. Also, get a Parent School Library Card so that you can check out materials for home use.

Always accessible from school and home computers are digital collections of magazines, books, multimedia, (e.g., *World Book Encyclopedia*, *BrainPop*, *Opposing Viewpoints*, *Science Resource Center*, *Student Resource Center*, *Culture Grams*, *America the Beautiful*, *SIRS Discoverer*, *e-Science Reference Books*), and much more. Passwords to use these digital resources from home are available from the library media specialist at your child's school. Once you have the passwords, go to the Web page that provides easy access to these resources at <http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/feebased/index.html>.

- ◆ Your child's school or www.bcps.org/offices/lis

Communicating with your child's school

BCPS encourages you to maintain clear, two-way, meaningful communications with school staff to support the academic progress of your child.

BCPS supports many opportunities for you to connect with teachers and school staff members, learn more about academic programs, explore enrichment activities, and discuss student progress. These can include, but are not limited to:

- Back to School Nights
- Interim reports and report cards (dates are included in this calendar)
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Family activity nights – Often sponsored in partnership with the PTA or PTSA, these events combine fun and entertainment with enrichment and learning (e.g., Family Math Nights).

Your child's school will communicate with you in many ways depending on the information to be shared. In addition to personal telephone calls or notes, you are also likely to receive school newsletters, special letters from the principal's office, automated telephone calls, and various flyers.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress or success in school, you are encouraged to follow these steps:

- Talk to your child's teacher
- Talk to the school counselor
- Talk to the principal

After working with school staff, if the problem cannot be resolved, you may want to contact the appropriate area assistant superintendent and/or the school system ombudsman. Their telephone numbers are on page 30 of this guide.

Ebony Short, 2009 graduate of New Town High School



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Visit the Monthly Learning Calendar for Families, www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/monthly-learning-calendar.html, for ideas about fun educational activities.

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November 2009

Meeting/Events

- 2 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Board of Education Recognition Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-30 American Indian Heritage Month
- 1 Standard Time
- 17 National Community Education Day
- 19 National Parental Involvement Day
- 20 Anniversary of the Mexican Revolution
- 22-28 National Family Week



PTA

Every school has its own chapter of a parent-teacher or parent-teacher-student organization, and most are affiliated with the PTA Council of Baltimore County and the National PTA. These organizations are designed to speak on behalf of children and their needs, assist in developing effective parenting skills, and encourage parent and community involvement in public schools.

- ◆ Your child's school or the PTA Council of Baltimore County, 410-666-6637

Volunteering

Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, family members, college students, business persons, retirees, and other community members who read to children, tutor, assist in classrooms, serve as mentors, provide clerical support, and offer countless other services. All volunteers must complete a volunteer screening and application process.

- ◆ The volunteer coordinator in your child's school or the school at which you wish to volunteer

Board of Education Advisory Councils and Stakeholder Groups

Each of the school system's five geographic areas has an Education Advisory Council to provide input to the Board of Education. Citizens who wish to learn more about public education in Baltimore County are encouraged to attend council meetings.

- ◆ Southeast Education Advisory Council, 410-887-8768
- ◆ Northeast Education Advisory Council, 410-887-4316
- ◆ Central Education Advisory Council, 410-887-3172
- ◆ Northwest Education Advisory Council, 410-887-8767
- ◆ Southwest Education Advisory Council, 410-887-8760



Chloe Johnson, Sparks Elementary School, grade 2

Other involvement opportunities exist for parents and community members with interests in particular topics or programs. In addition to the Education Advisory Councils, described above, these include the following:

- ◆ Alternative Programs Advisory Committee, 410-887-2270
- ◆ Career & Technology Education Advisory Council, 410-887-8921
- ◆ Citizens Advisory Committee for Special Education, 410-887-3660
- ◆ Citizens Advisory Committee on Gifted and Talented Education, 410-887-4330
- ◆ Education Coalition of Baltimore County, 410-329-6329

In addition, the Superintendent appoints members to the Diversity and Achievement

Steering Committee (410-887-2446).

- ◆ www.bcps.org/community/advisory-groups.html

Business partnerships

Businesses support the success of Baltimore County schools through funding and in-kind donations, assisting with curriculum development related to preparing students for specific careers, offering teacher recognition and support, and providing internship and employment opportunities for students.

- ◆ The school with which your business wants to get involved, the Office of Career and Technology Education at 410-887-8921, the BCPS Education Foundation at 410-887-5908, or www.bcps.org/offices/cte/

How do I find out what my children are learning?

For each course offered in Baltimore County Public Schools, descriptions of what is being taught and what students are expected to learn can be found in the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM). Available online at http://www.bcps.org/apps/AIM_public/, AIM provides course objectives in two formats, as a list or a progress report form. Parents may find the progress report format useful in working with teachers to monitor their children's progress.

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1 All Saints Day	2	3 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building	4	5 First Marking Period Ends	6 Assessment or Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for All Students	7 SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests
8 SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16 American Education Week November 16-20	17 Board of Education Work Session 6:30 PM – ESS Building	18 BCPS Paraeducators Appreciation Day	19 Distribution of Report Cards	20	21
22	23 Elementary Conference Day Schools Closed for Elementary Students	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools & Offices Closed	27 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools & Offices Closed	28 Id al-Adha
29	30	<i>Watch “On the Move” online (www.bcps.org/offices/ed_channel/OnTheMove.html) to see Superintendent Hairston and Board of Education leaders participate in activities that showcase school system progress and success.</i>				

For the past several years, BCPS has received prestigious annual recognitions for the quality of its budget book and financial reporting.

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December 2009

Meeting/Events

- 3 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 21 First day of winter

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- Check www.bcps.org
- Call 410-887-5555
- Monitor TV and/or radio reports
- Tune in to The Education Channel (Comcast Cable 73 & Verizon FiOS 35)



Demetra Smalls, 2009 graduate of Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts



Resources for Parents and the Community

Web site

The BCPS Web site, www.bcps.org, provides a wealth of information, including Board of Education agendas and meeting minutes. Employment opportunities and benefit information are accessible from a link on the home page. A news section on the home page can help you connect to articles, videos, and links providing up-to-date news on school system accomplishments and activities. Clicking on the “Parent” or “Community” tabs at the top of the page will lead you to more details on a wide range of topics of interest. Throughout this calendar, links to specific Web pages are included for background on various subjects.

