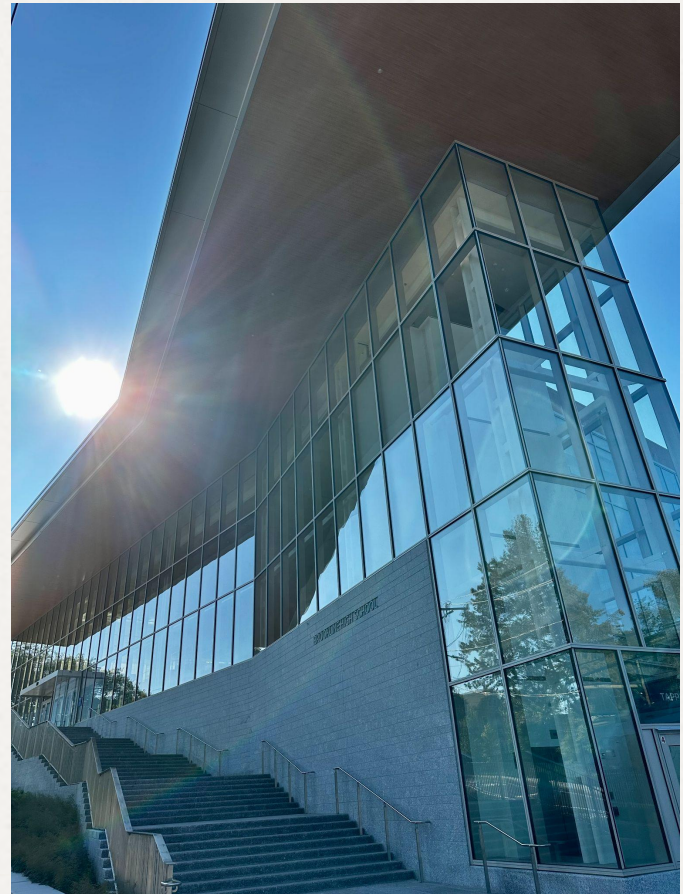


9th Grade
PTO Night
Welcome
to
BHS!



22 Tappan

Meet Your 9th Grade PTO Reps

★ Deborah Fisher

★ Chantal Boxer

★ Yuzhen Zhou

Check out the PTO website
<http://www.bhs-pto.org/>
for the many ways you can get
involved!



Who We Are

9th Grade Deans

We were once in high school too!



Dean Figueroa



Dean Kobus

Head of School
Mr. Anthony Meyer



Our 9th grade team

- ❑ Deans: Marisel Figueroa-Marrero (also guidance caseload)
Brendan Kobus
- ❑ Guidance Counselors:
Alexia Thomas (Head of Counseling & Guidance)
Sara Aggeler
Richard Gorman
Lenny Libenzon
Emma Luiso
Kara Lopez
Nicole Bent
Eric Schiff
- ❑ Dean's Secretary: Sabrina McIntosh

Always remember...there are many caring adults at BHS who are
here to support you!

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

@22 Tappan

Ellen Herz

Clifton Jones

Eric Schiff

Nicole Bent

285 Suite @115

Rich Gorman

Kathleen Whelan

Sara Aggeler

Alex Young

Kate Kennedy

Other Guidance Counselors@115

Alexia Thomas - 285

Lenny Libenzon - 280

Marisel Figueroa-Marrero - 354

Kara Lopez - 248, (ACE)

Dan Bresman - 4th floor (SWS)

Social Workers:

Paul Epstein

John Ortiz @115

Jacob Page @22

Amy Sandler

Joeanna McPherson (METCO)

Dan Haggerty (BRYT)

School Psychologists:

Casey Farrissey

Samantha Melaragno

Gina Penley

Robin Tobak

Public Health Social
Workers:

Abby Dean - 149

BHS Health Clinics

22 Tappan - Room 141

115 Greenough - Room 147

Dean of Student Support: Brian Poon @115

If you need help, tell
a trusted adult.

How We Welcomed Your Students to BHS

- 9th Grade Convocation- The Gauntlet
- Gathering in STEM Commons with Advisors & Junior Keepers
- Procession into the the Roberts & Dubbs auditorium with cheering staff and our band playing.
- Speeches from Head of School Mr. Meyer, Asst. Head of School Mr. Mason, Deans Kobus & Fig, & Junior Keepers.
- Class of 2030 t-shirts thanks to PTO!
- Hub/Advisory – get to know you activities, schedules, important school rules & tours.

