

BCS Lower School Thursday Late Start Reminders and Additional Information 2020-2021

Each Thursday, we will begin our day at 8:45 AM. Teachers will report to work at 7:10 am and will have one hour of weekly professional development time. We will have early care for students starting at 7:20 am until 8:15 am. No fees will be charged for students arriving between 7:20 am and 8:15 am. The carpool line on “Late start day” will begin at 8:15 am and it will run until 8:45 am.

We will make changes to our instructional program on Thursdays to support this delayed schedule. It should be noted that although we are adding this professional development time to our week, we will still have several professional development days throughout the school year. This extended inservice time is necessary for training and development that requires extra time or involves outside trainers and presenters. While we are losing some instructional time each week during this 45 minute delay, we believe this time will be well used to provide each additional training and growth for teachers that will greatly benefit students in the long run.

A few questions you may have....

Who will keep the students in Early Care? We will use PE Staff, Aides, and other staff members to help with the students participating in the early care program.

What will students who need early care be doing during this time? We will divide up students by grade levels and they will be moved to classrooms to participate in various activities as part of our EARLY BIRD program. Activities may vary depending on when a child arrives on Thursdays. For example, if your child arrives at 8:00, they may not get to do all of the activities we have planned for that Thursday. As students arrive, they will join in with the current activity being carried out in their Early Bird Class.

Where should I drop off my child for the Early Bird Program? Any student arriving between 7:20 and 8:10 should be dropped off at side carpool at the gym lobby door. We will have a teacher there to greet your child and get them where they need to go. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE.** Use the side carpool, gym lobby drop off area. If you arrive on campus at 8:10 am you will need to do the regular carpool line for the day.

When will carpool begin on Thursday? We will begin carpool at 8:15 am on Thursday mornings.

Will the shuttle bus still run? Yes, the shuttles will run as usual on Thursday mornings. We will run the shuttle buses at the same time as we normally do each day. Departure time for the

buses will be shared with you if you are signed up to ride the shuttle bus. Once the shuttle bus students arrive on campus from the upper school they will be directed to their Early Bird classes.

When will we begin the late start Thursday? We will start the late start day the very first Thursday of the school year, August 20th, 2020.

What are the fees for this service?

Students utilizing this service will not be charged a fee for the Early Bird Program.

Who will coordinate the late start Early Bird program? This program will be coordinated by our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Laura Cloud. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Laura Cloud at lcloud@bcsk12.org.

Do I need to sign up for the Early Bird late start Thursday Program? If you know that your child will be a “regular” in the Thursday Early Bird program, we do ask that you sign them up by completing the Thursday Early Bird sign up form. This will help us get an idea of how many students will be participating in the program each Thursday and assist us with program planning.

If I do not sign up for the program, could I ever drop my child off early on Thursdays if you need to do so? Yes! We will accept drop ins on Thursday late start days. Just follow the guidelines listed above for drop off.

EARLY BIRD PROGRAM
Late Start Thursday Student Sign Up Form
BCS Lower School

Please email completed form to
Mrs. Laura Cloud
lcloud@bcsk12.org

Child's name who will be participating in the Early Bird program on Thursday mornings. You may list more than one child.

Child's name:

Grade Level:

Approximate Time of arrival:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Telephone number: _____