

Hello parents and guardians...

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I hope you are enjoying your summer...

A couple quick updates from Brighton High School today...

First, welcome to my new BHS incoming parents and guardians of last year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders... Welcome to BHS, I will be emailing you over the summer with any updates as needed...

- Tomorrow/Thursday at 2 pm is the last chance to register for summer school! Unfortunately, none of our face to face courses with teachers have enough enrollment to run, so the only option for summer school is online learning. Go to <https://www.smore.com/6rxd1> by 2 pm tomorrow to register for any summer school class. Last chance!

- BHS is also happy to offer families a free summer enrichment program through Michigan Virtual (this is our online programming provider). BHS students can register for Math or English courses for free.

EdReady Math -permits students to self-assess for mastery of grade-level knowledge and skills and ensure their readiness for their next math course. EdReady uses diagnostic testing to establish personalized study paths in order to fill in learning gaps and to reinforce understanding. Please go to this web address for more information.

<https://lc.michiganvirtual.org/courses/edready-math/>

EdReady English - designed to help students meet basic college entrance requirements. This program integrates and reinforces the standard developmental English curriculum — reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary building, and grammar skills — to fully prepare students for credit-bearing courses. Please go to this web address for more information. <https://lc.michiganvirtual.org/courses/edready-english/>

- Finally, as many of you know, we are finalizing completion of our new Steam Center building and working on great options for students. Two new pilot options we now have available to offer to students next year are Career/Steam oriented English class options. These courses will be taught partly in the Steam Center and sincerely be designed by the teacher and students to meet the current needs of students heading into STEAM careers or majors in college. The two course descriptions below are semester long pilot courses that would be elective options for students in grades 9-11 and English credit options for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. These courses could even take the place of a current 12<sup>th</sup> grade English required course for graduation. I am the direct contact if your student wants to take one of these courses. Simply email me/reply to this mail and I will compile a list, first come first serve, and make contact with your student this summer to make a schedule adjustment. This option might need some discussion with a counselor and we

can make that happen in August as needed. This option is just something that I am proud that our district and teachers are taking a risk on: offering new, current pilot curriculum that will help us shape the future of meaningful and student and staff involved teaching and learning in the new buildings that your bond support made possible. Here are the two courses, the first one offered first semester and the second will be offered second semester.

### Digital Writing and Design

Learners with a passion for storytelling and a strong instinct to think outside the box and experiment with new ideas will address campus and community needs in this project-based course. Learners will develop content, write key publications, and tell stories of organizations through writing and design. They will prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment that requires collaboration, creativity and innovation. The course is designed to provide real-world experience using digital tools to prepare content, documents and reports for BAS and/or the community.

### Technical Writing

Technical Writing is an introduction to professional, “real world” writing found in such settings as science, engineering, and medicine. Students will learn how to present information in a technical way, explain a process, and design a presentation for a targeted audience. Students will practice verbal and written communication skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of technical communication in order to help them analyze a process, map out the process, and then design a way for users to use the product/process. Students will work with various types of information and graphics to practice writing in a professional setting. They will also demonstrate proficiency in writing and presentation skills by producing different technical writing products (manuals, pamphlets, “how-to” presentations, usability research reports, etc.). In creating those deliverables, students will demonstrate the process of communication, analyze and address the needs of the targeted audiences, and explain the methods and strategies used for organizing and presenting information.

That is it for today. I have many more communications coming this summer with important updates. I will be in contact in mid July with important Registration dates and much more information to start getting ready for next year! I am out of the office next week but back in much of the summer and am here for anything you may need...

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July...

Gavin Johnson, lead principal at BHS