Our Messages to Our 9th graders

- ❖ You are all now BHS Warriors–Grow into who you want to be!
- ❖ We will get to know you well & you should do the same!
- ❖ Get involved. So many opportunities here!
**Club/Activities during X-block and after school*
- ❖ We are building community! Be open to making new friends.
- ❖ High school means challenges ahead & we are here for you.
- ❖ We are committed to your success, growth, and wellbeing!
- ❖ We love what we do!
- ❖ Our BHS Mantras

*“Mantras” are words or lessons to live by.
Our mantras are the foundation of our school culture.*

WE ARE BHS



Mantra 1: Every student is a scholar, citizen, and caretaker.

Mantra 2: This is hard. You can do it. We will help each other.

Mantra 3: We are not done yet.

Mantra 4: Freedom *AND* responsibility.

Mantra 5: We create the culture we want.

Transition to High School

Academic Challenges – Scholar

- Homework
- Time management
- BHS PLANNERS –thank you to the PTO for providing them to EVERY 9th grader! We expect all 9th graders to use them!

Structural Challenges – Citizen

- Navigating the big school!
- Communication with teachers -- finding their voices
- Where to go for extra help- Extra Help Centers
- Our daily schedule

Social Challenges – Caretaker

- Changing friendships; challenging friendships
- Phones, social media
- Building community
- Self Care for Students

Executive Functioning

In order to build a foundation for incoming 9th graders around executive functioning skills, 9th grade subject teams have agreed to teach the following skills, within the first or second week of school:

- **English** - How to write an email
- **History** - Set up Notifications on Canvas
- **Science** - Set up Google Drive and Folders
- **Math** - Use of the Planner
- **World Language** - Upload to Canvas_(pictures, files, videos, etc)

BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

2026/27 BHS SCHEDULE V.1A

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Z Block 7:30 to 8:15	Z ₁	Z ₂	Z ₃	Z ₄	Z ₅	Z ₆
1st Period 8:20 to 9:30	A ₁	B ₁	A ₂	B ₃	A ₃	B ₄
2nd Period 9:37 to 10:47	D ₁	C ₁	B ₂	D ₃	C ₃	A ₄
3rd Period Class 1: 10:54 to 12:04 Lunch 2: 12:06 to 12:36 Lunch 1: 10:49 to 11:19 Class 2: 11:21 to 12:31	E ₁	D ₂	C ₂	F ₃	D ₄	C ₄
4th Period 12:38 to 1:48	F ₁	E ₂	G ₂	E ₃	G ₄	E ₄
5th Period 1:55 to 3:05	G ₁	F ₂	T ₁ : 1:55-2:25 X: 2:25- 3:05	G ₃	F ₄	T ₂ : 1:55-2:15 EARLY DISMISSAL TEACHER COLLAB: 2:15- 3:05

BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL- SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2026/2027



September 2026				
M	T	W	H	F
18 days	1	2	3 First 1	4 First 2
7 OUT	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4
14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3
21 OUT	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1
28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4		

October 2026				
M	T	W	H	F
21 days			1 Day 5	2 Day 6
5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5
12 OUT	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3
19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23 Day 2
26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1

November 2026				
M	T	W	H	F
2 Day 2	3 OUT	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5
9 Day 6	10 Day 1	11 OUT	12 Day 2	13 Day 3
16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2
23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Early	26 OUT	27 OUT
30 Day 5				17 days

December 2026				
M	T	W	H	F
	1 Day 6	2 Day 1	3 Early	4 Day 2
7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1
14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6
21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 OUT	25 OUT
28 OUT	29 OUT	30 OUT	31 OUT	17 days

January 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
19 days				1 OUT
4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2
11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1
18 OUT	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5
25 Day 6	26 Midterms	27 Midterms	28 Midterms	29 Day 1

February 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6
8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5
15 OUT	16 OUT	17 OUT	18 OUT	19 OUT
22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4
				15 days

March 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3
8 Day 4	9 OUT	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1
15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6
22 Day 1	23 MCAS	24 MCAS	25 Day 2	26 OUT
29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5		21 days

April 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
17 days			1 Day 6	2 Day 1
5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Early	9 Day 5
12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4
19 OUT	20 OUT	21 OUT	22 OUT	23 OUT
26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3

May 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2
10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1
17 Day 2	18 MCAS	19 MCAS	20 Day 3	21 Day 4
24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 3
31 OUT				20 days

June 2027				
M	T	W	H	F
15 days	1 MCAS	2 MCAS	3 Day 4	4 Day 5
7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4
14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Finals	17 Finals	18 Finals
21 Last	22 Snow	23 Snow	24 Snow	25 Snow
28 Snow	29	30		

Q1 ends 11/9, Q2 ends 1/28,
Q3 ends 4/12, Q4 ends 6/21

11/25, 12/3, 4/8:
Special Schedules

Schedule on MCAS days:
Session 1 - ACE[TX]
Session 2 - BDFG

How can parents support their kids

- Encourage a growth mindset
- Encourage independence but know that it is a process
 - Reach out to teachers directly about classes
 - Go over the IPR, and Report Card together
 - Have a conversation about Canvas. Ask your child to show you.
- Ask them how things are going socially.

