

Brandywine Heights Area School District

200 West Weis Street, Tipton, PA 19562



Superintendent Report

September 11, 2017

Curriculum/Instruction:

1. InfoSnap (online re-enrollment)

- Parental feedback regarding InfoSnap has been positive.
- Administration has been present at each Open House/Meet the Teacher Night to provide support specifically regarding InfoSnap.
- Parents in need of support are invited to the Pupil Services Office and/or are provide a physical packet.

2. Professional Development

- Staff feedback regarding the beginning-of-the-year professional development days (Welcome Back, Community Service, Instruction & Technology Fair, Special Education) has been very positive.
 - Community Service - There were 15 community service opportunities at which our teachers could volunteer.
 - Instruction & Technology Fair - There were 36 BHASD presenters and 38 courses offered from which teachers could self-select.

3. BHASD Educational Showcase Day

- The BHASD is looking to hold our 3rd Annual Educational Showcase Day at our Elementary School during the week of November 13th.
 - Additional information regarding exact date/time will follow.

4. Brandywine Heights Virtual Academy

- The VA has the highest enrollment to start a school year.
 - 156 students enrolled to date

Technology:

Server Project

- The new server has arrived on 8/29.
 - Shipment of this server was delayed approximately one month due to worldwide solid state drive (SSD) shortage.
- BHASD, HIG, & Dell are developing plans to transition to the new server without impacting instruction/operations.

Wireless Network

- The new wireless network and new access points installed and are performing well.

Athletics:

1. Character Education

- September 11th will be the initial meeting for both the Parent Athletic Advisory Council and the Student Athlete Advisory Council.
 - The SAAC will initially be tasked with connecting with Bullet Nation in an effort to improve game atmosphere.

2. Student/Community Involvement

- MS Field Hockey Cooperative Agreement
 - Kutztown AD contacting District III and PIAA reps.
- Mr. Lapp is in the process of scheduling senior day for Homecoming.
 - The goal for this year is for students to receive greater attention and appreciation in front of a larger crowd.

3. Athletic Excellence

- High School sports started on 8/14, and Middle School sports started on 8/21.
- The golf team is off to a 7-1 start which is primarily due to their depth.
- Captains, teams and coaches photographs were taken on 8/31.

Brandywine Heights Community Task Force:

1. Berks County District Attorney Office/Meet the Teacher Night

- Two Detectives from the Berks County District Attorney Office attended the Middle School and High School Meet the Teacher Night supplying information and serving as a resource to parents.

4. Battle of the Bands

- The third annual Battle of the Bands is scheduled for September 16th, 2017.
- To date, 11 bands have signed up for the event.
- Numerous volunteers help to make this event a success, including High School clubs.
- The Sportsman's Club will again be hosting a Car Show.

5. Red Ribbon Run

- The third annual Red Ribbon Run will be held on October 21st, 2017.
 - This event corresponds with the quarterly District-wide theme of drug/alcohol awareness. Paint the Town Red signs will be placed throughout the town from families and businesses that support a safe, drug free community.
 - Coordination will occur with school events during Red Ribbon Week and help make this a culminating event.