

August 13, 2021

Hello Bruin Families!

Ten days to go before we have Bruins roaming the halls and we are ready! We'd like to share some updates as we move forward.

Bell Schedule and Purple and Gold Calendar

Our bell schedule and purple and gold calendar are now available on our [website](#). Please note that the bell schedule includes a 15-minute break between the first and second blocks of the day.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available in SIS starting at 6:00 am on Thursday, August 19. If you are unable to print the schedule, paper copies will be available in the Cafeteria during Bruin Blast (see below).

Laptops

Students will receive their laptops the first two days of school, per the following schedule:

Middle Schoolers: Science class

Freshmen and Sophomores: PE class

Juniors and Seniors: English class

Digital Consent

The list of digital resources and the Digital Consent form are now available on our [website](#). This is required to be completed by every family no later than August 23. Please review the list of digital resources carefully, as it has changed. If you are concerned about specific resources, please contact your student's Subschool Office per the email addresses [here](#).

Health and Safety Protocols

Masks are required by all students and staff while in the building, per the Governor's order.

While eating in the Cafeteria, masks may be removed when actively eating. Masks must be worn while in line and moving to seats. Weather permitting, students may eat outside in the courtyard and there is a tent set up outside for additional seating during lunch periods.

The hallways in Lake Braddock are set up with stanchions to help direct one-way traffic during class changes.

Sick Student Notification

Please read [this information](#) from FCPS regarding the procedures for returning to school after a student is out with COVID-like symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. FCPS has very specific requirements for how these are to be handled.

Schoology

Effective midnight tonight, if you have a SIS parent account, you will be able to log into Schoology, which can be found at lms.fcps.edu. Students will be able to log in using their FCPS logins from last school year. If you are unable to access Schoology, please submit a request through the [parent portal](#).

Lockers

This year, students must request the use of lockers. Please use [this form](#) to do so. They can also sign up for a locker at Bruin Blast on August 19.

Bruin Blast

Bruin Blast on Thursday, August 19 is full of fun activities!

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| 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Middle School |
| 1:00-3:00 pm | High School |

Plan to stop by to:

- Check out our clubs, sports and after-school activities in the Gym;
- Pick up a paper copy of schedules, if needed, in the Cafeteria;
- Pick up a map of the school in the Cafeteria;
- Set up SIS ParentVue account in the Library
- Find classrooms and subschools;
- And much more!

Food trucks and entertainment will be available on the Blacktop from noon to 1:00 pm.

Please note that, due to required trainings, teachers may not be available during Bruin Blast. Information on each teacher will be posted outside their

classroom. Teachers will be available at Back to School Nights on September 22 and 29.

Forms

Please visit the [Return to School Forms](#) section of our website to complete the required forms before school starts. Paper copies will be available in the Library at Bruin Blast.

Free and Reduced Meal Application

Although meals will be free this year, if families wish to have school fees reduced or waived, they must submit a new Free/Reduced Meal application form. In order to get fees reduced or waived, they also must sign a new Consent to Share form. The forms can be found [here](#).

Student Services

Keep up-to-date on everything happening in our Student Services Departments by reading their [newsletters](#).

Still to Come

August 27 – 5:30-6:30 pm – Admin Team Meet & Greet. Meet the Administrators on the blacktop before our first home football game of the year.

September 10 – 9:30-10:30 am – Parent Academy Virtual Parent Coffee. Join Dr. Smith and Mrs. Kearns in a virtual parent coffee. Please use [this form](#) to register. You will receive a link for the event that week.

Back to School Nights

Please see the specific dates and times below for Back to School Nights. We are also offering an optional Growth Mindset parent presentation before both events, offered by Student Services at 5:45 pm in the Little Theatre (by Door 14).

September 22 – 6:30-8:40 pm – Middle School Back to School Night

September 29 – 6:30-8:40 pm – High School Back to School Night

Communications

We will begin sending our weekly News You Choose newsletter every Friday after school starts. As this newsletter is sent only to families who subscribe, please use [this link](#) if you have not already signed up.

Again, we look forward to seeing the halls at Lake Braddock full of students and staff.

#BruinsCARE

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