Back-to-School Information
www.blackriverpublicschool.org

Dear Black River Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and enjoying our beautiful lakeshore.

Summer certainly has a different pace here at school. The office staff has been busy getting everything ready for our upcoming school year. It takes a lot of planning to make our great school run and I am so appreciative of the people working to make sure that students have their schedules, teachers have their materials, and that our campus is updated and ready. One of these updates include improved security measures that you will hear more about as we progress into next year. Nothing is more important than keeping our students safe here at school!

As you prepare yourself and your family for the upcoming school year, I would encourage you to stay in touch by checking out our NEW Black River website at blackriverpublicschool.org and also our social media pages. Both our Facebook page and Twitter feed can be accessed when you visit the website and all of these will keep you up-to-date with the things happening at BR. Helpful information regarding everything from parent coffee dates to open house information can be found on the master calendar and I’m sure you’ll find all you need if you take the time to explore.

As we head into the new school year, I wish you all a happy and healthy end of the summer.

See you soon!

Mr. Brunink
Head of School (Head Rat)
Help us keep family and emergency contact information up-to-date. If you have moved or changed your phone number, please take a moment to email changes or verify information. Email the Elementary main office at seymourb@brpsk12.org or the MS/HS main office at heneghank@brpsk12.org

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS!

Popsicles in the Park
Thursday, August 10, 2017 at Tunnel Park from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a time to meet-and-greet with other BR K-5 families and learn more about the upcoming opportunities offered by the BR Parent Organization. Popsicles will be supplied!

EL Curriculum Night and Family Picnic
Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:00-7:00pm
Come say hello to your students’ teacher, learn about the classroom curriculum and expectations. The evening starts with pizza and a picnic! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open.

SCHOOL HOURS
Elementary: 8:00am - 3:10pm
Doors open at 7:45am
MS/HS: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Doors open at 7:50am
The Lyceum building will be open at 7:30am for breakfast and early arrivals

High School Students: Request a Locker Here
Students in grades 9-12 who wish to have a locker can fill out the Locker Request Form here.

Do you have a middle school student? Lockers will automatically be assigned to all Middle School students. Students can look for locker information on their class schedule which is mailed in August.

Elementary Student Home Visits
One way that elementary teachers get to know their students is by visiting the child’s home prior to the beginning of school. This allows for the teacher to meet the child and parents in a comfortable setting and it gives the teacher valuable information that they can use to help support students in the classroom. Teachers will typically begin making phone calls to set up these home visits in Mid-August.

Please read below to see who should be expecting a visit from their teacher.
Kindergarten: All new kindergarten students should expect a home visit from their teacher.
Lower Elementary: All first year students and students NEW to Black River Public School
Upper Elementary: Only students that are NEW to Black River Public School
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR GRADES 6-12

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
MAIN BUILDING FROM 9-10AM

STUDENTS CAN MEET THEIR CAP TEACHER, TOUR THE SCHOOL, FIND THEIR CLASSROOMS, AND LOCKER.

2017-18 Schedules and Schedule Changes

Middle school and High school student schedules will be mailed on Wednesday, August 16th. Students who need to make schedule changes can do so beginning Thursday, August 17 between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm, M-TH.

Schedule changes should be made via email by contacting Jen Wise, Registrar, at wisej@brpsk12.org or by phone at 616-355-0055 ext. 141. Please be detailed when leaving messages regarding changes.

LAST CALL! NEW STUDENT MATH & SPANISH PLACEMENT EXAM!

All NEW students entering grades 6-12 who have not yet taken the math or Spanish placement exams must do so on Wednesday, August 2. The math placement test will be taken from 8-10am in the Main Building, Room 129C. The Spanish placement exam will begin at 10am in the Main Building, Room 414.

DON’T MISS A THING!

