

Welcome Back and Happy New School Year!!!!

We look forward to greeting our students for the 22-23 school year. Below please find some very important and helpful information to assist you and your child in the opening days of school!

Have a safe Labor Day Weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday September 6th!

School Orientation

You can rest assured our number one focus is setting our students up for success, as a result, like last year, our **school orientation will happen during the school day.**

In each of your child's 4 core area classes (Math, Science, ELA and Social Studies) your child will experience a series of 15 minute mini lessons on how to be successful in middle school. The lessons will take place in small chunks over the first 8 days of school and will be reviewed periodically. Topics will include, but are not limited to, how to read your schedule, use of the agenda, use of lockers, general school rules and responsibilities, where to find the front office, Guidance and Library, safety drills and of course chromebook care and general digital citizenship. Using this strategy, we will begin the year with a clear understanding of middle school expectations for all.

Additionally we will have grade level meetings to review the BSMS Student Success guide which outlines our school rules and school expectations.

Locker Assignments Update

Our summer construction is coming to a close and we are so excited to have brand new lockers for ALL of our students. We are finishing cross checking our combinations to be sure they are correct on the new lockers, as a result your child did not receive a locker assignment on their schedule. Please know we WILL be giving them this information in the first days of school AND teaching them how to access their lockers and give them opportunity to practice on the new lockers during the school day with an adult to assist.

As a result, please do not over pack your child's backpack on the first day - please simply have them bring something to write with and a notebook.

Chromebook Device Reminders

Parents as you may recall we assigned new chromebooks to all of the rising 7th and 8th students - we ask that you please charge your devices and have them prepared to begin the school year. Please remind your students that we will NOT be giving out loaner devices or chargers during the school day. The only exception to this rule is if the child's assigned device is in for repair - we will then assign a loaner.

However students who forget their device at home will no longer be able to get a loaner - please plan ahead every night and have the device with your school items so you do not forget it!

Parents of rising 6th grade students and new students, your child will receive their Chromebooks during the first few days of school. This Chromebook will be your student's responsibility throughout the year. The above rules apply.

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Please know that the federal lunch program that provided free breakfast and lunch to all students **has ended** and we are now going back to the system we had before the pandemic. Families will need to fill out a federal school lunch form to qualify for free or reduced lunch, below please find a link to the district website that has all breakfast and lunch information.

BSCSD Lunch Information can be found here - <https://www.bsccd.org/Page/229>

Arrival and Departure

The school day officially begins at 7:30 with the beginning of first block, if students are not in their seats by 7:30 they are considered late to school and will be marked tardy to school - if students become habitually tardy to school there will be school consequences applied.

Our school day ends at 2:23. We release car riders at 2:20 to the car rider area and then all walkers and bus riders are released with the final bell of the day at 2:23. Typically buses roll out by 2:30pm everyday.

We ask that everyone be patient the first few days of school as we teach students our processes and procedures to ensure a successful school year.

Car Riders - Please read carefully!

Car rider drop off and pick up is located off of Garrett Road - there will be signs to direct you.

Morning Arrival of Car Riders

When arriving at the Middle School please use the Garrett Road entrance near the football field. We will have signs and people to direct you as we work to teach everyone our system for the car rider line. This is a single lane process, please do not pass other vehicles. To keep the flow of traffic moving, students should exit the vehicle anywhere along the sidewalk (do not wait to be released directly near the door). We begin allowing students from the car rider line into the building at 7:10 - these students will wait in the cafeteria until students are dismissed for class. This entrance closes at 7:26 and students who arrive beyond that time will have to walk around to the front entrance. **Parents please note - car riders please be mindful that our school day begins at 7:30 - please be sure you plan ahead - we will be marking students tardy to school this year if they are not in their seat at 7:30.**

Afternoon Pick up of Car Riders

We release car riders at 2:20 to the car rider area. **Students with last names that begin A-K will be located on the school sidewalk and students with last names that begin with L-Z will be located on the tennis court sidewalk. We do this so students are NOT crossing traffic.** We ask that drivers please position themselves in the correct lane at the end of the day - this system is put in place to ensure a safe departure from school. For the safety of all - We ask that you adhere to this process.

Car Rider Rules are for EVERYONE

We DO NOT allow car riders to be dropped off or picked up in the front of the building for ANY reason because it interferes with our buses and bus drop off - which is a huge safety issue. We kindly ask all parents to follow the same rules as everyone else and drop off and pick up your child in the designated area off of Garrett Road.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding that all must follow our systems.

Bus Riders and Walkers

Students who ride the bus or walk to school, will be admitted to school beginning at 7:20am.

