BHS Freshman Info from the PTO

Logistics

First Day: Sept. 6th at 8:00 a.m. Students should report to the front of the school. Rain location: Schluntz Gym. Daily start time for the rest of the year is 8:20 a.m. except for Z Block classes which meet at 7:30 a.m. The school day ends at 2:45 p.m.

Transportation/Parking: Most students walk to BHS. Some take the T (D line) to Brookline Hills. Student Charlie passes will be available in homeroom (a.k.a. Advisory) and offer reduced fares of 85 cents. Parents may drop off on Tappan Street but there is no parking near the HS.

What to bring? A backpack, notebook and pens/pencils. Free lunch will be provided at the PTO's Freshman BBQ. Note: cell phones are not allowed in school but may be used outside of the building. Ipods and other electronics are only allowed in the library and fitness center.

Are there maps of the school? Yes - inside the Brookline High School planner that is being sold during the first week. Planners cost $5 (cash please) and are in Room 267. On the first day of school, mentors will be available to help the freshmen navigate the building.

Does my child need a lock? Lockers will be provided for students but we encourage them to leave valuables at home. Students are welcome to bring locks for their lockers.

Classes/Academics

When will we get class schedules? On the first day of school in homeroom.

What if something is wrong on it? Students should contact guidance counselors. Students will be given the name of their guidance counselor on the first day. (Everyone in the same Homeroom/Advisory has the same counselor.) Since one change may affect other classes, students are encouraged to make changes as soon as possible.

Will BHS provide planners? Planners will be available for $5 (cash/checks to BHS) from Ms. Noteware in Room 267. They may be available at the BBQ and in the lobby before school.

Is there a Meet the Teachers Night for parents? Yes. Back-To-School Night is Oct. 13th at 6:30 p.m. There are also Freshman Parent Meetings on Sept. 13 and October 3rd at 7 p.m.

Is homework posted online? Generally not, although some teachers have websites and post assignments to them. Students may buy planners at school. (They may also want to get contact info for classmates in case they are absent.)

Food

Do students need lunch money? Not on the first day since the PTO is sponsoring a Freshman Barbecue. For the rest of the year, students can bring lunch or use the PayPams debit card system just as they did in elementary school. Balances and ID numbers will follow the student. Cash may be added to a student's PayPams account at a kiosk in the cafeteria. For more information about food services, visit: **http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=192&Itemid=300** .

When is the barbecue and what will be served? The BBQ will be held at lunchtime on the first day of school for students only. B. Good will supply hamburgers, veggie burgers and buns. Trader Joe's will supply Hebrew National Kosher Hot Dogs, regular hot dogs, veggie dogs and buns. Russo's will supply produce for salad and fresh fruit. There will also be homemade and packaged desserts, bottled water and potato chips.

What about kids with allergies/dietary restrictions? See above for BBQ offerings on Sept. 6th**.** Monthly cafeteria menus are posted on the Public Schools website under Food Services.

Does the school have a debit system for buying lunch? Yes. See www.paypams.com.

Contacts:

Absence Line: Sabrina McIntosh (Secretary to the Dean of grades 9 and 11): 617-713-5190

Main Office: 617-713-5000

All teachers have e-mail addresses: firstname_lastname@brookline.k12.ma.us Please note there is an underscore (_) between the first and last names.

Freshman Directory: Because the complete BHS Directory will not be available until after Thanksgiving, the PTO is planning to create an optional Freshman Directory to be distributed the first few weeks of school. Look for an e-mail from Class of 2015 soon.

Next Parent Meetings: Sept. 13th at 7 p.m., October 3rd at 7 p.m. and Back To School Night on October 13th at 6:30 p.m. (For athletes' families, there is a meeting on Sept. 7th at 6:45 p.m.)

Please check the BHS website and follow the links to PTO, Class of 2015 for more information and updates.