Sign up for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. It is the easiest way to access your student grades, attendance, and fee/lunch account information. If you already have a username and password, it is not necessary to sign up again. However, it is greatly appreciated if you would log-in and make sure your information is up-to-date. If you are new to Black River or do not have an IC account set-up, please complete the IC sign-up form at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/docs/district/infinite_campus.pdf?id=87 and return it to the Main Office. Your activation information will be emailed to you.

Keep current by checking the News feed and Events area on the home page of the BRPS website. Contact Kelli Heneghan at heneghank@brpsk12.org if you need help or have a news submission.

Register on Shiftboard, the BRPO Communication and Volunteer website! The BRPO uses Shiftboard to send out information and schedule volunteers for athletic events, field trips, and special school wide events. Sign up on the BRPS website or click here to get started. Keep up-to-date with upcoming events by checking out the BRPS News feed on the Black River homepage.
If you plan to order hot lunch during the first week of school, please make your lunch deposit before August 18 to ensure your students’ lunch account has sufficient funds. Food service checks can be mailed to: BRPS Main Office, 491 Columbia Ave. Holland 49423. Checks should be made payable to BRPS Food Service. Credit card payments can be made online in Infinite Campus.

**IS YOUR STUDENT DRIVING TO SCHOOL?**


**New to the Music Program?**

A Beginning Orchestra night will take place on Monday, August 28 at 7pm in the Large Ensemble Room. Meyer Music will be available with instruments to rent.

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**MS/HS 2017-2018 BLOCK SCHEDULE**

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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Grades K-5 — Watch for an invoice to arrive in the mail that will cover the cost of your students’ school supplies. This fee includes the expense of all school supplies. Families on free or reduced lunch plans may disregard this fee.

Grades 6-12 — Students will be instructed on the first day of class if specific supplies are needed. A few basic supplies such as folders, pencils and paper can be purchased prior to starting school.
Back to School, Back to Doctor
Are your child’s immunizations up-to-date?

Michigan Law requires that all kindergarten, 7th grade students, as well as transfer students, have current immunizations. Any student not compliant will be sent home from school. Please turn in any immunizations received over the summer to the main office. If you are unsure of your child’s immunization status, please check with your family physician or the Ottawa County Health Dept.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your student takes medication, uses an inhaler, administers insulin, or carries an EpiPen during school hours, an Administration of Medication form must be on file. To ensure accuracy, a new form must be completed each year. This form can be found in the main office or on our website http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/docs/district/meds.pdf?id=88

Please note students may not have medication (prescription or non-prescription) in their possession at school. Medication is required to be held and dispensed from the main office.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY
If your student will be absent from school please call the automated Attendance Line at 616-355-0055 ext. 228 for MS/HS students and ext. 328 for EL students.

ABSENCES MUST BE REPORTED BY 9:00AM ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE.

Students or parents can request homework directly from their teachers via email or phone. Students can pick up homework in their building’s main office between 3:00—4:00 pm. A doctor’s note is required for any medical absence exceeding two days. Any pre-planned absences over two days requires a signed Extended Absence Form approved by the Dean of Students. This form is available in the main offices or on-line at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/docs/district/absence-extended.pdf?id=82

Tardiness — School begins at 8:00am for all students. A student who arrives late must report to their main office and be signed-in by a parent or guardian.

Picture Day is Thursday, September 7
Picture Forms will be sent home with students prior to this date. Retakes will be held on Friday, October 20.

Black River does not sell or share you or your child’s personal information outside of the school unless required by law. However, a few instances do occur each year when parents have the right of refusal regarding their child’s information. If you would like to remove your child’s name, information, and/or picture from all BRPS publications, please submit your wishes in writing to the main office no later than September 1, 2017. This may include, but is not limited to, yearbooks, media outlets, the website News feed, and for 11th and 12th grade students, military listings. This request is valid for the 2017-2018 school year only. Requests must be made each year to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to receive email notification of pesticide applications on Black River Public School property, please email Nicole Klunder at klundern@brpsk12.org. Include your name with your preferred email address when submitting your request and use “Pesticide Application” in the subject line. Application emails will be sent 24 hours in advance. In certain emergencies/situations, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be notified following the application. Your request is only valid for the 2017-2018 school year.
BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Our curriculum includes: “involvement with the local community and concern for worldwide issues, which aid in discovering ability and a responsibility to make a difference in the world. Our students will participate in service and extra-curricular projects within the Greater Holland communities.” - BRPS Mission Statement

Reminder: all hours need to be completed prior to completing grade 3, 5, 8 or 12. Transfer Students will have adjusted requirements depending on which year they start at Black River.

