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# WELCOME CLASS OF 2029



**B**elonging  
**E**xcellence  
**A**cceptance  
**R**espect  
**S**ervice

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**MS. BLANK, PRINCIPAL**

**MR. GOLDBERG, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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# TODAY'S ORIENTATION AGENDA

8:40 - 9:20	Welcome Meeting
9:25 - 9:55	<b>Rotation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tour/Letters</li><li>• Club Fair</li><li>• Intro to Student Support Services</li><li>• Intro to Academic Integrity</li></ul>
10:00 - 10:30	
10:35 - 11:05	
11:10 - 11:40	
11:45 - 12:05	Film Festival & Laptop Distribution

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# MEET THE V.I.P. TEAM!

## Counseling Department:

Ms. Erin Ryan  
Supervisor of School Counseling & Student Services

Mr. Michael Muranelli (A-D)

Ms. Amanda Alayo (E-L)

Ms. Jeanine Isabella (M-R)

Ms. Meredith Safer (S-Z)

## Clinicians:

Mr. Tim Pellegrin - School Social Worker

Ms. Meredith Ohmes - Student Assistance Counselor

LOCATED IN THE WELLNESS CENTER

## School Nurse:

Ms. Laura Jagielski

## Head of Security:

Mr. Michael Toolan

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# FROM OUR WELLNESS CENTER



CELL PHONE  
FREE ZONE

**Mr. Pellegrin**  
**School Social Worker**  
**Ms. Ohmes**  
**Student Assistance Counselor**

Wellness is intended for use when you do not have class or when you have a scheduled appointment.

If you have an emergency and need to go to Wellness when you have class, you must first report to class & ask your teacher to call Wellness to make sure there is an adult present and that you are excused from class.

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# **FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE**



**CELL PHONE  
FREE ZONE**

**Ms. Jagielski is our MS/HS Nurse.**

**Mornings = MS Health Office  
Afternoons = HS Health Office**

**If you need to see the nurse, you must first report to class and ask your teacher to call the nurse. Your teacher will let you know whether to go to the MS or HS Health Office.**



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# STUDENT HANDBOOK AGENDA

Distributed at the end of today's Orientation

## Agenda Includes:

- Academic Information
- BHS Daily Schedule
- Calendar Information
- Assignment Book
- Behavior Consequences
- Academic Integrity

STUDENT  
PLANNER/HANDBOOK  
2025-2026



Code of Conduct Book - Signed digitally on parent portal

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# NEW CELL PHONE POLICY





*Because you deserve the space to focus, connect, and breathe*

- Starting this year, all personal devices must be powered off and put away when you enter the building. **PLACE devices in your locker or out of sight in your backpack**  
This includes: Smartphones, Smartwatches, Fitness trackers, any internet-connected personal device. **NO** AirPods or wireless headphones. Wired headphones only.
  - Devices must remain off and out of sight throughout the entire school day from the moment you enter the building in the morning, including:
    - Lunch
    - Free periods
    - Study halls
    - Substation
    - Hallway transitions
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# RESTORATION NOT RESTRICTION

**We're not doing this to take something away—  
we're doing this to give something back**

-  Real conversations
  -  Fewer distractions
  -  More focus
  -  Less anxiety
  - Need to reach someone urgently or have an emergency?
    - Use a school phone (Counseling, Mr. Pellegrin, Ms. Ohmes, Main Office)
    - Have your parent/guardian call the Main Office
    - Check in/out with security to use the designated area in the lobby
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# DEVICE USE CONSEQUENCES

**First offense** – Teachers will give a verbal warning to put the device away.

**Second offense** - Teachers will confiscate the phone and notify parents. Students can pick up their phone at the end of the day from school administration.

**Third offense** – Teachers will confiscate the phone and notify parents. Parent / guardian will be asked to pick up their child's phone at the end of the day from school administration. Referral to counseling.

**Subsequent offenses** – All of the above, for second offense, as well as a disciplinary consequence.

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# ZERO TOLERANCE AT BHS



Use of electronic devices for recording, photographing or videotaping is forbidden.



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# STUDENT ARRIVAL PROCESS

## Parent drop-off:

- Students may be dropped off starting at 8:15 am

## Bus drop off:

- Last bus will arrive by 8:30 am

## Main Entrance:

- All students will enter through the HS main entrance
  - Prior to 8:30 am, students may go to their lockers, the CLIFF, or the cafeteria
  - At 8:30 am, a reminder bell will sound, letting students know that they should report to their period 1 class.
  - Period 1 begins promptly at 8:35 am
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# Briarcliff High School Daily Schedule

