

December 7, 2021

Greetings BHM Families,

We continue to work through the effects of the pandemic on our families, students and staff on a daily basis. This year, our staff have taken on additional duties and lost prep/planning time due to the lack of substitutes. All staff are experiencing these pressures on a day-to-day basis along with the additional work necessary when students are quarantined, etc. To provide some relief and additional time for staff work, we will change January 3, 2022 to a staff-only day, with no students in attendance. We wanted to make you aware of this change at this time so you can make arrangements for your children for that day. KidKare will be open as an additional non-school day for currently registered families. Please go online to register if you need child care for this day. <u>bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com</u>

I want to take this opportunity to again remind parents that it is critically important to keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID. We continue to have instances where a child has attended school when they weren't feeling well because they thought they just had a cold or allergies but then tested positive for COVID. This means they were in school with COVID and exposed the virus to staff and other students. I know we have usually gone to work or school when we aren't feeling 100%, but we need you to help us keep everyone in school. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well or are experiencing any symptoms.

We hope our students and staff will be able to relax and refresh during the Winter Break and look forward to students returning to school on Tuesday, January 4th. Thank you for supporting us as we continue to provide a place where students can *dream, believe and achieve*!

Sincerely

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