

**June
2007**

Briar Woods High School

Home of the Falcons

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Dear Parents:

Another year has passed by quickly. I would like to thank our student body and parents for all you did to make this year a great success. Again, our students excelled in the classroom with nearly three-fourths of our students making the honor roll each marking period. Preliminary results indicate another strong showing on the end-of-year Standards of Learning Tests. An overwhelming majority of our students were actively involved in athletics, band, chorus, drama and other extra-curricular activities.

Our very first high school graduation will take place in our auditorium on Wednesday, June 20th. Eighty-nine seniors will cross our stage that evening for the last time as a BWHS student. Many of our seniors will participate in our PTSO sponsored all-night alcohol and drug free graduation party that evening into the next morning.

We are in the process of tabulating the results of the parent survey that many of you have returned. We sent out over 800 surveys and received around 175. It is still not too late to return your survey. The more we receive the better the sample. Once all of the results have been tabulated, we will carefully analyze the information to determine changes that need to be made.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Regards,
Ed Starzenski

Important Dates

**August 28, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. –
Rising 9th grade parents and new parents orientation.**

**August 30, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m. –
Freshman and new student orientation.**

**September 4, 2007 – First day of school for students.
September 17, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. – Back to School Night**



Newsletters

Due to the cost of paper and postage, a hard copy of this newsletter will no longer be mailed. You can access future newsletters by going to <http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/bwhs> and clicking on the newsletter link on the left side of the homepage. If you would like us to send you a copy electronically, send your e-mail address to Kathy Glikas at kglikas@loudoun.k12.va.us

Attendance

Parents please help! When your student is absent, you need to call the attendance line at (703) 957-4400 to notify the school. For your convenience, this is a 24 hour answering machine. If you forget to call on the day of the absence, you must send a note with your student on the day they return to school. Without a phone call or note, the absence will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will be taken.

Early Dismissals

Parents: When requesting an early dismissal, please send your written request with your student that morning. Ms. Culbert will write them a pass to excuse them at the appropriate time. This will alleviate the need to disrupt the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

Disability Notice

If due to a disability, you need assistance to enable you to participate meaningfully in any LCPS sponsored activities, please contact Principal Starzenski at (703) 957-4400 at least five working days prior to the scheduled activity.

If any parent has brought medication to the Clinic for their child during the school year, please pick up the medication by June 19, 2007. A letter will be sent home to those parents as a reminder with a new medication form enclosed for the 2007-2008 school year.

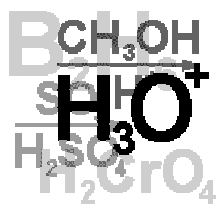
Any student on a prescription medication must have the physician fill out and sign that portion of the form, to have the medication in the Clinic. Whether the medication is a prescription or "over the counter" medication it must be brought to school by the parent.

If you have any questions, please call the school nurse, Gail LeFloch RN, at 703-957-4406.



Loudoun County Public Schools
2006 - 2007 Student Calendar

September 4	Holiday (Labor Day)
September 5	First Day of School for Students
October 9	Holiday (Columbus Day)
November 3	End of First Grading Period
November 6-7	Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
November 22-24	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 22-29	Winter Break (Classes Resume January 2)
January 1	Holiday (New Year's)
January 15	Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 25	End of Second Grading Period
January 26	Moveable Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)*
February 19	Holiday (Presidents' Day)
April 2-6	Holiday (Spring Break)
April 12	End of Third Grading Period
April 13	Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
May 28	Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 19	Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period



Guidance News

2006 – 2007 Guidance Staff

Dave Royhab	Guidance Director
Susan James	Counselor for seniors: A – J Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: A – F
Steve Cohen	Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: G – N
Michelle Hoffmann	Counselor for seniors: K – Z Counselor for grades 9, 10 & 11: O – Z
Jan Develli	Career Resource Specialist
Melissa Holder	Guidance Secretary

Final Report Cards

Final report cards will be mailed home on June 25, 2007.

