

Welcome Railroaders!

Brunswick High School
Back to School 9th Grade Parent Orientation, Fall 2023



What We Will Touch on in This Presentation

In a few short minutes, we hope to present...

- Information on becoming a member of the PTSA
- An overview of important aspects of high school
- Information that will help your child be successful
- How we can best work together as school and home partners
- A preview of what you will see tonight

Make your voice be heard! Join the BHS PTSA

Follow Us~
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Students

Get involved!

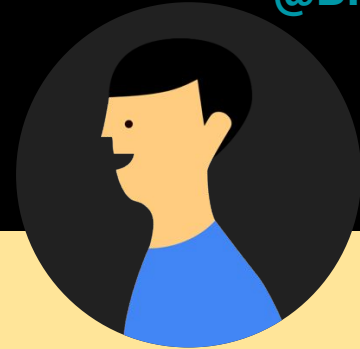
Add "PTSA Member"
to your college
applications!



Parents

Stay connected!

Receive up-to-date
information.



Teachers

Get support!

Let us know how we can
help you better serve our
BHS students.



JOIN BHS PTSA
for the 2022-2023 school year

PARENTS, STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month,
starting Sept. 14th @ 6pm in the BHS Media Center

*Stop by the PTSA table to pick up a membership form and find
out more information!*



Welcome to High School, Class of 2027.

High School provides many opportunities for students to be active, get involved and build a memorable four year experience!

Now is the time for Railroaders to challenge themselves:

- Pick rigorous courses
- Get involved in activities, clubs, and sports
- Work hard to achieve the best grades possible
- Maintain your eligibility

BHS Administrative Team



Mr. Christopher Berry, Principal X Handle: @BerryFCPS

Mr. Jessen Bishard, Assistant Principal (A-K)

Ms. Laurie Atwell, Assistant Principal (L-Z)

Mr. Kirk Meehan, Coordinator of Athletics and Facilities

BHS Counseling Department



Last Names A - F: Mr. Brad George

Last Names G - M: Mrs. Maddie Garris

Last Names N - Z: Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes

Counseling Secretary: Ms. Jill Wilton

Registrar: Ms. Rhonda Renn

Counselors are here to help!



Contact the school counseling office if you:

- ❖ **Need help understanding your child's schedule.**
- ❖ **Have a concern you want the counselor to be aware**
- ❖ **Want to plan out your child's future courses.**
- ❖ **Want to explore colleges & careers for your student.**

Grades Matter!



Passing Grades = Credits

25 Credits = Graduation

Your transcript is the document used to verify that you successfully completed high school.

EVERY class you take in high school will show up on your transcript... make sure you work hard in all of your classes - it will show!

Important 2022-23 Dates

Dates may change due to school closings:

TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4	
Mid-Term	September 16	Mid-Term	November 30	Mid-Term	February 15	Mid-Term	April 28
Interims Issued	September 26	Interims Issued	December 8	Interims Issued	February 24	Interims Issued	May 8
Term Ends	October 19	Term Ends	January 10	Term Ends	March 21	Term Ends	June 1 - June 8**
Report Cards Issued	November 7	Report Cards Issued	January 24	Report Cards Issued	April 4	Report Cards Issued	June 1*

BHS Class of 202__ Schoology Group



Each grade level has its own Schoology group and students are automatically added.

Keep an eye on this group for important announcements from the Counseling Office and more.

FCPS COURSES GROUPS RESOURCES TOOLS

BHS Class of 2026 (Grade 9)
Brunswick High School

Group Options

Updates

- Discussions
- Albums
- Members (198)
- Resources

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Information Edit

Counselor Assignments by Student's Last Name: A - F:
Mr. George - bradley.george@fcps.org ✉
G - M: Ms. Garris - meredith.garris@fcps.org ✉
N - Z: Ms. Forbes - elizabeth.forbes@fcps.org ✉

Bradley George
Updated Counselor Assignments

Ms. Garris (Last Names G - M) has started her maternity leave. She is scheduled to return November 1. Substitute coverage is pending.

Until further notice students and their parents/guardians should direct counselor questions as follows:

Students' Last Names A - K: bradley.george@fcps.org

Students' Last Names L - Z: elizabeth.forbes@fcps.org

REMINDER: Counselors are not full time in the summer. Please be patient if you are waiting for a response.

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Other Important Railroader Staff to Know

- Your Child's Four Subject Teachers
- Special Educators
- Media Specialist - Ms. Charlotte Thompson
- Student Support Specialist - Mr. Roger Dawson
- Athletics and Extra-curriculars - Mr. Kirk Meehan
- Club and Activity Advisors, Athletic Coaches
- School Nurse and Health Technician - Mrs. Beck and TBD
- Student Resource Officer (SRO) - Ofc. Bret Hartle

What does a student's day look like?



