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Welcome First-year Students and Families!

Back to school is always about new beginnings – new teachers, new classes; new teams, new productions – but for students entering high school, everything is new. Here at Braintree High School, we've all been working hard to get the school ready for the start of the year and to welcome a new ninth-grade class. We are eager to share the many incredible opportunities that our school has to offer, and to ensure that every student starts the year off right.

To help make that happen, we would like to invite all entering ninth graders to a student-only orientation on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from **5:30 to 7:00**. Students will begin the program in their homerooms, where they will receive schedules and locker assignments, before being taken on tours of the building by current student leaders. The evening will conclude with small-group sessions led by teacher volunteers and the always enjoyable ice cream social in the main lobby. We encourage everyone to attend, but students who are unable to make it that night will still be able to receive their schedules and locker assignments the next day in homeroom.

On the official first day of school, **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, students will meet with all of their classes, along with their guidance counselor and housemaster. In addition, they will attend brief sessions on important technology skills and on peer leadership. We are excited about the chance to welcome the Class of 2023, and have designed these orientation activities in part to address any anxieties associated with starting in a new school.

A few other points about the start of the year:

- **Bring Your Own Device:** This year will be the third of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative; more information about BYOD is available on the Technology page of the BPS website. To prepare for the start of the year, we encourage all incoming ninth graders to bring their personal devices to a set-up session in the BHS Media Center. These sessions will be offered on **August 16, 20, 21, and 27**, starting each hour, on the hour between **9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**
- **Emergency Card:** Enclosed with this letter is a card that we ask parents and guardians to complete and return to school. These cards are filed with the BHS nurse and only consulted in the event of an emergency.
- **Summer Reading:** BHS summer reading is student-centered and engaging. (And required. ☺) Students who have not yet completed their summer reading can find assignments by following the Summer Assignments link under the Our Students tab of the BPS website.
- **Back to School Night:** Once again this year, we invite all BHS parents and guardians to attend our Back to School Night, to be held this year on **Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00 to 8:00**. During this time, you will have an opportunity to hear from BHS administrators and meet your child's teachers. Parents and guardians report finding the evening very helpful, and we hope to see you there!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, welcome to BHS, and don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Scully  
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