

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to the current health concerns, we are working to limit the number of people in our buildings. Therefore, we are making significant changes to our start-up procedures.

Eagle Launch will only be offered for our incoming 6th grade students and any new 7th and 8th grade students (so that they can familiarize themselves with our campus). The parents of these students will soon get an email with specific dates/times that will ensure the number of people on campus can safely distance. Additionally, we will email instructions on how to access your child's schedule along with a video PowerPoint that will provide information that would have typically been shared at our traditional Eagle Launch. Those students attending Eagle Launch will be allowed one adult to accompany them to the event. Returning 7th and 8th grade students will not attend Eagle Launch, but they will receive an email with instructions on how to access their schedule and a video PowerPoint as well.

First day of school procedures will be communicated prior to the first day of school. Students will report to a designated area upon arrival. Specific details will be sent via email in the near future.

Supplies: All students will bring their supplies on the first day of school. If you prefer, we are offering a pre-packaged supply bundle. With this option, supplies can be purchased online and delivered directly to your child's classroom. For more information on this option, go to <https://www.bhisd.net/parents-students/school-supply-lists> and click on the ribbon that reads "Order Pre-Packaged School Supplies." *Please note that this option has an ordering deadline of midnight on Saturday, August 1.*

Masks/Face Coverings: As you are aware, BHISD is required to follow the Governor's orders regarding face coverings, which requires individuals over 10 to wear a mask when inside a building or space open to the public. Therefore, all students and staff at Middle School South and Middle School North will be required to wear face coverings (mask, shield, or neck gaiter). Good news....BHISD is providing each student a three-sided, plexiglass safety shield for use during classroom instruction. While they are seated in the classroom behind the safety shield, students will be able to remove their masks. However, students will be permitted to wear a mask behind the safety shield if they so choose which could lessen the likelihood of quarantine, if the need arises. Masks will be provided as needed.

The district policy regarding face coverings follows: *Face coverings are required for safety and shall not be worn in a manner that distracts from instruction. Face coverings will be worn to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer, but shall not cover other parts of the face, such as the eyes. Face coverings shall be free of written messages and symbols. "Spirit" face masks that say Barbers Hill, Eagles, The Hill, BH, or We Can We Will, will be allowed. We will review these guidelines periodically to determine if additional changes are needed.*

We are so looking forward to your student coming back to our beloved school. We are ready to offer them Barbers Hill's tradition of excellence for high levels of learning. It is going to be a *great year!*

Very sincerely,

Lance Murphy
Principal, BHMS-North