

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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**Brookwood Junior High School**  
201 Glenwood-Lansing Road  
Glenwood, IL 60425

**School: (708) 758-5252**  
**Absentee Line: (708) 757-2115**  
**Ms. Jill Larson, Principal**



# A Message From The Principal

## Ms. Jill Larson

Welcome to November and the start of quarter two. Parent Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, November 7th, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (teachers will take a dinner break from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) You do not need to make an appointment for conferences, parents may come anytime during conferences to visit with classroom teachers who will be available in their classrooms. We encourage you to bring your child with you. Research shows that bringing your child along and asking him/her to contribute to the conversation is a good way to show you are all on the same page and have the same goals – to get the most out of your child's time at school and ensure his/her best academic achievement.



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Our social worker, Mr. Nagler, will be requesting conferences with parents of students who have excessive tardies or absences. All report cards will be handed out to parents at conferences. The season of being thankful and giving is upon us. It is a busy time, but also a time to stop and reflect on all of the things we have to be thankful for. Encourage your child to list all of the wonderful things your family has to celebrate. This month, we will be collecting can goods to send to a local food bank or donation center.

One area of focus for us this year has been on student safety. Making sure our students and staff are safe is one of our top priorities and we regularly review and practice our safety procedures and protocols. So far, this year, we've completed our first fire drill and Active Shooter/Lockdown drill. Both drills had the Glenwood Fire Department and The Glenwood Police Department present to ensure the drills were conducted properly.

Additionally, we strive to keep communication open with our families on a regular basis. In the event of a student safety situation, we will communicate and provide updates as necessary. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at (708) 758-5252.

Ms. Jill Larson

Principal, Brookwood Junior High School

"A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions."

-- Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.



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## ClassDoJo

**CLASSDOJO IS ACTIVELY USED IN 90% OF U.S. K-8 SCHOOLS**

ClassDojo is a free app that helps build amazing classroom and school communities. Teachers give feedback to students for any skill, like "Working hard" and "Being curious." From the mobile app, parents view their child's feedback, message directly with teachers and school leaders, and see beautiful photos and videos of classroom moments. Please join my ClassDojo so you can stay informed on what is happening at your child's school. We have mailed home invitations to you, specific with your child's class code. If you would like to join, and misplaced, the code, please contact the school at (708) 758-5252.

**GET INVOLVED AND STAY INFORMED!**





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# GET INVOLVED!

**PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR  
CHILD'S HOMEWORK AND  
PLANNER EVERYDAY!**

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**NOVEMBER 7TH, 2019 | 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

### **MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES...**

These conferences are a great way to find out what your child will be learning this year and what you can do to help. Preparation is the key to a successful conference. Here are some things to do before, during and after your conference:

- Before the conferences: Make a list of things you should tell your child's teacher. These may include your child's favorite subjects, after-school activities, difficulties in school, special medical needs and sensitive issues (weight, shyness, etc).



## STUDENT TUTORING...

EVERY MORNING FOR MATH IN GRADES 7TH AND 8TH FROM  
8:00 A.M. / 8:30 A.M. | LIBRARY

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING FOR ALL  
SUBJECTS FROM 7:45 A.M. / 8:15 A.M. | ROOM 14

DURING 7TH GRADE & 8TH GRADE LUNCH

AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAY & THURSDAY FROM  
3:10 P.M. / 4:30 P.M. | LIBRARY



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- Make a list of things to ask your child's teacher. You might ask about grades, homework, attitude, behavior, strengths, weaknesses or test scores.
- Bring your child with you. Ask your child to join the conversation between you and the teacher.
- Start the conference on a positive note. Both you and your child's teacher are trying to do what's best for your child.
- Use the lists you prepared of the things you want to tell the teacher and the questions you want to ask.



