



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

Safety & Well-Being Acceptance & Respect Communication & Collaboration Learning & Growth

To cultivate an exceptional, innovative learning community that enables all students to succeed in a changing world.

August 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The beginning of the 2022-2023 school year is less than a month away. I hope the summer has gone well so far for you and your family.

All of the staff members at West are dedicated to providing your student with the best education possible. Our goal is to provide an environment that will be positive and supporting for all students – those just coming from the elementary schools, as well as those preparing to enter the high school. Our staff is well-trained, our curriculum is well-written, and we have the Board and community support to do a good job. To best serve our students' needs, we assign the school counselors by grade level. The sixth-grade counselor is Mrs. Grace Turnbull. She is your first point of contact. Do not hesitate to connect with us if you have questions or concerns. We ask that you encourage your student to do his/her best in the classroom, during activities, and at home while doing homework. Your participation in the educational process is invaluable. Without your help, it is very difficult to succeed.

Effective at 4:00PM on August 9, 2022, you will be able to view your child's schedule in Infinite Campus. The schedule is organized in block format. We suggest that you review the block schedule to ensure that your child's schedule is accurate.

Also, please take the time to review the schedule for the following items:

1. Every sixth grader should be scheduled for two periods of ELA 6 and two periods of Math 6. Additionally, sixth graders will have two periods of science or social studies every day for a semester. Students who start the year with science will complete the course in January and switch to social studies for the remainder of the year. Students who start with social studies will switch to science.
2. Every sixth grader should have art, business, health, or tech ed every day for one period. They will begin the year in one of those classes and then rotate to another one once the class has been completed.
3. Three periods of physical education should be on the schedule as well as two periods of either Music 6 or Chorus 6. There should also be one period per cycle of REACH for the Future. Students enrolled in band, chorus, or orchestra will not have general music. Music may be dropped under certain circumstances.
4. All students should be scheduled for a period of lunch each day.

If you find that the schedule does not include the above items, please call the office as soon as possible to discuss it. We want the schedules to be as accurate as possible for the beginning of school. If we made a mistake, we need to know so we can correct it before the beginning of school.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 22, 2022. There will be several orientation programs before that for new students to our building (sixth graders as well as transfer students). The first will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, from 9:00AM-11:00AM and the second on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, from 1:00PM-3:00PM. At this program, you will be given time to locate classrooms and practice opening lockers. A copy of the locker assignment and combination will be provided during the program. We will provide a map of the building. Students will be available as guides and helpers. Teachers will not be present at these orientations.

On Wednesday August 17, 2022, we will hold the formal orientation program for sixth graders and parents/guardians. The program will begin at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Mr. Schmaldienst and I will speak regarding different programs at the school and then you will have more time to locate classrooms and practice the locker routine.



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As part of the district's continued efforts to go "green," rather than mail hard copies of certain informational letters, we have decided to post them to the website instead. <http://www.boyertownasd.org>.

Please note that our district continues to use Infinite Campus for our student information system. As you have done in the past, we will need you to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child before the start of the new school year through the online student data validation system. The software package also will provide you with a grade portal where you will be able to check your student's grades online at any time. You will also receive your transportation information through the portal.

All sixth graders will receive a new Chromebook at the beginning of the school year. District technology should be used for educational purposes only.

The federal government has not extended waivers for the 2022-2023 school year. This means that student meals will return to income eligibility levels of free, reduced, and paid. More information regarding free/reduced lunch applications will be sent from the district communication specialist.

The activity fee of \$100 continues to be in place for students involved in certain extra-curricular activities. The fee is annual and covers all activities that your child chooses to participate in for the entire school year. A family cap of \$300 is also in place. See our webpage under the Activity/Clubs tab for more details. If your child participates in one of the activities, you will receive a letter from the activity coach or leader with specific information on how to pay the activity fee.

In an effort to keep you more informed, I send out a weekly update of activities and events at West via e-mail. I send out the e-mail blind so that no one else will see your address(es). This is linked to Infinite Campus; therefore, it is important that you make sure your contact information in IC is up to date.

