



Bearcat Beat Newsletter

PARENT CENTER

Brookland Schools is committed to working with parents in order to provide the highest quality educational experience possible for all students. One of the best resources to help with this goal is our parent center. It offers many pamphlets to assist you and your student on a variety of issues. The parent center also offers a guide to helpful parent resource books located in the library. Computers are also available in the parent center for parents to use. The parent resource link on the Brookland home page offers many fun and interesting ways you can participate in your child's education. The Junior High and Senior High Parent Centers are both located in the lobbies of the counselor's offices of their respective buildings. For questions about the Parent Centers or how you can become a volunteer, please contact Mrs. Katrina Haustein, Jr. High Parent Center Director (khaustein@bpsbearcats.com) or Dr. Melany Bowman, Sr. High Parent Center Director (mbowman@bpsbearcats.com).

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

Brookland Public Schools will adhere to the following calendar for the 2016-17 school year:

- May 24 – End 4th Quarter
- May 25 – Required PD or Snow Day #3
- May 26 – Snow Day #4
- May 30 – Snow Day #5

**Any additional snow days over 5 will be made up at the end of the school year. **



Progress Reports go out April 26.



Bell Schedule

- 1st bell 7:45
- 1st period 7:50-8:40
- 2nd period 8:45-9:30
- 3rd period 9:35-10:20
- 4th period 10:25-11:10
- 1st lunch 11:10-11:40
- Period 5A 11:15-12:00
- Period 5B 11:45-12:30
- 2nd lunch 12:00-12:30
- 6th period 12:35-1:20
- 7th period 1:25-2:05
- 8th period 2:10-3:00

If you are a business owner, or have contacts with area businesses, the **WIN Store** would benefit from your donations. Students are rewarded with **WIN Bucks** for engaging in positive behavior. Throughout the year students are allowed to cash in their **WIN Bucks** for merchandise in the **WIN Store**. Current items include gas cards, lanyards, t-shirts, etc.

We also welcome donations as we approach our **PBIS** end of year bash, scheduled for **May 12**.



Free Tutoring Available

English- Monday and Wednesday in Ms. Watson's room
 Science- Wednesday and Thursday in Mrs. Herring's room
 Math= Tuesday and Thursday in Mr. DuBose's room
 All times are 3:00-4:00.





Structured Learning Time: Changes to 7th Period

The senior high implemented a program called Structured Learning Time (SLT) for use during 7th period. Students with a grade at/below 65% in any class report to that class during 7th period to work, retake, and improve their grade. Students are assigned SLT for a minimum of 5 days. If a student has more than one class below 65%, SLT will run consecutively.

Students who are not in SLT are allowed to choose a location for 7th period. Designated areas include the cafeteria, library, JROTC, fieldhouse, band room, art, among others. Students must report to the location of their choice and remain there for the duration of the class period. In addition, teachers are available each day for assistance in their classrooms. For more information about SLT, please contact the office.

Mr. Hovis was named the Administrator of the Year by the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association. He will be receive his award on April 20 at the ASPA State Convention in Hot Springs.

Applications for the Congressional Youth Cabinet can be picked up in Mr. Hibbard's office. Any current 10th grade student with a GPA of 2.0 or above may apply. Applications are due by May 20th.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN COMMENCEMENT MAY 9, 2017

All students who plan to participate in commencement must attend practice at ASU Convocation Center on Tuesday morning, May 9. Any extenuating circumstances should be approved by Mr. Hovis prior to May 9, 2017.

All students must be in appropriate school dress for practice on the 9th. Caps and gowns are not used for practice.

Line up for commencement will be at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th at the Convocation Center. A group picture will be taken at this time.

Girls are to wear dresses (dresses should be school appropriate) or dress pants and practical shoes (no jeans, tennis shoes, or flipflops).

Boys are to wear light or white shirts (no coats), ties are optional, dark socks, dress shoes and slacks (no jeans, work boots, tennis shoes, or flip flops).

Caps and gowns should not be decorated for the commencement exercise as this is a formal ceremony. Once the line-up has been established and the list made, no changes will be made.

Seniors must not make any arrangements that will conflict with the practice schedule or the exercise.

Parents and family members should not bring air horns or noise makers to the ceremony.

Commencement will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Convocation Center.

