

# STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

September 26th, 2017

# WHAT'S OUR WHY?

## How it began:

- ★ Need for a smooth transition from 8th to 9th Grade
- ★ Principal's Advisory, Principal Roundtable
- ★ School Improvement Goal

## What's been accomplished:

- ★ Joint Roundtable
- ★ Visit to 8th Graders with Mentors-What's Your Why?
- ★ Step Up Day
- ★ Student Ambassador Program



*“What’s your Why” was dubbed by 2017 grad Cam Shelmire.*

# YEAR THEME: WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

- ★ Inspired by meetings with JGMS students.
- ★ We are asking students to think about their actions, decisions, and daily routines and what motivates them each day to do what they do.

# NEW ENGLAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the  
BHSPA

- ★ The Student Ambassador Executive Board
- ★ Summer Work:
  - FIVE SENIORS
  - INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEW ENGLAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
  - ALSO MET FOR ORIENTATION PLANNING.



# AMBASSADOR TRAINING

- ★ All juniors and seniors accepted to the program received a training
- ★ During the trainings we reviewed:
  - **Schedule for the night of freshmen orientation**
  - **Discussion guidelines**
  - **How to answer tricky questions**
  - **Tour Routes**
  - **Expectations of Behavior**



# ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

- Ms. Galante, Ms. Lennox and Ms. Boynton kicked off the presentation

- Separated into groups:
  - TOURS
  - ICE BREAKER GAMES
  - Q & A
  - ICE CREAM



# FRESHMEN ORIENTATION NIGHT



- ★ We paired ~65 ambassadors to make pairs of diverse (interests, talents, abilities) students to foster a connection
- ★ Each pair of ambassadors is assigned a group of between 7 and 10 freshmen for the duration of the year
- ★ Ambassadors will meet with mentees in Flex Blocks during the year





# ICE CREAM AND GOODY BAGS

- ★ As a welcome treat for the new students we ended with an ice cream social in the cafe,
- ★ Each student received a goody bag containing shirts we designed as well as other small items donated by the BHSPA.

# NEXT STEPS:

- Meet with our individual groups thought flex blocks
  - FOCUS ON MAKING SURE EACH STUDENT FEELS WELCOME AT BHS

