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STAFF AND STUDENT...

STUDENT NOTICES....

1. Help a child keep warm this winter. Donate your gently **used coats** by dropping them off in the **Main Office**. Coat donations can be accepted **until Jan 6th**. **s/Nilan/Bromfield Cares**
2. Interested in helping others and volunteering? Check out the **VOLUNTEER board outside of Ms. Nilan's room (285)** for volunteer opportunities.
3. If you're a high school student who is confident in your science skills and looking for some volunteer hours, contact senior **Sasha Fraser or Mr. Holt** to get connected with Bromfield **Middle School Science Peer Tutoring!**
4. Want to donate to a good cause? The **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry** is **collecting non-perishable food items** to distribute to families struggling with hunger. Please help bring food to the table this holiday season in our beautiful mcommunity. Put your donations in one of the labeled boxes in the cafeteria, school library, main office or middle school wing. Last week, we collected hundreds of cans and boxes of food, this week, let's finish our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry drive with robust donations. The drive ends this Friday.
5. **The Giving Trees are up!** Please help our local organizations, LUK, Transitions, and DCF help families enjoy the holiday season. Please take a mitten and put a smile on the faces of children during this holiday season. **s/Nilan**
6. Attention High School Students: On Thursday, December 6th, Ms. Brooks will be holding auditions for the high school festival production of *The 39 Steps* (*suspense, unexpected humor*) in room 355 at 2:30. All students in grades 9-12 are invited. Questions? **See Ms. Brooks**
7. **Reminder to all students: When you are tardy or absent to school** you should have a note with reason of absence or tardiness to submit to the Main Office. If you **are being dismissed** from school, you are **required to bring in a dismissal note**. You should come to the office at the time of dismissal to be signed out. Please do not expect to be called by the Main Office for dismissal. Calling classrooms causes disruption for your teacher and fellow classmates. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.
8. **Calling all actors:** If you've always wanted to be an extra in a film, here is your chance. The TV production class is making a short film to use in an upcoming promotion for Pepsi. If you are interested, email **Ms. Brooks** at [mbrooks@psharvard.org](mailto:mbrooks@psharvard.org) ASAP.
9. Middle School Student Council is running their annual **Candy Cane fundraiser**: All next week (12/7 - 12/14) during lunches, come buy a candy cane for anyone at Bromfield: your friends, your crush, your self, your teachers, or your chef! Write them a message, and Middle School Student Council will make deliveries during homeroom the week before winter break. **Candy Canes are 1 for a dollar, 3 for two dollars, and 5 for three dollars. See Ms. Miller or Ms. Bruning** with any questions!

## SCHOLARSHIPS...

### *Speech Contest Opportunity:*

**The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts is sponsoring the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual High School Oratorical Contest in 2019.** Participants must be a Junior or Senior in High School and prepare two orations on some aspect of the United States Constitution with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our government. Winners are eligible for prizes up to **\$1000 at the state level and \$18,000 at the National Competition.** For more information, go to [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical) or contact [chairman@maoratorical.org](mailto:chairman@maoratorical.org). Details can also be obtained in the Bromfield Guidance Office. Certification of participation must be completed before **December 31, 2018.**

### *Scholarships for Seniors:*

**AFL-CIO Annual Scholarship: Registration due: December 14<sup>th</sup>** - The Massachusetts AFL-CIO Scholarships are available to all high school seniors living in Massachusetts. (Students with a union affiliation are eligible for both Mass AFL-CIO scholarships as well as those offered by the union with which the student is affiliated). After **using a study guide**, students take a **multiple choice exam with essay**. This year's **Labor History Exam** will be given on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** at **Bromfield**. You can register to take the exam and have access to the study guide at [www.massflcio.org/scholarships](http://www.massflcio.org/scholarships) .

**Massachusetts Elks Scholarship:** Renewable scholarships for students attending a 4 year undergraduate College; deadline is **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** [www.maelks.org/scholarship-1](http://www.maelks.org/scholarship-1)

**Barbara J. Sinnott Student of Integrity Scholarship:** The Better Business Bureau of Central New England awards a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to a High School Senior in its service area, planning on continuing their education. **Applications are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

**Henry David Thoreau Foundation:** Each year the Henry David Thoreau Foundation selects several MA **High School Seniors** interested in areas **related to Environmental Studies up to \$20,000 for tuition to the college** of their choice. The application **deadline is February 1, 2019.** For more information, go to [www.thoreauscholar.org](http://www.thoreauscholar.org).

**Greater Worcester Community Foundation:** In 2019 the GWCF will award over 130 scholarships to students from Worcester County. The **Application** will be available **beginning on January 4, 2019.** More information is available at [www.greaterworcester.org](http://www.greaterworcester.org). **Applications are due before March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund:** The Fund offers renewable, **4 year scholarships** to students from **New England** with **financial need**. They also **value demonstrated grit and resilience in students** who have faced significant challenges. The **application is due on April 3, 2019** and can be found at [www.phillips-scholarship.org](http://www.phillips-scholarship.org).

Scholarship opportunities are listed & updated in Naviance as information becomes available.

## PARENT NOTICES

**Just a reminder:** outside of the **time high school students** eat lunch, **cell phone use is prohibited from 7:45 AM to 2:20 PM. This includes** during studies, in the hallways between classes, and while using the bathroom. Please refer to the Bromfield Student Handbook for further details

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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

1. Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to **notify the school when your child is absent or late to school**. Students upon returning to school must have a note with reason of absence or tardiness to submit to the Main Office. If your **child is being dismissed** from school, they are **required to bring in a dismissal note** .
2. REMINDER for Students: The **school day starts** in homeroom promptly at **7:45 a.m.** If you are late to homeroom 7:46 or later you are tardy and need to check in at the Main Office. Please plan your day accordingly. All students who are late must report to the main office. Thank you for your cooperation. Please consult the Student Handbook for the rules pertaining to attendance and tardiness.  
Parents driving students to school should plan to drop off students no later than 7:30 a.m. to insure that students have time to prepare for the day and arrive at their homerooms on time.
3. Reminders: It is the responsibility of students to check the office for forgotten items or items that they have called home for. Items that are dropped off should be labeled and placed on the table in the Main Office. Dismissals: It is also the responsibility of students to come to the Main Office if they are to be dismissed. Students should turn in dismissal notes to the Main Office. Please do not expect to be called. Calling classrooms interrupts class work for all students. Thank you for your cooperation
4. **PARENTS:** While we are aware that at times plans can change unexpectedly, there has been an increase in the volume of phone calls to the Main Office with messages for students ranging from after school plan changes to reminders for hairdressing appointments The volume has increased to an unmanageable degree. Please make every effort to speak to your children about the day's schedule the night before or in the morning before coming to school. **Notes should be given to students with regard to early dismissals.** Calling classrooms for students to come to the office for dismissals, shoes, projects, etc., disrupts classroom time for all students. A contingency plan for forgotten items, late pick-ups, canceled piano lessons etc. should be discussed with your children so that the unexpected changes will not lead to panic for you or your children. Thank you for your cooperation.

5. Do you need a little extra help starting or completing your homework? Need a convenient place to meet for group assignments? Prefer to study and work on assignments with friends? Need a quiet place for peer tutoring? Then stop by the **Bromfield Homework Center**, a convenient, well equipped staffed resource room available for students to use every Monday thru Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm (12:15 to 1:15 pm on Early Release days).The Homework Center is located at the end of the sixth grade wing in the Learning Center. There are textbooks, computers and assignment boards for students' use.