A photographer will be at graduation to take both a group picture of the seniors as well as an individual of your child receiving his/her diploma. A table will be set up at the RED entrance of the Convocation Center the night of graduation. There will also be a video available for \$20 at the red entrance.

End of Year Dates for Graduating Seniors

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| Tuesday, April 25 | Last day for regular classes and exempt seniors. |
| Wednesday, April 26 | Senior review day. |
| Thursday, April 27 | Senior exams in periods 1-4. Seniors report only for periods 1-4. |
| Friday, April 28 | Senior exams in periods 5-8. Seniors report only for periods 5-8. |

Tuesday, May 9 Senior luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Location TBA. **Mandatory graduation practice will follow at ASU Convocation Center.**

Tuesday, May 9 **Graduation ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.** at the ASU Convocation Center. Seniors **must arrive by 6:00 p.m.** to prepare for graduation.





ASUN will be giving the COMPASS test here on BHS campus on Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30am. This will be free to any senior wanting to take it. Sign up on Ms. Barkley's door ASAP. There are only 30 spots available.



2017 Inductees into the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

The High School Art Club (AYAA) competed at the State Art Show and Convention on April 12. Winter Hicks Placed 1st in Pen and Ink Expressive, 1st in Pencil/Graphite Realistic, and 4th in Portrait Expressive. Emily Marshall placed 3rd in On-Site Charcoal and Conte'. These ladies competed against 1300 students. Each student was allowed to bring five pieces of artwork, making a total of a possible 6500 pieces of artwork in the show. This is a great honor for our students, school and community.



Art students will also be working on a new mural for the police station on April 14-15. The mural will have the thin blue theme.

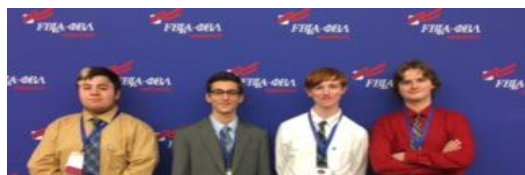
St. Bernards all sport physicals will be April 23rd at the ASU Convocation Center. Any student who plans on playing any sport can pick up a form from their coach.



Brookland High School hosted its second annual Vocational Fair. Craighead Electric, Jonesboro Area Plumbing Association, Peco Foods, Arkansas Game and Fish, Hytrol, Look What I Can Do, Greenway Equipment/John Deere Ag Program, First Security Bank, Kidz R Us, St. Bernard's, ASUN-Cosmetology, ASU College of Communications, Southern Bank, Arkansas Northeastern College, and Arkansas Dental Academy were present and explained to students the careers and opportunities available to them and the training and/or education required. All Juniors and Seniors attended the fair.



This spring, seven students from the Brookland chapter of Future Business Leaders of America qualified and competed at the state level. On April 3, 2017, four of these students attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Little Rock. Congratulations to Ashton Mooneyham who received 3rd place in Word Processing and Parker Odom who received 4th place in Computer Problem Solving. These students qualify to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer. The Sr. High FBLA Advisor is Amy Jones.



The Lady Bearcat Softball team will be having their Strike-Out Cancer Game April 20th at 4:30 vs. Riverside. There will be a bake sale and tshirts for sale to raise money for a special family.





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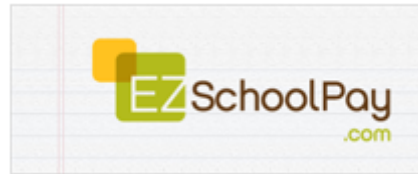
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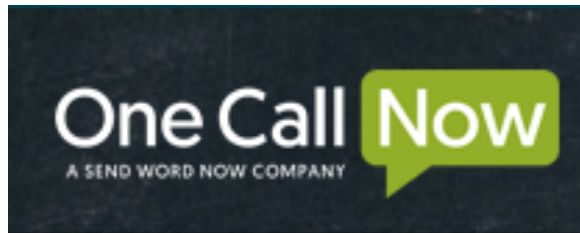
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One Call Now is a free service that allows you to receive school-sponsored updates, reminders, and emergency alerts. Go to <http://brooklandbearcats.org/notification-services.php> and click on ONE CALL NOW. Create an account with the appropriate information and you will stay informed through text alerts throughout the year.

Brookland Schools Vision Statement

To empower all students with the knowledge and skills through rigorous curriculum and to actively meet the challenges of a growing community through diverse educational opportunities.

