

# Success in 10th Grade!

Back to School Night  
Howard High School

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Mrs. Lisa Veslany- Assistant Principal

Mrs. Nicola Hildreth- School Counselor

Mr. Matt Mindel- School Counselor

# Best Practices for School Communication

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- Communicate with your student.
- Communicate with your student's teacher (i.e., email, phone call, meeting)  
Form plan together on how to address concern(s).
- Involve your student's School Counselor.
- Converse with the Instructional Team Leader.
- Contact your student's Administrator.

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## Who are the Instructional Team Leaders (ITL's)?

- Debbie Bates, Special Education
  - Patrick Crouse, Math
- David Glenn, Student Services
  - Scott Grant, Science
  - Jon Hollander, History
- Richard Jenkins, Fine Arts, PE, Dance
  - Tom Knox, English
- Julia Martinez, World Language
  - Mary Metzler, CTE

# Best Practices for School Communication

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## 9th grade School Counselor

Shannon Grieve

## 10th-12th Grade School Counselors

David Glenn, ITL, A-B

Matt Mindel, C-F

Sonya Sutter, G-L

Jan Bornstein, M-R

Nicola Hildreth, S-Z

# Best Practices for School Communication

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## The Administration Team

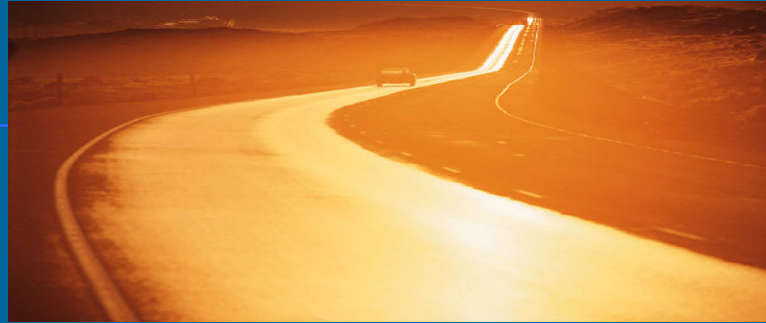
***Principal***

Gina Massella

## ***Assistant Principals***

- Mark Covington, 9th Grade
- Lisa Veslany, 10-12, A-G
- Kedre Fairley, 10-12, H-O
- Steve Levy, 10-12, P-Z

# Keeping the End in Mind!



## 10th grade is an IMPORTANT year!

- This is the year for your student to continue exploring and fostering interests and goals.
- This is the year for your student to step up to the plate and challenge themselves academically.
- This is the year to become connected if your student is not already.

# Keeping the End in Mind!

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## CONNECTEDNESS

- Connecting students to school is critical, especially during the adolescent years.
- According to research, School Connectedness is an import. factor in “reducing the likelihood that adolescents will engage in health-compromising behaviors & it increases the likelihood of academic success” (Blum, 2005)

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- How can your student become involved?
  - Join a school club
  - If there isn't a school club of interest start a new one!
    - Try-out for a sport, dance team, cheerleading
    - Become involved musically (choir, band)
      - Join JROTC
      - Volunteer

# Student Involvement

## Student Organizations and Advisors

■ Animation.....	Michael Prymus
■ Black Student Leaders Association.....	Linda McEwen
■ Character Education.....	Rita Cole
■ Band .....	Chris Campbell
■ Debate .....	Cayman Giordano
■ Drama.....	Mitch Davis
■ Environmental Club.....	Cheryl Rice and Debbie Bates
■ Freshmen Class.....	Linda Stephens
■ International Club.....	Laarni Lucero and Sylvia Lillehoj
■ It's Academic.....	John Gilbert
■ Junior Class.....	Brad Dryer
■ Los Leones.....	Nicola Hildreth
■ Math Team .....	Curtis Galbreath
■ National Art Honor Society.....	Rick Gardner and Molly Brennan
■ National Honor Society.....	James Burrows
■ Newspaper.....	Venice Ferguson
■ Photography.....	Rick Gardner
■ Ping Pong.....	Nathan Ferrell
■ Principal's Advisory.....	Gina Massella
■ Senior Class.....	Molly Hutto
■ SGA.....	James Graham/Amanda Orndorff
■ SHOP .....	Brandon Kovalski
■ Sophomore Class.....	Kate Castellucci
■ Stage.....	Mitch Davis
■ Step Team.....	Natasha Smith
■ Student Technicians.....	Larry Vazzano
■ Whale Club.....	Ron Capruso
■ Yearbook.....	Brad Dyer



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## Highlights For Your Student's 10th Grade Year