Summer Enrichment Programs

The guidance department often receives information on various summer programs located throughout the country. Topics, costs and application procedures vary. Please see Mrs. Develli in the Career Center for additional information.

Non-LCPS Summer School Opportunities

If you are looking into summer school opportunities outside Loudoun County Public Schools, please note that LCPS does not always accept credits earned at non-LCPS schools. Please contact Mr. Royhab in the guidance office before committing to any non-LCPS programs. Applying for pre-approval of non-LCPS summer school courses is required in order for those courses to be considered for credit by Loudoun County Public Schools.

Course Scheduling for 2007-2007

Students will receive a print-out of their course requests for 2007-2008 early this month. Please review your child's course requests carefully. Please make sure that you and your child are happy with the electives he/she signed up for and are comfortable with the overall course-load. If you would like to make any changes to your child's course requests, please do so in writing by June 28, 2007. Since the BWHS master schedule and teacher allocations are based on student course requests, it may not be possible to change your child's requests after that date. Schedule changes after the start of the school year will not be permitted unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Thursday, June 14

9:00-11:00 1st period exam
11:00-11:25 Break
11:30-1:30 2nd period exam
1:30 dismissal

Friday, June 15

9:00-11:00 5th period exam
11:00-11:25 Break
11:30-12:25 7th period (no exam)
12:30-1:30 8th period (no exam)
1:30 dismissal

Monday, June 18

9:00-11:00 3rd period exam
11:00-11:25 Break
11:30-1:30 4th period exam
1:30 dismissal

Tuesday, June 19

9:00-11:00 7th period exam
11:00-11:25 Break
11:30-1:30 8th period exam
1:30 dismissal

The following students were winners in the Loudoun County History Fair:

Emily Farnsworth
Oscar Salguero
Lauren Gillespie
Manel Saif
Maddie Davis
Gabby Ongies

Congratulations!

FOOTBALL NEWS

Mulch Sale

Thanks to the players, parents, teachers, coaches, supporters, sponsors, and contributors for making the Mulch Sale a huge success this spring! It was a total team effort!

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Briar Woods High School Football received the 2006 Dulles District Sportsmanship Award as rated by the Varsity Football Game Officials of the Northern Virginia Football Officials Association, Inc. A plaque was given to Mr. Breinig in April signifying the honor. Congratulations on a job well done Falcon Football!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

June

June 24-27 UVA Camp

July

MWF Weight Room Hours 5-7 pm

July 23-26 Summer Camp 3:30-8 pm

July 30 Paperwork/Equipment Handout 9 am-12 pm

July 30 Parent Meeting 7:00 pm

August

August 1 Varsity/JV Practice Starts 8 am

August 8 Freshmen Practice Starts 8 am

**ADMISSION PRICES AND SEASON PASSES WILL INCREASE FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS
FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

Admission prices at all Dulles District athletic events, except for varsity football, for the 2007-2008 school year have been increased to **\$5.00** per person for anyone in the first grade and above. This price increase will begin with the **2007 fall** sports season.

BRIAR WOODS SEASON ATHLETIC PASSES

Along with this price increase for admission at the gate, the price of season passes has also increased. The family plan for up to 6 family members (2 adults and 4 students) will increase from \$175.00 to **\$200.00** and the adult/student only plan will increase from \$75.00 to **\$100.00**.

Although there is an increase in the season passes for the 2007-2008 school year this is the best bang for your buck. If a single person attended all home games at Briar Woods High School they would spend over \$400.00 per person on tickets. Season passes can lead to a tremendous savings, especially if you have children involved in multiple sports.

You can go on the school web site and click on the athletic page for the season pass application. Payment and applications should be sent to Joe Breinig at Briar Woods High School. Each person will receive a personalized plastic card with your own identifying number on it to present at the gate for admission. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Joe Breinig, Athletic Director at (w) 703-957-4408, (cell) 703-501-8125 or email at joseph.breinig@loudoun.k12.va.us.