



SEPTEMBER 2016

BRADDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



## Dates and Details:

9/5- Labor Day— No school.

9/9- School-wide Fund-raiser begins

9/14 -9/16 6th grade Outdoor School

9/22-Dance Cost:\$3 Snacks \$1 7-8:30 PM

9/29-Parent Conf 8-3:30 PM

9/30-Picture Day



## Retirements

Braddock Middle School would like to congratulate the following retirees:

Rhonda Diubaldo  
Charles Eberly  
William Hunt

## Principal's Message

Braddock Middle School would like to welcome its new assistant principals, Dr. Laura Holland and Mr. Shawn Swisher.

Dr. Holland has been employed by the ACPS for 21 years. She has a BS degree in English, a MA in Special Education, and a Doctorate in Higher Educational Leadership Studies from WVU. She previously taught English and Special Education at Braddock and has been teaching English at Fort Hill for the past 10 years.

Mr. Swisher attended FSU and played football all four years. He graduated in 2000 with a major in Early Childhood/Elementary education. He is also certified in Social Studies and taught Social Studies at Westmar Middle School for 16

years. While at Westmar, he was the head football coach from 2001—2006.

This summer has been a busy but very productive one here at Braddock. The school has had a new roof installed. We have been able to purchase new speakers for the auditorium and finally after two years of fundraising—NEW Curtains for the auditorium. A big THANK YOU to all parents, students, businesses and friends of Braddock for your kind and generous donations that have made these improvements possible.

Please support the PBIS Reward Programs. We strongly encourage all parents to participate in the A+ School Rewards program at Martin's Market and the General Mills

Box Tops for Educations fundraiser. With the A+ School Rewards program, Braddock earns CASH each time you shop at any MARTIN'S store using your BONUSCARD. Parents can also participate in the General Mills Box Tops for Educations fundraiser by having your children bring the 10¢ Box Tops coupon to the school book store. For every 10 coupons returned, he/she will earn one Braddock Buck. We hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in these fundraisers which are an important resource for our school. The faculty and staff at Braddock continue to be committed to excellence and look forward to your support throughout this new school year.

## Braddock Middle School NY Trip

Braddock Middle School will be offering a trip to New York again this year. During May 5th, 6th, and 7th travel with Spencer. Travel to popular NY spots such as the Freedom Tower, 5th Ave., Times Square, and Madam Trousards. Call the school office at 301-777-7990 for more information.

## After School Program

Again this year, Braddock will be offering after school mentoring as well as enrichment activities through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers Grant. This program will take place daily (Monday-Thursday) after school from 3:00 – 5:30 pm. Sixty five positions are available for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The After School Program offers homework help, enrichment activities, and field trips to various cultural and industrial opportunities in our area. We are staffed by Braddock teachers and meet by grade level. The tentative start date for After School is Monday, September 12, 2016. Applications will be available in home-rooms and the front office.

## Staff at Braddock

Braddock Middle School would like to welcome the following new staff members:

Tim Murphy— Guidance Counselor  
Laura Holland-AP  
Shawn Swisher-AP  
Stephanie Willetts-Special Education  
Colleen Watson-Language Arts  
Sheila Greise— Math  
Carissa Warnick-Library  
Dave Hobel—PE  
Jeremy Strother—PE

## From the Nurse's Desk

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.

6th Graders receiving their 11 year shots (TDAP, Meningococcal vaccine) please forward the updated shots record directly to the nurse's office.

## Parent Volunteers

Braddock is in need of parent volunteers to make copies, laminate, work the PBIS rewards during lunch time and chaperone dances. If interested please contact Mr. Murphy, guidance counselor, at 301-777-7990.

## Chorus/Band Recruitment

Ms. Tretter, Ms. Martin and Ms. Jackson will have an informational meeting on September 6th & 7th during Block 3 shift 2. Students interested in band, orchestra and/or chorus should plan on attending.