
From the Principal



The tragic event at Sandy Hook Elementary School has once again changed the world. The senseless cruelty and heartbreaking loss is impossible to comprehend. Included in this newsletter is a press release from the City to keep you informed on the response from the School District and the Emergency Preparedness Plans.

At Brien McMahon, we have had an active School Preparedness Committee –made up of teachers, school psychologist, nurse, administrative assistant, facility representative, and administrators - for years. We meet on a regular basis to discuss the most current research and best ways to practice drills and deliver messages of safety to our students. We had a timely presentation to staff and students and repeated some simple things they can do to help keep our school a safe place. One of our safety mantras is borrowed from a NYC campaign, *See Something, Hear Something, Say Something*. We need to do all we can to keep each other safe. School Preparedness Committee co-chair people made a presentation this month at the Parents' Club Meeting. This was always part of this year's planning. Scott Hurwitz, our 11th grade Housemaster, Bob Killackey, our NJROTC instructor and Norwalk's Teacher of the Year, and I presented the same workshop to all of our students on January 15. Mr. Hurwitz and Lt. Col. Killackey are the amazing co-chairs of BMHS School Preparedness Committee and deserve special praise and recognition for the quality and quantity of thoughtful work they do to insure we are utilizing all of the best practices to keep our students and staff safe. The presentation is posted on the website and I hope you find it informative and thorough. It is my hope it will provide you with a level of comfort knowing what we do at McMahon. Thank you for entrusting your children to me every day. Their safety is and has been my number one concern.

We remain focused on education and academic excellence. I encourage your children to formulate a plan, to be aware of teacher expectations, and to develop a timeline for test preparation. As always, if you have questions, please contact the teacher, guidance counselor, housemaster, or me.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Brown Koroshetz

Mark your Calendars for Special Events:

February 18: NO SCHOOL – President's Day Holiday

March 1 – Senior Fashion Show –

Snow Date: March 2

**PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR CHANGES:
FEBRUARY 15, 19 AND MARCH 22, 2013
ARE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION ON THESE
DAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF.**

**Also please take note of an important
letter from the Superintendent on page 4.**

Don't miss the upcoming Spring Musical.

BMHS Spring Musical: March 8-9, 15-16

"Guys & Dolls"

All Shows 7:00 p.m.

Advance Tickets available

www.BrownPaperTickets.com



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Updated information

www.norwalkpublicschools.org

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Updated Athletic Schedules: **www.FCIAC.net**

