

April 4th, 2023

Dear BRIJHS Families,

Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable and restful spring break. As we work towards a strong finish to our school year, I would like to bring some important items to your attention.

The weeks leading up to spring break, our junior high students took the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in English-language arts and mathematics. Additionally, our 5th grade students took the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). Now that we are back, the roles will reverse and the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will take the IAR and 8th graders will take the ISA. We will have two days of testing this week (Wednesday and Thursday) and four days next week (Tuesday through Friday). The 8th grade students will take the ISA during science class over three days. By administering one test each day, we will feel that this will give our students the ability to really show us what they know at this point in the year. The IAR tests are scheduled to begin at the start of the day. Please make sure that your students arrive on time during those dates because we will begin testing in the morning. I would also request to try and avoid any early appointments, if possible, on those dates. We will be done testing each day by lunchtime. Students will need a pair of headphones during one or more of the testing sessions. Please check with your student to see if they still have a pair of headphones.

There are many field trips being scheduled for this part of the year. Please be on the lookout for permission slips and information around these trips. Please reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions about the upcoming events.

Plan to join the BRIJHS Drama Department for their spring play, Night at the Wax Museum. It's a play full of laughter and zany antics, as a magical spell brings the wax figures at the tiny Culturally Historical Museum to life! Join the crew of old lady curators and their niece's high school students as they try to sort out who is who, how they came to life, and where the infamous Rufus Ravenscroft hid his priceless treasure! The play will be performed on May 5 at 7pm and May 7 at 2pm. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, and kids 5 years and under are free!

Join the 7th grade ELA classes at their Historical Museum on Monday April 10 from 6-7pm. Students will be showcasing their research about various historical figures and events, including influential women throughout history and a variety of other topics. You'll get to see a variety of artifacts and explore some lesser-known events and people!

On Sunday, April 30th, you can have a night free from cooking dinner! Boosters is currently selling tickets for the Nelson's chicken dinner. The cost is \$12 per meal. Each meal comes with ½ a chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. Here is how it works: You purchase your tickets now. On April 30th between 4-6, you pull up to the circle drive at the Farmer City

Campus and your hot and fresh meal is brought to your car. You get to go home and enjoy! So easy and so yummy! See a booster member for tickets or you can order online:

<https://nelsonscatering.com/blue-ridge-jr-high-boosters>

Mr. Huddleston