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Friday, December 3, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

National Native American Awareness Month

As we close the month of November I want to remind you that November was Native American Heritage Month and that November 25, 2021 was the Native American National Day of Mourning. To learn more about this designation please go to PBS.ORG or [Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness](http://MassachusettsCenterforNativeAmericanAwareness) or check Dr. Debbie Reese's list of pre-K through 12 [Native American Children's Literature](http://NativeAmericanChildrensLiterature) reading list. This list is a valuable resource for families to continue learning about Indigenous cultures and experiences.

The Drowsy Chaperone

Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Drowsy Chaperone which was performed at BHS the weekend of November 19th. It marked the first time that the theater department had performed in front of a live audience since the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to the entire cast and crew for a wonderful production. Ms. Faulstich and her staff did a wonderful job. They also allowed the performance to be attended virtually which was a very thoughtful addition to the run of the show.

Bedford vs. Burlington

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Bedford vs. Burlington Thanksgiving Football Game. This year renewed a rivalry that began in 1956 and lasted until 1972. The 17th annual Thanksgiving Day Classic ended in a Buccaneer victory. Congratulations to the team for their 55 to 18 victory over the Red Devils. The victory gives Bedford a 9-8 edge in the renewed series. Thank you to Mr. Keith Mangan and his staff for putting this together. We look forward to hosting Burlington at Sabourin Field next Thanksgiving. Special congratulations to senior Aram

Varjabedian who was featured on WHDH Channel 7 News on Thanksgiving. Click here for the [WHDH Channel 7 Story](#) about Aram.

Bedford COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Clinics

On behalf of the Bedford Department of Health and Human Services we wanted to let you know about upcoming vaccination clinics. All of the clinics will be hosted at JGMS and will use the gym entrance. The clinics will be held from 3:30 until 6:30 on Monday, December 13, 2021 and on Monday, January 3, 2022. Cataldo Ambulance Service is supporting the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Mobile Vaccination Program.

Please make a separate appointment for each person receiving a vaccine. The clinics are free and open to those who live in and work in Bedford. Limited doses of high dose flu vaccines are available for those 65 years and older. Please wear a mask and clothing that allows for easy access to your arm for vaccine administration. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bedford Department of Health and Human Services at 781-275-6507 or visit their website at <https://www.bedfordma.gov/health-department>.

Flu Vaccination Registration Information

Register here for a Flu Shot Appointment at <https://fluvaccineregistration.as.me/FLuClinic>
In advance of your appointment, download and complete the Flu Registration Form found here: <https://www.bedfordma.gov/health-department/files/2021-2022-flu-form>

COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Information

The COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is available to all who are eligible. Doses available include first and second doses for ages 5 and up as well as boosters for ages 18 and up.

Register here for a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment: [Cataldo COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Site](#)

Be sure to choose Bedford - John Glenn Middle School as your clinic site when signing up
Note: Boosters are available to anyone who has received a 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago, or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson at least 2 months ago.

COVID Case Updates

Please check the link below to review current and past cases of COVID-19 cases within our school community.

[Link to COVID-19 Cases in the Bedford Public Schools This Week](#)

COVID-19 Testing Programs

We continued with COVID safety checks this week for grades Pre-K to 12. This week we completed 343 tests at Davis, 375 tests at Lane, 209 tests at JGMS, and 119 tests at BHS. This week we had 2 positive cases of COVID-19 at Davis School, and 2 positive cases of COVID-19 at Lane School as a result of the pooled testing. All positive cases and close contacts have been notified.

We continue to encourage everyone to sign up for the COVID-19 safety tests as a means of keeping the community safe.

[BPS COVID-19 Testing Sign Up Link](#)

Positions available

The Bedford Public Schools are seeking substitute teachers and Special Education Teaching Assistants. If you are interested please apply at [BPS Substitutes](#) or to [BPS Special Education Teaching Assistants](#).

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad
Superintendent