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BRADDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message

Co-curricular Math Counts begins on October 3, with 6th graders meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays and 7th and 8th graders meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays. The after school part will begin on October 5th and continue each Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4 PM.

The dates for the PARCC test and the PARCC Science test are now finalized. The PARCC Science test, which is only administered to 6th grade students, will be given during the week of April 9th. The 7th grade will take the

PARCC test during the week of April 16th. The 8th grade will take the PARCC test during the week of April 23rd.

Schools will be closed on October 3 for a county-wide Parent-Conference Day. Secondary schools will hold meetings from 10:20 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The 8th grade will be going to CCTE on October 12, 2017. If you have not yet signed a permission form, please contact Mr. Murphy in the office.

## Nurse's News

The best learning takes place when children are healthy. Make sure to keep your child home if he/she is exhibiting signs of illness, including fever, sore throat, or persistent cough. If your child is running a fever, he/she must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

## Anything Goes, Jr.

The Braddock Drama Club, known as Braddock on Broadway, will be holding auditions for their musical Anything Goes, Jr. on Thursday October 19 from 3:00 - 6:00 in the auditorium. This hilarious, madcap story of Boy-Meets-Girl on the high seas still retains all the charm and whimsy of the original but now it's appropriate for performers and audiences of all ages. The story is wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores, featuring terrific numbers like It's De-Lovely, Friendship, I Get A Kick Out Of You, Anything Goes, You're The Top and Blow, Gabriel, Blow. Any 6th, 7th or 8th grade student interested in auditioning should report to the auditorium on Oct. 19 immediately after the second dismissal bell. There will be 3 parts to the audition: acting, singing and dancing. There are also several non-singing and non-dancing roles. The performance will be held Feb. 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Feb. 4 and 11 at 2:00 p.m.

## Dates and Details:

10/2— After School starts

10/3—Parent-Teacher Conference 10:30-5:30 (teacher lunches 1:00-2:00PM)

10/12—CCTE visit (8th grade)

10/13—CA Service Learning

10/19— School Dance Cost:\$3 7-8:30PM

10/27—Fundraiser field trip

## Hurricanes

This year Hurricanes Irma and Harvey spun through several states, leaving some areas devastated. Texas was hit with flooding from Harvey in late August and Florida was hit hard by Irma in early September. During Irma's impact, the water was sucked up around the coast in the Bahamas, leaving dry land where there once was water!

These intense hurricanes were closely followed by other hurricanes Jose and Katia, so that 3 hurricanes were churning in the Atlantic Ocean for the first time since 2010. Why are stronger hurricanes becoming more frequent?

Hurricanes form over warm ocean waters near the equator. When warm moist air rises and condenses, the pressure lowers and a thunderstorm is formed. Clouds rush in to fill the space of lower pressure, and as they are warmed, they start to spin.

Soon, an eye forms in the center. Anything in the eye is calm because the strong winds never reach it.

Through research, scientists have found that "hurricanes intensify significantly faster now than they did 25 years ago" (NASA). Scientists think the rise of intensity in hurricanes may be because of slightly higher temperatures in the ocean. The average annual temperature of the ocean has risen 0.302 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969 (Levitus, "Global ocean heat content"). Hurricanes are fed by warm air rising from the ocean, so the warmer the water, the stronger the force of the hurricane.

Whatever their intensity, hurricanes are very dangerous forces of nature. Being prepared for them will save lives.

Featured student writer-Sofia Kucher, 8th grade

## PBIS Fundraiser Tracker

Beginning October 6, 2017 until March 15, 2018, Braddock Middle School will be participating in the Martins A+ School Rewards program. Visit [www.martinsfoods.com/aplus](http://www.martinsfoods.com/aplus) to register with school ID #20257. You may register up to two schools; you do not need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) are the same as last year. Also, we continue to participate in the Box Tops for Education program. Box Tops may be brought in to school at any time throughout the year. Contact Ms. Alkire if you have any questions.