Parents—Please see the Black River website at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/content/community-service for more details. Contact Kelli in the main office with questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

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“We rise by lifting others.”
- Robert Ingersoll

Calling all Class of 2018 Parents!

Senior Party planning is underway. Help us keep organized by sending in your senior party deposit and form as soon as possible. The form is available on-line at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/docs/district/srparty2017-2018updated.pdf?id=411 and should be dropped off in the MS/HS main office during the first week of school.

Would you like to be on the party planning committee? Please contact Rachelle Rokos at hsblackriverpo@brpsk12.org.

We have recycled the paper equivalent to the weight of eight cars! We have also made over $500. Remember, any type of paper can go into the gator except for cardboard, tissue paper or wrapping paper. BR parents, encourage your friends in the community to use our Paper Gator!

Food our Gator Loves:
Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Official/School Paper

Food our Gator will NOT eat:
Cardboard
Paperboard (cereal boxes, packaged food boxes)
All trash, metal, and plastic

Parents! Before the start of the new school year we encourage you to read the BR Student Handbook for information on the Black River Mission Statement, Academics, Curriculum, Graduation Requirements, School Policies, Procedures and much more! Go to Schools, click on your building and look under Resources. The Handbook has loads of useful information!
All high school fall sports athletes and their parents should plan to attend an informational parent meeting on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00pm in the Black River Gym. Meet the coaching staff, parent/player/coach meetings, purchase sports passes, and get all your Black River athletic questions answered.

**Cross Country** — Practice will begin on Wednesday, August 9. For exact times and locations, please email Coach Kyle Morrison (kyle.m.morrison@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the email distribution including text communication list. Student athletes should be able to run 30 minutes without stopping before August 15. Team XC Camp is August 16-18 at Cran Hill-Ranch for a cost of approximately $100. Summer group runs will happen several times a week. Questions? Contact Coach Kyle Morrison.

**Girls Volleyball** — Tryouts for all HS volleyball will be August 9-11 from 5:00-8:00pm in the BR gym. Questions? Contact Coach Ansley at ansleyelwood@gmail.com.

**Boys Soccer**— Tryouts for all HS soccer will be August 9-11 from 6:00-9:00pm at the BR soccer field. Bring cleats and shin guards to each session. Team practices will begin once tryouts are complete. Questions? Contact Coach Lawton at lawtonk@brpsk12.org.

**Middle School Sports Information**

Middle School Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer begins on Monday, August 28. Students will receive information about team meetings and start times once school begins on Wednesday, August 23. Please remind your student athlete to listen for information regarding meetings during CAP announcements. Parents can contact BRPS Athletic Director and Coach, Kyle Lawton at lawtonk@brpsk12.org for information.
Dear Black River Parents and Guardians,

Getting ready for your children to go back to school should not only mean buying new clothes and school supplies, it should also include an updated eye exam.

One in four children, it turns out, has subpar eyesight, while a whopping 60 percent of “problem learners” have trouble seeing. If you can’t see well, you won’t read well, and that makes school extra hard. Think Like a Freak by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner

I shared these statistics with the parents whose children are my students. The students who did have eye exams ALL needed glasses, and what a positive difference it made in our lessons. So please parents, if your children have not had a thorough eye exam, recently, I strongly encourage you to schedule one for them.

