



## Bridges Prep News & Notes: April 5, 2019

### From Dr. Herbst's desk ...



**Book Fair!** Thank you to all our parents, staff and of course our students who made this week's Book Fair such a success. We encourage reading every day for at least 30 minutes outside of school – research shows it increases academic achievement, boosts scores on college entrance exams and makes for a well-rounded, creative person.

**On the horizon ...** As we move into spring, and especially after we clear Spring Break this month, we will be speeding toward the end of the school year. That means state testing, End of Course exams for high schoolers, and sometimes an increase in student behavior problems. Please talk to your child/children about following Bridges' rules, sticking to the dress code, and ending the school year on a high note. We'll share more tips about preparing for big tests as we get closer to those dates.

**College trips and advising:** We are thrilled to have Selma Davis leading our college advising and Upper School counseling work. She has organized college campus trips to help our rising seniors get a taste of several South Carolina universities – they've already visited The Citadel and College of Charleston, with Clemson and USC coming up. For current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families, we will host a session next fall to familiarize you with our process and to help guide students to their desired post-graduation arc, be that college, a technical school, the military or the workforce.

**Board meeting Monday, April 8** – Just a reminder that our Board of Directors will meet Monday, April 8 at Boundary Street. Public session typically starts around 6:30. The full agenda will be posted to our website and our Facebook page this weekend.

**Athletes!** If you plan on participating in BPS athletics for the upcoming 2019-20 school year, please take note. A sports physical done from this point forward **is valid for the 2019-20 school year**. Physicals done before April 1 are **not acceptable**. Please make appropriate arrangements for a springtime physical so you can be prepared!

**Update on Cassandra Bolden:** I visited with her last week and she is doing better! She received the boxes of gifts and cards from our school and is in good spirits. Every day she's making progress. Please keep Coach Bolden in your thoughts and prayers for continued recovery. As most of you know, she was injured in a terrible car accident several months ago.