**Period 1**  
**8:35-9:17**

**Period 2**  
**9:20-10:03**

**Period 3**  
**10:06-10:48**

**Period 4**  
**10:51-11:33**

**Period 5A**  
**Class: 11:36-12:18**  
**CLEAR: 12:18-12:48**

**Period 5B**  
**Class: 12:03-12:45**  
**CLEAR: 11:33-12:03**

**Period 6**  
**12:48-1:30**

**Period 7**  
**1:33-2:15**

**Period 8**  
**2:18-3:00**

General Dismissal Bus Departure: 3:05 PM  
Activities Bus Departure: 3:45 PM

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# "THE CLIFF"

- **Library**
  - **Math Lab**
  - **Writing Lab**
  - **College Conference Room**
  - **Amphitheater - Available for class or supervised student use**
  - **Student Help Desk - Technology support**
  - **Teacher offices**
  - **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**
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# LUNCH GUIDELINES

- Students are encouraged to eat outdoors whenever possible. We have beautiful picnic tables outside the cafeteria
- All garbage and recycling must be disposed of in the appropriate bin
- Safety monitors and lunch supervisors must be respected
- No eating in the CLIFF, lobby or hallways
- Food deliveries, including DoorDash and GrubHub are not permitted
- **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**



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# AFTER LUNCH OPTIONS

- Remain in the cafeteria/on the patio
- Gymnasium
- The CLIFF
  - Library
  - Writing/Math lab
  - Extra help
- Behavior expectations



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# STUDY HALL GUIDELINES

- Study hall periods are in your schedule whenever you do not have an academic or elective class.
  - Study hall time can ease the transition from Middle School to High School.
  - Study halls are quiet classes that can be used to:
    - Work on homework, study, and/or read
    - Seek extra help from available teachers
    - Visit the Math and/or Writing lab
  - You must ask permission of the study hall supervisor to leave the room.
  - **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**
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# WHEN TEACHERS ARE ABSENT... YOU MUST REPORT TO SUBSTATION

Check Announcement Boards  
located in/outside of the following areas:

- BHS Main Lobby
- Testing Center
- Cafeteria
- The CLIFF



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# SUBSTATION EXPECTATIONS

- Find a seat at one of your class' tables as indicated by the substation coordinator.
  - Remain seated while attendance is taken by the substation coordinator and/or the teacher/teaching assistant assigned to supervise for the period.
  - Listen for directions from the substation coordinator regarding the assignment, either online or hard copy.
  - Submit completed work to substation coordinator and/or the TA/teacher at the end of the period.
  - **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**
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# BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Visits to the bathroom should be brief, ideally in between classes or during CLEAR.
- Bathrooms will be monitored by faculty, administrators, and security personnel.
- NY State law requires schools to provide access to male, female and gender-neutral bathrooms.
- Gender-neutral facilities include:
  - Multi-stall bathrooms that can be used by anyone regardless of gender. You may encounter people of any gender at the sink or coming in/out of stalls.
  - Single use bathrooms located in the hallway between the auditorium and cafeteria. One person per bathroom permitted at any time.
- **CELL PHONE FREE ZONE**

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# EVACUATION & SAFETY DRILLS



- 12 Total Drills per year: 4 lockdown drills, 8 evacuation drills
  - During an evacuation, please pay attention to the announcement over the PA system and/or teacher instruction.
  - Be prepared for drills where one exit is blocked in order to simulate real-world emergencies. In addition, BMPD will be on site lending support during many of our safety drills.
  - Procedures exiting from cafeteria and auditorium
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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Ms. Rutledge is the 9/10 Community Service Advisor
- Each student must complete 8 hours of community service each year, for each of the four years in HS.
- Students must submit a Service Log Sheet with verifying signatures of the service recipient and parent/guardian to Ms. Rutledge, Faculty Office 724. Log sheets are accessible on the Community Service homepage on the BHS website. Due by June 1, 2026.
- Speak with Ms. Rutledge and check your school email for service opportunities.



