

Bethlehem Middle School PTO 332 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 Email: ptobcms@gmail.com

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Dear BCMS Families, Students and Staff,

The BCMS PTO would like to welcome everyone back to school! We know this year will be different but rest assured that the PTO will be doing everything possible to help make it great! Please see the attached flyer for our 1st PTO meeting tonight (September 14th) at 7 PM via <u>Zoom</u>. Our last meeting in August had 100 participants! Our guest speakers will be the BCMS guidance counselors. They will be reviewing Social Emotional Learning, available resources for students & families and answer any questions you might have. If you would like to submit questions beforehand, please email them to; ptobcms@gmail.com before 3PM on Monday 9/14. We will record the meeting and post it at a later date on the PTO website.

Thank you to everyone that has already purchased a membership! Our membership drive is our largest fundraiser, so we really appreciate your support. This year the PTO has put aside funds specifically to use for COVID supplies for students & staff. We have donated 60 reusable masks & a dozen digital thermometers at this time. We have also created a Student in Need Fund. If any family needs assistance with obtaining supplies, please contact your guidance counselor or school nurse and they will reach out to us. This is confidential and available to the entire BCMS community (not just PTO members). Please consider supporting us by purchasing a membership at http://www.bcmspto.org. Click under the Membership/Store tab. After you purchase the membership please complete the contact form.

This year the agenda planners (assignment notebooks) are mandatory for all students. *The cost is \$10 per planner*. The planners have been designed by current BCMS students & look fantastic! All planners will be given out next week during homeroom. If you are doing virtual learning please contact the main office to schedule a pick-up time. We are encouraging families to **please pay for the planners online**. Again go to the PTO website http://www.bcmspto.org and click on the Membership/Store tab. Scroll down to the bottom and add the assignment notebook to your cart. You will need to put your child's name, house & grade. You can pay for it with a credit card or PayPal. There is a form available to download if you prefer to pay by check/cash. If paying by check/cash please put it in an envelope labeled PTO with your child's full name, house & grade on the front. They can give the envelope to their homeroom teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any Executive Board Member. Also feel free to join our Facebook page for current updates: Bethlehem Middle School PTO-Delmar NY. You will need to answer 3 security questions for admittance to the group. We hope to see you on Monday!

All the Best, The BCMS PTO 2020-2021 Executive Board

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