## PTO | THURSDAY @ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. | MEETING ROOM (TBD)

October 24th | Hickory Bend      November 21st | Junior High      January 23rd | Middle School  
December 19th | 10 minutes @ Middle School (during Gingerbread Activity)  
February 27th | Longwood      March 26th | Hickory Bend      April 30th | Middle School  
May 21st | Junior High



### BJHS | FOOD DRIVE

Please support our food drive. We will be sponsoring families in need during the holidays. Please have your child bring non-perishable food items to school. We appreciate your kindness.



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# ABSENCE REPORTING

To report absences please call the attendance line at (708) 757-2115. Please call the school before 8:30 a.m. to report your child absent. Please leave the following information:

- Students full name with spelling of the last name
- Reason for absence/tardy/early release
- Your name and relationship to student
- Please call the main number (708) 758-5252 at least 45 minutes **PRIOR** to early dismissal.

In order for your student to be **EXCUSED** you must sign them in and out in the main office or their absence will be marked as unexcused.





Brookwood Junior High School will be participating in the statewide [5 Essentials Survey] again this year. The survey measures school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. From December 10th through February 14th, students and teachers will be asked to take a 25 minute research based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. The parent survey supplement will be administered from October 24th through February 14th.

**To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the parent survey to begin.**

We will have computers available and will be asking parents to complete the survey during our Parent Teacher Conferences which will be held on November 7th. Parents that participate in the survey will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

These surveys will serve as an opportunity for schools to reflect on progress since the last statewide implementation. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at our school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. **PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE!**

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

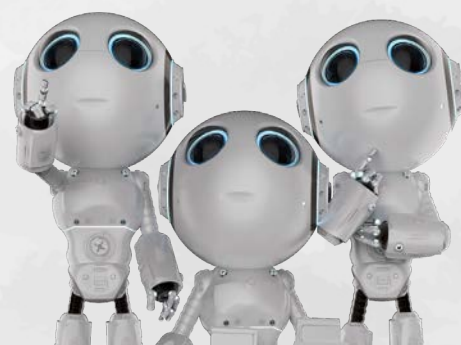


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We **[EXPECT ALL]** students to participate in extracurricular activities at BJHS. We have no cuts for our sport teams, any student wanting to participate will make the team. We offer the following sports and clubs:

Cross-Country*	Gospel Choir	Basketball*	Speech/Debate
Volleyball*	Cooking	Wrestling*	Chess
Track*	Student Council	Cheerleading*	Vex Robotics
Band	Broadcasting	Drumline	3D Printing
Mathletes	Art	Creative Writing	NJHS
Yearbook	Speech		





ANY STUDENT PLANNING ON PARTICIPATING IN A  
SPORT (\*) MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE.



November 4th	Girls Basketball @ Home Vs. Colin Powell	3:30 p.m.
November 5th	Boys Basketball @ Colin Powell	3:30 p.m.
November 6th	Conflict Resolution Training (7th grade students)	
November 6th	Boys Basketball @ Home Vs. Washington	3:30 p.m.
November 6th	Girls Basketball @ Washington	3:30 p.m.
November 7th	Parent Teacher Conferences	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
November 8th & 9th	Lincolnway Boys Basketball Tournament	
November 12th	Boys Basketball @ O'Bama	3:30 p.m.
November 12th	Girls Basketball @ Home Vs. O'Bama	3:30 p.m.
November 13th	Honor Roll Luncheon (7th Grade)	
November 13th	Boys Basketball @ Home Vs. Huth	3:30 p.m.
November 13th	Girls Basketball @ Huth	3:30 p.m.
November 14th	Honor Roll Luncheon (8th Grade)	
November 18th	Boys Basketball @ Memorial	3:30 p.m.
November 18th	Girls Basketball @ Home Vs. Memorial	3:30 p.m.
November 20th	Conflict Resolution Training (7th grade students)	
November 20th	Boys Basketball @ James Hart	3:30 p.m.
November 21st	SSJHSA NJHS Clinic @ Parker	3:30 p.m.
November 21st	PTO Meeting @ BJHS	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
November 25th	Ronald McDonald Mobile Care Van @ BJHS	



# We ♥ Our Volunteers



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## STAY CONNECTED...



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