

BCS Back To School Letter for Families

August 8, 2024

Dear BCS Families,

As we prepare to embark on another exciting school year, I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to all of you. It is with great enthusiasm that I greet the start of the 2024-2025 academic year and I am confident that this year will be filled with new opportunities, growth, and success for our BCS community.

Our schools are ready to open their doors and welcome back our students. Over the summer, our dedicated staff has been working diligently to ensure that our facilities are in top shape, our curriculum is engaging and challenging, and our programs are designed to support the needs of all our students.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff. Their commitment to excellence is what drives our success and ensures that our students receive the best education possible. I also want to thank our parents and guardians for their continued support and partnership. Your involvement and encouragement are crucial to our students' achievements.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I encourage everyone to stay engaged and communicate openly. Your feedback and suggestions are always valued and contribute to the continuous improvement of our schools. Together, we can create a positive and productive learning environment where every student is inspired to reach their full potential.

Please scroll down for other important information for the 2024-2025 school year.

Go Royals!

Scott Riley, Superintendent

All building offices will be opening on Monday, August 12.

Look for building specific information coming from the building principals soon! Links for each building are listed below by clicking on the respective building.

Blissfield Elementary - Letter from Mrs. Mueller, Elementary School Principal

Blissfield Middle School - Letter from Ms. Denkins, Middle School Principal

Blissfield High School - Letter from Mr. Bader, High School Principal

New Start and End Times for all Buildings Daily schedules

BCS Bond Update

We completed our first bond projects this summer; new fire alarm upgrades in the elementary and middle school. We have also been hard at work this summer preparing for the summer of 2025 projects:

- Elementary School; new secure vestibule, new windows, install air conditioning, replace ceilings and lighting, upgrade mechanical systems air conditioning
- Middle School new secure vestibule
- High School new secure vestibule, replace ceilings and lighting, upgrade mechanical systems air conditioning

We are anticipating bid packages to be sent out in October for all of the projects listed above with an expected start date of June 6, 2025.

Transportation Department

If you would like to request new bus transportation or have any changes to your existing transportation please submit the form here. Bus route information is expected to be available soon. Please be patient as we work to build routes based on current bus driver shortages. If you or someone you know is interested in being a bus driver, please contact Scott Abbott, Transportation Supervisor, at 517-486-3803 or email at sabbott@blissfieldschools.us.

Food Services Department

Free meals for all students are back for the 2024-2025 school year.! The State of Michigan will provide one free breakfast and one free lunch to EVERY student daily (A la Carte items or extra servings will be charged as normal and students will need to have adequate funds in their account to purchase additional items).

Free and Reduced Applications must be completed for all students! BCS's Federal and State funding for this program relies on these applications being completed in order for the District to be appropriately reimbursed. Please click here to access the application via Infinite Campus. Once you login to the Parent Portal, click on **More**, then click on **Meal Benefits**, finally click on **Click Here to Start the Application**. For any questions, please contact Amy Gschwind, Food Services Director, at 517-486-2148 or email agschwind@blissfieldschools.us.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

It is important that we have the most current information regarding your students profile in Infinite Campus, so please make sure to update all information as needed.

District Events for August

This list represents only a few key events during the month of August. Please visit the <u>District website</u> for other events happening in our schools.

August 13 - HS Freshman Orientation 10:00 a.m.

August 15 - HS Grades 10-12 Schedule Changes if Needed 11:00 a.m.

August 19 - Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 19 - New Teacher Orientation

August 20-22 - Staff In-Service/Work Days

August 20 - Meet the Team Night (fall sports - HS 5:00-7:00)

August 21 - Elementary School Open House 4:00-5:30 p.m.

August 21 - Middle School Open House 5:30-7:00 p.m.

August 26 - First Day of School

August 26 - HS Senior Sunrise

August 30 - No School

September 2 - No School - Labor Day