



# Bryant Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Happy New Year!! I hope that each Bryant family enjoyed vacation time with family and friends. It is great to have your children back in school.

Second semester is soon to begin (Tuesday, January 22nd). There maybe changes made to a student's extended core classes, but there most likely will not be changes made to a student's core (math, ELA, science and social studies) classes. Making changes to a student's core class schedule (changing teachers) is only done in an emergency. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Please remind your child of the importance of taking advantage of the start of a new semester. Each student has developed goals for the school year. These goals have been developed with the assistance of our teachers and are documented in each child's planner under a section called 'My Learning Plan'. These goals can be as simple as getting a higher GPA, studying in a quiet area each night or turning in all assignments. Additionally, students have been encouraged to develop a personal goal as well and improve their RIT scores on all NWEA tests. Take a few minutes and review your child's goals for the year.

I am currently reading *Marching Off the Map* by Dr. Tim Elmore. *In a portion of this book the author discusses concerns that are fostered when adults enable young people. Enabling is when a leader actually fosters unhealthy behavior. Here are six bad trade-offs that enable our kids and prevent them from maturing into healthy leaders (pp. 76 - 77):*

**Unwittingly teach them to dodge responsibility to avoid pain.** No matter what the circumstance, we enable our kids when we help them run from duty. We can certainly debate what duties are suitable, but we must always teach them to never dodge responsibility in the name of personal comfort.

**Put their happiness today above their discipline.** When adults incessantly talk about just wanting our kids "to be happy", we send the message that personal happiness is a higher priority than discipline. I have found I am most happy when I built self-discipline into my life. It breeds self-respect.

**Condition them to escape risks simply to guarantee safety.** Our obsession with safety has actually damaged kids emotionally. They may be safer physically, but they are growing up risk-averse. An unhealthy pursuit of safety tells students to avoid risk. Our nation was built on risk, with no guarantees.

**Enable them to feel entitled to perks by helping them take shortcuts.** Pleasure is a high priority in our culture today. Many live for weekends and suffer from FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) and YOLO (You Only Live Once). This hinders them from thinking long-term; they can feel entitled to perks and often can't delay gratification.

**Foster narcissism in them by putting their own desires about the law.** Ethan Couch was unwittingly taught to think of himself before others. He killed four people and ran from his consequences - twice. How can we expect our kids to see the bigger picture of their community if we've conditioned them to put "me first"? Too often, we condition kids to expect playing time, special treatment and perks.

**Prioritize today at the expense of tomorrow.** Our kids will not mature into healthy adults in 20 years if we've conditioned them to think only about today. They often feel entitled to everything now. Tonya Couch's lack of healthy leadership blinded her son. The further out we can see, the better the decisions we make for our young.

As we approach the midpoint of the school year, I want to thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of each Bryant student.

**Mr. Denison**

Principal, Bryant Middle School

*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.*

## UPCOMING TESTING

### NWEA Testing

January 7 - February 1, 2019

### WIDA Testing

February 4 - March 22, 2019

### M-Step - 8th grade

April 2019

### M-Step - 7th grade

April/May 2019

### M-Step - 6th grade

May 2019

### NWEA Testing (All grades)

April/May 2019

## BRYANT MEDIA CENTER NEWSLETTER

If you would like to read the latest Bryant Media Center Newsletter click on the link below

<https://www.smore.com/6epaq>

# STUDENT COUNCIL

SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE  
WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

On Thursday, January 31st from 3-5pm Student Council will be sponsoring an activity to make blankets for children in hospitals. The activity is run by a group called Fleece and Thank-you. The cost to make a blanket is \$24. Students can sign-up with up to 4 friends and split the cost of making a blanket. Sign-up forms and money are due to Ms. Lessel by Thursday, Jan.24th.

## LATE START DATES

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

**February 6, 2019**

**March 13, 2019**

**April 24, 2019**

**May 15, 2019**



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## 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 assigned.

## 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.

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.

## **CELL PHONES**

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. To obtain your PIN and password for Parent Connect, please stop by the Bryant main office and be prepared to show photo ID.

## **LUNCH IS NOW FREE**

All Dearborn Schools students receive breakfast and lunch for free.

## **BRYANT PTA**

**PTA President = Stacey Krol**  
**PTA Vice President = Kirstin Karoub**  
**Secretary = Erin Andrews**  
**Treasurer = Kim Roberts**



## **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.



## **PARENTS / GUARDIANS BRYANT NOTIFICATION CENTER**

Please remind your child to check the Bryant Notification Center located in the hallway between the main doors and office for items that have been dropped off. We post a large note with the student name on the board. They should remove the note and bring it to the office to retrieve the item. This includes, but is not limited to: lunch, homework, instruments, keys, money, backpacks, donuts, gym clothes, socks, shoes, swim gear, books etc. This is to reduce the interruptions in the classroom. The office staff will not interrupt the classrooms for forgotten/dropped off items.

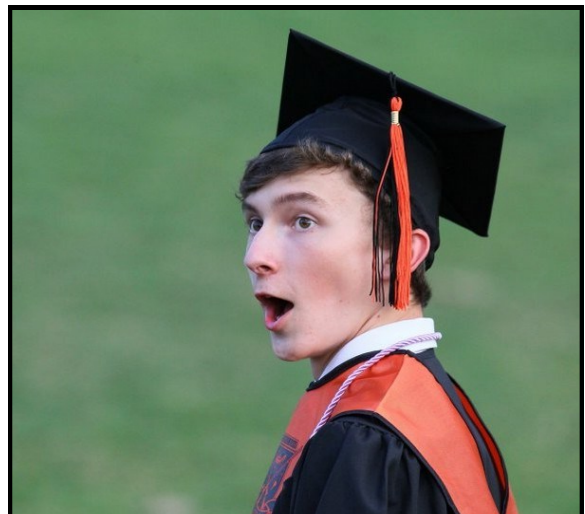
## **8TH GRADE PARENTS**

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.





High School activities or sports: Please provide information about the activities and sports you were involved in at your high school. Please include the years you were involved.

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Community Service: Please provide information about any community service projects you were involved in during high school. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person in charge of your volunteer service.

Service #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your service:

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Service #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your service:

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