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Buffalo Grove High School 2015-2016 Third Quarter



A Letter from Principal Wardle

Paying Attention to the Tensions of Leadership

As the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year has come and gone, in many ways, it has been incredibly successful. From State Champions in athletics to finalists in the Illinois Music Educators Association top performing groups to top finishes in several clubs and activities, this has been a great 2015-2016 school year thus far. Not to mention a growing number of National academic awards, Advanced Placement results, and ACT scores. Yet – a tension remains. The tension of how to connect our students to the content, concepts, and opportunities to make them as successful as they can possibly be.

As the leadership at Buffalo Grove High School wrestles with finding the best fit for each and every student, we find ourselves in the midst of several tensions, each vying for our focus and energy. While most people try to avoid tension, we have been challenging each other to Pay Attention to the Tension – to lean in on those ideas and conflicts, and find a solution that fits each student at BG. This is what OneBG is all about, and it is the tension that we are diligently pursuing after every day.

Some of the initiatives that have come out of this idea of securing a Real Hope and a Bright Future for each and every student at Buffalo Grove HS are:

- The Harper Promise, which 97.3% of freshmen have signed up for to secure the possibility of free tuition at Harper college for two years should they choose to attend there.

- Taking a career inventory, and choosing a career cluster. Nearly every student has now completed this survey, and we've found that our student body has a high interest in the medical and STEM related fields. Which leads to the tension of finding more courses in these areas.
- Offering dual credit courses, expanding our partnership with Harper College for dual credit to include National Louis University, Robert Morris University, and Triton College.
- Expanding the opportunity for our students to obtain industry credentials, the most recent being in the automotive world with our auto shop becoming NATEF certified. We currently have dozens of potential industry certification opportunities for our students.
- Increasing our AP offerings, giving students college credit not only in Illinois, but across the nation and even internationally.
- Beginning The Harbor, a school culture initiative aimed at increasing the emotional intelligence of our entire school body, from staff to students, to ensure that every student is secure, has a place of significance, and is given strength to make a difference.

I hope that your student has found a place to connect and pursue their passions at BG, as it is our goal to provide that for each and every student. I look forward to seeing many of you at school this spring as we look forward to our musical, many fine arts events, and outside athletics.

Jeff Wardle
Principal

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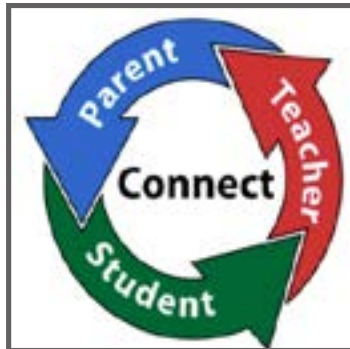
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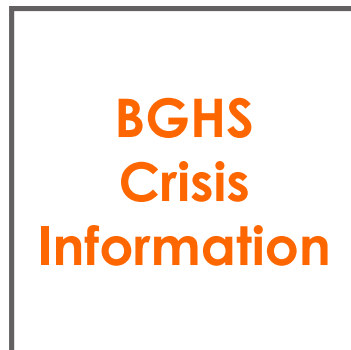
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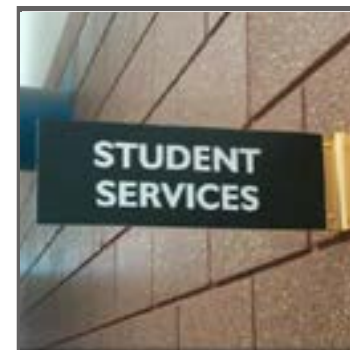
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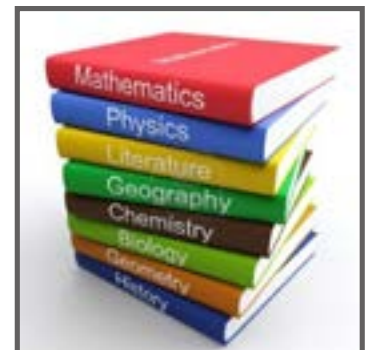
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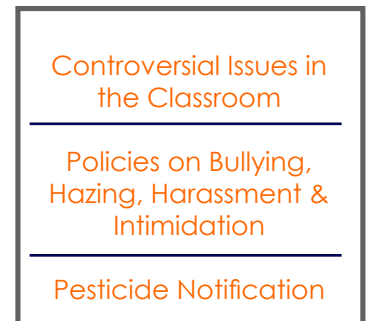
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