



Principal's Newsletter



Branford High School • Summer 2018

Welcome!

Upcoming BHS Events

August

- 22 Freshman and New Student Orientation 9a – 12p
School Counselors return from summer break
- 25 SATs @ BHS

September

- 1 Senior portraits must be complete
- 4 First Day of School
- 8 ACTs at BHS
- 13 Back To School Night 6 - 8 pm
- 20 Honors /Perfect Attendance Breakfast
- 27 Photo Day - all grades

October

- 6 SATs @ BHS
- 10 PSATs for Sophomores and Juniors at BHS
- 23 Evening Parent Conferences 6-8 pm
- 24 Early Release Day
- 27 ACTs @ BHS

November

- 2 Quarter 1 ends
- 6 Election Day – NO SCHOOL
- 8 Photo Retake Day
BHS Evening Parent Conferences
- 21 Early Release Day / Thanksgiving Recell

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

Administration

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

School Counselors

Michael Callan	Aimee Bonn-Harkins
Marian Montano (chair)	Amy Olszewski

Important Phone Numbers

BHS Main Office	203 488 7291
Hot Line/Cancellations	203 315 6725
Board of Ed	203 315 7276
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

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

It is very important all Freshmen and New Students attend!

Welcome, Class of 2022 and all New Students!

PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY - 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

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

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

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 13, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

School Photo Day **September 27, 2018**

All Grades ▪ Time and location to be announced

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 23, 2018 (Exception: Football begins August 13th). 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.

MENTORING WORKS

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).



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 7837 for information and instructions.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Class Advisors / Class Dues

2019	Mr. Bouley / Mr. Polemeni
2020	Ms. Loesche / Mr. Stonier
2021	Mr. Tremaglio / Mr. Martone
2022	Ms. Vennero-Wheaton / Mr. Wasiolek

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).



Did you know that your child can see a dental hygienist at their school with Community Health Center's Mobile Dental Services? Enrolling your child with Mobile Dental means they can receive routine dental services without having to take them out of school for an appointment. The dental hygienists in CHC's Mobile Dental Services are licensed, friendly, professional, and love working with students!

Students enrolled with Mobile Dental receive the following services:

- Routine dental cleaning
- X-rays
- Fluoride varnish
- Sealants
- Referrals

- Services are billed to insurance for students with state or commercial insurance
- Without insurance, fees are \$30 for the cleaning, x-ray, and fluoride, and \$25 per visit for sealants.
- Enrolling in the Mobile Dental program is fast, easy, and secure.

Visit www.sbh1.com to enroll today! Paper forms are also available in the main office.

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 **SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**.

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