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Dear Blind Brook High School Students, Parents/Guardians and Community:

Spring is here and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the school year is almost over at Blind Brook High School. It has certainly moved fast. However, school is not “winding down“. It is only now really hitting its stride. There are so many wonderful things going on at BBHS at this time of year. Please let this principal’s letter provide a brief update on the many events/happenings of interest during the next month or two.

First and foremost, student life will be incredibly vibrant in the next few weeks. The broad strokes are as follows. The freshmen are in the middle of a number of spirit building activities, having just sold BBHS water bottles, they are now in the production and sales of BB towels. Sophomore Circus, the sophomore class event of the year, is coming quickly. This year’s event, which features games, prizes, raffles and a haunted house, is on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in the HS gym. In mid-May, our juniors travel to Williamsburg, Virginia for the traditional Junior Class Trip, a wonderful bonding experience for the 11<sup>th</sup> graders before they leave for summer to ready for the senior year. For our seniors, there are numerous things in place for this spring. Their internship program, Senior Options, begins in May. Our students will be getting real workplace experiences in offices, banks, government agencies, schools and parks as close at Ridge Street School and as far as Manhattan. Shortly thereafter, the seniors will celebrate their high school years together in their traditional Senior Prom. Finally, as a school, most of our students will be involved in culminating activities for the numerous clubs/activities as well as competing against our rivals in spring interscholastic sports.

The spring also brings increased focus on academics to Blind Brook High School. Our upperclassmen/women are already getting geared up for national examinations in the form of SATs, ACTs and Advanced Placement tests. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade has adjusted to high school rigor and, by all reports, is exceeding expectations in their performance as they begin to ready for the final quarter. For the sophomore class, a group that has proven itself to be highly academic, there is the desire to finish strong and be in the best academic position for the last two years of their high school career.

There are a number of other special programs of which to take note of during the coming weeks. In April, we will be visited by a dynamic motivational speaker who will address our entire student body on the power of leadership and positive thinking, we host the “College Game” interactive planning event for sophomores, juniors and their parents, and our monthly Parent Principal Conversation, to be held in conjunction with the middle school, will feature a presentation by the BBHS SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) club on the results of our state sponsored drug and alcohol use survey. May puts our singers and musicians center stage with the spring choral and instrumental music concerts. May also brings a host of important meetings by a number of groups all of

which involve students and work to promote the best interests of BBHS including, but not limited to the Athletic Advisory Council, Congress and Senate.

So, Blind Brook High school is not yet winding down for the year, and probably will not do so until the last days of exams and graduation. Please continue to stay involved! I hope to see you at some of the great events described above.

Very truly yours,

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