Frances Olesen
Reading Specialist / Title 1
Black River Public School
olesenf@brpsk12.org
Infinite Campus - Frequently Asked Questions

What is Infinite Campus?
Infinite Campus is a web-based student information management system Black River Public School uses to allow parents/guardians and students to monitor student registrations and schedules, attendance, behavior, assignments, progress reports, grades, lunch and school-related fees and school email messages. Infinite Campus keeps students and parents informed with real-time updates to student information. We believe it is an invaluable tool in creating a better partnership between parents, students and teachers. Student accounts are automatically created upon enrollment. Parent/guardians must fill out the Infinite Campus sign-up form before they can access their student information in Infinite Campus. We encourage every parent/guardian to sign up upon enrollment.

How secure is the information contained in the Infinite Campus Student and Parent portals?
The campus Portals incorporate the highest level of security. Parents/guardians can see only information related to the students they are authorized to view. They cannot view information related to any other Black River student. Students and families should not share their passwords with anyone. This information is confidential. The use of strong passwords, forced password resets and session timeouts ensure secure access.

How can I access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal?
Parents and/or Legal Guardians need to fill out the Infinite Campus sign-up form before they can have access to their Infinite Campus parent portal. The form is available in the main office or on the website at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/docs/district/infinite_campus.pdf?id=87. Forms can be turned in to the office by fax or email at heneghank@brpsk12.org. Once processed, you will receive your username and password from the school registrar or main office. Students are given access to their portal during their first week of school through their CAP class.

Do I need special software installed on my computer to access the portal?
To effectively access the Parent and Student Portal accounts, you will need: Internet Access, Web Browser, Adobe Reader, a free document reader available for download on the web at http://get.adobe.com/reader and these general hardware requirements:
PC: Infinite Campus supports Windows Vista, XP and 2000 Professional
Macintosh: Campus supports Mac OS X

Can I access the Infinite Campus parent portal from anywhere like my home, work or library?
Yes, as long as you meet the minimum computer and internet access requirements. See requirements above.

I didn’t receive or cannot find the email with the activation key. What should I do?
Stop by the school main office or send an email to heneghank@brpsk12.org with your full name, student’s full name, grade and date of birth. Please include a phone number where you can be reached so the office can ask you the appropriate security questions to verify the user. Once confirmed your username and temporary password will be sent to you.

What happens if I forget my username or password?
Stop by the school main office or send an email to heneghank@brpsk12.org with your full name, student’s full name, grade and date of birth. Please include a phone number that you can be reached at so the office can ask you the appropriate security questions to verify the user. Once confirmed your username and temporary password will be sent to you. You will be asked to change your temporary password once you are logged in to the portal. You can also call the office at 616-355-0055, ext. 102 to have your password reset.

What if I see information that is incorrect on Infinite Campus? Who do I contact?
Contact Kelli Heneghan at heneghank@brpsk12.org or Brenda Seymour at seymourb@brpsk12.org

Is there a Mobile App for Infinite Campus?
Yes! To start using the mobile app today, follow these simple instructions:
1. In a browser, sign in to your Infinite Campus Portal.
2. Click the green “Get Your District ID” button. Confirm it is PWHTPS. You will need this unique ID to access the BRPS portal.
3. Download the Infinite Campus mobile app for your Apple or Android device (search Infinite Campus in the App store)
4. Open the mobile app.
5. Enter the Black River Public School District ID (currently PWHTPS) and your username and password.
6. Press Go or Sign in. Data will begin to download.
**Car Line Information**

**K-5 Morning Drop-off:**  
At 7:45am, volunteers will be out to assist your child from the car. Please pull all the way up to the attendant before letting your child exit your vehicle. We ask that your child is ready with backpacks zipped, goodbyes said, and seatbelt unbuckled before the volunteer opens the door. For safety reasons and to keep the car line moving, parents may not exit the vehicle or allow children to exit through the driver's side doors. Parents with Elementary drop-off only can drive along the south side of the parking lot to avoid the Middle School drop-off lines. Any students dropped off before 7:45am should wait in the Lyceum. Supervision will be provided after 7:30am.  

