Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Bristol-Plymouth community is pleased that your son or daughter will be a member of the Bristol-Plymouth Class of 2023. It is our hope that you will join us in a cooperative partnership to build a strong bond between school and home. This partnership will empower us to provide the best possible education for your child. Please consider this letter an invitation to contact us, get to know us and become familiar with our school. Our 2019-20 school calendar is posted on our website at www.bptech.org for your convenience and reference.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Mosher has joined B-P as the new assistant principal this year and I know that our B-P community will welcome him. He is very excited to meet all of our students and their families.

The following information is important for the opening of school on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

BUS ROUTES: You should have received the route information in the mail. The bus routes are available on our school website www.bptech.org. We suggest that, for the first week, all riders be at least ten minutes early at their stop. After the first week, bus time schedules should be firmly established.

SCHOOL INSURANCE: If your child plans to participate in any sport activities at Bristol-Plymouth, proof of health insurance is mandatory. If your child is not covered by health insurance, it will be mandatory that you purchase school insurance prior to participation. For students who do not wish to participate in these activities, school insurance is optional. If you wish to purchase the insurance, please fill out the insurance form, enclose the correct amount and have the student return it to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible after the beginning of school. This will be available for your review in a packet that will be sent home with your child.

The price of the school lunch remains at $2.75 this year. All food must be paid for at the time of purchase. **We do not allow any charging of food.** Please make sure your child has brought a lunch or money to purchase lunch. Remember that students who prepay spend less time in the serving lines. For your convenience, there is a link on the school website which will connect you to a secure website where prepayment can be completed using a checking account or credit card.

We also offer breakfast each morning. Studies show that a nutritious breakfast helps a student be more alert and, therefore more able to learn in class. Breakfast at school is affordable at $1.50; if a student qualifies for free and reduced price lunch, the student will also qualify for the breakfast program with no additional paperwork.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION: The free and reduced lunch application is on the B-P website for your use. You can find the application at www.bptech.org/parent information.
STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK: The handbook contains the rules, policies and all general information concerning Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School. Please review it carefully, particularly the Attendance and Tardiness Policy starting on page 14. Poor attendance and frequent tardiness will negatively impact your child’s future at Bristol-Plymouth. For your convenience, the Student-Parent Handbook is available on our website, www.bptech.org on the Parents Page tab. Please consult our school website often, so you can be an informed member of our school community. Please notify the school of your child’s absence by calling ext. 100 prior to 8:30 a.m.

SCHOOL DRESS: All students are to be well-groomed and dressed in good taste. The dress code, found on page 32 of the Student/Parent Handbook is strictly enforced. Since our technical programs simulate industrial conditions, safety becomes a very important consideration and any dress and/or adornments that constitute a safety hazard will not be allowed.

LIFETOUCH: Lifetouch will be here at Bristol-Plymouth on September 17th to take photo IDs and shop photos of grade 10 and 12 students and on September 25th for Grade 9 and 11 students. Students should receive information packets directly from Lifetouch prior to the above dates.

This year, all students will be required to wear lanyards and IDs as they enter and travel around the B-P building(s). The goal of these ID cards will allow students to purchase their lunches, sign in/out of school when tardy or dismissed, sign out a library book, and use the main hall bathrooms. The month of September will be a pilot program for students who have been issued new IDs, but this implementation will be schoolwide every day, beginning October 1, 2019. Students may remove their lanyards while working in their shops, at the discretion of their teacher, but must wear them at all times when leaving the shop or classroom environment.

SCHOOL BEHAVIOR:
The Bristol-Plymouth community is one of tolerance and respect. Individuals are treated with dignity and kindness. Please see the section on Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Intimidation, Harassment: and Retaliation on page 43 of the Student-Parent handbook and the Discipline Policy on page 17.

All schedules and locker assignments will be distributed on the first day of school. All freshmen students are to report to the cafeteria upon arrival to school. Mr. Montesano, the freshmen guidance counselor, along with each homeroom teacher will greet your child there.

Your cooperation in returning any school forms that will be sent home on the first day of school with your child is appreciated. You should have received a green Emergency Contact Form in your child’s acceptance packet. This form must be completed, signed and returned to the main office in order for your child to participate in technical activities including but not limited to field trips, etc.

We look forward to enjoying an educationally challenging and successful school year beginning on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Students must report to the cafeteria by 7:45 a.m.

Best wishes,

Karen Guenette,
Assistant Director/Principal

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