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From the Head of School November 13, 2020

Dear Students, Colleagues, Parents, and Friends,

After a wet and windy tropical week, hopefully our families can find some rest and recuperation this weekend. Tropical Storm Eta was a great example of why all BA parents should be signed-up for Remind. BA uses the Remind App for alerts and schedule changes/reminders throughout the school year. It is a free text messaging service where you'll receive text messages from BA. You may sign up based on your child's grade. Note: if you have multiple children, you only need to sign up in one division.

- Lower School Grades PK3 through 5 -text @brandonls to 81010.
- Middle School Grades 6 through 8 - text @brandon68 to 81010.
- High School Grades 9 through 12 - text @brandon912 to 81010.

Our boys varsity football team is hosting their final regular season football game this afternoon at 3:30 pm. If they win, they will travel to North Florida next Friday to take part in the first football playoff game in the history of our school. It is a wonderful achievement, and we all hope they acquit themselves really well. At the same time, the winter sports season begins to delightfully flood my social calendar. Alive and well at BA!

We are in the middle of our Annual BA Book Fair. A BIG thank you to Bradlee Swanson and the PTO, who have worked hard to prepare a purposeful and useful educational event for our students and teachers. Please find time to visit [this website](#) and support this event and our school.

Speaking of books, I read the other day that, “Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never yet failed to imitate them.” (James Baldwin in *Nobody Knows My Name*). In a school context, this is significant because students always work hardest to please the teachers, mentors, or coaches they like the most,

regardless of subject matter or teaching style. My colleagues on the faculty all know that in teaching, who you are, as well as the care and concern you communicate, are intimately linked to your success as a classroom teacher. I have noted such sentiments before in previous Scoop editions, and I am excited to see that my words are still resonating.

The lessons of school teachers and of parents are more lasting than the fads of being cool or popular for peers and classmates. Our BA students, who are completely involved in various combinations of study, athletics, or community service, find respect, courage, perseverance, and kindness, and are to our Mission Statement's goal of "preparing students to be leaders in the global community". For a student, no other gift comes close to the significance of the hours and days involved in the pursuit of such activities--ask any one of our students.

Therefore, as we approach the season of thankfulness, including this past week's Veterans' Day, allow me to thank you all for the sacrifices you make in order to surround your children with the opportunities offered at BA every day.

Enjoy your weekend,

Eric Miles
Head of School

News You Can Use

The MS Builders Club and the HS Key Club food drive, to benefit [Metropolitan Ministries](#) and Trapnell Elementary School, has been extended until Monday. Winn Dixie will be donating turkeys for Trapnell families and BA will provide the fixings. Just as importantly, we will be collecting items to replenish the shelves at the Metropolitan Ministries food bank.

THE CHALLENGE: Each class's mission is to bring in 195 lbs. of food, the weight of Mr. Miles. (A typical can of food weighs about 16 oz or 1 lbs)

THE PRIZE: For every class that brings in over 195 lbs. of food, students will have a free dress day on Thursday, November 19. The class with the most food, measured in pounds, will receive a pizza party on Thursday, November 19. **GOOD LUCK!**

December Lunch Menu

[Here](#) is a revised December lunch calendar. Starting in December we will be holding a Hamburger/Hot Dog Sale day once a month to benefit the football team. When completing the lunch calendar please ensure to circle whether your child would like a hamburger or a hot dog so that we can ensure to get the correct amount of food. This lunch will also come with a bag of chips and a drink for the same low price of \$5.

If you have already turned in your December lunch calendar and would like to make a change to a HB or HD please email me and I will make the change on your child's order. Please remember lunch orders are due no later than November 18, 2020.

BRANDON ACADEMY Book Fair

801 LIMONA RD , BRANDON , FL 33510

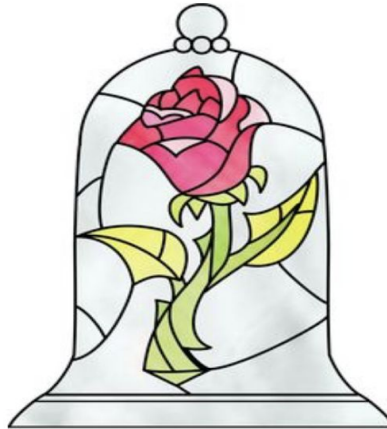
Nov. 9 - Nov. 22

Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.

It's a new school year... let's instill a new-found love of reading!



The Show Will Go On!



Let's get ready for B.A.'s RECORDED spring performance of Beauty and the Beast Jr.!
Already a cast or crew member? Want to join? Just curious what it's all about?

Come to our interest meeting on Wednesday, November 18th @ 3:30 p.m. at the Upper School lunch tables.

We will be answering questions about stage roles and auditions, how the recording process will work, and tech and stage crew jobs.

See you there!

Athletic News

BA Varsity Football Games

Friday, Nov 13 vs. Village View (Home) @ 3:30 pm
Friday, Nov 20 Play-offs TBA

BA MS Soccer Games

Tuesday, Nov 17 vs. (Away) @ 3:30 pm/ 4:30 pm
Thursday, Nov 19 vs. (Away) @ 3:30 pm/ 4:30 pm (Rescheduled from Friday, Nov 13)
Monday, Nov 30 vs. (Home) @ 3:30 pm/ 4:30 pm

BAHS Basketball Dates 2020-2021

Friday, Dec 4 vs. Gulf Coast HEAT (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 8 vs. Cristo Rey (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, Dec 10 vs. Bell Creek (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 15 vs. Cristo Rey (Away) @ 6:00 pm
Friday, Jan 8 vs. Cambridge Christian (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan 12 vs. Universal Academy (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, Jan 14 vs. Foundation Christian (Away) @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan 19 vs. Cambridge Cristian (Away) @ 6:30 pm
Monday, Jan 25 vs. Brandon HS (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Friday, Jan 29 vs. Universal Academy (Away) @ 5:00 pm
Monday, Feb 1 vs. North Tampa (Home) @ 5:00 pm
Friday, Feb 5 vs. Gulf Coast HEAT (Away) @ 6:00 pm

District Tournament – Feb. 8,10, 12