

## Groves High School Family Update 12/6/19

### Half-Day on Tuesday

There will be half-day for students on Tuesday, December 10th. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

### District Wide Staff PD, December 10<sup>th</sup> High School Shuttle Schedule

	Time	Shuttle Departure
Before school		7:15am
1 <sup>st</sup> period	7:30 – 8:08 am	8:08 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> period	8:13 – 8:51 am	8:51 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> period	8:56 – 9:34 am	9:34 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	9:39 – 10:17 am	10:17 am
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:22 – 11:00 am	10:55 am

### BBCS Survey- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> High School Shuttle Schedule

	Time	Shuttle Departure
Before school		7:15am
1 <sup>st</sup> period	7:30 – 8:38 (68 minutes)	8:38 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> period	8:46 – 9:54 (68 minutes)	9:54 am
A Lunch	10:02 – 10:42 (40 minutes)	9:57 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period with A Lunch	10:42 – 11:50 (68 minutes)	10:37 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period with B Lunch	10:02 – 11:10 (68 minutes)	
B Lunch	11:18 – 11:58 (40 minutes)	11:53 am
4 <sup>th</sup> Period (extended for survey)	11:58 – 1:35 (97 minutes)	1:35 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:43 – 2:50 (67 minutes)	2:45 pm

### Curriculum Night- Thursday, December 12

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester Curriculum Night. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to learn about the curriculum. Please stop by the Commons area to enjoy refreshments from the PTA at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please click here: [Curriculum Night Trimester 2.pdf](#)

### News for Seniors

Remember to order your Class Panoramic Photograph by going online or mailing your order forms to SchoolPictures.com by Thursday, December 12, 2019. Additional order forms are available in the office. Your prints will arrive by mail at your home in approximately three weeks.

### Help Wanted-Assistant Infant Teacher and Interim Program Director

Wee Care Early Childhood Center is looking for qualified, caring, and knowledgeable staff who are passionate about working with and supporting young children! Wee Care (located inside of Groves) offers quality education and care for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children. Applicants who would like to be considered for our [Interim Program Director](#) position, as well as an [Assistant Infant Teacher](#), may submit a letter of application and resume directly to Danielle Mitchelson, Director, at [dmitchelson@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:dmitchelson@birmingham.k12.mi.us) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Shadow Your State Senator

Senator McMorrow is looking for high school and college students to participate in her shadow program. Senator McMorrow's video below outlines her the Program and the webpage link includes the pertinent application.

Senator McMorrow's video discussing the program: <https://www.facebook.com/499972063684687/posts/1005290386486183/>

Senator Mallory McMorrow's Webpage which has the application: <https://senatedems.com/mcmorrow/>.

### **Xello Profile**

Seniors must complete their Xello profile in order to pick up their cap & gown. For more information on how to access and complete Xello, go to the "Senior Information" page on the College and Career Center website (["Senior Information" from the College and Career Center](#)), The Xello instructions and resume tutorial are at the top of the page.

### **Understand Student Life on College Campuses**

December 17 with Brian Roberts from Grand Valley.

December 18 with Nicole Yost from Alma College. Nicole will also talk about Greek life on small campuses as Vice President of PanHellenic Council at Alma.

January 6 at 11:00 a.m. with Courtney Dolan from Boston College

Other visits will occur throughout January.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion**

Help Groves increase its FAFSA completion rate. The Michigan College Access Network and the Governor's office is challenging all High Schools in the state to get to 75% completion. We are already ahead of last year! Let's get to 75% - need help? See Mrs. Kondak.



Help BPS students

**DREAM  
BIG**



Your gift will make a lasting difference in a student's life and will deliver enrichment and innovation to BPS classrooms.

Through December 31

### **BEF Annual Fund**

<https://www.supportbef.org/donate.html>

Donations are being accepted by the BEF this season as they work to help BPS students DREAM BIG. Your gift will become an aquarium, allowing students to watch salmon grow. Or parts for a student-designed robot. It could make a school-wide celebration of Motown possible. It might become a professional musician working directly with high school students, or a character education experience at a middle school. Above all, your gift will become experiences that help students to Dream Big. Visit <https://www.supportbef.org/donate.html> to make a gift.

Community Events

**Birmingham African American Family Network**

**Friday, Dec. 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**BPS Education & Administration Center**

**31301 Evergreen Rd.**

**Beverly Hills, MI**

The Birmingham African American Family Network is hosting a Holiday Mix and Mingle event on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Take part in a drawing and other holiday activities!

## **The Diversity of Christianity: Panel Discussion**

**Monday, Dec. 16, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Birmingham Covington School**

The Panel Discussion Series from the BCS Diversity Committee will be holding their next panel on Monday, December 16, 2019. BCS is happy to announce its latest community offering, The Diversity of Christianity: A Panel Discussion.

Please come listen as students, parents, teachers & community members share their faith experiences and discuss the ways their faith impacts their lives. The denominations represented will be Baptist, Chaldean Catholic, Roman Catholic, Charismatic Pentecostal, Eastern Orthodox, Presbyterian, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and United Church of Christ. This panel follows a very successful conversation last spring on Islam and Judaism. Come and enjoy good food and conversation from 6:00—6:30. Birmingham Covington School Library Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00—8:00 p.m. Open to the public. All are welcome. The panel begins at 6:30.



### **Staff Highlight**

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(Michelle Snyder)

### **Position or Subject Taught**

Spanish, Video Productions

### **Education**

Undergrad = Alma College (Go, Scots!), M.A.L.L. (Master of Arts in Language Learning from Wayne State University), Diploma Básico de Español from El Minostro de Educación y Ciencia in Madrid, Spain

### **Brief Bio**

Teaching has been the only career I have ever pursued, beginning in 1996. I have had 43 first days of school (beginning with preschool). My most interesting job was when I managed a Putt-Putt golf course. I loved making the announcements on the courses. My partner of 20 years is Claudia, and we have a son Liam who is in 8th grade at Berkshire. He will be here next year! I showed horses during middle and high school, and I am a certified riding instructor. I am an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 1699G, one of the first female troops with Scouts BSA. On average I read a book a week in my spare time. A weird fun fact about me is that I love driving backward.

### **Something you may not know about me**

When I was in Uruguay, I translated for the New Zealand National Soccer team for a T.V. interview with a Brazilian News Organization.

**Favorite Quote**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

**Important Dates**

**Monday, December 9**

Another Great Day at Groves

**Tuesday, December 10**

No X-block

Half-Day for Students

School dismisses at 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 11**

Another Great Day at Groves

**Thursday, December 12**

X-Block

Curriculum Night at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 13**

Birmingham African American Network Mix and Mingle at 6:00 p.m.

**Photos**

Students have a great "Friendsgiving Feast" and invite both BPS and Groves Administration.

Last Friday, the National Art Honor Society had their induction ceremony. Students showed off their art pieces. The theme: Make a Social Statement. Kudos to this group! The statements were powerful.





Thank you,  
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