The Parentmobile

This rolling, retrofitted school bus is an award-winning educational resource center for parents and community members. It travels to visit various schools, community events, local businesses, and neighborhoods.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html or 410-887-0365

Resource Centers for Families and Schools

Five centers provide general learning resources to teachers, parents, day-care providers, and community-based organizations. Centers include: Southwest Area at Maiden Choice (410-887-3646), Northwest Area at Campfield (410-887-1269), Central Area at White Oak (410-887-5281), Northeast Area at Middlesex (410-887-0321), and Southeast Area at Battle Monument (410-887-7147). The centers are generally open to the public Monday through Friday during the school year. Please call for exact hours.

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<i>Visit www.bcps.org for more news and information about Baltimore County Public Schools.</i>		1 <small>Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building</small>	2	3	4	5 <small>SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests</small>
6 <small>SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests</small>	7	8 <small>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</small>	9	10	11	12 <small>ACT College Admissions Test Hanukkah December 12-19</small>
13	14	15 <small>Board of Education Work Session 6:30 PM – ESS Building Bill of Rights Day</small>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <small>Christmas/Winter Break December 24 – January 1</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa December 26 – January 1</small>
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In 2009, the Panasonic Foundation identified BCPS as “blazing the trail to the creation of educational systems in which children from all circumstances are learning what will be needed to thrive in a globalized environment.”

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January 2010 Meeting/Events

- 7 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Joint Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 PTA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-3 Japanese New Year Festivities
- 1 Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
- 17 World Religion Day
- 28 Christa McAuliffe Day

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- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/accountability_research_testing/testing_calendars.html
- ◆ Student's teacher or school counselor



Special Education (White Oak) Resource Center

This center supports parents of children with disabilities, ages birth to 21. Staffed by parents of children with disabilities, the center lends books and other materials, presents free workshops, connects users to community resources, and facilitates a family-to-family support network. The center is located at 8401 Leefield Road, Room 100, in Parkville.

- ◆ 410-887-5443

The Education Channel

The Education Channel, Baltimore County Public Schools' cable station, broadcasts on Comcast Cable 73 and Verizon FiOS 35. The 24-hour per day broadcast schedule includes programs that highlight student achievement, enrich the curriculum, train professionals, and inform the public.

- ◆ The Education Channel at 410-887-4292 or www.bcps.org/offices/ed_channel/

Classroom to Community Express newspaper

Periodically throughout the year, BCPS issues a newspaper highlighting school system programs and achievements. Each student receives a copy of the newspaper to take home. Additional copies are available in schools, BCPS offices, and Baltimore County Public Library branches.

- ◆ The Office of Communications at 410-887-5908

Instruction and Specialized Programs

Our goal is to create challenging and engaging work in every school. A countywide curriculum promotes a common and consistent foundation of knowledge and skills with the goal of advancing student achievement for all children in every subject and at every grade level. This core academic program

is enhanced and supported in all schools by unique programs and projects – such as magnet programs; partnerships with local colleges, universities, and area businesses; and specialized courses. Specific summaries of what children will study at each grade level are available at www.bcps.org/parents/.

- ◆ Descriptions of what students are expected to learn in each course can be found via the Articulated Instruction Module at www.bcps.org/apps/AIMpublic/.

Elementary schools

The Baltimore County Public Schools elementary program is aligned to meet Maryland standards and rests on a strong foundation in reading, writing, and mathematics with the primary goal that all students will be successful completing grade level assignments. Early childhood programs teach reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and health to the county's preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students. These programs, including their schedules and active, hands-on lessons, are designed to support the growth and development of young children. The reading program includes five areas of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. The mathematics program covers the topics of algebraic thinking, number relationships, computation, geometry, measurement, statistics, and probability. In addition to the focus on reading, writing, and mathematics, elementary students study content and develop skills in science, social studies, health, music, art, physical education, and technology. Values education, which includes the study and practical application of ethics and appropriate behavior, is taught directly through the curriculum and indirectly by practices and modeling behaviors throughout the schools. Specific elementary school learning goals are available at your child's school.

- ◆ www.bcps.org/offices/humanities/, your child's school, or the Office of Early Childhood Education at 410-887-4313



Christina Francis, Johnnycake Elementary School, grade 4

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BCPS has been recognized by the Schott Foundation for having the highest graduation rate for African American males among the nation's largest school districts.

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Christmas/Winter Break
Schools & Offices Closed
New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God

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Schools Reopen

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High School
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Board of Education Meeting
7:00 PM – ESS Building

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Birthday

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Birthday Observed
Schools and Offices Closed

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High School
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SAT College Admissions &
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SAT College Admissions &
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Board of Education FY 11
Operating Budget Work Session
(snow date 1/27)
6:30 PM – ESS Building

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Second Marking Period Ends

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Assessment or Professional
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Schools Closed for All Students

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February 2010

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- 1 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Board of Education Recognition Ceremony – 7:00 p.m. (*Snow date Feb. 10*)
- 4 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-28 National African American History Month
- 1-28 National Children's Dental Health Month
- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 7-13 Take Your Family to School Week
- 8-12 National School Counseling Week
- 8 National African American Parent Involvement Day
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 14-20 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week
- 17 National PTA Founders Day

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Lindsay Eckenrode, 2009 graduate of Dulaney High School



Middle schools

The middle school program continues the strong emphasis on knowledge and skills while taking into consideration the educational needs and developmental characteristics of students in grades 6 through 8. Middle school classrooms are exciting, active places where students ask questions and seek solutions to problems they have helped to identify. Middle school teachers use many different teaching strategies, such as individual and group projects, problem-solving activities, cooperative learning groups, presentations, demonstrations, field trips, and community resources.

Middle school students are involved in a variety of academic and social activities planned for them by interdisciplinary teams of teachers and staff. The team concept provides a sense of family within the larger school community and allows teachers and staff to better integrate subject-specific learn-

ing experiences. Specific middle school learning goals are available at your child's school.

High schools

The high school program is designed to prepare students for further education and success in employment opportunities. In addition to the courses required for graduation (see page 24), students have the opportunity to explore their interests and strengthen their skills by taking a variety of elective courses. Teachers use varied strategies and practices, plan content-rich academic instruction, and monitor student progress closely to ensure a high rate of success for every student.

Students in grades 9 through 12 can attend a comprehensive community high school or a magnet school specializing in a particular area of expertise. In addition, high schools offer a broad range of academic enrichment activities to enhance student success.