Block 1	7:30-8:50
Block 2	8:54-10:19
Connections	10:23-10:54
Block 3	10:58-12:51
Block 4	12:55-2:15

- Cafeteria opens for students @ 7:05
- Bell to report to Block 1 @ 7:22
- Lunch shift is determined by 3rd block class, your teacher will provide that information to you

Connections - An Important Part of the Day!

Connections is a program designed to be highly responsive to the learning needs of all students.

Connections is a specified block of time that provides an opportunity for Railroaders to engage in the following activities:

- ❖ Academic Tutoring
- ❖ Advisement
- ❖ AP/SAT Enrichment
- ❖ Clubs
- ❖ Group/Enrichment Projects
- ❖ Testing Assistance
- ❖ Make up missed work
- ❖ School Counseling or Career Center
- ❖ Self-Directed Learning
- ❖ Use of Media Center

Academic Expectations and Support



Basic Academic Expectations

- ❖ **Complete and turn in all assignments**, prepare for every assessment
- ❖ **Be aware of deadlines and meet them** - “zeroes” are grade killers.
- ❖ **Complete and submit your own work** - “academic dishonesty” includes plagiarism, copying, cheating, handing in others work as your own
- ❖ **Keep up with class pacing** - full courses are taught in half a year, and the material moves quickly
- ❖ **Do you very best on state assessments** - passing is a graduation requirement
- ❖ **Make up missed work due to absences** - for excused absences, you have the same number of days you were out to make up assignments; for unexcused absences, communicate with the teacher as they may not allow you to make up work.

Basic Academic Supports

- ❖ **Classroom teachers are your best resource** - ask to be called during Connections
- ❖ **Tutoring** - will be available during Connections and afterschool on specific days TBD
- ❖ **Tutor Me** - online subscription service available to all BHS students

Advocate for your success - the entire Brunswick staff here to help you help yourself!

Attendance & Eligibility



Attendance

- Good attendance Academic success
- Class Cut = Unexcused Absence (unlikely to be given credit for make-up work)
- Excessive unlawful absences result in class failure *regardless* of course grade
- **Parents/guardians: Please send in absence notes to Main Office!**

The LATE bell rings at 7:30am - Students in the hall or arriving to school after 7:30 will be directed to the MAIN OFFICE for a late pass. If they are unexcused they will serve a lunch detention THAT SAME DAY.

Eligibility

- Determined based on Terms 1 & 3 and Semesters 1 (end of term 2) & 2 (end of term 4) grades
- At least a 2.0 GPA and **no Fs** to be eligible
- First-time Freshmen all begin the year eligible

Dress for Success



- Students are restricted from wearing clothing that is unprofessional. (ie: cut low at neck or under the arms, exposes bare midriff, excessive amount of exposed skin)
- Undergarments, in part or in total, may not be visible.
- FCPS does not permit hats and other head coverings.
- Clothing with advertisements for, or promoting the use of, weapons, violence, alcohol, tobacco or other drugs is prohibited.
- Clothing containing sexually suggestive, racially divisive, or otherwise offensive graphics or slogans is not permitted.
- Any article of clothing that causes a school disruption or is offensive will need to be removed.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices



- ❖ Students are permitted to use cell phones and electronic devices before or after school, between classes, and during lunch.
- ❖ All cell phones electronic devices are to be silenced and put away when entering the classroom. Remove ear buds/headphones. Teachers must be able to communicate with students.
- ❖ Teachers may have other expectations where cell phones are concerned. Students are expected to follow all classroom practices

BHS Digital Citizenship



- ❖ In the classroom, electronic devices (including chromebooks) are permitted for educational purposes only at the discretion of the teacher.
- ❖ Students may not film other students or adults without their permission.
- ❖ Students are strongly encouraged from using social media in ways that might be considered inappropriate, cyberbullying or threatening
- ❖ Parents are encouraged to be aware of their child's digital application and social media use, and their child's digital footprint.

School - Parent/Guardian Communication is Critical



- ❖ Monitor school assignment (directions, deadlines, resources), class grades, and notes from the teacher in Schoology. Be proactive!
- ❖ Questions or concerns? Start at the level closest to the answer. You should have a response within 24 business hours.
- ❖ Parent-teacher conferences - no specific day, but always a possibility, in person and virtually.
- ❖ The best, most accurate sources of information; Find Out First, Twitter: @BerryFCPS, Friday Principal's Newsletter, BHS Website

To Summarize... How Can We Work Together for Your Student's Success?



