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Superintendent Update

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Friday, December 2, 2022

Hello Bedford School Community,

Bedford vs. Burlington

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Bedford vs. Burlington Thanksgiving Football Game. This year was the second year of our renewed rivalry that began in 1956 and lasted until 1972. The 18th annual Thanksgiving Day Classic ended in a Buccaneer victory. Congratulations to the team for their 49 to 6 victory over the Red Devils. The victory gives Bedford a 10-8 edge in the renewed series. Thank you to Mr. Keith Mangan and his staff for hosting Burlington at Sabourin Field.

Annual Bedford Fire Department Toy Collection

The Bedford Fire Department will be holding its annual Toy Collection on Saturday, December 10, 2022, and Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm each day. The collection point will be in the back parking lot of Bedford High School at 9 Mudge Way. Unwrapped toys for children of all ages are accepted. The toys will be given to needy families through Toys for Local Children. The Fire Department will also be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Middlesex Community College Food Bank. Thank you for supporting this wonderful Bedford tradition of giving.

Special Education

Our Special Education Director Marianne Vines recently published the next installment of the Director's Update which can be viewed at <u>Director's Update Winter 2022</u>. The update is full of wonderful information about our Special Education Department and Programs.

Fall 2022 Dual County League Athletic Honors

The Bedford High School Athletic Program is proud to announce that the following student-athletes were named Dual County League Player of the Year in their sport: Eric Miles (Football), Sydney Cox (Girls Soccer), and Gabriela Zovko (Volleyball). While the following student-athletes were named to the Dual County All-Conference Team in their sport: Jamie Buchannan (Football), Chris Puglielli (Football), Ryan Cohen (Football), Tomas Ou (Boys Soccer), and Spencer Goss (Boys Soccer). With the following student-athletes named as Dual County League All-Stars: Olivia Disaronno (Cheer), Carter Rauch (Boys Cross Country0, Addie Poulter (Girls Cross Country), Sydney Poor (Field Hockey), Dylan Lykins (Football), Shamus Miller (Football), Aiden McEachern (Golf), Thomas Zildjian (Golf), Ansh Aggarwhal (Boys Soccer), Miles Herzog (Boys Soccer), Devander Kaushik (Boys Soccer), Sophie Shelton (Girls Soccer), Sarah Tonini (Girls Soccer), Elora Syed (Volleyball), and Kate Heller (Volleyball). Congratulations to all of our student athletes.

Congratulations also to Coach Thomas Tone (Football) for being named Dual County League Coach of the Year.

<u>COVID-19</u>

The Bedford Public School nursing staff is able to provide COVID-19 symptomatic testing at school. **This testing service is optional and consent is required prior to testing.** See the link below to sign up for your student. The school nurses will administer rapid antigen testing using Abbott BinaxNOW or iHealth tests on-site at each school health office.

2022-2023 Student Consent Form for Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing at School

This service is for students who develop symptoms while already at school. Please continue to screen your children each day before school and refer to the COVID-19 symptoms checklist on the <u>BPS website</u>. If your child has mild symptoms of illness, please test them at home with a rapid home antigen test before sending them to school.

We encourage all families to keep a supply of COVID-19 home rapid antigen tests on hand. Home test kits are available from the following town offices during normal business hours: Health Department, Council on Aging, Town Manager's Office, or the Bedford Free Public Library. Students may attend school with mild symptoms as long as they are testing negative on an antigen test before coming to school.

Many families signed up for iHealth home tests last Spring and may still have them left over. The expiration date for this product has been extended. You can check the expiration dates with the lot # using this link: <u>iHealth Expiration Date Extension</u>

We encourage everyone to get vaccinated with the most recent booster.

For the latest information on COVID-19 cases within the school district please navigate to the <u>Bedford COVID-19 Dashboard</u>

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

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad Superintendent