**K-5 Afternoon Pick-up:**  
There will be 6 color pick-up spots. A teacher will see your child’s name in your car window (see note below) and have the child go to a designated color. The car will then drive up to your color and your child will be helped into your car. If your child walks to school they will be dismissed through the west doors of their buildings by the teachers. Parents should park as far forward as possible. Please do not enter the building.

**Middle School/High School drop-off zone for parents dropping off at more than one building.**

**Middle School/High School student drop-off zone for parents without children in other buildings.**

**MS/HS Drop-off:** Please pull up as far as possible in front of the Lyceum and then have your child exit the vehicle. They may get out of the car as soon as you've pulled up as far as possible and there is a sidewalk on the passenger side. If they need to have a conversation with you or bring in a special project, please park in the parking lot. All students should exit at the Lyceum.

**K-5 Afternoon Pick-up:** Please do not enter the building. The students will be color-coded pick-up spots. A teacher will see your child’s name in your car window (see note below) and have the child go to a designated color. The car will then drive up to your color and your child will be helped into your car. If your child walks to school they will be dismissed through the west doors of their buildings by the teachers. Parents should park as far forward as possible. Please do not enter the building.

**Traffic will merge here, please take turns.**

**Students may not enter the Main Building prior to 7:45am.**

**Prior to 7:45am, students must wait in the Lyceum.**

**If someone other than the student’s parent will be picking the child up, a note needs to be given to the teacher ahead of time.**

**Please write your child’s name (eldest if you have more than one to pick up) in large letters and place it on a window of your car where the teachers can easily see it.**

**Please note:** This area is not a drop-off/pick-up zone.
BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CAR POOL SURVEY 2017-2018

If you would like to join a car pool, or are willing to drive another Black River student, please complete the following information. Updated lists will be emailed in early August only to families who filled out surveys. Surveys are due by August 1, 2017. The school acts as an information source only and is not responsible for organizing car pools.

Return Survey To: Black River Public School  
491 Columbia Avenue  
Holland, MI 49423

Return Survey By: August 1, 2017

Parent Name: ____________________________________________

Student Name(s) & Grade(s): ________________________________

Phone: _________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________

Do you need car pool transportation? Yes _____ No _____  
What time of day?  a.m. ___  p.m. ___ both ___

Are you willing to drive in a car pool? Yes ____ No____  
What time of day?  a.m. ___  p.m. ___ both ___

Please check the geographic area in which you live and/or are willing to drive from:

___ Southwest Holland (South Shore Dr. on the north, 142nd on the south, Graafschap on the east, Lake Michigan on the west)
___ South Central Holland (16th St. on the north, 142nd on the south, Graafschap on the west, Washington/Michigan on the east)
___ Southeast Holland (16th St. on the north, 144th St. on the south, Washington/Michigan on the west, Waverly Rd. on the east)
___ Central Holland (16th St. north to the bridge, US-31 on the east)
___ Holland Heights  
___ Park Township (West Ottawa)  
___ Holland Township (West Ottawa)  
___ Saugatuck/Douglas  
___ Grand Haven/Spring Lake  
___ West Olive  
___ Fennville  
___ Zeeland  
___ Other (please identify area) ___________________________

By completing this carpool survey, I authorize Black River to make my information available to other Black River parents/students.
Black River Student/Family Directory
Important! Please review this form and return ASAP with other school forms.

The 2017-2018 BR Directory is underway. The BR Parent Organization provides this handy electronic phone book with numbers and addresses of Black River students, as well as class lists and other useful school information. You may choose to have your child/children listed only on the class lists, and/or you may choose to include only part of your family information, but if you choose NOT to be included, please check (✓) the NO line and sign at the bottom with your child’s name printed below. All families need to only return one form, whether or not you wish to be included. An updated email address is required to receive the e-directory*. If you do not return a form, you will not receive a directory!

