

NEWS RELEASE

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BCPS events for December 2023

Towson, MD – The following is a schedule of Baltimore County Public Schools' events, meetings, and other important dates for December 2023.

December dates to remember

Applications open for the 2024-2025 Baltimore County Student Member of the Board of Education Friday, December 1

The <u>Student Member of the Board application</u> will be available beginning on Friday, December 1. The deadline to submit applications will be Monday, January 8, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Students are advised to carefully review the application instructions and timeline as well as the Student Member of the Board position description and frequently asked questions before applying. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only BCPS students who are current sophomores or juniors and have a principal nomination are eligible to apply.

Special education staffing survey closes

Friday, December 1

Families of students receiving special education services are encouraged to complete a brief
survey about the staffing of special education services and supports. Survey results will be used by the BCPS Department of Special Education to develop the Special Education Staffing Plan for the next school year.

Northwest Area Elementary School Boundary Study survey closes

Sunday, December 3

The Northwest Area Elementary School Boundary study affects students currently attending Bedford, Fort Garrison, Milbrook, Scotts Branch, Summit Park, and Wellwood International elementary schools as well as Campfield Early Learning Center. Through Sunday, December 3, community members are invited to complete an online survey and share their opinions about four draft options for new school boundaries. The survey is available in several languages.

Inclusive Schools Week

Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 8

Inclusive Schools Week is designed to recognize progress being made in equity and inclusion and to commit to doing even more to educate all children.

Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Monday, December 4, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Meeting link

Topic: "Special Education 101"

BCPS Special Education Resource Fair

Tuesday, December 5, from 6-8 p.m.

White Oak School, 8401 Leefield Rd., Parkville 21234

At this free event, parents of students receiving special education services can learn more about BCPS and community resources and network with other families. Exhibitors will include Abilities Network, Aligned Wellness, Autism Speaks, Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now), Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities, Maryland Coalition of Families, Maryland Insurance Administration, The Parents' Place of Maryland, Pathfinders for Autism, Special Olympics, and We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at serc@bcps.org.

Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m.

BCPS headquarters/Greenwood – Building E, 6901 N. Charles St., Towson 21204 Information about attending and making public comments at meetings can be found on the Board's website.

Eastern Family Resource Job Fair Event

Wednesday, December 6, from 12-2 p.m. Eastern Family Resource Center, 9150 Franklin Square Dr., Rosedale 21237 No interviews will be conducted on site.

Parent University Lunch & Learn Workshop: "Eating Healthy on a Budget"

Wednesday, December 6, at 12:30 p.m.

Register online.

Northwest Area Elementary School Boundary Study committee meeting

Wednesday, December 6, from 6-8 p.m.

Pikesville Middle School cafeteria, 7701 Seven Mile Ln., Pikesville 21208

The snow date for this meeting is Thursday, December 7. If the committee determines that another meeting is needed, that meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, with a snow date of Wednesday, January 3.

Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

Meeting details

Meeting with BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough)

Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Town Hall

Thursday, December 7, from 6-6:30 p.m.

Student Member of the Board Kayla Drummond is hosting a monthly SMOB Town Hall for all secondary students. Students can join via Google Meet with code SMOBTOWNHALL and must be signed in with their BCPS credentials to access. Students will be able to submit questions for the SMOB and engage in discussion based on topics submitted by participants.

Parent University Lunch & Learn Workshop: "'Can You Hear Me Now?' When Your Questions to Your Children Go Unanswered and Your Worries Grow Bigger"

Friday, December 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Parents often ask their children questions to understand them better only to be met by short or vague answers. Learn the brain research to explain this frustrating challenge as well as strategies to lower stress, build connection, and increase the likelihood that children will share more information. Register online.

Baltimore County Student Councils/Baltimore County Junior Councils General Assembly

Monday, December 11, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Dr., Randallstown, MD 21133

Southwest Area Education Advisory Council meeting

Monday, December 11, at 7 p.m.

