

July 11, 2017

Greetings Parents and Guardians:

I trust that everyone is having a relaxing and safe summer. The 2017–18 school year is rapidly approaching; thus, my “welcome back” letter is also being provided as a reminder letter for those students in need of a subtle push to complete summer reading (info at MS link on district website www.basd.k12.pa.us). Students entering Algebra courses also need to complete review work as prescribed in an earlier communication addressed to those specific students.

Enclosed you will find your student's Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) scores from the recent calendar school year. To assist in understanding the results with ease, there are four qualifying score categories. They are (ranking from highest to lowest): advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic. The scores may affect an individual's course placement in this coming school year. The scores will also remain in the student's records file held by the district.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23rd, and classes begin at 7:40AM. Students may arrive any time after 7:10AM, and our café is typically open at that time for breakfast. Our school day ends at 2:25PM. Please, refrain from using the bus lane during drop off and pickup times. Also, be sure that your child knows their bus number upon arrival at school. Many times, students know where the bus picks them up at home, but they are unaware of the bus number for departure purposes while at school. To assist, encourage students to take note of their bus number while loading the bus in the morning. When in doubt, the student should ask the driver. Bus routes will be posted on the district website in August.

Those attending new student orientation will receive their schedule at that time. However, all MS/HS students will have access to their entire schedule around orientation time via PowerSchool. If MS lunch does not appear on the formal schedule, all MS students have lunch after Period 4 at 10:50AM. As a reminder, MS counselor Mr. King is typically on campus on Wednesdays during the summer, and secretary Mrs. Spada is back in the office Aug 1st.

The middle school's “Open House” will take place on Wednesday, August 30th (7PM-9PM). Please, plan to attend. The evening is designed to tool parents and guardians with methods to monitor and assist their child for a successful middle school experience.

As always, the middle school staff looks forward to working with students and families to foster a positive atmosphere at BAMS. Challenges do arise, but through cooperative interactions with families, we can continue to focus on personal needs and provide quality school programs.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beltz
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