



Thursday, July 22, 2021

Bear River Staff!

The summer is quickly drawing to a close, and school is just around the corner. I can't even begin to tell you how excited, and hopeful, I am at the prospect of a normal school year! I arrived at Bear River in November of the 2018-19 school year. The 2019-20 school year was cut short due to COVID and the 2020-21 school year was, well, crazy! So please forgive my excitement, but I'd really like to see a full, somewhat normal, school year at Bear River!

2020-21 Bear River Staff, when I think about all you've been through over this past year I'm in awe of your dedication, your perseverance, and your resolve as you maneuvered through a very difficult school year. What we witnessed from this staff was a tribute to your humanity. Your consistent kid-focused approach to everything was incredible!

2021-22 Bear River Staff, we have a unique opportunity in front of us this year. We have an opportunity to reset things and set a tone that could be heard for years to come. I believe that our students are going to be eager to learn and eager to return to normalcy just like we are. Let's take advantage of that eagerness with some of our own! I'm excited for the implementation of our new schedule; collaboration first thing on Mondays will be a great way to start the week! We will start each week talking about our students and how we can help them be successful. It will be the catapult we need to launch us into each week prepared and ready to go! I'm also excited about our Advisory period. What a great opportunity for us to be able to check in with students weekly, in a non-academic setting, and provide them additional support. Speaking of support, I'm eager to see how students respond to our new Flex Time during the school day. I know that this is going to be a great opportunity to offer intervention, extension, as well as fun activities for students to try. This truly is a unique opportunity for us and a chance to set the bar high for our students from day one!

I want to take a moment to thank some of our staff who have spent the summer getting ready for the start of the new school year. Our office and other clerical staff have been cranking things out all summer! From new enrollments to summer school and master schedule to the daily front office grind, our office staff has been amazing! Our custodial

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and maintenance staff has also been hard at work beautifying our campus and making sure our classrooms are ready to go when students return. You guys have been incredible! Our new counselors have also been busy acclimating themselves to their new positions, donating their time and getting things ready for our students to return in August. When you get a chance, stop by their newly decorated offices and say hi!

We are so excited to welcome new staff to the Bear River community this year and we even have some staff in some new positions! Once we're back on campus, please take a moment to welcome them on board! Here they are:

- ★ Mike Profumo: Social Science, Physical Education and Co-Head Varsity Football Coach
- ★ Kali McCormick: Special Education
- ★ Kael Newton: Special Education
- ★ Brooke Lomeli: English
- ★ Mike Weaver from NU: Science and Get Focused Stay Focused
- ★ Jessica Lee from NU: Activities Director, Leadership, Get Focused Stay Focused
- ★ Carey Bussey: Counselor
- ★ KC Wachs-Worden: Counselor

Staff in new positions:

- ★ Jeff Bickmore: Athletic Director
- ★ Kristina Stroeve: Librarian
- ★ Missy Lorenzo: School Site Technician
- ★ Miranda Brown: Paraeducator Intervention
- ★ Jack Vest: Interim Operations Manager

Here are some upcoming dates of importance. Please put these on your calendar.

- August 9th and 10th, 9am-3pm, Miners Foundry (Mon) and NU(Tues): District Guiding Coalition Training for Department Chairs only
- August 10th, 6-7:30pm: Freshman Parent Orientation
- August 12th, All Day: District Welcome Back and Professional Development more information to follow
- August 13th, 8:30-10am, BR Library: Bear River Welcome Back
- August 13th, 10-12am: Freshman Orientation (Students on campus)
- August 13th, 10-3:30pm: Staff time to prepare for First Day of School
- August 13th, 11am-12pm, New Teachers to BRHS Orientation
- August 13th, 12-1pm: Lunch Provided in MPR
- August 13th, 1pm-2pm, BR Library: Possible FlexiSCHED (Online Flex Time Scheduler) Training

- August 16th: First Day of School (Minimum Day)
- August 19th, 5:30-8:30pm: All Staff Party Dinner (21859 Angeli PI, GV, 95949)
- August 26th, 6-8:30pm: Back to School Night
- September 17th, 6pm: BR Staff and Family Tailgating Party for first home football game
- September 20th-24th: Bear River Homecoming

Staff, I'm so excited to start this school year and work with each of you to make it an unforgettable year! Please remember that my door is always open for you to stop by and talk at any time. I'm also available by phone. If you need anything, please call or text any time. I live five minutes from the school and can be here anytime day or night. My cell number is (530) 264-6820. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you soon!

Respectfully,



Chris Roberts