- ◆ Your child's school or the 2009-2010 Course Registration Guide

Student service-learning

To graduate from Baltimore County Public Schools, students must successfully complete 75 hours of planned, pre-approved service learning that includes preparation, action, and reflection. Through this program, students improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in the classroom to real-world experiences. They then reflect on their experience to reinforce the link between their service and their course of study. Every BCPS middle and high school has a service learning coordinator to assist students.

- ◆ Your child's school or the Office of Service-Learning at 410-887-4329.

Magnet programs

Magnet programs are theme-oriented courses of study that provide students with in-depth experiences in specialized areas of interest. Baltimore County Public Schools has elementary, middle, and high school magnet programs located across the county. While some magnet programs exist within comprehensive schools, there are also schools with magnet programs whose entire population is determined through the application process.

A countywide magnet information fair is held in early October, and schools with magnet programs host open house events throughout October and November. Applications for the 2010-2011 school year must be postmarked by November 30, 2009.

- ◆ The Office of Magnet Programs at 410-887-4127 or www.bcps.org/offices/omp/

Gifted and talented education

Gifted and talented education serves students who, when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment, demonstrate high potential or performance in academic, creative, or technical areas. These students benefit from the challenging learning experiences and services provided through the gifted and talented program. All BCPS

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	Washington's Birthday	Board of Education Work Session 6:30 PM – ESS Building				
28	<p><i>Watch "BCPS News" on The Education Channel (Comcast Cable 73 and Verizon FiOS 35) every day at 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. and online at www.bcps.org/news/ed_channel/default.html.</i></p>					

Fourteen BCPS schools have been named Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools and 10 went on to be recognized as national No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools.

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March 2010 Meeting/Events

- 1 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 4 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony – 2:00 p.m.
- 22 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 25 PTA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-31 American Red Cross Month
- 1-31 Irish American Heritage Month
- 1-31 Music in our Schools Month
- 1-31 National Middle Level Education Month
- 1-31 National Nutrition Month®
- 1-31 Social Work Month
- 1-31 Women’s History Month
- 1-31 Youth Art Month
- 2 National Education Association’s Read Across America
- 7-13 Girl Scout Week
- 8-14 National Foreign Language Week
- 8-12 National School Breakfast Week
- 8 International Women’s Day
- 14-20 National Agriculture Week
- 14 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 18 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
- 20 First day of spring
- 21-27 National Poison Prevention Week
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

schools provide access to Gifted and Talented education.

- ◆ Your child’s school or the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at 410-887-4330.

Special education

Special education is instruction specifically designed to meet the unique needs of students who have disabilities. Special education instruction is provided based upon an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) developed by a team of school personnel and parents or guardians. An IEP team may also determine that a child receives related services (for example, speech-language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, or assistive technology).

Students with disabilities are educated with peers who are not disabled, and removal from the general education environment occurs only when the nature and/or severity of the disability prevents students from making progress in general education classrooms.

- ◆ Your child’s school or the Office of Special Education at 410-887-3660

World languages

Middle and high schools offer language courses in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish. Please note that all schools do not offer classes in all languages. In addition, Wellwood International School, an elementary school, features a K-5 French immersion program where students spend half of the day learning math and language arts in French.

ESOL program

If your child is an English Language Learner, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program can assist your child in achieving academic success and fully participating in school activities and can support your family in accessing all resources available through the school system.

Through the ESOL program, students develop

an understanding of the culture of the United States while maintaining a positive concept of their own heritage. ESOL classes for elementary students are provided in neighborhood schools. At the middle and high school levels, students attend intensive ESOL centers until they are proficient enough in English to succeed at neighborhood-based schools.

In addition to coursework, the ESOL program offers comprehensive services to assist English Language Learner students and their families. Those services include: assisting with immunizations, translations of important school system materials and forms, bilingual resource staff, interpreters for parent conferences, after-school tutoring or homework clubs at some schools, and information on resources for adult English Language Learners.

- ◆ The Office of World Languages at 410-887-6752

Career and technology education

High school students can choose a career and technology education program to meet career completion graduation requirements or explore more than 14 career fields through elective courses. Career and technology education programs in business education, family studies, school-to-career transition, technical programs, and technology education are available at five magnet high schools and at most comprehensive high schools.

Career and technology education students have the opportunity for a variety of work-based learning experiences such as work-study, internships, and apprenticeships.

The Technology Achievement Guarantee (TAG) certifies the quality of a career and technology education student’s career preparation to an employer. Career completion students may be eligible for advanced college standing at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC).



Taylor Dickover, Loch Raven High School, grade 12

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	1 Alternative-Maryland School Assessment Testing Window Closes	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Maryland School Assessment Testing – Reading and Mathematics	9 Maryland School Assessment Testing – Reading and Mathematics Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building	10 Maryland School Assessment Testing – Reading and Mathematics	11 Maryland School Assessment Testing – Reading and Mathematics	12 Maryland School Assessment Testing – Reading and Mathematics	13 SAT College Admissions Test
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21 Naw-Rúz (Baha'i New Year's Day)	22 Maryland School Assessment – Reading and Mathematics Make-Up Testing	23 Maryland School Assessment – Reading and Mathematics Make-Up Testing Board of Education Work Session 6:30 PM – ESS Building	24	25 Maryland Day	26	27
28	29 Easter/Spring Break March 29 – April 5 Schools Closed	30 Passover, March 30-April 6	31	<i>Baltimore County Public Schools was named one of the nation's "Best Communities for Music Education" in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.</i>		

TESTING INFORMATION:

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◆ www.bcps.org/offices/accountability_research_testing/testing_calendars.html

◆ Student's teacher or school counselor

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April 2010 Meeting/Events

- 8 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Southeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Board of Education Recognition Ceremony – 7 p.m.
- 15 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Career and Technology Education Student Recognition Dinner – 6 p.m.
- 29 PTA General Meeting & Awards Ceremony – 7:30 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-30 Young People's Poetry Month
- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 4-10 National Library Week
- 7 World Health Day
- 11-17 National Student Leadership Week
- 18-24 Public School Volunteer Week
- 19 Patriot's Day
- 21 Administrative Professionals Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 22 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day™
- 30 National Arbor Day

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Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) programs are offered in 11 high schools; Air Force, Army, Marine, and Navy programs are represented. The JROTC programs develop students' citizenship skills and provide them with leadership training to enable them to be successful upon graduation from high school.