Important School Rules to Review with Your Student

1. Our Attendance Policy – Total absence limit

- 18 for full-year courses, 9 for semester-long courses
- **7 mins passing time between classes**
- TX and LC-accountability tools
- How we communicate with you about attendance

2. Our Personal Electronic Device (PED) Policy

- Students are to place phones in caddies.
- No use in classrooms unless explicit permission from the teacher.
- No talking on the phone anywhere in the building.
- The Public Schools of Brookline as well as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will soon be embracing a new legislative measure make our schools a phone-free environment.

3. No Academic Dishonesty

- Cheating is unauthorized having, giving, sharing, taking, or presenting information and/or material that benefits a student.

Extra Help Centers

SUBJECT	WHEN	WHERE
Math Center	Every morning before school 7:30-8:10am	266 @ 115 Greenough
Physics Help Center	Every morning before school 7:40-8:10am AND Monday, Thursday, Friday after school 3-3:30pm	See <u>posters</u> near physics rooms in 22 Tappan for locations.
Writing Center	Monday and Thursday after school 3-3:30p	Tappan Room 217 & 115 Greenough Room 318
World Language Support Center	Monday & Thursday before school 7:40-8:10; Monday & Thursday after school 3-4; X-block	345 @ 115 Greenough

Upcoming Events

- 1st Quarter IPRs - October 8th
- Q1 Report Cards Issued - November 17th
- No School September 21 - Yom Kippur
- Thanksgiving Break
 - ½ day Nov. 25th
 - No School 26th & 27th
- Would love to plan some 9th grade specific events for this year - Build Class of 2030 Pride!!!

FAQs

Q: What do I do if my student needs to be absent or is tardy/late?

A: sabrina_mcintosh@psbma.org 617-713-5190

Give student name, date of absence, entire day or certain blocks, reason for absence. Same with tardies.

Q: What if my child wants to change a class?

A: Student should contact guidance counselor for a meeting to request a change. Requires Add/drop form. Currently in 2 week freeze for core classes (ends 9/17)

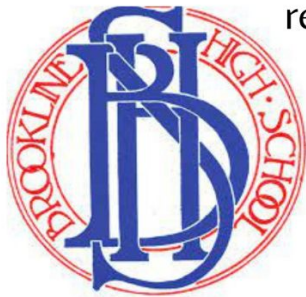
Q: Who do I contact if I have a question?

A: BHS Welcome Book has a lot of great information, as well as our webpage.

You can also contact Sabrina McIntosh or your student's guidance counselor.

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& experiences, supplies & equipment;
facilitates home-school communication

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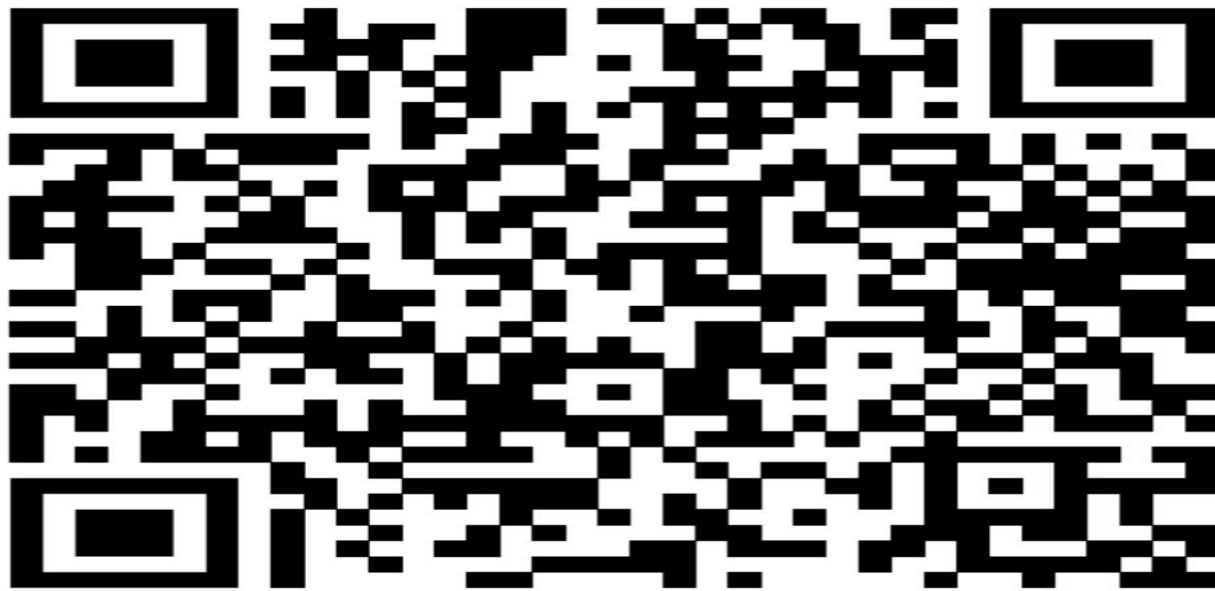


