



BHS News!

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

January was a busy month at BHS. We had several school spirit days. We started a guitar club. We started singing Oh Canada in both languages. We had a presentation on Oral Hygiene. AND many of our students received positive office referrals for our **PBIS** initiative! Thank you for your ongoing support for these fun and valuable school events.

At BHS we make every effort to be an inclusive school. We want all our students to feel accepted, valued, and included. In order to achieve this goal, we need your help. When you plan a social event for your child, such as a **birthday party**, and you send invitations to school for distribution, please be careful not to exclude any of your child's classmates. It's very hurtful to be the only student in a class who is not invited to a party. Sadly, this type of exclusion has happened more than once this school year. We understand that parties are expensive, and you may be limited on the number of children you can invite. If you are not able to invite all the students in your child's class, please do not send invitations to the school for distribution. In the event that a child arrives at school with party invitations, and some students are excluded, the invitations will **not** be distributed at school; they will be returned to you with a note from the teacher explaining why they were not passed out. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,
Tammy Surette
Principal

*Thank you for having after school travel plans made early in the day. Please notify us of **changes to after school travel plans by 12:30 pm.***

A NOTE ABOUT LUNCHES

Thank you for packing nutritious lunches for your child/children every day. We're often impressed by your creativity!

At BHS we want all our students to experience food security at school and we will continue to supplement snacks and lunches for students in need as long as our funding lasts. In an effort to reduce costs we will no longer be providing plastic cutlery. **Please remember to pack reusable spoons and forks in your child's lunch box.** Supplying reusable spoons and forks allows us to dedicate our limited funds to food rather than plastic, AND it's much better for our environment. ☺



Attendance Matters

Did you know that students can suffer academically if they miss just 10% of the school year? That's only 2 or 3 days a month. That can add up without you even realizing it. We want to remind our families that you are key to making sure your child gets to school safely and on time every day. Some absences, such as **sick days, are unavoidable**, but as parents and guardians you can ensure your child does not miss time for unnecessary travelling or appointments, and that if they are kept home due to illness, they are truly sick. If you struggle to get your child to attend, or to arrive on time, we encourage you to reach to their teacher. We're here to help.



Find you're running late in the morning? Set a regular bedtime and morning routine and aim for 9 – 11 hours of sleep for little ones. Try to lay out clothes and pack backpacks and lunches the night before.

Our students participated in a presentation on Oral Hygiene in January.



Did you know that “Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision” is NB’s dental and vision plan for low-income families? We’ll be sending more information about this plan in a future message. Until then, you can find information on the GNB website.

In the event of inclement weather, parents are encouraged to access information about school closures via one of the following options:

- the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
- the District website
- follow us on Twitter @ASD_South
- the District Information Phone line – for school closures (toll free:1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]).
- subscribe online for email notifications and choose the Parent Portal

Click the following link for information on our [INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY](#)

*Please see our **calendar** for important dates and events!*
