



Bryant Bulletin

A Publication of BRYANT MIDDLE SCHOOL

460 N. Vernon Dearborn, Michigan 48128

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

As we begin the school year, here are a few tips that may assist you and your middle school child as they adjust back to the rigors of school. This information comes from *Ten Ways to Help Your Child in Middle School* by D'Arcy Lyness, PhD.

1. *Attend Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences*
2. *Visit the school and its website*
3. *Support homework expectations*
4. *Send your child to school ready to learn*
5. *Instill organizational skills*
6. *Teach study skills*
7. *Know the disciplinary and bullying policies*
8. *Get involved*
9. *Take attendance seriously*
10. *Make time to talk about school*

Dr. D'Arcy goes on to state that parental support plays an important role in helping preteens and teens succeed in middle school. But as students grow more independent during these years, it can be challenging for parents to know which situations call for involvement and which ones call for a more behind-the-scenes approach.

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One change that I'd like to highlight in this issue is that students will be given four report cards this year instead of six. Please make sure that you stay current with Parent Connect so you are aware of your child's academic progress. We will distribute the first report card at Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

I look forward to working with each of you this school year!

Mr. Denison

Principal

*Parents: Copies the Bryant Newsletter are posted on the Bryant website.
If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office to receive a hard copy.*



Parent-Teacher Conferences

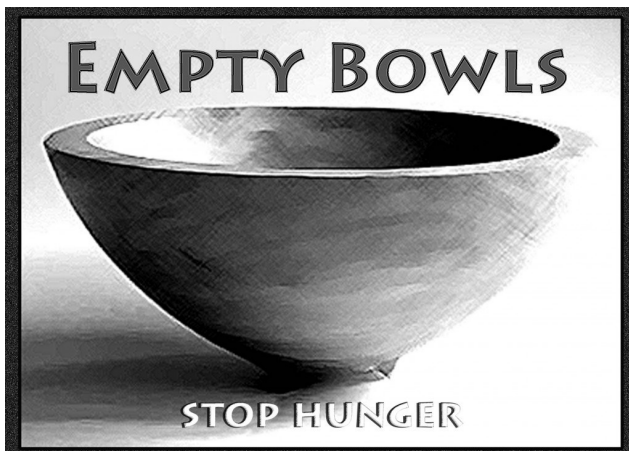
Monday, November 13th: 4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, November 14th: 3:30-6:30pm

ANNUAL PINK SHIRT DAY

To Kick Off Anti-Bullying, Bryant Eagles are standing up against bullying by wearing Pink! Our Annual Pink Shirt Day is **Friday, October 27, 2017**. Pink Shirts are available to order in Advisory classes for \$10.00.

***Remember...WORDS have POWER
ACTIONS have EFFECT
CHOOSE CAREFULLY!***



Empty Bowls is Monday November 20th from 4-6:30- Mark your calendars!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We have added some new faces to our Bryant staff this year:

**Mr. Darin Kerr - 6th grade SS/
Science**

Mr. James Kettel - 6th grade Math

Ms. Laurie Doner - 7th grade ELA

Ms. Saada Charara - 8th grade SS

Mr. Eric Quine - PE

Ms. Kelly Grodzicki - PE

Ms. Mary Gass - Counselor

**Ms. Cathy Debaisi - Attendance
Secretary**

**Ms. Souhad Dubaisi - Child Ac-
counting Secretary**

Ms. Nadia Elayan - Office Manager

LATE START DATES

School begins at 9am on the following dates.
Doors open at 8:50am.

**October 18, 2017
November 15, 2017
December 20, 2017
January 17, 2018
February 7, 2018
March 14, 2018
May 13, 2018**

MEDICATION

Please note that students are not permitted to self-administer prescription or over the counter medications during school hours. If your physician has determined that medication has to be taken during the school day, a Medical Authorization Form, available in the office must be completely filled out and signed by both the physician and the parent. The form and medication must be submitted to the office. Your child must report to the office to receive their medication. This policy of the Dearborn Public Schools is in accordance with General School Law (Section 380.11780).

BICYCLE SECURITY

Students must lock up their bikes in the racks on the north side or south side of the school. It is recommended that bicycles be secured with a strong cable and lock.

TEXTBOOKS

Parents can help students avoid end of the year fines, which can amount to a great deal of money, for damaged and lost texts by doing the following:

1. Periodically go over each text book with your child to examine and check for damage. This also shows the child that you will be monitoring his /her progress carefully. It is recommended that books be covered.
2. Do make sure that your child's name is written in the place provided on the inside of the cover with the teacher's name. This will help us get lost books back to the student quickly.
3. Do remind your child not to lend their books to friends as he/she are responsible for the book that they have been as signed.

