

# Bloom Alternative High School

===== OCTOBER 2023 PARENT NEWSLETTER =====

## OUR SCHOOL, OUR VOICE- STUDENT UPDATES

Dear students and families,

The end of the quarter is quickly approaching! Make sure that your students are showing up daily to ensure that they are staying on track with classwork and present to get the grades that they have earned! Thank you for continuing to partner with us!

Here is what you can expect from this edition of our parent newsletter:

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**October 9- No School**

**October 12- Quarter 1 ends**

**October 13- Flag Football Game- Summit**

**October 18- All school testing Day- Early Release Day**

**October 23- Parent-Teacher Conferences (1pm-7pm) Details below**

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH



## BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF CELEBRATION!

Classroom Communities had a great time competing against each other during the Back to School Kick Off Celebration hosted by two of our fantastic team members, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Upshaw. And the winners were: The Islanders!! Mr. Smotherman's Community:) Great job everyone!



## BECOMING ENTREPRENEURS

Pictured are two of our talented students, Carielle Alexander and Rakia Phillips who were the winners of the product challenge for their Entrepreneurship class. Students were tasked with creating their own designer bookbags with working components! Great job to this dynamic duo!



## STAND OUT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Mr. Rochelle's community for having the highest attendance for the month of September! They received the BAHS Community attendance trophy, lunch on the principal and bragging rights for the entire month!



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE ON OCTOBER 23RD!

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023.

This year, we will continue the use of our hybrid model. We will hold the conferences virtually through Google Calendar (as was used last year) from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. There will not be an in-person option during this timeframe. A sign up link will come out later this week to schedule your time if the virtual option works better for you.

For parents/families can attend in person from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm, you are free to come in with no scheduled appointment needed to our building. There will not be a virtual option during this timeframe.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out at (708) 754-4095.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING & ENRICHMENT STARTS THIS WEEK!**

After-School tutoring at BAHS has been a huge success thus far! We will continue to provide academic support and enrichment activities for our students daily.

Just a few reminders and updates:

1. If your student is staying after school for tutoring, they will catch the 5:15pm bus home. Please discuss with your student the night before if they will be staying as we will not always get an opportunity to contact you prior to tutoring that day.
2. Due to the limited amount of staff supporting the tutoring program after school, if a student is having behavioral issues with behavior afterschool, it will result in severe consequences including the loss of privileges for attending tutoring after school.
3. Those students who are in need of additional support for credit recovery are encouraged to stay for tutoring at least twice a week, to provide additional time for support on the Edgenuity program with our certified staff members.
4. Tutoring and enrichment days of the week have changed beginning this week for the remainder of the semester: Monday-Friday, 2:45pm-5:15pm.

This programming will run throughout the school year. Encourage your student to stay and participate!

## **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

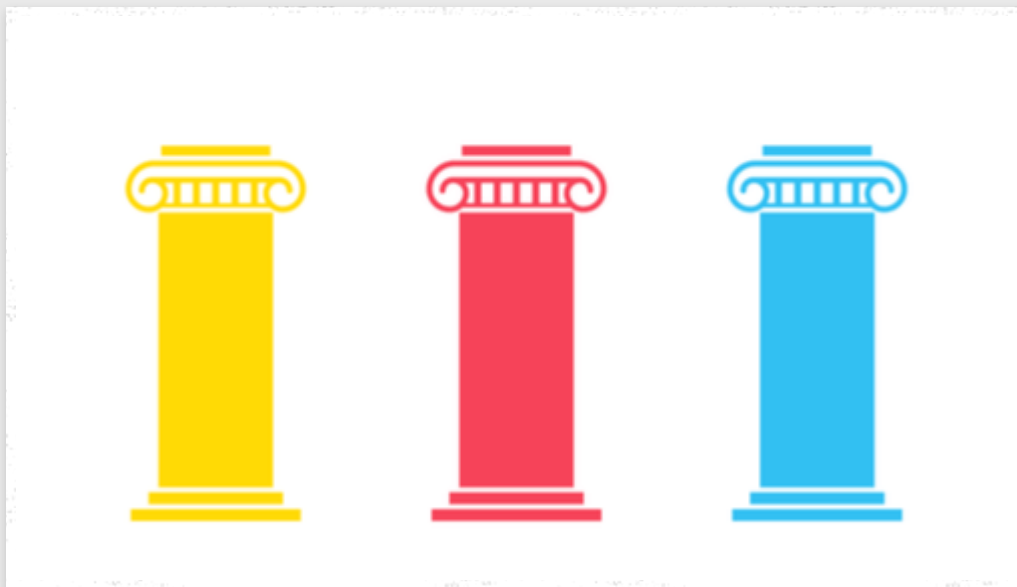
Great news!! Beginning this week, based on the tireless efforts of our Superintendent, Dr. Lenell Navarre, we should see less issues with transportation delays. We will continue to update parents and families as changes to times should occur. Just as a friendly reminder, all students are expected to ride the BUS to and from school, unless we have been informed that they will be a car rider. Students are not allowed to walk to and from school at Bloom Alternative High School. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns to (708) 754-4095. Thank you for your understanding.

