Dear Bristol-Plymouth Student and Parent:

I am sure you are amazed at how quickly summer vacation has passed. It is almost time to return to school, and we anxiously await the return of our students. 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 families.

The 2019-20 school calendar has been posted on the school’s website, and first day of school for all students is **Wednesday, September 4th**. This will be a full day of school with dismissal at 2:15 p.m. Sophomores and seniors will begin with a shop cycle and juniors will begin the year in academics. Sophomores and seniors need to come prepared for a full day of shop, dressed appropriately for shop activities. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SAFETY GLASSES. All grade 10, 11 and 12 students are to report to their shop upon arrival at school. The double-sided green Student Information/Emergency Release Card must be completed, signed and returned to the main office the second day of school in order to participate in technical activities including but not limited to co-op placement, field trips, etc. As requested on the forms, please be sure to update this form if your home/work/cell numbers or contact information has changed. Any new changes that occur during the school year can be reported to the pupil services’ office.

I encourage all students to make a commitment to their education and come to school prepared to work hard. Please review the Student-Parent Handbook (available on our website www.bptech.org) before returning to school. Please pay particular attention to the Policy for Prevention of Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Intimidation, Harassment and Retaliation), page 43, as well as the Attendance Policy, begins on page 14. One important step toward a successful year is to make a conscious effort to maintain good attendance. It is very important to be in school every day, on time, and to not leave early. Additionally, the Dress Code Policy, begins on page 32, and the Discipline Policy, can be found on page 17. Help us to continue our culture of tolerance and respect by treating everyone with dignity and kindness.

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. Submission of a new application is required each school year. A free and reduced lunch application can be completed online at www.bptech.org and click the Parent and Student link to access the form.

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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.

Lifetouch will be on site at B-P on September 17th and September 25th to take school pictures and photo IDs. 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 wearing 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, at the teacher’s discretion, while working within their shops, but must wear them at all times when leaving the shop or classroom environment.

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 your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible after the beginning of school.

Students need to apply for a parking permit, if they plan to drive to school. Please listen carefully to daily announcements when school resumes for details about parking permits. Students are only permitted to park in the lots behind the school (cafeteria side) in assigned numbered parking areas. Applications can be obtained from the Assistant Principal’s office.

Your password for the X2 Aspen student/parent grade portal will remain the same as the previous school year. If you no longer know your username or password, you may request a password reset by visiting the Parent Information section of the school’s website.

All schedules and locker assignments will be distributed in homeroom class on the first day of school.

Enjoy the rest of your vacation and make safe decisions, so you will return to school happy, healthy and ready to be successful. We are looking forward to welcoming you back by 7:45 a.m. on September 4th.

Very truly yours,

Karen Guenette, Assistant Director/Principal

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