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# CLASS OF 2029

Class Advisor: Ms. Schwartz

**Class Officers Needed!**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer



**Petitions available TODAY! Due Monday, September 8th at 3:00 pm**

**Video speeches due for review Wednesday, September 10th by 3:00 pm**

**Voting on Friday, September 12th**

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS/ADVISORS



**Co-Presidents:** Allison Gordon & Saranda Ivezaj

**Secretary:** Georgina Janos

**Treasurer:** Max Amador

**Advisors:** Ms. Huber and Ms. O'Brien

**Student Government meets every Monday in Room H122**

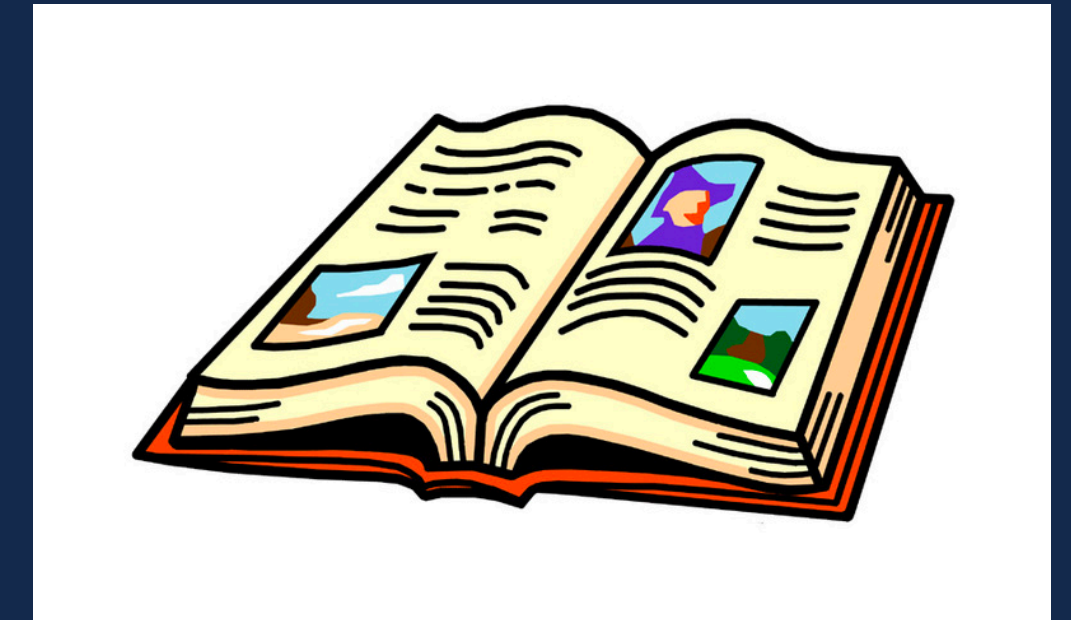
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# YEARBOOK

**Advisors: Ms. Bendlin & Ms. Sipe**

- **Order now through Dec 31st for discounted price of \$110**
  - [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)
  - Use school code #4501
- **From Jan 1st - April 17th, price increases to \$125**
- **After Apr 17th price increases to \$135. You may purchase through the advisors, while supplies last.**
- **Worker bees needed for yearbook staff! Please see Ms. Bendlin & Ms. Sipe ASAP**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Back-to-School BBQ Tomorrow:  
Wednesday, September 3rd**

**Spirit Week: Oct 14th - 17th**

**Pep Rally: Friday, October 17th**

**Underclass photos:  
Wednesday, October 8th  
Thursday, October 9th,  
Make-up photos: Wednesday, November 19th**



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# YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When our students are not at Briarcliff High School, we notice because we care.

If/when you are absent, late, need to leave early:

- Parents/legal guardian must call in each absence, lateness, early dismissal to Ms. Kim Manghise in the HS Main Office @ 914-769-6299
- Use [www.briarcliffschools.org/parents/hs-parents](http://www.briarcliffschools.org/parents/hs-parents)



# TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

<b>BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL</b> <b>DAY 1 Schedule for</b> <b>Wednesday, September 3, 2025</b>		
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	<b>8:35 – 9:17</b>	All students report to their period 1 class.
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	<b>9:20 – 10:03</b>	<b>SOPHOMORES</b> report to period 2 for attendance, then Auditorium for grade forum.  Freshman, Juniors and Seniors report to period 2 classes.
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	<b>10:06 – 10:48</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b> report to period 3 for attendance, then Auditorium for grade forum.  Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors report to period 3 classes.
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	<b>10:51 – 11:33</b>	<b>SENIORS</b> report to period 4 for attendance, then Auditorium for grade forum.  Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors report to period 4 classes.
<b>PERIOD 5A</b>	Class: 11:36-12:18 CLEAR: 12:18-12:48	
<b>PERIOD 5B</b>	Class: 12:03-12:45 CLEAR: 11:33-12:03	
<b>PERIOD 6</b>	<b>12:48 – 1:30</b>	
<b>PERIOD 7</b>	<b>1:33 – 2:15</b>	Seniors report straight to the game day field for Class of 2026 photo and then to BBQ  2:00 pm - Juniors report to the field for the BBQ
<b>PERIOD 8</b>	<b>2:18 – 3:00</b>	Freshmen and sophomores report to the field for the BBQ

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# OUR ADVICE TO YOU...

- Enjoy high school!
- Maintain a healthy school-life balance
- Be here every day!
- Take time to eat lunch and relax during CLEAR
- Get involved in clubs, class events, athletics, extra-curricular activities
- Manage your time
- Use your agenda/MacBook to keep track of assignments
- Ask for help if you need it! Don't wait!



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**IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR!**



**GROUP 1**

**GROUP 2**

**GROUP 3**

**GROUP 4**

**GROUP 5**

**GROUP 6**

**GROUP 7**

**GROUP 8**

**GROUP 9**

**GROUP 10**

**GROUP 11**

**GROUP 12**