



Brady Middle School
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Dear Parents,

All Brady students will complete a [Passion Project](#) this school year. Also known as “Genius Hour,” Passion Projects provide each student the opportunity to explore an interest and develop a project that will be presented in February.

The implementation of Passion Projects at Brady represents one strategy to increase students’ exposure to Project-Based Learning, in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge (Buck Institute for Education).

Starting today and running through January 30, students will have time each Wednesday to conduct research, create a product and develop a presentation. On February 19, 20 and 21, students will share their project outcomes with their parent, Pride Leader and classmates through a formal presentation. Scheduling information will be shared with parents in January.

In addition to content mastery, part of our mission as a school is to help our students develop competencies that are essential for lifelong success. Passion Projects will cause our students to apply and reflect on many of [the nine competencies](#) introduced earlier this year. In a formal way, all of our students will receive feedback on their Passion Project presentation via a rubric that has been developed for use across grade levels.

To view some of the exemplary passion projects developed by students during the 2017-18 school year, click on [this link](#).

To date, students have spent time mining for their passions and completing a Passion Project idea proposal/defense. Please ask your son or daughter to share with you the topic for his or her project. For more information, please see the [Passion Project guidelines](#), and if you have any questions, please contact your child’s Pride Leader, Katie Hilber, Jenna Drozd, or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian A. Frank".

Brian A. Frank
Principal