- ◆ Pages 66-67 of the 2009-2010 Course Registration Guide for the locations of Career Completer Programs (including the specific locations of JROTC programs) or the Office of Career and Technology Education at 410-887-8921

International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Program provides motivated students with an opportunity to pursue a rigorous university preparatory curriculum. Students completing the requirements for both the IB diploma and certificate programs may receive college credit for courses taken in high school. The IB

program is offered at Milford Mill Academy (for students who attended middle school in the Northwest or Southwest as well as those who would attend Dulaney or Towson high schools) and Kenwood High School (for students who attended middle school in the Northeast or Southeast as well as those who would attend Hereford or Loch Raven high schools). Applications are accepted from incoming ninth graders and, on a space available basis, from tenth graders.

- ◆ 410-887-4127 or www.bcps.org/offices/omp/high/int-baccalaureate.html

Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)

AVID is offered in most Baltimore County high schools and a few middle schools. AVID is designed to accelerate the academic progress of underachieving students and students who would not ordinarily have access to rigorous courses and college information to prepare them for college success.

The key components of AVID in BCPS are: a daily AVID elective class focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading; rigorous courses and critical thinking skills; focus on organizational and management skills (Cornell Notes and organized notebooks); college preparation and tours; PSAT/SAT support and practice; AVID-trained college tutors from Civic Works, an AmeriCorps program; continuous professional development for school staff; and career goal planning.

- ◆ Your child's high school or 410-887-3971

College Board Partnership

All Baltimore County Public Schools middle and high school students benefit from the school system's comprehensive partnership with the College Board. Some students experience the partnership first through CollegeEd®, an academic and career advisory program for grade 7 that prepares students and their families for college. Grade 8 students benefit from preparation for rigorous courses with the SpringBoard English class. In addition, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), supports students, parents, and schools with early college preparation and planning. All Baltimore County Public Schools ninth and tenth grade students take the PSAT/NMSQT free of charge. The results of that exam help identify students for Advanced Placement (college level) coursework (through AP Potential) and other higher level coursework, and the results help support schools in better preparing students for college success.

Also through the partnership, every Baltimore County Public Schools high school has The Official SAT Online Course™ and each high school student has access to the program free of charge – at school and at home.

- ◆ Your child's middle or high school or 410-887-3971

Swezin Luvitt, Eastern Technical High School, grade 9 (artwork completed while at Loch Raven Academy)



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May 2010 Meeting/Events

- 5 Board of Education National Merit/Ethics Awards Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- 6 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Awards for Excellence in Education – 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Joint Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-31 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- 1-31 Better Hearing and Speech Month
- 1-31 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- 1-31 National Sight-Saving Month
- 1 Law Day
- 2-9 National Music Week
- 2-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 National Teacher Day
- 5 Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 VE Day
- 8 World Red Cross Day
- 9 Mother's Day
- 12 School Nurse Day
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 16-22 National Educational Bosses' Week



Alicia Lamont, Perry Hall High School, grade 12



Advanced Placement

Overseen by the College Board, Advanced Placement (AP) courses allow students to take college-level classes during high school. During the 2008-2009 school year, BCPS high schools offered an average of nearly 17 AP courses each. At the end of each course, students have the opportunity to take AP Exams, which may earn them credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities. Baltimore County Public Schools continues to expand availability of AP course sections and subjects in all high schools.

- ◆ High school counselors or www.collegeboard.com

Alternative education

Alternative education programs offer students who may not be successful in comprehensive

school environments a number of different options to continue their education. The programs provide the support and structure for students to grow in knowledge and understanding, to acquire technical and professional skills, to strengthen interpersonal skills, and if necessary, to redirect behaviors that are disruptive.

- ◆ The Office of Alternative Education at 410-887-2270

Alternative middle and high schools provide supportive environments for students whose behavior is interfering with their ability to be successful in a regular school setting. Students in the alternative program receive counseling and are taught various coping and social skills that enable them to return to and be successful in their neighborhood schools.

Centralized summer school focuses on grade-level instruction in support of the Maryland School Assessments. At the middle and high school levels, courses also are offered for promotional purposes and enrichment. Summer school centers are located in each of the five Baltimore County Public Schools geographic areas. Parents may register students at their home schools on dates that are announced each spring.

Extended school year services (ESY) may be offered to special education students. Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams discuss the need for these services as part of the annual review process for each special education student.

Title I Extended Year Programs (EYP) have been designed in 37 elementary schools to serve their student populations.

Site-based summer programs are designed by home schools and/or curriculum offices in a variety of subject areas to target specific needs of their students.

Evening/Saturday high school is for students ages 16-21 and high school students who wish to take 9th through 12th grade courses. Participants in the program have an opportunity to continue and/or accelerate their credit program. Students on expulsion from day school have an opportunity to modify unacceptable behavior, develop good study skills, and demonstrate a sincere willingness to return to the day school. This program is designed to follow the regular day school curriculum and is oriented to individual needs.

Home and hospital teachers provide instruction to special and general education students, ages 3 to 21, being cared for at home, in a therapeutic center, or in a hospital for purposes of convalescence or treatment. Instruction is delivered one-to-one either in person or through the use of technology.

GED classes for 16-21 year olds are provided at nine sites throughout the county. Instruction combines preparation for GED and job readiness.

The home teaching program is designed to provide individual instruction to expelled students of elementary, middle, or high school age. Instruction in English, social studies, mathematics, and science is provided.

Home schooling is supported by a specialist who provides information to parents about the guidelines that must be followed to teach their children at home. The specialist also monitors instruction for those families who are not working with a state-approved home schooling organization or service.

Early intervention/family literacy programs, located at sites throughout the county, focus on working with children, from birth to grade 5, and their families to help support academic success. English and non-English speaking students and their families are served.

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The 2009 BCPS Elementary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Fair involved 600 students from all 104 BCPS elementary schools.

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SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests

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SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests

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Maryland School Assessment Testing – Science
Distribution of Report Cards

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Board of Education Meeting
7:00 PM – ESS Building

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High School Assessment Testing
PreK/K Conference Day
No PreK or Kindergarten sessions

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High School Assessment Testing
Board of Education Work Session
6:30 PM – ESS Building

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Last Day for Seniors
BCPS Salute to Custodians, Groundskeepers, Maintenance Personnel, & Security Guards Day

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Memorial Day Observed
Schools and Offices Closed

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June 2010 Meeting/Events

- 2 Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 3 PTA Council – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 PTA Council Training – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Career & Technology Education Advisory Council – 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee – 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Southwest Area Educational Advisory Council – 7:00 p.m.

