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Dear BDCHS Parent/Guardian:

We are looking forward to welcoming your child for the 2019-2020 school year. As we prepare for the necessary instructional materials for each department (Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Science, and Elective), it is best to order the basic items and subscriptions for online access in the summer and have the materials ready for the start of school so that instructional time is not lost.

A minimum Instructional Enhancement donation of \$100 would allow us to divvy up funds among all five departments to order classroom materials beginning July 1st, the start of our fiscal year. Any donation above the \$100 minimum will only further enhance classroom instruction in other areas of need-- namely, consumable items and equipment that needs replacing for various programs. The donation *will* cover the cost of the science lab fee (\$15), math fee (\$15), art fee (\$10), lock rental for lockers (\$5), and parking hangtag (\$5) which otherwise would be owed the first week of school. This donation *does not* count towards volunteer hours and *does not* cover the cost of the supplies your child will need such as notebooks, pencils, calculator, etc. **Your donation will allow us to purchase much needed items/renew programs such as the following:**

- Advanced Placement Textbooks (up to \$200 per book)
- Advanced Placement Tests (approx. \$94 per student)
- Additional and new replacement textbooks (approx. \$85 per book)
- Science lab equipment (e.g. 25 glass beakers, \$250 for the set)
- Elective materials such as sheet music, art supplies, world language headsets, etc.
- Additional and replacement PE equipment

The cost of keeping up with current technology has stretched our budget beyond the per pupil funding the state allocates. We have chosen to use a lease model so that technology can be refreshed every three years. *We cannot provide this current technology without your support.* We are asking for a \$50 technology fee per student to offset the expense in our school's operational budget for technology. When thinking about \$50 for ten months of technology use during the school year, this equates to \$5 a month for technology (the cost of a premium cup of coffee).

Some of the technology used in our curriculum for your child includes but is not limited to:

- Over 100 desktop computers in computer labs and in various instructional areas
- Nine laptop carts with 25-30 devices in each cart
- Nine tablet carts with 25-30 devices in each cart
- Ten document cameras
- Network services (e.g. Google Classroom, Net Support, Internet Safety Filters)
- Student Management Systems (e.g. Edsby, FOCUS Scheduler, Lotterease)
- *GradeCam* (Teacher Assessment Tool, \$150 per teacher subscription)
- *Quia* (interactive assessment software tool, \$500 for annual license)
- *Lynda.com* (Online learning platform, \$360 for annual subscription)
- NWEA Map Assessment (Norm referenced computer based assessment for Reading and Math, \$1,250 for annual license)
- *Study Island* (Online test prep and skill building platform, \$1,200 for annual license)

You may make your donation and technology fee online at this link:

[19-20 Instructional Donation and Technology Fee](#)

(This link is also available on our website. Go to "Support BDCHS." This letter will be saved on the BDCHS Family Portal and on the Student Services page.)

Or, you may write a check made payable for \$150 to BDCHS with your student's/ name(s) and grade level on the memo line. All checks should be given to the Business Manager, Mrs. Williams.

Non-profit charter schools such as BDCHS must manage a balanced, site based budget, and we remain firm in our commitment to providing a quality, private school education with no tuition. With your help and support, we can maintain our high academic achievement level for your child with continual A Grades from the Florida Department of Education while offering our students the very best resources for learning.

Thank you for your support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kristine Bennett, Ed.S.
Proud Principal

