

Back To School Night and other Updates

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Bonnie Branch Families,

It has been wonderful having our students back in school! Our halls have life again! As wonderful as it is to have the hum about the building, we realize the transition to in-person learning may be difficult to some. Monday through Thursday, staff spent the first hour of the day, taking time to re-introduce students to the school building. Mrs. Cunningham, Ms. Reid and I met with each grade level, in town hall format, to review the HCPSS [Secondary Student and Parent Handbook](#). Our Student Services Team has been on hand to support individual students as needed. Please review the important document linked above, with your child and contact us if you have any questions or need support.

As a reminder, our **Back to School Night** is this Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 pm. We encourage you to bring a copy, or take a picture, of your child's schedule. As you arrive, please report to your child's first period class. Members of our [PTA](#) and Music Boosters will be present to accept new members and answer any questions you may have. Administration has created an informational video to be shared with the BBMS Community at the end of the Back to School Night, or at home from our BBMS web page. The evening should conclude at approximately 8:15.

77% of BBMS families have completed our **Family File**. Please take time to complete this important task. If you need assistance please call the school or stop by the media center during Back to School Night for support.

On behalf of the HCPSS office of **Transportation**, thank you for your patience as we navigate the bus driver shortage this year. Questions have arisen about the BBMS response to the late arrivals of our buses. Below are the new dismissal procedures for BBMS, implemented after the first day of school.

1. An announcement is made to conclude the day and walkers and car riders are dismissed.
2. Another announcement is made to dismiss our bus riding students to the designated room for their bus where staff is waiting for them. They will remain here until 3:15, when the staff duty day ends.

3. Announcements are made as busses arrive and at 3:15, an announcement is made for remaining students to report to the gym/cafeteria where administration and paid BBMS staff volunteers are waiting for them.
4. As busses arrive, an overhead, and individual announcement is made for students to move to the bus loop.
5. A messenger text is sent to communicate that all buses have left campus.

Students are not knowingly dismissed to adults who are not part of the parent plan for pick-up. Please contact the main office if you would like to make adjustments to your preferences.

Please share the following **reminders with your bus riding students** to ensure safe travel for all of our students.

- Masks must be properly worn at all times.
- Standing while the bus is in motion is prohibited.
- Nothing should be thrown from the bus window.
- Eating and drinking is prohibited.
- Trash should not be left on the bus.
- Students should remain in their assigned seat.

Failure to follow these bus riding rules, could lead to the loss of bus riding privileges.

The BBMS staff community engagement committee, PTA, and administration have decided to adjust our previously advertised **BBMS Fall Festival** from a community event to a student only event held during the school day. We will be in contact for parent volunteers as the date and plans are more solidified.

In the coming weeks, you may notice a new sticker on your child's **HCPSS issued Chromebook**. We are in the process of applying stickers with your child's name to their device in the attempt to keep them from being mixed up.

Upcoming Dates

- **9/6-9/7- School closed** Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah
- **9/9-** Back to School Night, 7 pm
- **9/16- School closed**
- **9/30- Picture Day and** Withdraw deadline- Last day to withdraw from Semester 1 or Full Year High School credit courses without penalty

I hope you are enjoying this four day weekend with those you love. If you have any questions, or ideas, please reach out by email or by giving us a call at Bonnie Branch!

On behalf of the staff of BBMS, thank you for helping us get off to a great start! We look forward to an amazing year!

Respectfully,

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