- The PSAT  
(October 15, 2008)
- The Sophomore Student Lesson  
(Spring 2009)
- The High School Assessments  
(May 2009)

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## 11th Grade Highlights to Keep in Mind

- Strong academic schedule
  - PSAT- October 2009
- Continue to stay connected
- Exploration of next path after high school
  - SAT and/or ACT- Winter/Spring '08-'09

# Student Resources

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## Peer Mediation

- **What is it?**

A program designed to mediate problems between students

- **Who is involved?**

The peer mediators, students, school counselors and administrators

- **Where do they take place?**

In the Student Services office

- **Why do students need them?**

To help resolve ongoing disputes

# Officer Mike Williams School Resource Officer

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# Mr. Kevin McDuffie Security

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# Mrs. Barbara Prechtl Mrs. Karen Surdu Registrars

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# Mrs. Elaine Walker Principal's Secretary

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# Safe School Environment

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- **Bullying-Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005** states that bullying is conduct that creates a hostile educational environment by substantially interfering with a students' educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, or with a student's physical or psychological well-being and is motivated by an actual or perceived personal characteristic.
- **Cyber-bullying**-Using the internet, cell phones and other technological devices to harass, humiliate, intimidate or threaten others.
- **Harassment**-A sufficiently severe action or persistent, pervasive pattern of actions or statements directed at an identifiable individual or group, that is intended to be ridiculing or demeaning.
- **Discussions of illegal substances or contraband** could lead to conversations and searches by administrators.
- **Dress Code Policy**- Please become familiar with HCPSS policy (t-shirts, belt buckles, head coverings).

# Alcohol Use Among Adolescents

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- Each year, approximately 5,000 young people under the age of 21 die as a result of underage drinking.
- Underage drinkers increases the risk of alcoholism.
- Frequent binge drinkers (nearly 1 million high school students nationwide) are more likely to engage in risky behaviors.

# Alcohol at School

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- When a student has possession of alcohol or consumed before entering school property they are subject to school and police action
- Could be removed from sports team or clubs.
- If you suspect that students are drinking feel free to call student services at 410-313-2871.
- SRO (School Recourse Officer): Corp. Mike Williams: feel free to contact with questions and concerns.

# Underage Drinking Laws

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- Penalties for underage drinking can include community service and up to a \$500 fine on the first offense.
- It can go on permanent record and can make it difficult to obtain college acceptance or employment.
- Drinking in the home? Parents can also be tried and fined up to \$500 per child.

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**Let's revisit Howard High  
School policies!**

# Legal Absences

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- Death in the immediate family
- Illness
- Court summons
- Work if approved by Principal
- Observance of religious holidays

# Attendance

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- Unlawfully missing 5% (9 absences) of a course will result in a possible denial of credit for that course.
- Being more than 20 minutes late to a class will result in an absence for that class.
- Being more than 90 minutes late to school will result in 1/2 day absence.

# Electronic Policies



- Double O policy (off and out of sight)
- Between 7:20 – 2:10 no electronic devices
- Consequences will be assigned as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> detention : device returned at the end of day
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday/Saturday school. Parent retrieve device
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> In school suspension. Parent retrieve device
  - 4<sup>th</sup> In school suspension. Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Consequence assigned by administrator. Device retrieved at the end of the academic quarter



# Student Behaviors at School Sponsored Events

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- Dances: Howard High School does have a dance policy- if a student continues to disregard policy the student will be asked to leave the dance.
- Athletic events: HCPSS does not allow students to stand in the bleachers during athletic events- noise makers are prohibited.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct- Name calling during games.
- Reminder: No outside food or drink purchases are permitted in the stadium or gym.

# **After-School Help for High School Assessments (HSA's)**

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- **Lets ensure our student's are successful with the HSA's**
- **Encourage your student to participate in Extended Day!**

# Extended Day

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- Start Date: October 2, 2008
- End Date: May 14, 2009
- Review Date: May 15, 2009
- Hours: 2:20 – 4:00 (Transportation will be provided)
- Tuesday: Algebra and English
- Thursday: American Government and Biology

# Staff for Extended Day

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- Administrator: Ms. Kedre` Fairley
- Staff Leader: Ms. Sharon Sowada

- Teachers:

Algebra: Mr. Curt Galbreath

English: Ms. Larni Lucero

American Government: Ms. Kathy Trainor

Biology: Ms. Kate Castellucci



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- **Lets Work Together for Your Student's Success in 10th Grade!**

# Reminder

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- The BTSN Power Point will be posted on the Howard High Web site:

<http://www.howardhighschool.net/>

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# Questions?

## Work Cited

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