



Principal's Newsletter



Branford High School • Summer 2017

WELCOME BACK!

Freshman Orientation

Thursday, August 17

First Day of School

Monday, August 28

Back To School Night

Thursday, September 14

Upcoming BHS Events

August

- 17 Freshman and New Student Orientation
8:30 am - 12 noon
- 28 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

October

- 11 PSAT for 10th and 11th Grades
- 21 BHS College Fair 9:00 - 11:00 am

September

- 1 10th Grade physical exam paperwork due
- 14 Back To School Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 28 PHOTO DAY - all grades

November

- 2 Evening Parent Conferences 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Administration

Lee Panagoulas	Principal
Joseph Briganti	Assistant Principal
Stephanie Byrd	Assistant Principal
Dianne Dadio	Dean of Students

Please visit our website for important information, updates, daily announcements, Program of Studies, The Guide, and the Principal's Newsletter!
www.branfordhigh.org

Important Phone Numbers

BHS	203 488 7291
BHS HOT LINE	203 315 6735
Board of Ed	203 488 5693
Adult Ed	203 488 5693
Athletics	203 315 6735
Attendance	203 315 6744
Guidance	203 315 6730
Nurse	203 315 6733
School Based Health	203 315 6727

FRESHMAN AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 17, 2017

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

It is very important all Freshmen and New Students attend!

Welcome, Class of 2021 and all New Students!

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:30 am - Orientation ends at 12:00 pm

Your schedule will be explained - tours will be given to find your classrooms - questions will be answered - lockers will be assigned. Bring a **key lock** with you for your locker; a key lock is preferred over a combination lock. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Freshman Points of Emphasis

Time Management
Methods of Organization
Critical Thinking Skills
Making Connections Using Essential Questions
Academic Rigor and Integrity

Look for strategies all year to help support your freshmen in their transition to Branford High School!

All Freshman English Classes

TO ALL INCOMING 9TH GRADERS: All freshmen English Classes (*Civilizations and Literature* and *English 9*) require that you keep a three-ring binder for your assignments, notes and class handouts. To be prepared, please have a three-ring binder ready by the first week of school.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Athletic Directors' Presentation in Auditorium, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Summer Reading

All students at Branford High School must complete the summer reading assignment for their English classes. Students received the assignment and appropriate book lists from their English teachers in June. Copies of the assignments are also available at the Blackstone and Willoughby libraries, through the district's website, or at Branford High School. All assignments are due to English teachers the first day of school. Don't start the year off with a zero grade! For more information, email Mrs. Lepre at clepre@branfordschools.org

IC Open Gradebook

In our continued effort to improve communication between Branford High School and the community, BHS provides an open gradebook for parents and students. Students and parents can view every assessment, assignment and class participation grade that is factored into a student's progress. Our hope is that this step will enable parents and their students to have more informed conversations about their progress at school. To have access, you must have an Infinite Campus Student Information System username and password.

If you do not already have an active Infinite Campus username and password, please call our Guidance Support Staff at 203 315 7836 or 205 315 7835 for information and instructions.

STUDENTS ENTERING 10TH GRADE

Physical examinations are required for all students entering 10th grade. The exam paperwork from your physician must be in the Nurse's Office no later than

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

Update Your Email and IC Parent Portal

This allows us to provide you with the most up-to-date information regarding your student's attendance, quarterly progress and school emergency announcements. Please visit the BHS webpage for information including daily announcements, news, and events. Check out the calendar for concerts, parent conferences, student honor programs, vacation and holidays at:
www.branfordhigh.org

PLEASE NOTE: Parents cannot clear early dismissals / leaving school after the fact.
ALL STUDENTS MUST GET A PASS BEFORE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL.

TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Please read the student handbook, **The Guide**, which is available on the BHS website. It contains important information on attendance, policies, rules, grading, etc.

Class Advisors / Class Dues

2018	Ms. Vitelli / Mrs. Verzella
2019	Mr. Bouley / Mr. Polemeni
2020	Ms. Loesche / Mr. Stonier
2021	Mr. Tremaglio / Ms. Robertson

These Class Advisors will stay with your class until you graduate. They will help you plan activities, Homecoming, dances, semi-formals, the Prom and a class trip. To do all of these things, your dues must be up to date. The cost is \$25.00 a year. Don't wait until your senior year to pay all of your dues. If you pay by check, please make payable to BHS Class of (year of graduation).