This form serves as your written consent to share the information provided and is not an update to your official school records. You may complete a form on Google instead: https://goo.gl/if5Ggx To update your contact information with the school, please contact the main office. Infinite Campus and Shiftboard® may be updated via links on the BR website at www.blackriverpublicschool.org. The BR Directory is for BRPS family use only and is not for mail, phone, or e-mail solicitation.

_____ YES, we would like to be in the class lists and the directory! (Please fill out your child’s name and grade and the directory information you’d like us to list.)

_____ YES, we ONLY wish to be included in the class lists. (Please fill out your child’s name and grade.)

_____ NO, we do not want to be listed at all in the Black River 2017-2018 Student/Family Directory, but we would like an e-directory. (Please print your child’s name below, so we know who not to include, and include your name and email address.)

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Children RESIDE with:

Parent/Guardian #1) First Name_____________________ Last Name____________________________________
Street Address____________________________________ City____________________ Zip________
Phone Number/s_________________________________ E-mail__________________________

Parent/Guardian #2) First Name_____________________ Last Name____________________________________
Street Address____________________________________ City____________________ Zip________
Phone Number/s_________________________________ E-mail__________________________

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

(CURRENT email address required for e-directory*) (Date)
**2017 - Parent Organization Volunteer Form - 2018**

**Black River Parent Organization fosters**
*parent involvement, community spirit, student enrichment and school*

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- **Just a Few Opportunities to Support Students and Teachers** -
  - Homecoming
  - Teacher Appreciation
  - Car Line Facilitators
  - Book Fairs
  - Trip Chaperones
  - Senior Party
  - RatFest
  - Sports Award Night
  - Big Top Carnival
  - Green Team Initiative
  - Fine Arts Festival
  - Community Service
  - Fundraising

Elementary PO (EL) • Middle School PO (MS) • High School PO (HS)

Place CHECK ✓ in the boxes below, complete the form and RETURN to MAIN OFFICE, or fill out the Google form: [https://goo.gl/5fdtT7](https://goo.gl/5fdtT7)

Please fill out a new Volunteer Form EACH year.

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- **Share your Skills** -

(Check ✓ All That Apply)

- Carpentry
- Crafts
- Building and Facilities
- Data Entry
- Bookkeeping
- Computer Skills
- Marketing/Advertising
- Business Owner
- Drawing/Art
- Baking/Cooking
- Sewing
- Music/Theater/Drama (Circle)
- Photography
- Access to wide format or large printer
- Class Room Parent
- Other:

Additional Comments:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Preferred method of communication circle one: Phone  Email  Text

Phone #1: [Cell, Home, Work]  Phone #2: [Cell, Home, Work]

Family Email Address:

Student(s):

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

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Questions or Need More Information?  EMAIL: BLACKRIVERPARENTORG@BRPSK12.ORG

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Fundraising period:** Thursday, October 5th - Friday, Oct 20th. 100% of the funds collected by students benefit Black River!

**Grand Finale:** The BR community will gather together **Friday, Oct 20th from 5:30-7 pm** to celebrate our school spirit with a 30 minute fun walk and festivities.

**Why:** Build Community, Get Some Exercise, and Raise Funds to Support BRPS!

**Sponsorship?** Interested in sponsoring this fundraiser and getting your company’s logo on the back of more than 1000 t-shirts? See attached sponsorship letter. Questions? Email hsblackriverpo@brpsk12.org

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Attention All Students K-12
SHOW OFF YOUR CREATIVITY

The Fun Walk Friday fundraiser is looking for **two T-shirt designs** for its 2017 event!

Show off your creative talent to the whole school by creating a design for this year’s Fun Walk Friday t-shirt! Something new - we are having separate designs for elementary and MS/HS students!

Simply create a design in **black ink or sharpie** (it can be digital or hand-drawn) on a white 8.5 x 11 in. sheet of paper that conveys the spirit of the event - fun, fitness and community building! Both collaborative and individual entries are allowed. Remember to put your name(s) and grade(s) on the back!