**Bus Riders**

Students are assigned a **bus stop** within a two block radiance of their home address to and from the Alternative building. This will allow our students ample time in the morning to arrive, eat breakfast and prepare for their period 1 class. Please allow 15-20 minute wait time for the bus to arrive prior to calling the school, as our times may vary in the morning. As best practice, have your students ready to head out by 7:20am daily, and ask them to wait patiently for the bus to arrive. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

### **Car Riders**

We work hard to create an a safe, supportive and nurturing environment and students safe transport to and from school is a top priority. With that in mind, students are able to get a ride to and from school as appropriate, but communication with our building team is key. Please contact our main office if your student will be a dropped off and picked up from school, so that we are aware and keep the lines of communication open.



## **PILLARS OF SUCCESS FOR BLOOM ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL**

Unified with our district messaging regarding MTSS, “Success is embracing learning and demonstrating growth,” we will be launching our school year with promoting a consistent, positive, trauma-sensitive, safe and supporting learning environment for students, staff and our families.

As a building, we will place a critical focus on the following three areas to ensure the success of every student who walks through the doors her at BAHS. While we continue to make progress on all of our pillars, we place emphasis on a specific area each month. Here are some updates!

Instructional planning & Interventions

### **Student Engagement**

1. We spent a great deal of time on student engagement last month. Our BAHS team discussed ways to support students needs in the classroom while creating a safe and

supportive environment for all to learn. I am happy to report that based on our efforts, we saw a 6% increase in attendance for the month and a 10% increase in students passing all of their classes. Kudos to our amazing teachers, paraprofessionals and support team members for their unwavering efforts to support our students.

SEL & Community Building (with an emphasis on being trauma-informed).

YOUR STUDENTS ATTENDANCE DAILY AT SCHOOL IS CRITICAL IN OUR SUCCESS AS A VILLAGE THROUGH THESE PILLARS!

For the month of October, we will be focusing on instructional planning & interventions to continue to support student academic participation, accountability and success and they level up in preparation for transitioning back to their main campuses.

## STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

We would like to give a special shout out to all of our students who have perfect attendance for the month of September:

SyVonta Hicks  
Rakia Phillips  
Iliana Piquon

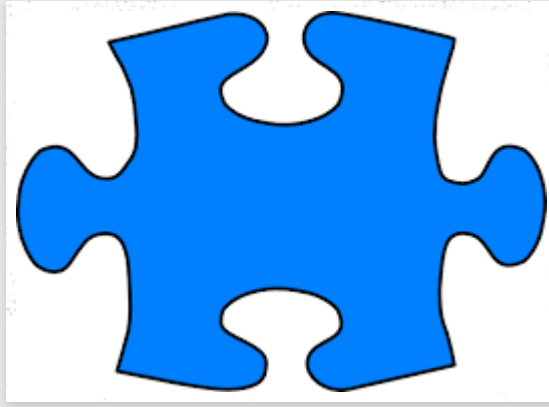
We would also like to give special recognition to students who have 90% or better attendance for the month of September:

Titus Bragg  
Marissa Duprey  
Isiah Hurst  
Ricky Lowery  
D'Ashia Robertson  
Robert Smith

We would also like to give special recognition to students who are on the honor roll for the month of September:

Carielle Alexandder  
SyVonta Hicks  
Isiah Hurst  
Kharis Jeter  
D'Ashia Robertson  
Robert Smith

Thank you to each of you for showing up for your success everyday!



## **PBIS WELLNESS AND WISDOM CORNER**

For the month of October, the SEL theme revolves around self-awareness and self-management. We aim to help your students recognize and understand their emotions, develop self-control and impulse management skills, and set goals while making responsible choices.

You can help your student gain self-control by laying out clear expectations and talking about moods and feelings. Giving clear instructions and allowing them to take a moment during a challenging time will help, not only you as their parent or guardian, but will help them express the actual problem at hand. It truly takes a village. We are here to support you and your students. You are a critical piece to our puzzle. We appreciate you!

## **FAQ'S- GENERAL NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION FOR OUR PARENTS**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C3Np\\_o6BfloxQM64ZB\\_r24YBuQgcdKP0FRedz966inY/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C3Np_o6BfloxQM64ZB_r24YBuQgcdKP0FRedz966inY/edit)