

# Booker T. Washington Academy Middle School

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Greetings Scholar Parents,

For the month of October our CORE VALUE focus is: **PERSERVERANCE!** It means to “not give up even when things get tough”! We will be talking to scholars and giving them many opportunities to practice this important characteristic this month.

I am inviting **YOU** to this month's **Parent Coffee Hour on October 10 at 8 am**. This is a time to bring your concerns, questions and ideas to me directly and in person.

**Make sure you are checking folders EVERY NIGHT.**

Scholars have homework NIGHTLY. We will soon be getting school planners for each scholar where they will write down homework and teachers can write notes for you to sign!

## Staff Contact

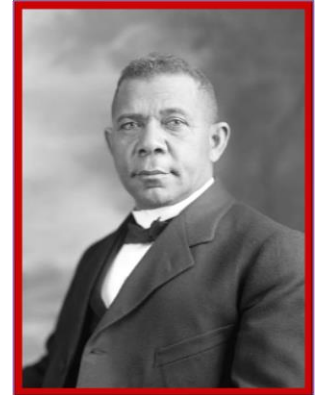
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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 2** – Basketball Tryouts – 4:30-5:30 – MS Gym

**Oct. 3** – Basketball Tryouts – 5:00-6:00 – MS Gym

**Oct. 9** – No School – Yom Kippur

**Oct. 10** – Parent Coffee Hour 8-9am – The Learning Center

## Important Announcement

In October, we are out of school on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>! Please plan your schedules accordingly!!!

In October we celebrate:

- National Breast Cancer Awareness
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- National Fire Prevention Month

Social Studies – Polite Wilson – [polite.wilson@btwanewhaven.org](mailto:polite.wilson@btwanewhaven.org)

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## More Important News

**Lockers** in Middle School are for transitional purposes. It gives them a sense of growth and the feel for what awaits them in high school. Having a locker is a privilege that scholars can lose if they abuse it.

Scholars use lockers in middle school:

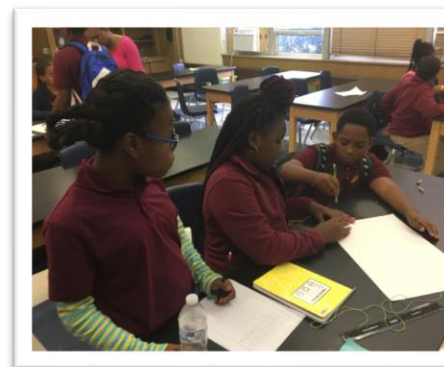
- Store lunch
- Store coats, jackets, etc.
- Store cell phones
- Store personal items that they don't need in class

**Scholars will need to carry their bookbags** with them because in them SHOULD be folders for each of their classes where they get homework, graded test, and other papers that need to be brought home for you to see.

**BTWA T-Shirt Fundraiser is available NOW and will be selling year-round! Order your scholar some t-shirts that they will be able to wear on PE Days and other special BTWA dress down days!**

## VOLUNTEER TIMES

Many have been asking about this. We are working on the logistics and will roll the Middle School Parent Volunteer Program out SOON!!!



## In the Community

### BTWA Elementary PTO

5:30 at the Elementary School on State St.

### Hamden Mobile Pantry

Wed. October 9 at 3:30-5:30 pm

Christ the Bread of Life Parish  
322 Circular Ave. Hamden, CT

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This Pantry takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month! Rain or Shine!