PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

As we begin the school year, here are a few tips that may assist you and your middle school child as they adjust back to the rigors of school. This information comes from *Ten Ways to Help Your Child in Middle School by D’Arcy Lyness, PhD.*

1. Attend Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences
2. Visit the school and its website
3. Support homework expectations
4. Send your child to school ready to learn
5. Instill organizational skills
6. Teach study skills
7. Know the disciplinary and bullying policies
8. Get involved
9. Take attendance seriously
10. Make time to talk about school

Dr. D’Arcy goes on to state that parental support plays an important role in helping preteens and teens succeed in middle school. But as students grow more independent during these years, it can be challenging for parents to know which situations call for involvement and which ones call for a more behind-the-scenes approach.

Students will be given four report cards this year and a progress report after the fifth week of each marking period. Please make sure that you stay current with Parent Connect so you are aware of your child’s academic progress. We will distribute the first report card, 2019 M-step and 2019 WIDA reports at Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

I look forward to working with each of you this school year!

*Mr. Denison*

Principal, Bryant Middle School

**Monday, November 11th**
4 - 7 pm

**Wednesday, November 13th**
3:30 - 6:30 pm

*Parents: Copies the Bryant Newsletter are posted on the Bryant website. If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office to receive a hard copy.*
ANNUAL PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is scheduled for Friday October 25 2019. Our goal is to have EVERY student and staff member wearing a pink shirt that day. Let's turn Bryant Middle School into a sea of pink. All those wearing pink are agreeing to help in efforts to stop bullying. Speaking up is not always easy...wearing pink might not be easy. We want to see that everyone is committed.

BRYANT MEDIA CENTER NEWSLETTER

If you would like to read the latest Bryant Media Center Newsletter click on the link below
https://www.smore.com/gsmqz

LATE START DATES

School begins at 9am on the following dates. Doors open at 8:50am.

- October 16, 2019
- December 18, 2019
- February 5, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- April 22, 2020
- May 13 2020
Meet our NEW Staff

- Ms. Soumaya Khalil - Foreign Language/Arabic
- Ms. Maha Fayad - Instructional Coach for Math
- Ms. Kristine Bussey - Psychologist
- Mr. Syed Mrzak - Community in Schools Coordinator
REPORTING ABSENCE/TARDY
Attendance Phone 827-2901

The voice mail is available 24 hours a day. Please call before 8:00 a.m. on the day the student will be absent or late. If we do not receive a call from a parent regarding the student absence, a call will be made to your home phone to notify you of the absence. If a student must leave school due to illness or an appointment, a parent or guardian will be required to show a driver’s license to sign them out. No child will be released to anyone not appearing on the Emergency card without administrative approval. If the student returns to school during the day, he/she must report to the office to sign in and get a pass back to class. Homework can be requested if a student is absent three consecutive days.

8TH GRADE PARENTS
Research has shown that the 8th grade year is critical to success in high school. Please discuss with your child the importance of being on task and focused at school. We expect the 8th graders to be role models for the younger students.

As you are aware, your son/daughter will enter high school and be required to meet the new State of Michigan graduation requirements. The curriculum leading to graduation is much more precise and demanding than past ones. Part of that curriculum allows boards of education the ability to give high school graduation credit for courses taken in the middle school. Taking high school credit at the middle school level can provide students greater opportunity for electives at the high school level.

The Dearborn Board of Education offers students the opportunity to earn high school credit for math and Spanish while in 8th grade. These classes are based upon the High School Content Expectations and should mirror high school rigor.

Students passing these classes will receive a credit toward high school graduation. The class will appear on the student’s high school transcript.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS
BRYANT NOTIFICATION CENTER

Please remind your child to check the Bryant Notification Center located in the hallway between the main doors and office for items that have been dropped off. We post a large note with the student name on the board. They should remove the note and bring it to the office to retrieve the item. This includes, but is not limited to: lunch, homework, instruments, keys, money, backpacks, donuts, gym clothes, socks, shoes, swim gear, books etc. This is to reduce the interruptions in the classroom. The office staff will not interrupt the classrooms for forgotten/dropped off items.
**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

No electronic equipment is allowed in school. Examples are portable cameras, IPods, hand held games, and PDA’s. These items are frequently lost or stolen and disrupt the educational process. School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

If an electronic device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent on the following day. The second time an electronic device is confiscated will result in a detention and a parent/guardian retrieving the device on the following Monday. If a student is caught using an electronic in class, the device will be confiscated and returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

Dearborn Public Schools policy on cell phones is that they cannot be seen or heard. We discourage students from bringing them to school. If a phone is brought to school, it must be turned off and locked in the locker until 2:55 p.m. Students may not use their phones inside the school, or on the buses. Phones may only be used after school and outside of the building.

**CELL PHONES**

School personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. If a cell phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian the following day. The second time a cell phone is confiscated will result in a parent/guardian picking up the cell phone on the following Monday. If a student is caught using a cell phone or if the cell phone rings in class, the cell phone will be confiscated, a detention will be assigned, and the phone will be returned the following Monday to a parent or guardian. Repeated offenses may result in further discipline.

**PARENT CONNECT**

Please take advantage of this exciting service. Parent Connect allows parents to view their student’s grades in real time through the web. We encourage every parent to sign up and access parent connect regularly. To obtain your PIN and password for Parent Connect, please stop by the Bryant main office and be prepared to show photo ID.

**LUNCH IS NOW FREE**

All Dearborn Schools students receive breakfast and lunch for free.

**BRYANT PTA**

President = Lina Harajli  
Vice President = Lila Makled  
Secretary = Stacey Garcia  
Treasurer = Nada Makled

**SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION**

Eligible students should have received a postcard from our transportation department telling them where they should wait for their bus and the pickup time. Students should make a point to learn their bus number and their driver’s face. This makes it much easier to find the bus at dismissal time.

Riding the school bus is a privilege. Students are expected to behave as young adults on all buses. Students who misbehave will face a range of consequences including loss of riding privileges. All questions regarding transportation should be addressed to the Transportation Department at 827-3300.
MEDICATION

Please note that students are not permitted to self-administer prescription or over the counter medications during school hours. If your physician has determined that medication has to be taken during the school day, a Medical Authorization Form, available in the office must be completely filled out and signed by both the physician and the parent. The form and medication must be submitted to the office. Your child must report to the office to receive their medication. This policy of the Dearborn Public Schools is in accordance with General School Law (Section 380.11780).

BICYCLE SECURITY

Students must lock up their bikes in the racks on the north side or south side of the school. It is recommended that bicycles be secured with a strong cable and lock.

TEXTBOOKS

Parents can help students avoid end of the year fines, which can amount to a great deal of money, for damaged and lost texts by doing the following:

1. Periodically go over each textbook with your child to examine and check for damage. This also shows the child that you will be monitoring his/her progress carefully. It is recommended that books be covered.
2. Do make sure that your child’s name is written in the place provided on the inside of the cover with the teacher’s name. This will help us get lost books back to the student quickly.
3. Do remind your child not to lend their books to friends as he/she are responsible for the book that they have been assigned.

Pesticide Prior Notification Request

As part of the Dearborn Public Schools District’s pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and building. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Andrew Denison
Principal, Bryant Middle School
460 N. Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 827-2900

Parent/Guardian Name ______________________________    Student’s Name ________________________________
Address: __________________________________________  City ________________________ Zip ____________
Telephone Numbers (Daytime) _______________________________ (Evening) _______________________

Please check one:
____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment inside of the building.
____ I wish to be notified prior to a scheduled pesticide treatment on the outside grounds of the school.
____ Both of the above

Signature ______________________________________________  Date ______________