

Orientation, Computers, Materials, & more!

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Dear BBMS Families,

We hope that you are doing well and getting energized for school to begin. Please keep these emails handy as the contents will help ensure that you get off to a great start. It is very important that you bring back materials that we will need to give to new students this year. Dates to do this next week are included below. We need to "quarantine" materials for a period of time before we can inventory them and get things organized to give to students for this year. Your help in doing this is greatly appreciated! As you can imagine, getting ready for an online school year is going to be tough, and we want to thank you in advance for your patience throughout this process.

We will be sharing a lot of information in the coming weeks, so please reach out to us if you have any questions; at any time!

Meet the BBMS Administrative Team and Ask Questions:

Yes, any questions you have! We want to help you get ready for this year! Feel free to drop in, say "hi", ask a question and go. Or, stay for the whole hour – the choice is yours!

When: Wednesday, August 26 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Google Meeting Code:

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/toq-jcbc-ifq

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 812-727-7707

PIN: 130 189 156#

Virtual New Student Orientation and 6th Grade Orientation: September 3, 2020 from 1:15 – 3:15pm

All new students and their parents are invited to an orientation on September 3, 2020. We will meet as a large group (virtually) using Google Meet. Codes will be shared with parents and students next week. We will have small group break outs based on homerooms – so please review your student schedules to see who your child's homeroom teacher is for this year. An alphabetical list will be sent to you with meeting codes as a way for you to double check those placements. Students will meet other students, 8th grade student leaders, and staff. While students are in small group meetings, we will hold a separate meeting for parents as a Q&A. We ask that parents attend this meeting, while students are in their homeroom meetings.

Technology/Chromebook Requests: <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2020/08/log-in-now-to-identify-need-for-chromebook-and-or-internet/>

Sample Student Schedule: <https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/middle/>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://help.hcpss.org/>

MATERIALS DROP OFF & PICK UP INFORMATION (see below):

Do you have HCPSS materials to RETURN/PICKUP?

How and when do I return items?

We have designated three days to collect items AND pick up yearbooks:

- **Wednesday, August 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 am.**
 - Rising 7th grade families
- **Thursday, August 27 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
 - Rising 8th grade families
- **Friday, August 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
 - Rising 9th grade families
- ****Please contact us if you cannot make the assigned times. We will work with you to find a time for you to drop off materials and/or pick up student yearbooks**

The information contained below is primarily for our rising 7th, 8th, and 9th grade families and students who attended Bonnie Branch (BBMS) last year. If your child attended a different HCPSS school last year, including our new 6th grade students, we kindly ask that you [visit that school's website](#) to view their collection plan.

Attention rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade families and students who attended Bonnie Branch (BBMS) last year: Please read the information below regarding dropping off materials your child still has at home from the 2019-2020 school year. Before we can issue Chromebooks, instruments, and other materials for this upcoming school year, we need to collect all items students are holding from 2019-20.

Below is our drop-off schedule and procedures for returning materials. Further, **during the drop-off process, it is critical that students and families maintain all social distancing practices, wear masks and remain in your cars.** We look forward to seeing ALL of our rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade students and their families next week!

Does your child have items from last school year that need to be returned?

Most students have novels from their ELA class, some have media center books, and others have instruments and other items. Please encourage your child to gather those items as it's time to return them! These items need to be collected next week to give us time to prepare for the distribution of new materials for the 2020-21 school year.

How and when do I return items?

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Who should return items?

We are collecting items that belong to Bonnie Branch, so only students who attended Bonnie Branch last year should return items. We will not take responsibility for items returned to us that belong to another HCPSS school.

What items should be returned?

- Instruments:
 - If your child has an instrument that belongs to Bonnie Branch and will remain in band/orchestra this upcoming school year at Bonnie Branch he/she should keep the instrument.
 - If your child is not returning to Bonnie Branch this school year, instruments should be returned.

- Chromebooks (laptops)
 - If your child has Chromebook and will remain in HCPSS (at Bonnie Branch or any HCPSS school) this upcoming school year, he/she should keep the Chromebook.
 - If your child is not returning to HCPSS this school year, Chromebooks should be returned.

- Books and other items:
 - All books, ELA novels, and media center books that belong to Bonnie Branch should be returned.
 - Any other items that belong to Bonnie Branch should be returned.

What if my child did not attend Bonnie Branch last year and has materials to return?

We can only accept items from BBMS. If you have items from another HCPSS school (elementary or middle), you will need to return those items to the school your child attended last year. Information on elementary school days should be posted on their websites. If your child attended another middle school, please [visit to that school's website](#) to view their collection plan. If you need assistance, please contact Kelli Nitsch, Assistant Principal, who will be happy to help you.

What safety precautions are in place to protect families and school staff during drop-off?

During the drop-off process, it is critical that students and families maintain all social distancing practices, wear masks, and remain in their cars at all times. If walking to the school, you must wear a mask while on school property and ensure proper social distancing from staff members. We ask that everyone follows the directions of the staff members present during drop off to ensure everyone's safety.

How will the drop-off operate?

It is important that families follow the following guidelines so that materials can be properly collected, inventoried, and prepared for redistribution:

- Place all materials to be returned to BBMS in any type of bag labeled with your child's first and last name (the bag will not be returned to you.)
- Include a “[Returned Materials Form](#)” in the bag. This form can be printed and completed, or you can simply write the information on a sheet of paper.
- Please enter the parking lot, and follow the established traffic pattern and drop-off stations when you arrive.
 - Station 1: Drop off instruments
 - Station 2: Drop off books (from ELA class, media center, etc.)
 - Station 3: Drop off Chromebooks and any other LEMS-issued items

I have questions. Who should I contact?

If you need assistance, please contact Kelli Nitsch, Assistant Principal, who will be happy to help you.

We know this is a challenging time for everyone. Take a deep breath - you made it to the end of this email. And, you are in a great community where we have a strong PTA, a caring staff, and wonderful students who are all here to make this a great year. Please let us know how we can help make this the best year possible for you and your student(s).

Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley, Principal

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