

BCCHS COUNSELING NEWS

SPRING 2021 ISSUE IV

Dear Birmingham Families,

Spring is in the air and we are looking forward to this new season and the hope that it brings with it. We have all had a very challenging time but have dug deep to keep moving forward and supporting our loved ones and remembering those we lost along the way. Your Birmingham counselors want to remind you that we are here to support our students and families. **Birmingham cares and wants you to know you are not alone because together we are stronger! Please feel free to reach out to your Birmingham counselors via phone, email, or text.**



How your Birmingham Counselors support students, staff and families throughout the school year

Emotional

- Anxiety & grief situational therapy
- Provide crisis counseling support
- Refer to PSW's

Academic

- D/F notices and conferences
- Meetings with teachers/ students
- Motivate to try HP/ AP/ CC/ SAS

College/ Career

- A-G Eligibility, class placement
- CTE Pathways, work permits
- Naviance Support, College Apps

Attendance

- Follow-up with attendance issues
- Provide support to student/family
- Communicate with teachers

504 / IEP / SSPT

- Organize meetings with families
- Create interventions/ supports
- Communicate with all staff



Volunteer Opportunities

Our **Career Counselor, Mrs. Zook** has compiled a great list of volunteer, internships and CTE program opportunities. Click the link and check them out!

<https://4.files.edl.io/6315/02/28/19/201020-06150e16-bf44-49f2-b793-b16dca84f21c.pdf>



Work Permits

Does your student have a job? Do they need a work permit? Please have them click the link to the work permit information that our **Career Counselor, Mrs. Zook** has put together to help with this!

https://www.birminghamcharter.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=291396&type=d&pREC_ID=2019578

SAS Program Highlights

Check out our School for Accelerated Studies (SAS) Program highlights! To learn more about the program click this link and reach out to **Mrs. Palacios** our **SAS Counselor**!

https://www.birminghamcharter.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=171755&type=d&pREC_ID=358101

SAS

Birmingham Community
Charter High School
School or Accelerated Studies

THIS SCHOOL YEAR 2020–2021

477

9th Grade: 132
10th Grade: 112
11th Grade: 139
12th Grade: 94

CURRENT SAS STUDENTS



MINIMUM COLLEGE COURSES CAN COMPLETE



18

SAS students take an
average of 5 college
courses a year.

23

CURRENT SENIORS

Projected to complete **IGETC
Certification**, which is the
general education courses
required by the UC and CSU
college systems.



AP SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER



97%

For SAS students taking AP
Courses. In addition, 95% SAS
students taking AP classes
pass with a "C" or higher.

1068

AVERAGE SAT SCORE

For SAS students taking SAT
exams.

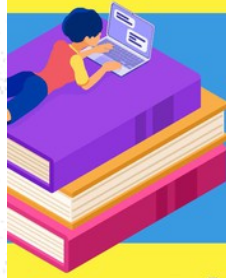


Online Learning 5 Tips for Birmingham Students

Some reminders for students regarding tools, tech support, and tutoring. Thank you **Mrs. Fuentes** for the tips!

Online Learning

5 Tips for Students



Helpful Tools

Use Google classroom and the various Google apps to stay organized. Try Evernote to take notes and create to do lists. It's free!

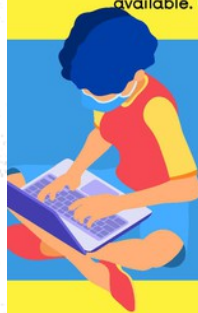
Ask for Help

Stay after class or make an appointment with your teachers to discuss missing assignments and get help. There is also free tutoring available. Get more info here!



Get Tech Support

Are having issues with your Chromebook or internet? Contact our IT department by emailing them at IT@birminghamcharter.com or give them a call at 818-758-4469



Time Management

Make sure you are getting enough sleep and waking up on time! Attendance is important! Schedule time after class to complete assignments. Tip: Break up larger assignments over a few days!



Take Breaks

More than 45 minutes of screen time in one sitting can be hard on the eyes and mind. Take screen-free breaks to reset your eyes, your mind, and your body!



Remember to check your email once a day and reach out to your counselor for support!!

GRADE LEVEL COUNSELOR UPDATES

9th Grade

Finishing up programming students for 10th grade. Counselors will be reaching out to students and parents based on the **Second Progress Report** in terms of grades and academic interventions. Counselors will be working on enrolling students for summer school. Feel free to reach out regarding any questions you may have!



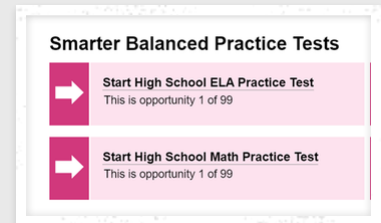
10th Grade

Summer school classes have been input. Your 10th grade counselors are finishing up scheduling for junior year. Please encourage your student to **check and read their school email daily** because counselors may be reaching out to verify some course selections for next year. Remember to reach out to your counselors regarding questions you might have about next year's classes.



11th Grade

Your 11th grade counselors have met with all students and input summer courses. Some students are programmed to attend both summer sessions and it is critical that they attend. The 11th grade counselors are also following up with students struggling in their classes to see what supports they need.



SBAC for 11th Grade begins April 20th help us get your student ready to do their part for Birmingham! **Please help us encourage our 11th graders to do their best on the SBAC Math and English sections.** This test is very important for Birmingham because it has the power to show why Birmingham is the best high school in the San Fernando Valley! Remind your student to use **ACHIEVE 3000** to higher reading Lexile Score to **1185**. This score determines reading level and college and career readiness. It also helps students perform well on SBAC!

Remember on the days of the test to get a good night's rest, eat breakfast and try your best!! Continue to make us proud class of 2022!!! You guys got this!

12th Grade

Senior college acceptances have started coming in! Remember to notify your 12th grade counselors and college counselors want to celebrate your college acceptances with you!!



Students who are failing one or more graduation requirements at the **12-week progress report** will be getting a **certified letter** sent home because they are in danger of not graduating. If your student is currently failing a class, please have them check in with their teacher about missing assignments. If the teacher is allowing your student to turn in late work, please get the missing work in as soon as possible. Your student's graduation depends on whether they pass their classes.

11th Grade SBAC TESTING

WHEN

**Tuesday, April 20th, 8:30am to
Thursday, April 22nd, 8:30am**

WHERE

This is an online event.

MORE INFORMATION

Please practice here is the **SBAC Practice Link**

<https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>

Select "Student Interface Practice and Training Tests"

Click "Sign In"

Select Grade "11"

Select "English or Math" PINK boxes

Click "Select" at the bottom

Click the "Sound and Video Playback check" to make
sure settings are functional

Select "I could play the sound and video" option

Click "Continue" at the bottom

Click "Begin Test Now"

SENIOR DECISION DAY

WHEN

Saturday, May 1st, 10am-12pm

WHERE

**Birmingham Community Charter
High School**

MORE INFORMATION

Event schedule for seniors to make final college and
university decisions about where they will be
committing to attend in the Fall. More information
about this event will be coming soon!!

SENIOR FINALS

WHEN

**Monday, May 24th, 8:30am to
Wednesday, May 26th, 8:30am**

WHERE

This is an online event.



Birmingham Community Charter High School

COUNSELING SUPPORT STAFF

We are here for you. Emotional as well as Academic counseling.

Work Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
or by appointment (unless specified)



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