School begins on August 22. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at (610) 369-7471. I have also included a list of dates to remember so you can start marking your calendar. Below are the names of several key members of the West staff for your reference:

Mrs. Stephanie Landis – Principal
Mr. David Schmaldienst – Assistant Principal
Mrs. Grace Turnbull – School Counselor Grade 6
Mrs. Allison Eddinger – School Nurse
Mrs. Rebecca Lacock – Staff Nurse

Mrs. Lynda Covalski – Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Jan Benfield – Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Stefanie Palopoli -- Librarian
Mrs. Nita Kusniez – Library Secretary
Officer Rafael Perez – BASD School Police Officer

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie L. Landis
Principal

Middle School West Calendar 2022-2023

Date	Activity	1/11/23	West Spelling Bee
8/10/22	New Student Day 9:00 - 11:00 AM	1/13/23	Dance (TSA) 7:00 - 9:00 PM
8/16/22	New Student Day 1:00 - 3:00 PM	1/21/23	Inter-County Band
8/17/22	6th Grade Orientation 6:30 PM	1/16/23	No School - MLK Day
8/22/22	First Day of School for Students	1/25/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM
8/26/22	Picture Day / Health Screenings	1/26/23	8th grade parent presentation at BASH 7:00pm
9/2/2022	No School (school resumes 9/6/22)	2/8/23	Coffee with the Principal 9:00 AM
9/7/22	6th Grade Fun Night/Parent Survival Night 6:30 PM	2/9/23	Spring Sports Meetings (During School)
9/16/22	6th Grade Team Building Day	2/10/23	Dance (snow make-up date) 7:00-9:00pm
9/19/22	Back to School Night - Grade 6, 7, 8 - 6:30 PM	2/17/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m.
9/21/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m.	2/20/23	No School
9/24/2022	Cavalcade of Bands	2/25/23	Jazz Fest
9/30/22	Picture Retake Day	3/1/23	End of 2nd Trimester
10/5/22	Coffee with the Principal 9:00 AM	3/1/23	Parent Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 PM
10/10/22	No School (Professional Development Day)	3/4/23	Music Dept Chicken Barbeque
10/11/22	Food Drive Begins	3/15/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m.
10/12/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m.	3/24-3/26/23	West Musical
10/13/22	Winter Sports Meetings (During School)	3/31/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m.
10/20/22	Student Council After-School Social 3:00-5:00	4/1/23	No School - School Resumes 4/11/23
11/4/2022	No School (Professional Development Day)	4/13-4/16/23	YAG State Conference
11/10/2022	Veterans' Salute - Show Choir	4/15/23	County Music Festival at West
11/17/2022	West Choral Concert 7pm	4/19-4/23/23	TSA State Conference
11/18/2022	End of 1st Trimester	4/25/23	PSSA ELA (thru 4/27/23)
11/21/22	Parent Conferences 1:00 - 3:00 PM, 5:30-8:30 PM	5/1/23	PSSA Math (thru 5/2/23)
11/21/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM	5/2/23	No Place for Hate Day
11/22/22	Parent Conferences 1:00 - 3:00 PM	5/3/23	PSSA Science - Grade 8 (through 5/4/23)
11/22/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM	5/4/23	Art Show 6:00 PM
11/23/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM	5/4/23	Choral Concert 6:30 PM
11/24/22	No School - School Resumes 11/29/22	5/5/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 a.m. (Prom day)
12/2/22	East-West Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM	5/8/23	Fall Sports Meeting (during school)
12/6/22	Keystone Testing (through 12/7/22) - Adv Geometry	5/10/23	Coffee with the Principal 9:00 AM
12/7/22	Coffee with the Principal 9:00 AM	5/12/23	Grade 8 East-West Dance at BASH Cafeteria
12/9/22	Dance (YAG) 7:00 - 9:00 PM	5/16/23	Keystone Exams - (Grade 8 Adv Alg thru 5/17/23)
12/15/2022	Band Concert 7pm	5/17/23	East-West Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM at BASH
12/22/2022	Holiday Music Assembly	5/19/23	Boyertown Community Project (thru 6/1/23)
12/23/22	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM	5/18/23	Band Concert 7:00 PM
12/24/22	No School - School Resumes 1/3/23	5/29/23	No School - Memorial Day
		5/30/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM
		5/31/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM
		6/1/23	Boyertown Community Project Presentations (Grade 8)
		6/1/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM
		6/1/23	BASH senior processional at West
		6/2/23	Awards Assembly
		6/2/23	Early Dismissal - 11:35 AM
		6/2/23	Last student day - end of 3rd Trimester
		6/2/23	BASH Graduation
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