Holidays and Dates of Interest

- 1-7/4 Fireworks Safety Month
- 5 World Environment Day
- 13 Race Unity Day
- 14-20 National Little League Baseball Week
- 15 Magna Carta Day
- 16 Day of the African Child
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 First day of summer



Graduation Requirements

To earn a high school diploma from Baltimore County Public Schools, students must successfully complete all state and county graduation requirements. A single diploma is authorized by the state for all graduates. The minimum number of credits required for high school graduation is 21, of which 17 must be in the approved core of general education courses and four in an approved program sequence that prepares students for post-secondary education and/or entrance into the workforce. Students must also pass all Maryland High School Assessments (or meet the combined score option) and earn 75 hours of approved student service learning. Graduation credit requirements are as follows:

- English - 4 credits
- Fine Arts - 1 credit
- Mathematics - 3 credits
- Physical Education - 1 credit
- Health Education - 0.5 credit
- Science - 3 credits
- Social Studies - 3.5 credits
- Technology Education - 1 credit
- Completer Sequence - 4 credits
- ◆ High school counselors or the 2009-2010 Course Registration Guide

Student transcripts and diplomas

Under most circumstances, current and graduating students can get copies of their transcripts and/or diplomas from the schools they attend. For students who have graduated more than one year ago or other former students, copies of student transcripts and diplomas are provided through the Office of School Counseling at Educational Support Services Building, 6901 Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204.

- ◆ 410-887-6360, or visit www.bcps.org/offices/sss/pdf/academic_verifications.pdf



Beebe Rose, Dulaney High School, grade 9
(artwork completed while at Ridgely Middle School)

Assessments

Through standardized tests, BCPS measures the extent to which students have mastered learning objectives at various grade levels. Some assessments compare the progress of Baltimore County Public Schools students with those at the same level in school systems across the state and nation. Other assessments determine the extent to which students have reached rigorous standards required for future success. The results of these tests help teachers and administrators improve instruction and increase student achievement. Listed below are descriptions for national and state tests that students may take:

Maryland School Assessment (MSA)

This mandatory assessment of reading and mathematics achievement meets the testing requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The tests are administered in mid-March to students in grades 3 through 8. For each of these grades, there are two days of testing for reading and two days of testing for mathematics. Science testing is administered over two days in grades 5 and 8. Results from last year's MSA for all Baltimore County schools are available at www.mdreportcard.org.

- ◆ School counselors or <http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/testing/msa/>

Alternate Maryland School Assessment (ALT-MSA)

The ALT-MSA is an assessment designed for students in grades 3-8 and 10 whose significant cognitive disabilities hinder their ability to participate in a regular assessment, even when accommodations are provided.

PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT is a nationally norm-referenced, standardized test owned and administered by the College Board. The PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal reasoning skills, critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. BCPS has provided funding so that all grade 9 and grade 10 students can take the PSAT at no charge to them or their families. The PSAT/NMSQT provides practice for the SAT, important feedback on areas of strength and weakness in order to focus future instruction, and allows students to qualify for National Merit Scholarship programs.

- ◆ High school counselors or www.collegeboard.com

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		1 High School Assessment Testing Commencement Exercises	2 High School Assessment Testing Commencement Exercises	3 High School Assessment Testing Commencement Exercises	4 High School Assessment Testing Commencement Exercises	5 SAT College Admissions & Subject Tests Commencement Exercises
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13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Assessment Day – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for High School Students Teachers on Duty	17 Assessment Day – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for All Students	18 Last Day of Classes for Students – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for All Students	19
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Visit the Monthly Learning Calendar for Families, www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/monthly-learning-calendar.html, for ideas about fun educational activities.

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High School Assessments (HSA)

The High School Assessments (HSA) are end-of-course exams in algebra/data analysis, biology, English, and government. Students are required to take and pass all four of the exams or meet the requirements of the combined score option to earn a Maryland high school diploma.

- ◆ High school counselors or www.mdk12.org

SAT

The SAT is a nationally norm-referenced, standardized, multiple choice and essay test owned and administered by the College Board. Typically taken by second semester juniors and first semester seniors, the SAT is used primarily for college admission decisions. The SAT has verbal and mathematics tests, as well as other optional subjects, and students may elect to take the SAT from October through June.

- ◆ High school counselors or www.collegeboard.com

ACT

The ACT is a national college admissions and placement exam that assesses high school students' ability to complete college level work. This comprehensive system for collecting and reporting information about potential college students consists of four major components: tests of educational development, student profiles, summary of courses taken and grades received, and an interest inventory.

- ◆ High school counselors or 410-887-3971

Annual Notifications

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (20 U.S.C. §1232h) gives to parents, or students who are 18 years of age or older,

certain rights regarding surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These rights include the right to consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey"), if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the United States Department of Education. These areas are:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or of the student's parents; or
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

The right to receive notice and an opportunity for a student to opt out of:

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of the source of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening required by State Law; and

3. Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

The right to inspect, upon request, and before the administration or use:

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Baltimore County Public Schools will notify directly parents and eligible students of their rights under school system procedures at least annually. Parents or eligible students who believe that their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Release of Directory Information and News Photography Release

State law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") affords parents/legal guardians (hereinafter, "parents") and a student who is 18 years old or attending an institution of post-secondary education ("eligible student") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. In accordance with the law, Baltimore County Public Schools (hereinafter, "BCPS") is providing parents and eligible students with this Annual Notification of Rights. These rights are described below:

Confidentiality

Parents or eligible students have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's

education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A "school official" is a person employed by BCPS as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, BCPS will disclose without consent a student's education records to another school or to a school district in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory Information

FERPA requires that BCPS, with certain exceptions, obtains your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education record. However, BCPS may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without your written consent, unless you have advised BCPS to the contrary as outlined below.

The following information has been designated by BCPS as "directory information" and can be released without parental consent: student's name and address, date of birth, grade placement, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight as a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, diplomas, and awards received.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's or eligible student's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide to United

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<p><i>At the annual 1,000-Hour Volunteer Tea in 2009, more than 150 school system volunteers were honored for contributing 1,000 hours or more of service over the past three years.</i></p>				1	2 <small>Summer School teachers on duty</small>	3
4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5 <small>Independence Day Observed – Schools & Offices Closed</small>	6 <small>Summer School begins</small>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <small>Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building</small>	14	15	16	17
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Watch "On the Move" online (www.bcps.org/offices/ed_channel/OnTheMove.html) to see Superintendent Hairston and Board of Education leaders participate in activities that showcase school system progress and success.

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States military recruiters, upon request, name, address, and telephone number – unless the parent or eligible student has advised the LEA that they do not want this information disclosed without their prior written consent.

