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Superintendent Update

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Friday, November 12, 2021

Hello Bedford School Community,

Happy National School Psychology Week

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has designated this week, November 8-12, 2021, as National School Psychology Week. The theme this year is "Let's Get in GEAR". The theme acronym, (Grow, Engage, Advocate, Rise), highlights how school psychologists can empower children to grow in areas such as social skills, empathy, and compassion for others, as well as problem solving, goal setting, and academic skills. Thank you to all of our School Psychologists and other counselors for all that they do for our students.

Bedford Health Dept. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for students age 5 to 11

The Bedford Health Department will offer a FREE COVID-19 vaccination clinic for Bedford residents ages 5 – 11 years old on Saturday, November 20, 2021. The November 20th clinic will be a first dose clinic for 5-11-year-olds and attendance is by appointment only. The Health Department has received 300 doses to administer.

Clinic Details:

When: Saturday, 11/20/21 from 9 am until 12 pm

Where: John Glenn Middle School, 99 McMahon Road - Gym Entrance

Link to Register: <https://FluVaccineRegistration.as.me/COVID19VaccinationClinic5-11>

For more information about the clinic or the COVID-19 Vaccine, please contact the Bedford Health Department at 781-275-6507 or visit the [Health Department website](#).

The Drowsy Chaperone

The Bedford High School Performing Arts Department will present "THE DROWSY CHAPERONE" the Tony-winning send-up of 1920s Broadway musicals, at 7:00pm on November 18, 19, and 20 and 3:00pm on November 21. Audience members are invited to attend in person in the BHS Auditorium or watch via livestream through ticket vendor ShowTix4U. The show is rated PG-13 and runs 90 minutes in one act. Tickets are available through the Performing Arts Department website [here](#). Here is a link to a preview of this production: [The Drowsy Chaperone preview video](#).

NEASC Visited BHS

This was a busy week for everyone at BHS! The New England Association of Schools and Colleges <https://www.neasc.org/> virtually visited BHS as part of our Accreditation. The visit went from Sunday 11/7 and ended on Wednesday 11/10. Thank you to the administration, faculty, and staff of BHS for all the work that went into preparing for the visit. The team, Chaired by NEASC Associate Director for Accreditation and School Improvement Bill Wehrli. Bill and his team will create a report that will act as a roadmap for continuous improvement at BHS. Thank you to the NEASC team members who volunteered their time to assist BHS.

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 336 tests at Davis, 374 tests at Lane, 220 tests at JGMS, and 116 tests at BHS. The results of the tests at Davis, Lane and JGMS were negative. This week there was one positive pool at BHS, and that individual who was part of the positive pool has been notified and contact tracing completed.

Please note, we will not be testing during the short week of Thanksgiving (November 22nd, 23rd, 24th). We can only run the pooled testing program when the school is able to complete the entire process from the initial period pooled test through completion of all needed follow up tests/tracing. We will be testing next week, and will test all schools the week following Thanksgiving break. 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