



Baron Bullets

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Principal's Message

Greetings From Mr. Calabria

There is a growing body of evidence that student success in schools is integrally linked to their social, emotional and ethical development. Bamberg M/H School fits the description of a safe, and caring school. Recent comments from students who graduated from BAHS and parents who filled out an exit survey, attest to this. In each area of our school, whether classroom teachers, special education services, counselors, school support or the nurse/health services, staff were given high marks. Schools that listen to student concerns, demonstrate a caring atmosphere, show respect for students are more productive learning environments with students contented and to happy to attend school. We believe that we provide that and more.

One of the main missions of our school is to develop the above in students. However, we attempt to balance the above care and concern with an emphasis on academia and preparation for the outside world whether college, the military or work-related. We provide that with our increased academic rigor and our consistent attempt to improve our course selections including our Honors and Advanced Placement classes for SY 11/12.

Further evidence that we provide an exceptional environment for our students is the fact that more than 1/2 of our high school students were involved in extra curricular activities including athletics during the winter season. In the spring it is even higher since we can also include middle-school students participating in track and field. For a small school, we provide a number of quality co-curricular programs found at much larger schools. If students were not happy with the environment, they would not participate the way they do.

We want you to know that in these trying times and family separations, we will make every attempt to further improve our services to students. Please let us know if there is any way that we can enhance our programs with your assistance and support.

Just a reminder: Acceleration Day is May 19. Only parents with official military orders may withdraw their child(ren) from school with full credit at that time or before the end of the school year, June 17. All others will be denied.

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Important Dates In May

May 3 Super Tuesday

May 5 CSI Day
No School

May 19 Spring Concert
at 1800 in MPR

May 25 MS Orientation

May 30 Memorial Day
No School

June 1-7 Senior Exams



Prom Update

A big thank you to all who bought their Prom tickets before Spring Break. Tickets now are 50 Euros each, and the last day to purchase one is May 6th. We still need someone to chaperone the bus from Schweinfurt (and back home again, of course) - you are welcome to chaperone the dance, too, but if you want to ride the bus in with the students and then go have a nice evening out in Bamberg, that works too! The buses were provided with the condition that we have parent chaperones, so I hope you'll be able to help. Our parents have done a fantastic job this year, thank you! We have chaperones for the Bamberg bus, so we just need help with the Schweinfurt bus.

AVID INVITATION LETTERS & Recruitment for 2011-2012

We are currently in the process of sending out AVID Invitations to ELIGIBLE students for AVID at Bamberg next year. Students who have met initial eligibility criteria (grade point average between 2.5 and 3.5, Terra Nova test scores between 7 and 9 in reading, language, and math, good discipline, strong attendance records & teacher recommendations) are invited to apply and take part in the interview process for this special opportunity.

However, due to a limited number of openings, please understand that not all students will be selected. **IF you received an AVID INVITATION Letter and Application packet**, please complete both student and parent application forms (attached) and return to rene.schofield@eu.dodea.edu BY FRIDAY, MAY 13th.

School Nurse

All DODDS students are prohibited from having medications (prescription or OTC) in their possession. If a student must have medication in their possession, DODDS schools require a "Permission to Carry" letter signed by the parent, student, AND physician. To administer medication to a student, DODDS requires a "Hold-Harmless letter" signed by the parent AND physician. To administer medication the parent must provide the "Hold-Harmless letter" AND medication in its original container. Keep copies of all documents (immunization records, sports physicals, etc.) you provide the Health Office. Electronic copies of shot records and sports physicals are acceptable.

Information Center

The IC enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Month with Poem in Your Pocket day this month. It was a joint effort between the Media Club and the English, ESL, and Foreign Language Departments. The students recited a poem they had memorized for their teacher and then came to the IC to receive a grab bag with prizes in it. It was great seeing our students get excited about poetry!

As the year comes to a close please ensure your student has returned all library books. If they are unable to locate the book, please contact me and I will give you the information you need to order a new book. (Martha.mcelheney@eu.dodea.edu)

It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us escape, not from our own time—for we are bound by that—but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.

T. S. Eliot



AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday May 3	0810-1500	AP Spanish Lang
Friday May 6	0810- 1300	AP US History
	0810-1500	AP German Lang
Tuesday May 10	0810-1300	AP Government Politics
Wednesday May 11	0810-1300	AP English Language
Thursday May 12	1200-1500	AP Microeconomics

JROTC

The JROTC Department is looking for judges for their home match on 15 May 2011. Senior NCO's who are former Drill Sergeants are requested, but is not a requirement. Judges will be trained on the manual of arms with the M1903A3 Springfield Rifle and Color Guard procedures. Anyone interested should contact SFC (Retired) Prince Young @ DSN 469-8605 for more information.

