



Week of

December 6,  
2021

**A-Dec. 6**

Dear Pembroke Families and Friends,

This has been a challenging week filled with many emotions as we all work to process the horrific act of senseless violence at Oxford High School Tuesday. My heart and mind are still struggling to comprehend what has taken place. However, our Pembroke students, staff and community have once again reminded me that, even in difficult times, there is still kindness and grace, encouragement and support, and yes, even smiles and laughter. For this, I am eternally grateful.

**B-Dec. 7**

On Wednesday and Thursday, our students entered school peacefully and seamlessly engaged in the school/classroom routines that our staff have worked so hard to establish. Observing this allowed me to take a deep breath, as maintaining a normal routine is one of the key steps in dealing with the aftermath of a tragedy. So please, rest assured that we are doing that at Pembroke. The kids are learning, laughing, and enjoying time with their teachers and classmates.

**C-Dec. 9**

½ day for  
students

That being said, I also want to emphasize the fact that the safety and well-being of your children are our priority. For this reason, while our kids were at home today, our staff came together to process our thoughts and feelings, as well as to revisit, review and refresh our ALICE protocols. These protocols were reviewed with our students earlier this fall, and we will continue to revisit them throughout the year. Our goal is to be prepared, not scared.

12:05 PM  
dismissal

Finally, I would like to reiterate that we have no plans to discuss the Oxford tragedy with our students, but will have staff available for any students who may need additional support. As always, our approach will be developmentally appropriate and the conversations focused on increasing their feelings of safety and security in our school. Again, emphasizing that we are prepared not scared and have plans/protocols in place to keep us that way.

PTA Bingo  
Night

Please take some time, as I am sure many of you have already done, and give your child(ren) some extra hugs this weekend.

Via Zoom

Thank you for everyone's support during this time.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

**D-Dec.9**

*Sincerely,*

*Susan*

**A-Dec.10**

### **BPS Giving Week**

**Upcoming  
dates**

The week of December 6<sup>th</sup> is BPS Gives Week. BPS Gives is a way for us all to come together as a larger community to give to those in need. This opportunity allows everyone (schools, families, or individuals) to give-in whatever way they feel they can. Recognizing we all have something to give, either by giving time or money to help others. Pembroke students will make cards and write letters to residents at The Sheridan Senior Living Facility in Birmingham. Pembroke will also collect food for Forgotten Harvest and items for Ronald McDonald House. Collections begin on

**December 22-  
January 2**  
Winter Break

Monday, December 6th-Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>. See requested donations below. This year, we will be highlighting BPS Gives at the January School Board Meeting and our Day of Service 2022 will be on MLK day, Monday, January 17th.

**January 3**

Classes  
resume

### **Outside Recess**

As the weather has changed, please remember to send your child in with snow pants, boots, coat, hat, and mittens/gloves. It is also very important to label everything. The children will be going outside for recess at least twice a day and in order to enjoy themselves fully in the snow, they must have all their gear at school.

**Pembroke**

**Elementary  
School**

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Troy, MI

48084

### **2022-2023 Kindergarten**

Pembroke is seeking information regarding potential kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year. Please see the attached survey.

### **Community Education News**

#### **School Calendar**

Reduction in price- purchase a school calendar with pictures of students, ABCD schedule, half days and more for only \$5. [Click here for the form.](#) If you have any questions please email [Nanci Lasser-Fearon](mailto:Nanci.Lasser-Fearon).

**Phone:**  
(248)203-3888

#### **After School Classes**

New after school class on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3:50PM-5:20PM - Lucky Penny Sewing School – Pillows (Grade 3-5) – Class ID 17408 To register go to [www.communityed.net](http://www.communityed.net)

Sew and personalize your own pillow with Miss Joelle and Miss Lisa of Lucky Penny Purses! In this class, you will learn to use sewing and monogramming machines. Every student will choose from a variety of fabrics, personalize, stuff and sew up their own pillow. You can make one that matches your room or give it as a gift! No sewing experience necessary. \$15 materials fee payable at registration.

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### **Counselor's Corner**

#### **Gratitude**

Try [this](#) gratitude check in throughout the week. I like these questions because it encourages you to think of things that perhaps you have never been grateful for previously such as an idea, a challenge, a strength, etc. I hope everyone has a safe and warm Thanksgiving break!

#### **Coping Skill of the Week**

Try pinwheel breathing [here!](#) You can make your own pinwheel with [this](#) template.

## **Referral Process**

Please fill out this [Counseling Referral Form](#) if your student wants to set up a meeting to talk with me. Once I receive your referral, I will coordinate with the teacher to set up a meeting with your kiddo. You may also fill out the same referral form if you would like to meet with me directly. Please contact me at [klandfair@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:klandfair@birmingham.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Reporting Absences**

Please report **EVERY** day your student is absent or tardy.

**School Absence Reporting Line:** (248) 203-3888 option #2

Report all absences and tardies each day your child is absent or tardy. Call the attendance phone line or email Barbara Fisher at [bfisher@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:bfisher@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

For **extended absences**, (students out 5 or more days) please inform the office prior to the student's absence. Please complete the extended absence form prior to the absence.

## **District News**

### **Birmingham Education Foundation**

Please support the Birmingham Education Foundation in their Annual Fund Campaign by making a donation TODAY!

The mission of the BEF is to create exceptional education experiences by connecting innovative teachers with community support. Each year the BEF provides teacher grants for activities that directly impact your children. Visit [supportBEF.org](http://supportBEF.org) to learn more and to donate.

### **Openings in the GSRP preschool program!**

The BPS Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a preschool program, located at Bingham Farms, has available openings for children who are 4 years old. GSRP is a state-funded, grant program that is FREE for families who qualify. For more information, please contact Laura Tinsley, 248-203-5805, [LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

### **BPS Saturday School: 9 – 11 am**

The BPS Saturday School is back again this year and running virtually throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The BPS Saturday School provides free tutoring for BPS students grades K – 12 who need help in any grade level and in any academic area. Our BPS staff that serve as coordinators and their National Honor Society volunteer tutors are looking forward to working with students in need of tutoring on Saturdays from 9 am – 11 am each week (see official dates below). **All K-12 BPS students** are welcome to receive this free tutoring opportunity for ALL subject areas.

## How to Join Saturday School

To join Saturday School, please click on the following Zoom link:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2047672482?pwd=T3pVU1REUXZTN09NM1MvSSsrVTJiZz09>

### **Saturday School sessions for the 2021-2022 school year:**

**December:** 4, 11, 18

**January:** 8, 22, 29

**February:** 5, 12, 19

**March:** 5, 12, 19

**April:** 9, 23, 30

**May:** 7, 14, 21



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