You are hereby advised that directory information (as noted above) and information requested from United States military recruiters (name, address, and telephone number), may be withheld from disclosure at the parent's or eligible student's request. This request must be submitted in writing to the school principal no later than October 1 of each school year or, if students enroll after the start of the school year, within 30 days of enrollment at the school.

1Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. 6301, et seq.), and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (10 U.S.C. 503), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces

Access to Records

All BCPS student records shall be available to a parent or eligible student for review and inspection in conference with appropriate school personnel. If a student is 18 years of age or older, rights afforded to and required of the parent shall thereafter only be afforded to and required of the student. Maryland law provides that a student education record may be released by BCPS to other educational or specified governmental agencies, to a person involved in approved research projects, to comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena, or in a health or safety emergency.

Request to Amend Student Record

Parents or eligible students may request the school to amend an education record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading or violates the privacy rights of the student.

The request should be made in writing to the school principal, should clearly identify the part of the record to be changed, and should specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the student's privacy. If the school refuses to amend the student record in accordance with the request, it will inform the parent or eligible student of the refusal and advise the parent or eligible student of the right to a hearing. Additional information regarding the hearing procedure will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

BCPS Review of Student Records

A parent or an eligible student has the right to inspect and review the student's education records. The school principal, or the appropriate official, will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. A parent or an eligible student must request in writing copies of any educational records. Schools must comply with requests for such records within 45 days. School system procedures concerning the release of student records can be found in Superintendent's Rule 5230: Student Records.

Videotaping on School Property Including School Buses

BCPS possesses the ability to videotape students on school property and to videotape students (including audiotape) while on its school buses. At the discretion of the Superintendent, or his designee, videotapes may be used for disciplinary purposes.

News/Photography

Students may be photographed, videotaped, and/or audiotaped while participating in school-sponsored activities and/or learning experiences when such activities are of interest to the news media. School staff will monitor all media activities in schools. School

administrative staff will deny access to news media if their presence is deemed disruptive to the school day or to students or if photographing, videotaping, and/or audiotaping students are not appropriate, given the nature of a particular news story. You may refuse to permit media-related photographing, videotaping, and audiotaping of your child by notifying the principal in writing by October 1 of the school year or within 30 days of enrollment in the school. Parents or eligible students who believe that their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

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Notification of AHERA Inspection and Management Compliance

This notification is to inform teachers, school personnel, parents, and other interested parties of the actions taken by Baltimore County Public Schools to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).

On October 30, 1987, the AHERA regulations were published in the Federal Register, pp 41826 to 41898, titled "Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools." These regulations mandate that a building inspection and a management plan be developed for all schools. The building inspection, to be conducted by a building inspector accredited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), identifies asbestos containing material (ACM) within each school building. The management plan is to be prepared by a management planner accredited by the EPA, and ACM identified are catalogued during the building inspection.

The building inspections and management plans have been completed for Baltimore County Public Schools. These documents have been submitted to the State of Maryland in compliance with AHERA's deadline of May 9, 1989. These documents are available at the school for public review and also at the Department of Physical Facilities, 9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Suite 204, Baltimore, MD 21220. The individual building reports include schedules for periodic surveillance of ACM, re-inspections to be conducted by an accredited EPA building inspector, and planned and completed response actions.

The first re-inspection of Baltimore County Public School buildings was completed in 1992, and subsequent re-inspections have been performed.

To minimize confusion, and to ensure presence of a school system representative, it is strongly recommended that an appointment be made with the school administrator if anyone is interested in reviewing the reports. The public viewing of the documents is at no cost. Copies of various reports are available for a fee based upon the copying cost of the individual report requested.

Integrated Pest Management Program

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program employed by Baltimore County Public Schools is a proactive rather than a reactive approach to insect and rodent control in school facilities. The IPM program includes routine inspections or surveys of all school facilities to identify conditions conducive to pest invasion, to ensure early detection of pest presence, and to monitor infestation levels. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventative strategies and alternatives to pesticide application, such as employee education, source reduction, inspection and identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation.

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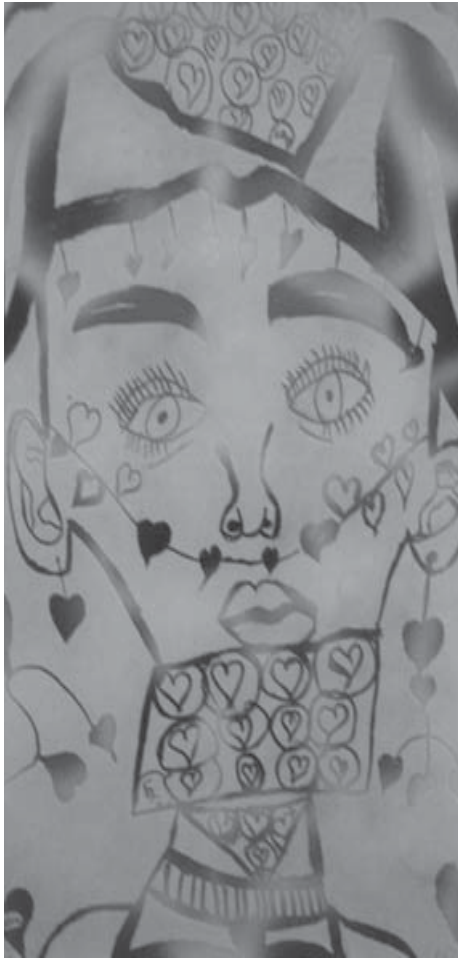
FRIDAY

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1	2 High School Assessment Testing	3 High School Assessment Testing	4 High School Assessment Testing	5 High School Assessment Testing	6 High School Assessment Testing Summer School ends	7
8	9	10 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM – ESS Building	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Administrative & Supervisory Personnel Meeting	21
22	23 Teachers on Duty	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Opening Day for Students	31	<i>Nine BCPS high schools – almost 40 percent of all BCPS high schools – were named among the top 5 percent in the nation by Newsweek – in 2009.</i>			

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The following is a list of the pesticides and bait stations, by common name, that may be used in school buildings during the school year. This list may be amended during the year if the need arises.

tetrahydrate
 bromadiolone
 orthoboric acid
 oryzalin
 piperonyl butoxide
 phenothrin
 silica gel
 pyrethrin
 hydramethylnon
 disodium octaborate
 glyphosate

Copies of material safety data sheets (MSDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained at each school and by the contact person. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Bob Merrey at 410-887-6300 to arrange an appointment. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact:

Bob Merrey, Supervisor,
 Environmental Services
 Baltimore County Public Schools
 9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Suite 204
 Baltimore, MD 21220

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Each approach is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made if necessary. Pesticides are used only as a last resort.