Meeting details

Topic: "Department of Planning"

Name selection survey for new middle school closes

Tuesday, December 12

Baltimore County's newest middle school, on King Avenue in Rosedale, will open in August 2024. In November, more than 3,500 Team BCPS members submitted suggested names for the school, and the two most-suggested names were Northeast Middle School and Nottingham Middle School. A multilingual survey to determine the top vote-getter will be open through Tuesday, December 12. Once a winner has been chosen, the name will be reviewed by BCPS leadership and submitted to the Board of Education of Baltimore County for final approval by January 23, 2024.

Monthly Webinar: "How to become a Youth Apprenticeship employer"

Wednesday, December 13, at 8:30 a.m.

The BCPS Youth Apprenticeship program is a collaborative effort with the Maryland Department of Labor and local employers. The program is designed to provide opportunities for students to "learn while they earn." Most employers participate in the program to help grow their own workforce. More information and a link to the webinar can be found online.

BCPS recruitment sessions for multiple positions

Wednesday, December 13

Eastpoint Workforce Development Center

7930 Eastern Ave., Baltimore 21224

This recruitment session is for individuals interested in the following positions: building service workers, bus attendants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, cafeteria worker transporters, and grounds workers II. BCPS encourages applicants to <u>apply online</u> prior to attending these sessions. Applicants must attend the presentation and the interview. The presentation will start shortly after the arrival time and then individual interviews will follow. For more information, please call 443-809-7872.

Schedule for the day:

- 9-10 a.m. for bus driver and bus attendant applicants
- 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. for building service worker applicants (on-site interviews)
- 12-1 p.m. for grounds worker II applicants (on-site interviews)

• 2-4 p.m. for cafeteria worker and cafeteria worker transporter applicants (on-site interviews)

BCPS Service-Learning Training for nonprofit organizations

Thursday, December 14, at 1 p.m.

BCPS and the Baltimore County Government Volunteer Center have collaborated to offer students a database of service-learning opportunities from nonprofit organizations in Maryland. Organizations interested in learning more can contact BCPS via its Community Partnership form. BCPS and the Baltimore County Volunteer Center will host monthly trainings for nonprofits to learn about Maryland State Department of Education requirements and compliance service activities.

Parent University Lunch & Learn Workshop: "How to Handle the Holidays Without Your Loved Ones" Friday, December 15, at 12:30 p.m. Register online.

Central Area Elementary School Capacity Relief Boundary Study survey closes

Sunday, December 17

The <u>Central Area Elementary School Boundary study</u> affects students currently attending Carroll Manor, Cromwell Valley Regional Magnet, Halstead Academy, Hampton, Jacksonville, Lutherville Laboratory, Mays Chapel, Oakleigh, Padonia International, Pine Grove, Pinewood, Pleasant Plains, Pot Spring, Rodgers Forge, Riderwood, Stoneleigh, Timonium, Warren, and West Towson elementary schools. Through Sunday, December 17, community members are invited to complete an <u>online survey</u> and share their opinions about four draft options for new school boundaries to relieve overcrowding. The survey is available in several languages.

Press availability with Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers

Tuesday, December 19, at 10 a.m.

BCPS Administrative Offices, 6901 N. Charles St., Building A, Towson 21204

BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough) will hold a media availability to discuss school system updates. Members of the media are asked to RSVP to Gboyinde Onijala, executive director, Department of Communications and Community Outreach, at oonijala@bcps.

Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.

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BCPS & Talkspace Workshop: "Online Mental Health Support for Teens"

Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.

In a virtual workshop presented by the online platform Talkspace, parents and caregivers can learn more about how BCPS students, ages 13 and up, will be able to access Talkspace therapists, mental health resources, and additional support, completely free of charge. Register online.

Winter break - Schools and offices closed

Monday, December 25 – Monday, January 1

<u>Baltimore County Public Schools</u>, the nation's 22nd largest school system, is focused on raising the bar and closing gaps to prepare our students for the future. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, staff, and students, BCPS celebrates <u>many honors</u>.