**Deadline:** Friday, September 15th at 3:30pm. Please turn it into the main office or elementary office with your name and grade on the back so they can be judged anonymously.

This event and contest is sponsored by the BR Parent Organization. Please email hsblackriverpo@brpsk12.org if you have any questions.
Black River Public School Parent Organization is offering your business an opportunity to support local students, while at the same time exposing your business to hundreds of potential customers. By sponsoring the annual Black River Fun Walk Friday fundraiser, you will become a partner in a wonderful school-wide community event. Placement of your logo on over 1,000 participant t-shirts will associate your business with this community building event where hundreds of students will be walking with their families to raise funds to improve their educational experience.

With your support, we can purchase the BR student designed t-shirts and cover expenses, so that every dollar the students raise goes directly towards supporting Black River. Please consider partnering with us at any sponsorship level and we will proudly wear your company’s logo and/or showcase you on our school website. Fun Walk Friday is October 20th so please consider making a commitment to this healthy and fun-filled fundraiser today.

Sponsorship Levels:
- **Gold - $500**: Your business logo on the back of Fun Walk Friday t-shirt to be distributed to over 1,000 students and staff, business verbally acknowledged at our grand finale celebration October 20th, your business showcased on a banner at event, your business showcased on the Black River Facebook page, Twitter and website.
- **Silver - $250**: Your business name on the back of Fun Walk Friday t-shirt to be distributed to over 1000 students and staff, your business showcased on the Black River Facebook page, Twitter and website.
- **Bronze - $100**: Your business showcased on the Black River Facebook page, Twitter and website.

If you are able to sponsor our event, please make checks payable to Black River Public School and submit with the form below. You can mail your form and tax deductible donation to: Black River Public School, Attn: Fun Walk Friday, 491 Columbia Ave., Holland, MI 49423. You may also drop it off in the main office. The deadline is Monday, September 25th.

Questions? Please email Rachelle Rokos, Fun Walk Friday Committee Chairperson, at hsblackriverpo@brpsk12.org or call 616-405-9568.

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**Company Name:**

**Company Address:**

**Contact Person:**

**Phone:**        **Email:**

**Sponsorship Level:**  Gold - $500    Silver - $250    Bronze - $100    Other - _______

*If you are a gold or silver sponsor, we will contact you for logo or for how your business name will appear on the shirts.*
CONGRATULATIONS!

You have a SENIOR at BRPS!

Every year the Black River senior class parents sponsor and supervise an end of year celebration for our graduating seniors. This party provides a safe, sober and fun celebration to conclude four years of hard work and dedication by our amazing students. It also represents the last time our seniors will celebrate their friendships together as the Class of 2018.

In order to make this event happen, we need Senior parents to do TWO things:

Make a $30 DEPOSIT that will be applied toward the cost of your student’s ticket and will help make the first of several deposits on the venue when chosen.

Please VOLUNTEER to help plan the party and raise money through several senior class fundraisers the parent organization has already planned.

WE NEED EVERY SENIOR PARENT TO FILL OUT THIS FORM

Return this form by mail or drop it off in the Main Office at the beginning of the school year.
Mail to: Black River Public School, 491 Columbia Ave. Holland, MI 49423, Att: Senior Party.
Check payable to BRPS—Senior Party.

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s) ______________________________________________________
Email Address __________________________________________ Phone __________________
Student’s Full Name _____________________________________________________________

_____ I have enclosed my student’s $30 deposit for the party
_____ I would like to volunteer on the planning committee prior to the party
_____ I would like to volunteer on the fundraising committee...WE NEED HELP HERE!
_____ I would like to volunteer to help with the party once it is planned
_____ I am unable to help before or during the party, but would like to

____ donate food/snacks _____ help with the party costs, amount $_______
_____ I would like to donate $_______ towards the cost of a ticket for a family in need

Questions? Contact BRPO High School Chair – Rachelle Rokos at hsblackriverpo@brpsk12.org