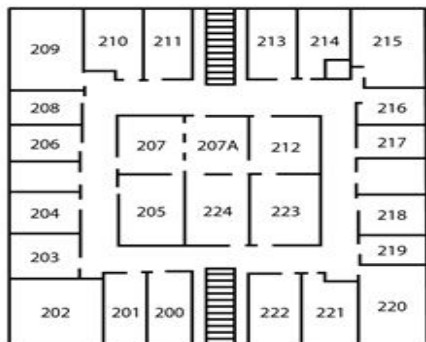
- ❖ Proactively check Schoology - grades and class information.
- ❖ Encouraging appropriate phone use habits - “silenced and away”
- ❖ Be aware of your child’s digital footprint.
- ❖ Ensure your child arrives on time, send absence notes
- ❖ Use the many school resources available to you, “develop a plan”
- ❖ Encourage your child to maximize their efforts
- ❖ Encourage your child to be involved in activities
- ❖ Be involved on “the sidelines” - PTSA, Booster organizations, volunteering

Today's Activities... What Can You Do?

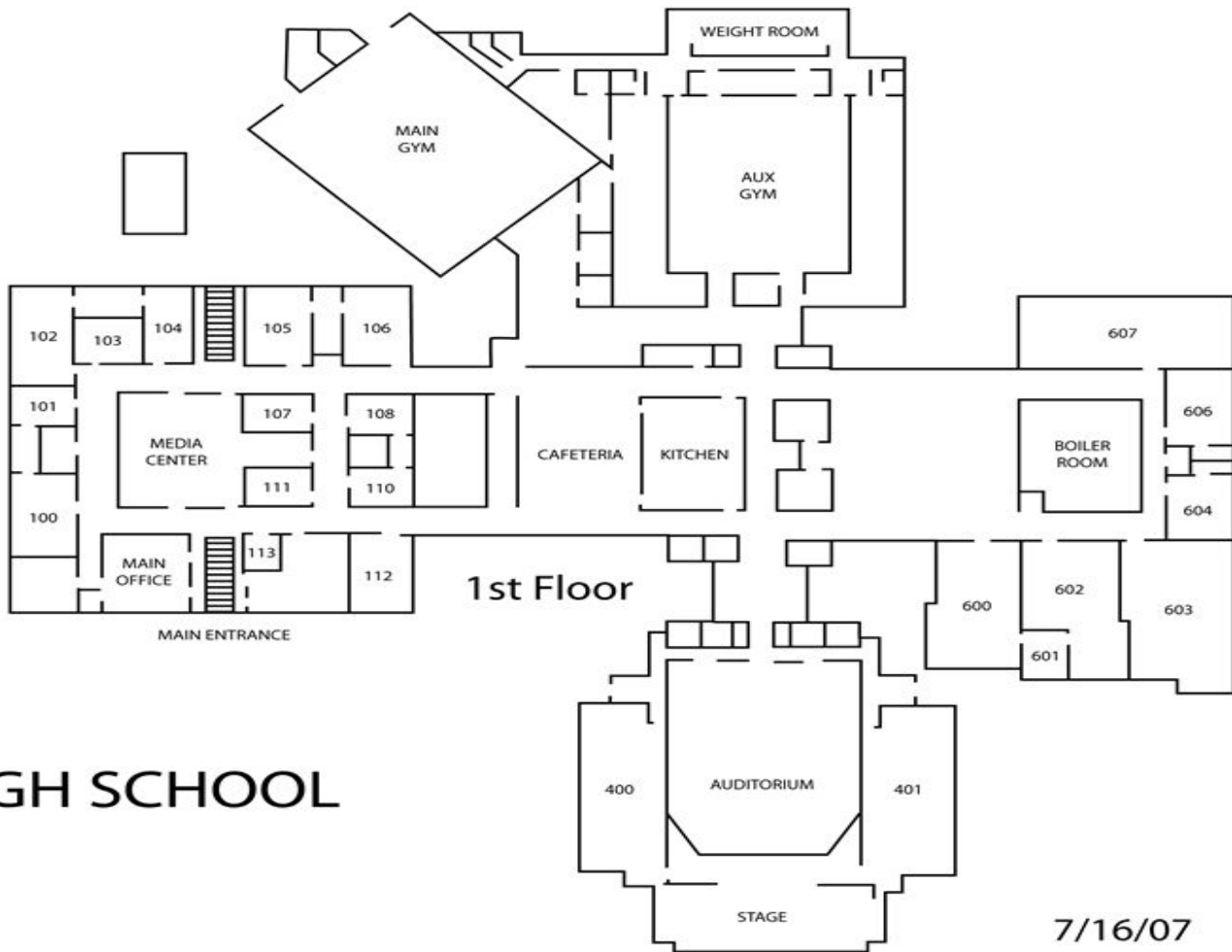


- ❖ Get a copy of your student's schedule and a map
- ❖ Tour the building, stop by each of your student's teacher classroom, hear presentations about their classes.
- ❖ Visit with counselors and special education teachers
- ❖ Check out the media center
- ❖ Check out the activity fair - cafeteria
- ❖ Join the PTSA and get involved in other activities
- ❖ Speak with administrators and other school staff with questions!

Have a great afternoon and welcome to the 2022-23 school year!



2nd Floor



1st Floor

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**Thank you Brunswick Railroader Parents!
Let's Have a Great Year**

