



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

Superintendent's Update

Halloween will be Celebrated Monday, Important Dates, and Inclement Weather

October 27th, 2022

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Halloween is right around the corner, and students are encouraged to dress in costumes on Monday, October 31st to participate in some seasonal fun. Please keep in mind that masks are prohibited but face paint and makeup is permitted when applied in such a way that we can identify your child. I look forward to seeing the festive outfits and costumes!

Any "New Bees" who still have a sign, and would like to repurpose it for others' future use is encouraged to do so at the Board of Education Office. Thank you for your consideration!

Congratulations Fall Student-Athletes!

Congratulations to our Girls Cross Country Team who, along with Josh Ackerman from the Boys Cross Country Team, advanced to the Regional Meet at Boardman High School this coming Saturday. We wish you well! All the best to our Girls Soccer Team, who is competing in the District Finals tonight. Great job representing our school family!

Mark your calendars!

- The annual prescription drug takeback day will be **Saturday, October 29th** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please drop off your unused, unwanted, or expired medicine for safe disposal at the Brecksville Horticultural Building, 6916 Stadium Drive, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, just across from the Brecksville Community Garden.
- Also, be sure to mark your calendars for our **Take Back Togetherness night on Wednesday, November 2nd** as an evening to unplug and spend time with family. School-sponsored practices, events, and activities will be paused on that night, so please plan to enjoy time with one another.

Decision-Making for Inclement Weather Days

In other news, cold temperatures and inclement weather are right around the corner, and in order to prepare, please read the following information below, regarding our school closure protocols. Please be advised that the District closely monitors the weather forecast for snow and extremely cold temperatures throughout the winter months. The District references www.weather.gov to help make its decision to close school. Information will first appear on my Twitter feed, which you can follow [@SuperBeeBBH](https://twitter.com/SuperBeeBBH). In addition, parents will receive a phone call with an update sharing our decision to call-off school.

Updates about school closures due to inclement weather will then be posted on our website and all major local news stations. Whenever possible, the decision to close school will be made the previous evening, but may be announced as late as 6 a.m., depending on a variety of factors. Though there is not a specific temperature policy for the schools, we do use the [National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart](#) as a guide, based on their methodology found at the [National Weather Service](#). Road conditions are another important factor, since this impacts the ability of our buses to run on time. We will most likely have school if the temperatures remain in the lightest blue color on the chart and the buses are running on

time. It is not uncommon for us to close when the wind chill is -15°F or colder for a sustained period-of-time. We make decisions considering staff and student safety as our top priority.

Keep in mind that when the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools are closed for weather, all evening activities in the elementary and middle school buildings are canceled. High school activities may take place depending on the weather throughout the day. In addition, Preschool and BeeKeepers are canceled and transportation to CVCC is not provided on "snow days." While I appreciate good-natured tweets from students begging me for a day off, they play absolutely no factor in my decision-making process. Also, Twitter posts from local meteorologists making predictions about the chances of having a snow day are made to increase their social media traffic and have no credibility.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Sincerely,

Joelle M. Magyar
Superintendent of Schools

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