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Dear Community Members,

With the end of the month of October upon us, it is time to celebrate the Fall harvest and Halloween for many of our students. Whether you are trick-or-treating or not, schools will have an abbreviated session on October 31st for students, staff, and faculty.

In the spirit of giving, the Bayonne Board of Education along with the City of Bayonne and other local stakeholders are holding a Make A Difference Food Drive. The drive will run from October 28th through November 29th. Drop-off locations are city hall, all community schools, and BCB Banks. Unfortunately, supporting our neighbors who are experiencing food shortages is imperative. If possible, please send in unopened, non-perishable items (no glass containers) with your child.

November is Native American History Month. Schools are prepared with appropriate curriculum to highlight this culture.

Also, this month we are celebrating four very special military honorees in our annual Field of Heroes event: Angelo Squitieri, James P. Hennessy, Matt Klimansky, and Edoardo "Junior" Ferrante. This celebration takes place on Friday, November 3rd in the Alexander X. O'Connor Auditorium at 11:00 in Bayonne High School. It is a stirring event with the front lawn of BHS covered with U.S. Flags, veterans from our proud town, bagpipers, dignitaries, student groups and a presentation of a Congressional Medal of Honor from the family of William Shemin. All are invited.

We are so proud to announce that the BHS Marching Band was promoted to USBANDS OPEN CLASS which is reserved for ensembles who have had a high level of achievement in A Class. Those who are promoted to Open Class are classified as intermediate/advanced level groups and it is a high honor to get to compete with the best in both the State & the Nation.

For all our sport fans, Bayonne High School Boys Varsity Football Team is competing in Wayne, NJ against Passaic County Technical in the 1st round of State Tournament. Also, Girls Soccer will be playing Union High School at 4:30 on Monday, at home in Round 2 of the State Tournament. Go Bees!

Remember, Fall Break is November 6th - November 10th, 2023; and there are three special days coming up in November: Veterans Day which is celebrated on 11/10/23 this year and Election Day which takes place on 11/7/23. Thanksgiving Day is on the 23rd, so all schools have an abbreviated session on November 22nd and are closed on the 23rd and the 24th.

Sincerely,

John Niesz
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