



## Briarwood Christian School

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TO: Parents of Kindergarten Children

FROM: Mrs. Jennifer Bandy

We are so happy that you have chosen Briarwood Kindergarten for your child. We are excited about the approaching school year, and we look forward to serving your child and your family. The following provides important information about Kindergarten Orientation, the beginning of school, required school forms, and other facts you will want to know. Please give careful attention to this information so you will not experience unnecessary confusion or uncertainty about the start of school.

1. If your child is coming to Briarwood Kindergarten for the first time, you must provide a completed Blue IMMUNIZATION FORM or Exemption Form. This form must include measles vaccination and the chicken pox vaccination or the doctor's confirmation of the date of the disease. The completed forms must be turned in by August 1. **Please note that we are not allowed to permit a child to attend Kindergarten UNTIL we have the completed Immunization Forms.**
2. There will be a Kindergarten Orientation (this includes all K4, K5, and TK programs) in the Worship Center on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please drop your child off in the classroom at 12:45 p.m., prior to coming to the Worship Center. This will be a time for the children to meet their teachers and visit with their classmates. Our goal is to help encourage them for the first regular day of Kindergarten on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will have staff and volunteers in the foyer nearest the main School entrance to provide assistance for you and your child on August 12th. The regular hours for Kindergarten are 8:00 AM until 12:45 AM for the half day program and 8:00- 2:20 for the full day program.

3. Information about your child's teacher and classroom assignment will be available on Renweb by August 9<sup>th</sup>, after 5:00 p.m. All K4, K5, and TK students will be provided with a special book bag.
4. All students in grades K4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> are required to wear athletic shoes that do not prevent them from active movement in Physical Education. In addition, we request that girls wear shorts under their dresses or skirts. All students are required to wear tennis shoes for physical education.

Students in grades K4-2<sup>nd</sup> must wear shoes appropriate for physical activities. Recommended are athletic shoes that provide support for the ankles and cushioning for the feet. However, students may participate when wearing other types of tennis shoes or sneakers as long as the shoes fit securely and stay on the feet during activity.

Students are not allowed to participate in Wallabies, Toms, slip-on moc, Five Fingers, Traksport types, Crocks, Chacos, sandals or shoes with a heel.

5. The first Kindergarten tuition payment was due June 1 and the remaining payments are due the first of each month for nine months (July 1 – March 1).
6. After School Care now known as “Lions Den” is available for families who choose to use the service. The Day Care Legislation passed during the 1981 regular session of the State Legislature, exempts church-sponsored Day Care centers from being licensed by the State. We assure you, however, that Briarwood will continue to offer the high quality care and concern that we have always provided. Detailed information and forms for After School Care are included in this package.
7. Early Morning Care is available in the school gymnasium for children who must arrive before 8:00 AM. For children arriving between 6:45 AM and 7:20 AM, the monthly cost is between \$9 and \$16 per child depending on frequency of use. There is no charge for this service for children who arrive after 7:20 AM.

We are excited about the start of a new school year and are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your child. If you have any questions about this information or about Kindergarten, I invite you to email me at [jbandy@bcsk12.org](mailto:jbandy@bcsk12.org).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN RETURNING ALL APPROPRIATE FORMS BY AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>.