Senior Class Examination Schedule, June 2011

Tuesday, May 31

Period 5: examination

Seminar

Period 6: class

Period 7: class

Wednesday, June 1

Period 1: Examination

Period 2: Examination

Period 3. Class

Period 4. Class

Thursday, June 2

Period 5: Make-up examination day

Seminar

Period 6: Examination

Period 7: Examination

Friday, June 3

Awards' Assembly Day / Field Day

Monday, June 6

Period 1: Make-up examination

Period 2: Make-up examination

Period 3: Examination period

Period 4: Examination period

Tuesday, June 7

Period 5: Make-up examination

Period 6: Make-up examination

Period 7: Make-up examination

All finalized senior grades need to be submitted to the office by the close of business on Tuesday, June 7.



COUNSELOR MEETINGS

Ms Taylor will be available to meet with students and parents at Schweinfurt Elementary School on **Thursday May 5 beginning at 1630**. An information session on how to prepare for the first days of college will be presented at 1730. Mrs Schofield will also be available to discuss the AVID program. Please email Ms Taylor for a specific time for individual meetings at myra.taylor@eu.dodea.edu.

Ms Taylor will be available to meet with parents and students at **1830 on Tuesday May 3** at Bamberg Middle High School Large Conference Room. The same program will be presented.

SOS

Signs of Suicide Programs

Each year DODEA counselors present information to students in grades 8 and 10 on the topic of suicide prevention. 8th graders will receive the information through their PE/Health classes under the supervision of Ms Brinn between April 29 and May 6. Please contact her via email if you DO NOT want your child to participate. Beverly.brinn@eu.dodea.edu

Tenth graders will receive the information during their language arts class during the week of May 23 under the supervision of Ms. Taylor. Please contact Ms Taylor via email if you DO NOT want your child to participate. Myra.taylor@eu.dodea.edu.

6 Year Plans

Six year plans are currently under revision with students. Your child will be bringing their plan home for your review and signature. Please sign the letter and return to your child's counselor. The copy of the six year plan is for you to keep in order to be informed of where your child currently stands in regards to meeting graduation requirements and the courses they are planning to take in the future as they head toward graduation.

Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions.

Beverly.brinn@eu.dodea.edu grades 7-8
Betty.bullard@eu.dodea.edu grade 9
Myra.taylor@eu.dodea.edu grades 10-12

SUMMER CLASSES!

Students in grades 9-12 who need to take an online summer course to recover lost or missing credit should contact their counselor as soon as possible to register. Courses run for a four week period in the summer and up to one credit can be earned for free!

Please keep in mind that the students must login to the class daily. It is an online class and is accessible from anywhere in the world via the internet. Students who register for the class and do not complete it will receive a grade of "F" on their transcript and will not be permitted to take further online courses.

Contact either Ms Taylor or Ms Bullard for information.



Middle School Counselor

Course Requests for SY 2011-2012

Special thanks to

Ms. Bullard, 9th Grade Counselor, who worked with the upcoming 8th grade students to complete their course selections for next school year and to Ms. Taylor, 10-12th Grade Counselor, who worked with the incoming 7th graders at Bamberg Elementary School.

Information such as Terra Nova test scores and teacher recommendations will be taken into account with course assignments.

Six Year Academic Plans

These were completed before Spring break and will be sent home for parent review and signatures. Please review them with your students and pay careful attention to the last page (3) regarding Extracurricular Activities, Career Goals & Postsecondary Plans. For scholarships, student involvement in school and community activities is increasingly important.

Extra Attention Needed from Parents

Although your student is older, adolescents are usually in need of **MORE**, not less supervision. When Spring hits, some teens would like to forget about school work. Please pay close attention to Gradespeed, your student's recording work in his/her agenda, choice of friends, bedtime hours, and use of Facebook. Homework for Middle School Students should be between 1-1/2 hours per night.

Please ASK to see your students agenda (which should have homework and due dates listed) and have them show YOU Gradespeed, if you are told they have no homework. Do not hesitate to email specific teachers if you have questions.

Contact

As always, if you have concerns or there are changes in your family system, please contact Beverly.Brinne@eu.dodea.edu.