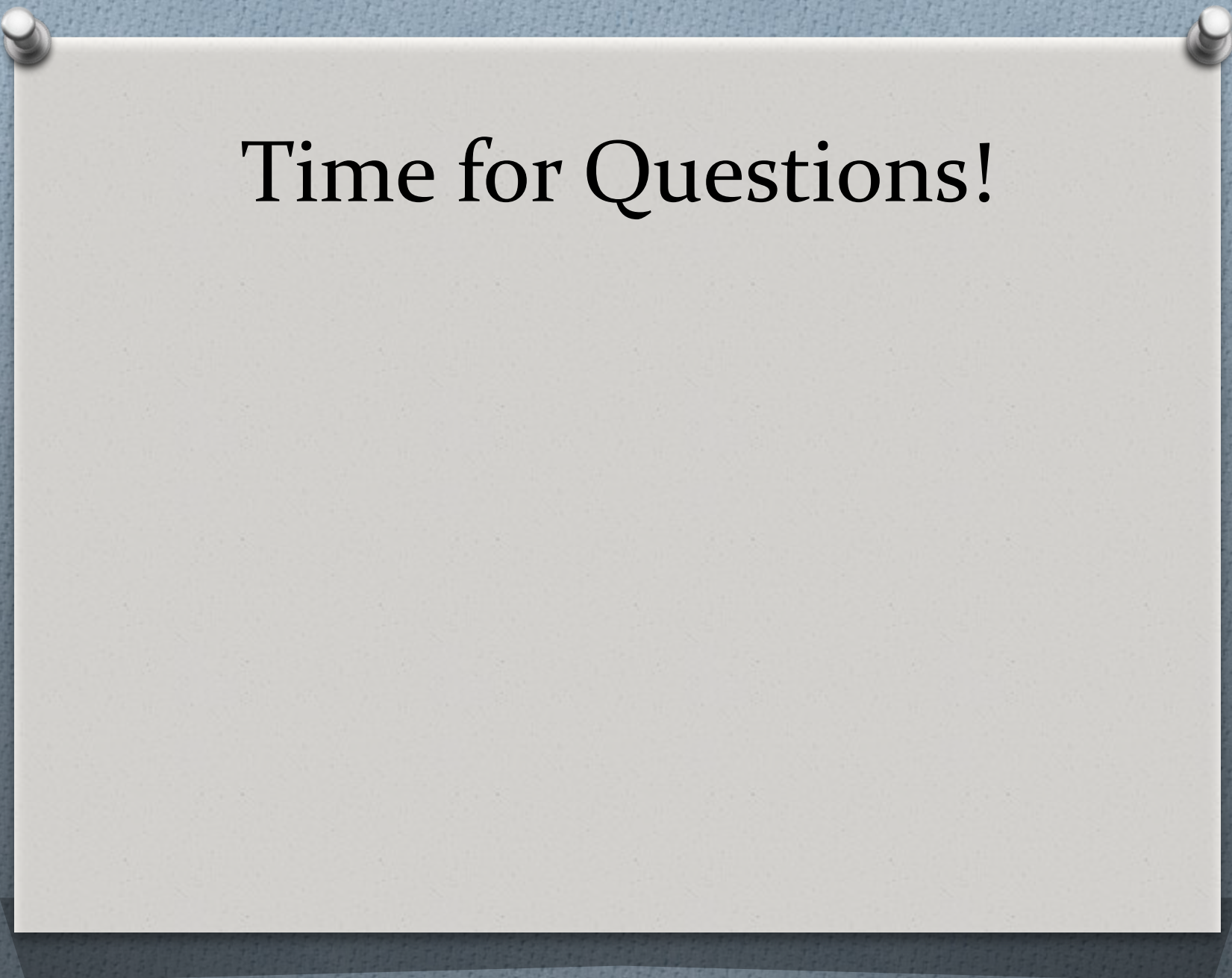
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