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“Where opportunity and preparation result in success.”

# Bennett Mountain High School

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TESAR

October came and went like the leaves on the trees. We experienced another great month of school where we saw the end of the first block of study and the start of the second. Unfortunately, we lost some students along the way but we were able to welcome in new ones to fill the void. There is always excitement in the coming holiday months, but they can also be distracting for some. **STAY THE COURSE!** We have some great activities planned before Christmas break, but everyone needs to stay focused on attendance, attitude, and academics.

Some important upcoming dates to remember:

- November 11th: Veterans Day. School will be in session and the students will attend a mandatory assembly at MHHS to celebrate Veterans Day.
- November 18th: 4th Annual Bennett Mountain Turkey Bowl.
- November 21st-25th: Thanksgiving Break—No School!



Let’s make November great! Go Bears!

Please keep following my weekly messages and school website for school information, attendance, and lunch charges through Parent Portal.

[www.bmhs.mtnhomesd.org](http://www.bmhs.mtnhomesd.org)

Thank you, Mr. Tesar

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Important dates and events
- Project: How To Make Ice Cream
- Hacker students join the Mousetrap race cars craze
- Taking the mystery out of college applications
- Block 1 ends with staff sponsored pancake breakfast

## RECOGNIZING STELLAR STUDENTS

More new signs have been posted around the school building in recognition of students who had perfect attendance or who only missed one day during Block 1. And there’s still another new sign recognizing the 11 students who achieved straight A’s during Block 1.





*On your mark, get set, go!*

## CLASS SCHEDULES

BMHS has four periods per day with a 30 minute intervention period after the lunch break every day. Class periods for Block 2 are:

Angela Fish  
 Period 1: Anatomy & Physiology  
 Period 2: Biology  
 Period 4: Simple Machines

Sheri Freer  
 Period 1: Algebra  
 Period 2: Consumer Math  
 Period 3: Geometry

Cate Percy:  
 Period 1: Sophomore English  
 Period 2: Sophomore English  
 Period 3: Economics  
 Period 4: Senior English

Sam Smith:  
 Period 1: American Literature  
 Period 3: American Literature  
 Period 4: Humanities

Pat Starkey:  
 Period 1: U.S. History  
 Period 2: U.S. History  
 Period 3: U.S. Government

Online classes are held in Lab 2 during all four periods every day. Students are scheduled for specific classes in the lab, but they have the flexibility to decide which class they work on, as long as they stay on schedule for all of their online classes.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 3rd:** FASFA completion night at MHHS Career Center in the Annex from 4:00-7:00 pm.

**November 11th:** Veteran's Day Celebration at MHHS gymnasium from 1:40-2:30 pm.

**November 12th:** Coat Drive at BMHS gym from noon until 2:00 pm. Stay warm!

**November 18th:** Turkey Bowl IV

**November 21st through November 25th:** Thanksgiving Break all week!

**December 5th through 9th:** Senior Presentations during 4th period.

**December 16th:** Final Day of Block 2 and the start of the holiday break.

**January 5th, 2017:** First Day of Block 3.

Remember to watch the BMHS website for updates to the calendar.

<i>November 2016</i>						
Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**October 31st–November 4th:** College Application Week is a nationwide program to help every high school student apply for a post-secondary degree. During this week we will be helping students apply to the college(s) of their choice.

*"We have to dare to be ourselves, however frightening or strange that self may prove to be."*

– May Sarton

## SENIORS SHOW US HOW TO

One of the projects for Seniors in Technical Writing is to present a How To project. Patricia Carr and Breanna Berg demonstrated how to make vanilla ice cream using zip lock bags and fine motor skills.



*Colton and Parker shake the ice cream mixture that's contained within the bag of ice and salt. Students successfully achieved vanilla ice cream after 10 minutes of rapid shaking.*

# MOUSETRAP CARS, CONTINUED

After constructing and testing their own version of the mousetrap car, students in Mrs. Fish's Simple Machines class worked with students from Tom Hacker Middle School, putting their new found knowledge to work teaching others.



## BMHS DRESS CODE

Maroon T-shirts are now being offered in addition to the traditional gray and black choices. Orders will be placed periodically throughout the school year.

New sweatshirts are available whenever there are sufficient requests to place a new order. We have a good supply of both long sleeve & short sleeve T-shirts. Discounts apply when you purchase more than one shirt.

- Sweatshirts.....\$28
- Long sleeve T-shirts.....\$15
- Short sleeve T-shirts.....\$10



## BMHS SENIOR HOODIES 2017



See BMHS website for details

*“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.  
Art is knowing which ones to keep.”*  
-Scott Adams, cartoonist (1957- )

### GETTING IN TOUCH

We want to hear from parents and guardians when you have questions! Contact us by email or telephone, or arrange a personal conference with any of us:

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We look forward to hearing from you!

