



# BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

“to enable all students to succeed in a changing world”

August, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In our continued commitment of ensuring the success of ALL students, we will continue with our student intervention structure that began during the 2011/2012 school year relative to the following:

- Mandatory academic intervention (tutoring)
- Mandatory homework intervention
- Career portfolio/advisory sessions (late start Wednesdays/homeroom)

Information relative to these interventions can also be found on our school website through accessing <http://www.boyertownasd.org/our-schools/senior-high/BASH-Academic-Interventions.aspx>

In addition to these interventions, research shows that teachers also need time to collaborate to analyze data and determine which instructional strategies will best meet the needs of all students. As a result, BASH will continue with the late start Wednesday initiative that began during the 2010/2011 school year.

The first scheduled late start Wednesday will take place on Wednesday, September 28, with the last being Wednesday, May 23. The dates provided below will NOT be late start Wednesday dates due to scheduled district-wide early dismissals (ED) or standardized testing windows.

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| * Wednesday 10-5-11 (PLAN)         | * Wednesday 3-14-12 (PSSA) | * Wednesday 4-4-12 (PSSA)  |
| * <b>Wednesday 10-12-11 (PSAT)</b> | * Wednesday 3-21-12 (PSSA) | * Wednesday 4-11-12 (PSSA) |
| * Wednesday 11-23-11 (ED)          | * Wednesday 3-28-11 (PSSA) | * Wednesday 4-18-12 (PSSA) |
|                                    |                            | * Wednesday 4-25-12 (PSSA) |

On these days, transportation service for all BASH students will be as usual. However, students attending Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC) should report to BASH at the regularly scheduled time as BCTC will be operating on the normal schedule. If a student wishes to seek an alternative form of transportation he/she will not be required to report to BASH until his/her period one start time of 8:25AM. Doors will be open at 8:10AM. Students choosing to participate in the late start option must have a parent/guardian complete and sign a Late Start Participation Form indicating that he/she will **not** be in attendance at BASH at the regularly scheduled time (7:45AM) on late start days. These forms need to be handed into the BASH main office.

The Late Start Participation Form is enclosed in this mailing, can be picked up in the main office, or found by accessing the following link: <http://www.boyertownasd.org/our-schools/senior-high/Forms.aspx>

Students needing to utilize the usually scheduled BASH transportation or fail to complete the Late Start Participation Form will be provided with an open campus session, study hall session, assignment to the intervention center (IC), or other academic interventions from arrival time up to 8:20AM when they will then be dismissed to report to their period one class.

Thank you for your support as we work together in providing the best educational opportunities for your child(ren). Should you have any additional questions regarding the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Cooper  
Principal