



Booker T. Washington Public Charter School for Technical Arts

NUMBER 2—ADVISORY 2

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Booker T. Washington Public Charter School for Technical Arts
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Parent Update and Announcements



Key Dates

March 1: Parent Teacher Conference : 1- 6 pm

March 2: Monitoring Visit by PSCB: Parent roundtable at 3:30

March 15-25: Extended day 4:00: Snow make-up.

March 26th: End of 3rd Advisory—1/2day students

March 29—April 5th—Spring Break

Snow Make-Up Days

BTWPCS students must make up three snow days due to the multiple blizzards in February.

We have decided on the following: (1) students will have an extended day beginning Monday, March 15 through Thursday, March 25. On these days school will end at 4:00 instead of 3:30 pm; (2) students will attend classes half day on Friday, April 16th—Emancipation Day and; (3) the last day of school for students will be Monday, June 14th instead of Friday, June 11th.

We hope this does not pose a major inconvenience but count on your understanding of our need to comply with state standards.

School Uniform Policy

We need your help in enforcing the uniform policy prior to the students leaving home.

They are to come to school **dressed in their uniform**. Students are not to wear any headgear or have any electronic device on in the school.

The uniform allows assigned monitors and/or law enforcement officers to separate our students from those who may not belong in the school.

Progress Reports

These mid-term reports reflect what your child has done thus far for the third advisory. Please review the report with your child. Final grades for the third advisory will be computed on March 26th. It is important that students come to school on time and complete assignments.

Tutorial assistance is available after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 -5:00 pm.



Parents as Partners

Many thanks and deep appreciation to our parent community for your continued support of BTWPCS. We encourage all parents who are able to join our Parents as Partners program.

We invite you to a special roundtable discussion with our Public Charter School monitors on Tuesday, March 2 at 3:30 pm. We are asking for 10 volunteers. Please contact Mr. Robert Alston, Parent Coordinator if you can attend.

Senior News

- Senior Fees are due by April 8th. The amount of \$175.00 must be in money order or certified check. Parents may pay in installments up until that time
- Senior fees only include those items related to

graduation (cap and gown, diploma, invitations, etc.)

It does **NOT** include prom which is a separate fee of \$75.00 per person per ticket. The prom will be held at the Grand Hyatt (10th and H Street, NW) on Thursday, May 13th.

- **Graduation** is scheduled for Monday, June 7th at 10:00 at the Lincoln Theatre—12th and U Street, NW.
- Senior Community Service hours are due in the Guidance Office by April 8th.

Other News



BTWPCS has implemented a Professional Dress Day for students on special occasions at the school (e.g. Awards Ceremony). The point of this day is to provide students with an opportunity to dress professionally. It is not a dress down or non-uniform day. However, there is a dress code for this day that includes NO jeans, tennis shoes, sweatshirts, or form-fitting clothing. We are asking that students approach this day as if they were going to an interview; thus females should wear appropriate length skirt or dresses, suits and low heels or flats; males should wear slacks, shirts with sweaters or ties, suits or jackets.



Please contact Ms. Paige, Attendance Counselor, if your phone number has changed.

We need to be able to reach you in cases of concern or emergency with your child.

Additionally, in an effort to create a regular system of communication between BTWPCS and our parent community, we will be providing you with weekly or bi-weekly school updates via our phone system called Phone Master. In cases of emergency we will also use this method to inform you of unexpected circumstances affecting the school. The intent of these messages is to be informative and helpful as we work in support of our students.



Students are restricted from ordering or bringing in outside fast food to the building for breakfast or lunch. It creates a problem with the USDA Food Service guidelines and creates additional trash that attracts pests. BTWPCS provides meal service during regular school hours. Students may bring their lunch to school in appropriate lunch containers – there is a microwave available.

Upcoming Events

[March: Saturday Breakfast for Male Students—Details forthcoming](#)

[April 13th: Final 10th grade Boot Camp—4-H Conference Center](#)

[April 16th—1/2 day : Snow Make-up](#)

[April 24 \(Tentative\)- Saturday Parent Breakfast with the Board of Trustees—Details to come](#)

[April 26—DC CAS Test: All 10th grade students **MUST** attend in order for us to make AYP](#)