School Photo Day **September 28, 2017**

All Grades ▪ Time and location to be announced

GET INVOLVED!!!

There are many wonderful clubs and activities to participate in at BHS.

Look in The Guide for a list of student organizations to join. Our school also has many sports teams.

Learn something new - and make new friends!

Being involved in a club or activity makes a big difference in life at BHS.

Juniors / Seniors Only:

Register Your Car

Register your car before the start of school and pay \$25 - you save \$5

Registration forms will be on the BHS website, or stop in for a form. Parking is \$30 for the year. All cars parking on school grounds must be registered with the school. If a student obtains a parking permit under false circumstances, the student may lose parking privileges at the discretion of his/her Administrator. See Mrs. Malicki

An Important Reminder from the BHS Athletic Department

Greetings from the Athletic Department!

Our fall sports season is approaching quickly. If your child plans on participating in a fall sport, you must register your child online using our sports program called FamilyID.

Fall sports begin Thursday, August 24, 2017 (Exception: Football begins August 14th / Contact on August 19th). All registrations must be completed by the start dates in order to practice on the first day.

Athletes must also have an updated physical on file in the Nurse's Office. Physicals are good for 13 months from the date of the exam. If you have any questions about your physical, please call the School Nurse at 203 315 6733. Physical records can be mailed to the Athletics Secretary or dropped off in the Athletic Office at Branford High School.

Any questions or comments, please feel free to call the Athletic Office at 203 315 6735 or email Athletics Secretary Laura Freiss at lfreiss@branfordschools.org.

Here's how to register:

Type or copy-and-paste the following link into your browser:

<http://www.familyid.com/organizations/branford-high-school>

If you have previously created an account, click on the green **programs** button - then scroll down to and click on **fall sports**, then click **register now** and log in using your username and password. Select your sport and complete your child's registration.

If you are a first-time user, sign up for your secure FamilyID account by entering your family name, email address and password. You will receive an email with a link to confirm your new account. (If you do not see the email, check your spam or junk folders.)

Click on the link in your email confirmation, which will log you in to FamilyID and then complete the information requested on the registration form. When you have completed your registration, review and click "Confirm Registration: to submit. Once completed, you will receive an email receipt from registrations@familyid.com. You can also view your completed registration on your Dashboard. You can log into <https://www.familyid.com> at any time to update your information and to check your registration(s).

SUPPORT:

You can always find our programs at www.familyid.com by clicking "Find Programs" in the top blue banner and search for Branford High School.

If you need assistance with your registration, you can call FamilyID at 888 800 5583 x1 or email support@familyid.com. FamilyID also offers online chat during business hours and a support center at <https://familyid.desk.com>. Support is available 7 days per week and messages will be returned promptly.

Branford Community Youth Mentoring Program

The Branford Community Youth Mentoring Program is recruiting new volunteers for the 2017-18 school year. The program is seeking caring individuals from their community as well as local businesses and community agencies who are willing to allow employees to mentor during the workday for only **ONE** hour per week, during the school day, for one school year.

Experience the smile on a young person's face. Take pleasure in seeing a child waiting for you as you enter the school. Know that you really have made a difference in a child's life. Mentoring activities include playing games, participating in hobbies, discussing school and favorite activities, or just hanging out and building the student's confidence.

A study of close to 500 mentoring pairs by the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership shows that young people with mentors say they have a better attitude in school, are getting better grades, and are behaving better in class. Employees who mentor are satisfied with the experience; believe their company should invest in youth (their future workforce); say mentoring made them proud to work for their company, and made them feel more productive at work after mentoring.

All Branford Community Youth Mentors are security screened and are trained by qualified staff. Mentors are then matched with a young person.

Please contact us if you would like to become a mentor or would like to learn more about becoming a mentor. Email branfordmentor@branfordschools.org or call Branford Community Youth Mentoring Program at Branford High School (203 455 7291).