## IDAHO COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

The Office of the State Board of Education is pleased to announce October 31 – November 4, 2016 as Idaho College Application Week. Throughout this week, high schools across the state will host events to assist students with the college application process. Bennett Mountain High School will participate in Idaho's College Application Week with the goal of ensuring that all members of our senior class apply to at least one two-year or four-year college or university program this fall.

The overarching goal of Idaho College Application Week is to provide an opportunity for all Idaho seniors to complete college applications. To us, college means any education program beyond high school including certificate programs, two-year degree programs, and four-year degree programs.

Seniors at Bennett Mountain High School will apply to colleges on Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th. We will be celebrating by having



*Mikayla Farrar has been creating the college application tree for seniors to hang leaves on as they receive their acceptance letters from colleges & universities they've applied to.*

sandwiches for lunch on Thursday that were donated by Subway and feasting on donuts and muffins for breakfast on Friday. Staff and students will also wear college attire and/or college colors to help with this celebration.

## VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Veterans Day Assembly  
November 11, 2016 1:40-2:30 pm  
Main Gymnasium

Chief Brown, guest speaker MHAFFB  
Staff Sgt. Cameron Wheeler, MHAFFB soloist  
MHAFFB Honor Guard – Posting of the Colors  
MHHS – Theatre Arts presentation  
MHHS – Choir



We are extending an invitation to ALL Veterans in the area to join us at MHHS Gymnasium. There will be seating on the main floor for veterans and their families. Please share this information.

Let's fill the gym with veterans!

# FOOD PANTRIES FOR MOUNTAIN HOME RESIDENTS

If you or someone you know needs a good, free meal, check out these local food pantries!

## FOOD PANTRY

Grace Lutheran Church  
2422 American Legion Blvd  
Mountain Home  
208-587-4513

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall  
115 N 4th E  
Mountain Home  
208-587-3046

El-Ada  
585 N 3rd E St  
Mountain Home  
208-587-8407

Community Dinner  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Hall  
115 N 4th E  
Mountain Home  
208-587-3046

## PANTRY HOURS

Open every third Wednesday of the month, 5 - 7 p.m.

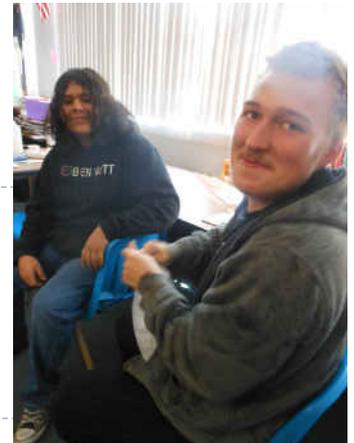
Open every 4th Tuesday of the month, 5:30 - 7p.m.  
\*\*Enjoy some soup as well.

Monday - Friday 8:30 - Noon and 1:00 - 4:30p.m.  
\*\*Need to register first with El-Ada before food will be available.

Available every 2nd Thursday of the month,  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



*I scream, you scream,  
we all scream for ice  
cream!*



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*“Count your age by friends, not years.  
Count your life by smiles, not tears.”  
– John Lennon*

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## SENIORS: COLLEGE BOUND AND READY TO GO!

### College Application Week: November 3rd & 4th, 2016

### **Congratulations to Seniors who qualified for all eight Idaho colleges!**

Crystal Barilleaux

Breanna Berg

Patricia Carr

Kai Corbett



Justin Nakaishi

Alex Nolasco

Kira Paris

Colton Woolston

*Alex Nolasco, a 2017 BMHS Graduate,  
has been accepted at all 8 Idaho colleges.*

*Gavin Pierpont, a 2016 BMHS Graduate,  
is attending BSU this year.*

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion night will be offered to all parents of seniors to get help on filling out the FAFSA. It will be at the Mountain Home High School Career Center in the Annex from 4 – 7pm on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

H ALLOWEEN  
MONDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2016

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Students at BMHS were treated to a pancake breakfast cooked and served by school staff members on the last day of Block 1. Early arrivals found hot pancakes with sweet syrup ready and waiting for them to start the day off right.



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This Newsletter is being published electronically to save paper and to reach more people. If you would like to have a printed copy, please send Cate Percy an email message and we'll get one out to you.

2016-2017 marks the second year for our newsletter. Later in the year, Journalism students will be preparing the newsletter and writing articles about school events. Until then feel free to drop Ms. Percy a message with interesting information to include in future issues. We love to include student art, writing, and ideas in every issue.

Thanks for reading!

*For money you can have everything it is said. No, that is not true. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; soft beds, but not sleep; knowledge but not intelligence; glitter, but not comfort; fun, but not pleasure; acquaintances, but not friendship; servants, but not faithfulness; grey hair, but not honor; quiet days, but not peace. The shell of all things you can get for money. But not the kernel. That cannot be had for money.*

-Arne Garborg, writer (1851-1924)