Maryland Law requires that parents of all elementary school children be notified prior to any interior/grounds pesticide application. Parents of middle school or high school students who wish to be notified prior to interior/grounds applications must request that they be placed on the school system's pesticide notification list. To be added to the notification list, send a written request which includes your name, address, and telephone number as well as your child's name and school to the principal.

Baltimore County Public Schools Quick Reference Numbers

Main phone numbers

General information..... 410-887-4554
 Anonymous Fraud Tip Line (recorded message).... 410-887-5517
 School Operating Status (recorded message) 410-887-5555
 Board of Education..... 410-887-4126
 Superintendent 410-887-4281
 Deputy Superintendent..... 410-887-4556

Area offices phone numbers

Southwest 410-887-8760
 Northwest..... 410-887-8767
 Central..... 410-887-3172
 Northeast..... 410-887-4316
 Southeast..... 410-887-8768

Employment information

Classification 410-887-8938
 Support Services 410-887-7869
 Substitutes..... 410-887-8952
 Teachers 410-887-4191
 Employee Benefits 410-887-8943

Other important numbers

Athletic Programs 410-887-2328
 Communications..... 410-887-5908
 The Education Channel 410-887-4292
 Ombudsman..... 410-887-4138
 Physical Facilities 410-887-6435
 School Boundaries 410-887-4215
 Transcripts 410-887-6360
 Transportation..... 410-887-4321

Baltimore County Public Schools

6901 Charles Street, Towson, Maryland 21204

410-887-4554

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<i>Look for a new issue of Classroom to Community Express, the BCPS newspaper that is sent home with all students.</i>		1	2	3	4
5	6 <small>Labor Day Schools & Offices Closed</small>	7	8	9 <small>Rosh Hashanah Schools & Offices Closed</small>	10 <small>Id al-Fitr</small>
12	13	14 <small>Primary Election Day Schools & Offices Closed</small>	15	16	17 <small>Yom Kippur</small>
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26	27	28	29	30	<i>Visit www.bcps.org for more news and information about Baltimore County Public Schools.</i>

Visit the Monthly Learning Calendar for Families, www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/monthly-learning-calendar.html, for ideas about fun educational activities.

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Schools by BCPS Geographic Area



School boundary questions can be answered by using the School Boundaries locator at www.bcps.org/apps/boundaries/ or calling the Office of Strategic Planning at 410-887-4215.

Southeast Area

Lyle Patzkowsky
Area Assistant Superintendent
410-887-8768

High Schools

Chesapeake**	410-887-0100
Dundalk	410-887-7023
Patapsco**	410-887-7060
Sollers Point Technical**	410-887-7075
Sparrows Point**	410-887-7517

Middle Schools

Deep Creek**	410-887-0112
Dundalk	410-887-7018
General John Stricker	410-887-7038
Holabird	410-887-7049
Sparrows Point	410-887-7524

Elementary Schools

Battle Grove	410-887-7500
Battle Monument***	410-887-7000
Bear Creek	410-887-7007
Berkshire	410-887-7008
Charlesmont	410-887-7004
Chase	410-887-5940
Chesapeake Terrace	410-887-7505
Colgate	410-887-7010
Deep Creek	410-887-0110
Dundalk	410-887-7013
Eastwood Center**	410-887-7034
Edgemere	410-887-7507
Grange	410-887-7043
Hawthorne	410-887-0138
Logan	410-887-7052
Mars Estates	410-887-0154
Middleborough	410-887-0160
Norwood	410-887-7055
Oliver Beach	410-887-5943
Sandalwood	410-887-0174
Sandy Plains	410-887-7070
Seneca	410-887-5945
Sussex	410-887-0182

Northeast Area

Verletta White
Area Assistant Superintendent
410-887-4316

High Schools

Eastern Technical**	410-887-0190
Kenwood**	410-887-0153
Overlea**	410-887-5241
Parkville**	410-887-5257
Perry Hall	410-887-5108

Middle/High Schools

Crossroads Center*	410-887-2275
Rosedale Center*	410-887-0133

Middle Schools

Golden Ring	410-887-0130
Middle River	410-887-0165
Parkville**	410-887-5250
Perry Hall	410-887-5100
Pine Grove	410-887-5270
Stemmers Run	410-887-0177

Elementary Schools

Carney	410-887-5228
Chapel Hill	410-887-5119
Elmwood	410-887-5232
Essex	410-887-0117
Fullerton	410-887-5234
Glenmar	410-887-0127
Gunpowder	410-887-5121
Harford Hills	410-887-5236
Joppa View	410-887-5065
Kingsville	410-887-5949
Martin Boulevard	410-887-0158
McCormick	410-887-0500
Middlesex	410-887-0170
Orems	410-887-0172
Perry Hall	410-887-5105
Pine Grove	410-887-5267
Red House Run	410-887-0506
Seven Oaks	410-887-6257
Shady Spring	410-887-0509
Victory Villa	410-887-0184
Vincent Farm	410-887-2983

Schools by BCPS Geographic Area

Central Area

Barbara Walker
Area Assistant Superintendent
410-887-3172

High Schools

Dulaney	410-887-7633
George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Tech**	410-887-2775
Hereford	410-887-1905
Loch Raven	410-887-3525
Towson**	410-887-3608

Middle Schools

Cockeysville	410-887-7626
Dumbarton	410-887-3176
Hereford	410-887-7902
Loch Raven Academy**	410-887-3518
Ridgely	410-887-7650

Elementary Schools

Carroll Manor	410-887-5947
Cromwell Valley Magnet**	410-887-4888
Fifth District	410-887-1726
Halstead Academy**	410-887-3210
Hampton	410-887-3205
Jacksonville	410-887-7880
Lutherville**	410-887-7800
Oakleigh	410-887-5238
Padonia International	410-887-7646
Pinewood	410-887-7663
Pleasant Plains	410-887-3549
Pot Spring	410-887-7648
Prettyboy	410-887-1900
Riderwood	410-887-3568
Ridge Ruxton School***	410-887-3594
Rodgers Forge	410-887-3582
Seventh District	410-887-1902
Sparks	410-887-7900
Stoneleigh	410-887-3600
Timonium	410-887-7661
Villa Cresta	410-887-5275
Warren	410-887-7665
White Oak***	410-887-5378

