

BLACK RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope that everyone had a relaxing summer, but it's time to get back to work and have some fun! I'd like to introduce our new staff members who will join the Black River Team:

- Ms. Michelle Fortunato- Resource Teacher
- Ms. Alexandra Livesey- French Teacher
- Mrs. Amy Schwartz- Science Teacher

This year brings a change to the district calendar with school opening for the first time in August. The early start aligns with the local public high schools. **Monday, August 26**, is the first day for our Chester District as well as for the Mendham High Schools.

A reminder that the BRMS school day begins at 7:30 a.m. Students arriving by bus will enter through the front door. Students who are dropped off by car will enter through the door by the gymnasium until 7:35 a.m.; thereafter, students should be dropped off at the main entrance. Please be aware that children arriving before 7:30 a.m. will not be allowed to enter the building unless they have made specific arrangements to meet with a teacher.

For students interested in fall sports, it's crucial for all medical paperwork to be completed. **No student will be allowed to try out for fall sports without an up-to-date physical and completion of several required forms.** All sports forms can be found on the nurse's page at: <https://www.chester-nj.org/Page/149>. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Pape at: anne.pape@chester-nj.org.

As you may recall, in June all BRMS students were given copies of the novel entitled Eleven to read over the summer as part of our *One School One Book* initiative. Students were also assigned a math packet that can be found on our website at: <https://www.chester-nj.org/domain/447>.

You will receive a district alert when schedules become available on Power School. We are excited to greet our middle schoolers at the annual **Open House on Friday, August 23, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Students will be able to view their lockers, locate their classrooms, and say hello to their teachers.

I look forward to a collaborative, successful year in which the BRMS community learns and grows together. As always, feel free to contact me at andrew.white@chester-nj.org. I hope to see you at **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m.** In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,



Andrew T. White
Principal