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Dear BHS Students:

We hope you are having a wonderful summer, unwinding, and restoring your spirit and strength after the uniquely challenging year we shared. We look forward to your return and have been working hard in your absence to ensure a safe and enjoyable start to the 2021-2022 school year.

If you are new to Briarcliff High School, we are sure this letter finds you somewhere between nervous and excited about entering high school. If you are anxious, please take a deep breath. You will quickly find supportive teachers and students, captivating lessons, fun activities, and opportunities for friendship at BHS. We have something to offer everyone and look forward to your contributions to our outstanding school community in the years to come.

If you are a returning student, then you already know that Briarcliff High School is a unique and exciting place filled with wonderful teachers and enriching programs for every student to find success and happiness. Most importantly, it is our student body that sets BHS apart from other schools. **You** are the vitality of our school. **You** can make a difference and serve as role models to underclassmen. With this, we ask that when you return to school you do so with a sense of anticipation, a commitment to invest in yourself, an open mind, and a willingness to accept and serve others.

If you are a senior, then “this is your year!” You and your classmates will set the tone for the 2021-2022 school year. We are counting on you to set an example of leadership, understanding, and spirit for each other and for all students in the Briarcliff school community. The Class of 2022 has already proven to be incredibly committed and talented. You have dedicated hours to community service and garnered accolades in the classroom, on stage and on the athletic fields. Quite simply, there is nothing you cannot accomplish if you put your mind to it. You are an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and administration.

Please refer to the Senior calendar for upcoming important dates.

<https://www.briarcliffschools.org/calendar>

● **NEW BHS START AND END TIMES**

The MS/HS start and end times this year have been adjusted to 8:35 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Today at 4:00 p.m., our HS Guidance Department will be alerting the community that schedules have been released on the student and parent portals on eSchoolData. **Our new daily schedule will be included in this communication as well.**

- **NEW FACES**

An especially warm welcome to the following new Briarcliff High School faculty:

Ms. Shaniece Mosley: HS Science/Science Research

Ms. Gilana Reiss: HS Science/Science Research

- **DIFFERENT PLACES**

Ms. Jennifer Alfinito: Reading Specialist

Mr. Joseph Cananoco: Former MS TA now serving as HS Substation Supervisor

Mr. Rob Higle: Todd Physical Education/HS PE and Health

Ms. Amanda Schwartz: Special Education Department

Ms. Emily Schwartz: Teacher of Speech and Language Disabilities

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR FRESHMEN & NEW STUDENTS ONLY WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will not attend school on this day.

Freshmen, new students, and Junior/Senior Mentors will be the only students in the building. The Counseling Department will provide detailed information regarding the day's events in a separate email in the upcoming weeks.

- **SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS** - YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

Please note that Friday, September 10th will be a Day 1. Students will follow the schedule below. ***Students should report to class for attendance first and then proceed to the Auditorium*** for their full period grade level forum as indicated.

The day will conclude with a PTA/Student Government sponsored BBQ, a time-honored tradition that we are thrilled to bring back.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH DAY 1

Period 1 **8:35 – 9:08 a.m.**
(All students report to Period 1 classes)

Period 2 **9:11 – 9:45 a.m.**

(All sophomores report to Period 2 classes for attendance and then proceed to the Auditorium for a Grade 10 Forum)

(All freshmen, juniors, and seniors report to Period 2 classes)

Period 3 9:48 – 10:21 a.m.

(All juniors report to Period 3 classes for attendance and then proceed to the Auditorium for a Grade 11 Forum)

(All freshmen, sophomores, and seniors report to Period 3 classes)

Period 4 10:24 – 10:57 a.m.

(All seniors report to Period 4 classes for attendance and then proceed to the Auditorium for a Grade 12 Forum)

(All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors report to Period 4 classes)

REMAINDER OF DAY - SCHEDULE - DAY 1

Period 5A Class 11:00 – 11:33 a.m.

Period 5A Clear 11:33 – 11:57 a.m.

Period 5B Clear 10:57 – 11:21 a.m.

Period 5B Class 11:21 – 11:54 a.m.

Period 6 11:57 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Period 7 12:33 - 1:06 p.m.

Period 8 1:09 - 1:42 p.m.

BBQ 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Important! Please bring a copy of your class schedule (printed or digital) as of September 3rd with you on the first day of school. It is important that you bring a copy with you on the first day of school as room changes have may have occurred.

Bus schedules will not be finalized until late August. You will receive notification via email once everything is ready.

Counselors will be available for schedule changes as per the dates/times below:

Date	Morning Hours	Afternoon Hours
Tuesday, Aug. 10th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 11th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 30th	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SENIORS ONLY	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Scheduling changes are on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis and can be made in person, via email or by phone during any of the times listed above.**

It is not necessary to call the Counseling Department to schedule a specific day/time.

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- **MACBOOK PRO ROLL-OUT PLAN**

Students in Grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to receive their laptops *before* school starts. Details regarding Technology roll out including Boot Camp and pick-up dates/times will be sent early next week. **Gr. 9 students who are *unable* to attend Boot Camp will receive their laptops at New Student Orientation Day on Thursday, 9/9/21. Students who are unable to pick up their devices before the first day of school will do so on the afternoon of September 10th from 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

- **REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR AP AND SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Access the BHS homepage via www.briarcliffschools.org
Summer Reading Assignments are on the high school webpage under School Information

We look forward to your return in September. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining summer carefree days! As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,
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