Alternative Schools* Magnet Schools** Special Schools***

Northwest Area

William Lawrence
Area Assistant Superintendent
410-887-8767

High Schools

Franklin	410-887-1119
Milford Mill Academy**	410-887-0660
New Town	410-887-1614
Owings Mills	410-887-1700
Pikesville	410-887-1217
Randallstown**	410-887-0748

Middle Schools

Deer Park Middle Magnet**	410-887-0726
Franklin	410-887-1114
Old Court	410-887-0742
Pikesville	410-887-1207
Sudbrook Magnet Middle**	410-887-6720

Elementary Schools

Bedford	410-887-1200
Campfield Early Childhood	410-887-1227
Cedarmere	410-887-1100
Chatsworth**	410-887-1103
Church Lane**	410-887-0717
Deer Park	410-887-0723
Fort Garrison	410-887-1203
Franklin	410-887-1111
Glyndon	410-887-1130
Hernwood	410-887-0732
Milbrook	410-887-1225
New Town	410-887-1541
Owings Mills	410-887-1710
Randallstown	410-887-0746
Reisterstown	410-887-1133
Scotts Branch	410-887-0761
Summit Park	410-887-1210
Timber Grove	410-887-1714
Wellwood International**	410-887-1212
Winand	410-887-0763
Woodholme	410-887-6700

Southwest Area

Manuel B. Rodriguez
Area Assistant Superintendent
410-887-8760

High Schools

Catonsville	410-887-0808
Catonsville Ctr for Alternative Studies*	410-887-0934
Lansdowne**	410-887-1415
Western School of Tech & Science**	410-887-0840
Woodlawn**	410-887-1309

Middle/High Schools

Bridge Center*	410-887-6832
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Middle Schools

Arbutus	410-887-1402
Catonsville	410-887-0803
Lansdowne**	410-887-1411
Southwest Academy**	410-887-0825
Meadowood Education Center*	410-887-6888
Windsor Mill	410-887-0618
Woodlawn	410-887-1304

Elementary Schools

Arbutus	410-887-1400
Baltimore Highlands	410-887-0919
Catonsville	410-887-0800
Chadwick	410-887-1300
Dogwood	410-887-6808
Edmondson Heights	410-887-0818
Featherbed Lane	410-887-1302
Halethorpe	410-887-1406
Hebbsville	410-887-0708
Hillcrest	410-887-0820
Imagine Discovery Public Charter	410-887-3338
Johnnycake	410-887-0823
Lansdowne	410-887-1408
Maiden Choice***	410-887-1431
Powhatan	410-887-1330
Relay	410-887-1426
Riverview	410-887-1428
Westchester	410-887-1088
Westowne	410-887-0854
Winfield	410-887-0766
Woodbridge	410-887-0857
Woodmoor	410-887-1318

Baltimore County Public Schools 2009-2010

August	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 1/6
21 (F)	Administrative & Supervisory Personnel Meeting
24 (M)	Teachers on Duty
26 (W)	Systemwide professional development
31 (M)	Opening Day for Students
September	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 20/20
7 (M)	Labor Day – Schools and Offices Closed
28 (M)	Yom Kippur – Schools and Offices Closed
October	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 21/22
12 (M)	Columbus Day*
16 (F)	Professional Development Day/MSTA Convention – Schools Closed for Students
November	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 18/19
5 (Th)	First Marking Period Ends
6 (F)	Assessment Day for All Schools*** and/or Professional Development Day for All Schools – Schools Closed for all Students
11 (W)	Veterans Day*
19 (Th)	Distribution of Report Cards
16-20 (M-F)	American Education Week
23 (M)	Elementary Conference Day – Schools Closed for Elementary Students
26-27 (Th-F)	Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
December	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 17/17
15 (T)	Bill of Rights Day*
23 (W)	Christmas/Winter Break Begins at End of School Day
January	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 18/19
4 (M)	Schools Reopen
15 (F)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday *
18 (M)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed – Schools and Offices Closed
28 (Th)	Second Marking Period Ends
29 (F)	Assessment Day for All Schools*** and/or Professional Development Day for All Schools – Schools Closed for all Students

February	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 19/19
11 (Th)	Distribution of Report Cards
12 (F)	Lincoln's Birthday*
15 (M)	Presidents' Day – Schools and Offices Closed
22 (M)	Washington's Birthday*
March	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 20/20
25 (Th)	Maryland Day*
26 (F)	Easter/Spring Break Begins at the End of the School Day
April	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 19/19
6 (T)	Schools Reopen
16 (F)	Third Marking Period Ends– Assessment Day for Elementary and Middle Schools** – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary Middle School Students
May	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 20/20
3 (M)	Distribution of Report Cards
17 (M)	PreK/K Conference Day – no Pre-K or Kindergarten sessions
28 (F)	Last Day for Seniors
31 (M)	Memorial Day Observed – Schools and Offices Closed
June	Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 14/14
1-10 (T-Th)	Commencement Exercises
14 (M)	Flag Day*
16-17 (W-Th)	Assessment Days:**** Schools close 3 Hours Early for High School Students; Teachers on Duty
17 (Th)	Assessment Day:** Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Elementary and Middle School Students; Teachers on Duty
18 (F)	Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 Hours Early for Students; Teachers on Duty
Total Pupil Days/Teacher Days: 187/195	

July	
2 (F)	Summer School teachers on duty
5 (M)	Independence Day Observed – Schools and Offices Closed
6 (T)	Summer School begins

August	
6 (F)	Summer School ends

**Schools open with appropriate exercises OR appropriate exercises to be scheduled on the school day prior*

***ASSESSMENT DAYS/SITE BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress and/or participate in development activities.*

****ASSESSMENT DAY/SITE BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress and/or participate in development activities; High Schools will be given time to assess progress and plan for upcoming semester and/or participate in development activities.*

*****ASSESSMENT DAYS – High schools will have the opportunity to administer traditional final exams or to use alternative assessment procedures.*

If schools are closed seven days due to emergency conditions, it will be necessary to alter the school calendar. Additional days may be scheduled as required at the end of the school year. Depending on the use of emergency closing time, the calendar may be reduced if the time is not needed to meet the minimum required days/hours. One-half days may be modified. Teacher duty days will not exceed 191.

Front cover student artwork: (left to right)
Hannah Fromm, Oakleigh Elementary School, grade 1
Shannon Davis, 2009 graduate of Woodlawn High School

