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THE NEWSLETTER

This is our first NEWSLETTER - the first, we hope, of many more to come.

The purpose of the NEWSLETTER is to provide a means of communication between the school and you, the parents of the students, and to keep you informed of the programs and activities of both the school and your PTA. It will also enable the PTA to present controversial items regarding the school to its members for their consideration and to obtain their viewpoint. We expect the NEWSLETTER to become an important source of the kind of school information you want, and which is not readily available elsewhere.

This first issue of the NEWSLETTER has been mailed to all parents to acquaint them with the immediate activities and programs of the school and the PTA. Subsequent issues will be available only to subscribers. As the PTA is operating on a very limited budget, it is necessary that the NEWSLETTER be self-supporting. We must, therefore, rely on subscriptions to defray the cost of materials and mailing . . . Why mail? Because we feel that most parents want to be sure of receiving the information that the NEWSLETTER contains - - and what is more sure than the U.S. Postal Service? - - - "Nor rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night"

The subscription cost is 15¢ for four issues, of which this is the first. Subscriptions will be sold by the PTA Membership Committee on BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. However, if you do not plan to attend this meeting, you may forward 15¢, with name and address, to the Publicity Chairman, Mr. Carl Fogelberg, 27621 Terrence, Livonia. Although the PTA needs the support of every one of you and our membership goal is 100% of the parents, non-members may subscribe to the NEWSLETTER.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I wish to congratulate the PTA Executive Committee for the initiative they have taken in establishing this news letter as an additional means of communication between the faculty and staff at Bentley and the parents. The basic purpose of an association of parents and teachers must always be to keep in constant communication with each other on the many problems that relate to the education and social life of our youth. I am certain the Bentley PTA will play an important part in supporting the high standards of academic achievement that are part of our tradition.

The entire faculty is looking forward to meeting most of you at our BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT on Tuesday, October 27th.

INFORMATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

We wish to thank the many parents who call GA 7-1900 on the day their youngster is taken ill or is unavoidably absent. These calls enable us to list your son or daughter as an excused rather than a questionable absence.

All parents bringing students to school or picking them up after school are requested to load and unload in the following two places: (1) opposite the main entrance on Hubbard, and (2) near the entrance just off Five Mile at the north end of the east wing (old Riley). This policy helps our staff supervise students coming to and from school in private cars.

Several parents have requested that their boys be excused from school to hunt this fall. The school policy requires that the written request from the parent include the name, address and telephone number of the adult with whom the student will be hunting; that the student make arrangements for his school work prior to being excused, and that he bring his hunting license to school to be reviewed by the Attendance Office. No more than two days will be allowed during the entire year.

All parents are invited to attend our Homecoming Football Game and Parade beginning at 8 PM on Friday, October 16th. Come out, join in the fun and show your youngsters you support Bentley and its football team.

Each afternoon a late bus leaves Bentley shortly after 4 PM. This bus has been provided by the Board of Education to transport students having a 7th period class, doing library work between 3 and 4 PM, and participating in the many extra-curricular activities held after school. The routes are limited, and bus drivers have been asked to deliver the student as close to his regular bus stop as possible, while remaining on the regular route.

Report cards will be mailed home at the end of the first marking period. They should be received by parents on or shortly after October 28th.

In future issues, this column - INFORMATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - will attempt to answer many of the questions that are uppermost in the minds of the parents of Bentley students.

Dr. Donald E. Friedrichs, Principal

YOUR PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION

This year's objectives: To make our meetings interesting and informative; to continue our scholarship program; to continue publication of the PTA NEWSLETTER; to serve the interests of the school at any time.

Your part in this: To accomplish all we have planned and make this a successful PTA year, we need your cooperation. Our aim is 100% enrollment of all Bentley High parents. Help us to accomplish our objectives by becoming a member.

When and where can you join?

On BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, October 27th

FIRST GENERAL MEETING

The first general meeting will be held at Bentley, Tuesday, Oct. 27th, at 7:30 PM. The program will consist of the business meeting, which will be short (!), followed by BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. A Bake Sale, sponsored by the 10th grade will also be a feature of the first meeting.

Copies of the budget will be available to all at the meeting, and you will also have the opportunity to meet our new principal, Dr. Donald Friedrichs.

The BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will give you the chance to become acquainted with the educational program of your student. You will follow his or her schedule from class-room to class-room. The teacher of each class will explain the objectives of that particular course. Time will not permit personal conferences between teacher and parent during the class period, but questions concerning the subject being taught will be cheerfully answered, time permitting. An appointment with any teacher, to discuss a student's work, may, of course, be arranged by phoning the school.

During BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT you will be given an opportunity to express your wishes concerning various phases of the school and PTA programs. A Questionnaire will be distributed in one of the classes you attend, on which you can check your preferences.

Members of the Bentley High Student Council will be on hand to assist parents in finding the class rooms.

The Bake Sale will be held in the corridors. You can have your cake and eat it, too!!

Refreshments at our first meeting will be served by the Western Wayne County Parents Association for Retarded Children. This includes Livonia, Redford Township and surrounding Nankin Township.

In a sense, this meeting might be called Get-Acquainted Night:

- . Get acquainted with your PTA officers
- . Get acquainted with your new principal
- . Get acquainted with your student's teacher
- . Get acquainted with members of the Student Council
- . Get acquainted with the culinary accomplishments of the 10th grade mothers.

DON'T MISS THIS FIRST MEETING - IT IS WELL WORTH YOUR WHILE

CARD PARTY

The PTA will hold its first card party this year, on Tuesday, November 17th, in the Bentley cafeteria. This is for the benefit of our scholarship fund, and we hope to see you all there. Tickets will be sold at the door that evening. Refreshments will be served - there will be table prizes and door prizes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS WANTED

Don't forget your subscription to the NEWSLETTER. Our next issue will contain a greater amount of information and more comment as the school year gets into full stride. Help us to make the NEWSLETTER grow and serve you better. SUBSCRIBE

BENTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday Oct.23 Football - Bentley at Allen Park - 8 PM - 10:15 PM

Tuesday Oct.27 Report cards mailed home - PTA General meeting and
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - 7:30 PM - Bentley gymnasium

Wednesday Oct.28 Mrs.Martha Griffiths, Member of Congress, visits Bentley

Friday Oct.30 Football at Dearborn - 8 PM - 10:15 PM

Wednesday Nov.4 Senior Play Rehearsal date - 6:30 PM

Thursday Nov.5 Begin taking senior pictures
Water Ballet - 8 PM - Bentley Pool (first performance)

Friday Nov.6 Football - Southfield at Bentley - 8 PM

Saturday Nov.7 Water Ballet - 8 PM - Bentley Pool (second performance)

Monday Nov.9 Senior Play Rehearsals - 6:30 PM

Tuesday Nov.10 Senior Play Rehearsals - 8 PM

Thursday Nov.12 Senior Play (first performance) 8 PM

Friday Nov.13 Senior Play (second performance) 8 PM

Saturday Nov.14 Football - Henry Ford at Bentley - 10:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Monday Nov.16 Winter Sports Season Starts (Basketball,swimming,wrestling)

Tuesday Nov.17 P.T.A. Card Party - 8 PM to 11:30 PM

Friday Nov.20 Sadie Hawkins Dance - 8 PM to 11 PM

Thursday Nov.26 Thanksgiving Day (School closes at usual hour on Nov.25,
return on Monday, Nov.29)

Friday Dec.4 End of second marking period
Basketball at Farmington - 7 PM

CARD PARTY

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