Thank you.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead



www.take25.org

about take 25

25 ways to make kids safer

At Home

1. Teach your children their full names, address, and home telephone number.
2. Make sure your children know how to reach you at work or on your cell phone.
3. Teach your children how and when to use MP Emergency #: 114 (or 0951-300-8700) or German Police # 110. Make sure your children have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency and have the phone #!
4. Instruct children to keep the door locked and not to open the door to talk to anyone when they are home alone. Set rules with your children about having visitors over when you're not home and how to answer the telephone.
5. Choose babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbors. Once you have chosen the caregiver, drop in unexpectedly to see how your children are doing. Ask children how the experience with the caregiver was and listen carefully to their responses.

On the Net

6. Learn about the Internet. The more you know about how the Web works, the better prepared you are to teach your children about potential risks. Visit www.NetSmartz.org for more information about Internet safety.
7. Place the family computer in a common area, rather than a child's bedroom. Also, monitor their time spent online and the websites they've visited and establish rules for Internet use.
8. Know what other access your child may have to the Internet at school, libraries, or friends' homes.
9. Use privacy settings on social networking sites to limit contact with unknown users and make sure screen names don't reveal too much about your children.
10. Encourage your children to tell you if anything they encounter online makes them feel sad, scared, or confused.
11. Caution children not to post revealing information or inappropriate photos of themselves or their friends online.

At School

12. Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they're being followed or need help. If your children ride a bus, visit the bus stop with them to make sure they know which bus to take.
13. Remind kids to take a friend whenever they walk or bike to school. Remind them to stay with a group if they're waiting at the bus stop.
14. Caution children never to accept a ride from anyone unless you have told them it is OK to do so in each instance.

Out and About

15. Take your children on a walking tour of the neighborhood and tell them whose homes they may visit without you.
16. Remind your children it's OK to say NO to anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused and teach your children to tell you if anything or anyone makes them feel this way.
17. Teach your children to ask permission before leaving home.
18. Remind your children not to walk or play alone outside.
19. Teach your children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult.
20. **Practice "what if" situations** and ask your children how they would respond. "What if you fell off your bike and you needed help? Who would you ask?"
21. Teach your children to check in with you if there is a change of plans.
22. During family outings, establish a central, easy-to-locate spot to meet for check-ins or should you get separated.
23. Teach your children how to locate help at theme parks, sports stadiums, shopping malls, and other public places. Also, identify those people who they can ask for help, such as uniformed law enforcement, security guards and store clerks with name-tags.
24. Help your children learn to recognize and avoid potential risks, so that they can deal with them if they happen.
25. Teach your children that if anyone tries to grab them, they should make a scene and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting.

[Click here](#) to download these tips for reference.



**Free Community
Event**

Childcare Available

Contact Child
Development Center
DSN 469-8789
0951-300-8789

**The Military Child Education Coalition
and USAG Bamberg CYSS Present.....**

A Parent Education Conference

**Tuesday,
3 May 2011**

**Warner Conference
Center
Building 7040
USAG Bamberg**

0900-1200

**Special Session :
1300-1430
(see below)**



Reservations:

**Jonathan DeLong, SLO
DSN 469-7891
0951-300-7891
Jonathan.delong@
us.army.mil**

Conference sessions will include:

- **School Transitions: What Every Parent Should Know**
Seminar will examine the social and academic impact of multiple school moves on students of all ages. Participants will explore strategies and receive a variety of high quality resources which will enable them to obtain the information and make the plans necessary to assure smooth transitions for their students.
- **Keys to Success in Elementary School**
Parents of elementary school students will explore the keys to academic success in elementary school: organization, communication, and involvement.
- **Chart Your Course for Success in High School and Beyond**
Parents of middle and high school students are encouraged to attend this seminar where we will focus on a recommended curriculum that will assure an on-time graduation (despite multiple school transitions) and a competitive college application packet. Information, tools and strategies to assist students and parents in navigating the college application and financial aid process will also be provided. Participants will receive the Chart Your Course Kit, a planning guide and an interactive CD.
- **Preparing for the Journey:** Special afternoon session offered for parents of children birth to 5 years. 1300-1430, Warner Conference Center. (see PFTJ Flyer for details)

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Baron Bullets Feedback

Bamberg Middle/High School appreciates your input. If you have questions, concerns, or kudos concerning the school, please use the form below to let us know. You may turn the form into the main office or mail it to the high school at Unit 27539, APO AE 09139.

Name _____ Optional Phone Number _____ Optional

Comments:
