Greetings Scholar Parents,

For the month of October our CORE VALUE focus is: **PERSEVERANCE**! 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.

**PLANNERS ARE HERE!** Each scholar will get a planner. If this one is lost a replacement will cost $5.

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**Staff Contact**

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ELA 6 – Somaya Haspil – somaya.haspil@btwanewhaven.org

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Oct. 9** – No School – Yom Kippur
- **Oct. 10** – Parent Coffee Hour 8-9am – The Learning Center
- **Oct 11** – Progress Reports COME HOME
- **Oct 14** – NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
- **Oct 16** – Elementary PTO @ State St. 5:30pm

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**Important Announcements**

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

In October we celebrate:

- National Breast Cancer Awareness
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- National Fire Prevention Month
**More Important News**

**PTO** – This year we are proposing to the Elementary PTO to join forces for our inaugural year as a new school. In this proposal we will work with the Elementary School to raise funds, host family events. Please join us at the Elementary PTO on October 16 at 5:30 at the Elementary School. CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED!!!!

**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!

**PROGRESS REPORTS** GO HOME WITH SCHOLARS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11. ACADEMICS AND WORK HABITS WILL BE REPORTED. If you’d like to meet with a teacher, see the staff Contact section and reach out to schedule a meeting with the teacher.

**When Visiting Classrooms:** For the safety of our scholars and teachers, please refrain of using recording devices to capture videos or audio of a classroom teacher. **This is also NOT the time for teacher conferences.** We are asking that cell phones be silenced and put away to maintain the integrity of the instructional environment.

**VOLUNTEER TIMES:** You can begin scheduling volunteer times now! If you’d like to volunteer with a teacher, contact teacher via email to schedule that time. If you’d like to help with monitoring hallways, transitions, lunch duty please schedule that with Ms. Rivera-Pastor.

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**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

Sponsored by United way of Greater New Haven

This Pantry takes place the 2nd Wednesday of Each Month! Rain or Shine!