Pesticide Prior Notification Request

As part of the Dearborn Public Schools District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and building. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Andrew Denison

Principal, Bryant Middle School

460 N. Vernon

Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 827-2900

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Student's Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers (Daytime) _____ (Evening) _____

Please check one:

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.

I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.

Both of the above

Signature _____ Date _____

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

No electronic equipment is allowed in school. Examples are portable cameras, iPods, hand held games, and PDA's. These items are frequently lost or stolen and disrupt the educational process. School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

If an electronic device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent on the following day. The second time an electronic device is confiscated will result in a detention and a parent/guardian retrieving the device on the following Monday. If a student is caught using an electronic in class, the device will be confiscated and returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

CELL PHONES

Dearborn Public Schools policy on cell phones is that they cannot be seen or heard. We discourage students from bringing them to school. If a phone is brought to school, it must be turned off and locked in the locker until 2:55 p.m. Students may not use their phones inside the school, or on the busses. Phones may only be used after school and outside of the building.

School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. If a cell phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian the following day. The second time a cell phone is confiscated will result in a parent/guardian picking up the cell phone on the following Monday. If a student is caught using a cell phone or if the cell phone rings in class, the cell phone will be confiscated, a detention will be assigned, and the phone will be returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

PARENT CONNECT

Please take advantage of this exciting service. Parent Connect allows parents to view their student's grades in real time through the web. We encourage every parent to sign up and access parent connect regularly. Sign up forms can be found in the office or on the Bryant Middle School website.

LUNCH PRICES

Complete Lunch \$2.75
Sandwiches \$2.50
Fries \$1.25 and \$1.75
Salads and Fruit \$.75 - \$3.25
Desserts \$.30 - \$1.25

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Students who received free or reduced lunches last year will be continued in September. Everyone will need to reapply to continue free or reduced lunch after September. The forms are available in the office.

LUNCH CHARGES

Lunch charges may be made for the lunch entrée only and must be paid back within one week. Students may not exceed \$5.00 in charges. The balance must be paid before any further charging is allowed.



SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Eligible students should have received a postcard from our transportation department telling them where they should wait for their bus and the pick up time. Students should make a point to learn their bus number and their driver's face. This makes it much easier to find the bus at dismissal time.

Riding the school bus is a privilege. Students are expected to behave as young adults on all buses. Students who misbehave will face a range of consequences including loss of riding privileges. All questions regarding transportation should be addressed to the Transportation Department at 827-3300.

REPORTING ABSENCE/TARDY

Attendance Phone 827-2901

The voice mail is available 24 hours a day. Please call before 8:00 a.m. on the day the student will be absent or late. If we do not receive a call from a parent regarding the student absence, a call will be made to your home phone to notify you of the absence. If a student must leave school due to illness or an appointment, a parent or guardian will be required to show a driver's license to sign them out. No child will be released to anyone not appearing on the Emergency card without administrative approval. If the student returns to school during the day, he/she must report to the office to sign in and get a pass back to class. Homework can be requested if a student is absent three consecutive days.

ATHLETIC/ ACADEMIC FEES

To participate in athletics, middle school students must pay a \$50.00 activity fee. Participation requires the above fees to be paid before the activity begins. Other activities require a fee of \$25.00. This includes: math counts, academic games, chess, art club, etc.

8TH GRADE PARENTS

Research has shown that the 8th grade year is critical to success in high school. Please discuss with your child the importance of being on task and focused at school. We expect the 8th graders to be role models for the younger students.

As you are aware, your son/daughter will enter high school and be required to meet the new State of Michigan graduation requirements. The curriculum leading to graduation is much more precise and demanding than past ones. Part of that curriculum allows boards of education the ability to give high school graduation credit for courses taken in the middle school. Taking high school credit at the middle school level can provide students greater opportunity for electives at the high school level.

The Dearborn Board of Education offers students the opportunity to earn high school credit for math and Spanish while in 8th grade. These classes are based upon the High School Content Expectations and should mirror high school rigor.

Students passing these classes will receive a credit toward high school graduation. The class will appear on the student's high school transcript.





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Arabic: تؤكد مدارس ديربورن على توفير خدمات الترجمة بدون أي شرط للحصول على هذه الخدمة المجانية ولفهم هذه الإستمارة يرجى الإتصال بمكتب خدمات الطلاب على الرقم 827-3005

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