

BCS LOWER SCHOOL THURSDAY LATE START UPDATES AND EARLY BIRD CARE SIGN-UP 2023-2024

Overview: Our Thursday late start days provide professional development, collaboration, and training time for our Faculty and Staff to better serve our students and carry out and improve our instructional program. While we are losing some instructional time each week during this 45-minute delay, we believe this time will be well used to provide additional training and growth for teachers that will greatly benefit students in the long run. It should be noted that, although we have this weekly professional development time, we still have several professional development days throughout the school year. This extended in-service time is necessary for training and development that requires extra time or involves outside trainers and presenters.

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 7:00 am until 8:15 am.

EARLY BIRD/EARLY CARE STUDENT SUPERVISION INFO AND UPDATES:

For several years, the school has provided an Early Bird (Late Start Thursday) service starting at 7:00 am until 8:15 for students. As we have grown in the number of students attending, we no longer have enough staff for an unlimited number of students to join us. **This year we will have a needs-based Early Bird service. By implementing a needs-based Early Bird service, we can ensure the safety and efficiency of our program for your children.**

If your child(ren) is registered, we will only be able to receive them from 7:00 am- 7:45 am (children should be in the Gym by this time). BEGINNING AT 7:45, CHILDREN CANNOT BE DROPPED OFF FOR THIS SERVICE. YOU MUST JOIN THE REGULAR LATE START THURSDAY CARPOOL LINE.

For further questions, please call the office at 205-776-5800

Sign Up for Early Care using this link to access the form. *You will need to complete one form per child.* [Click Here](#)

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.

Where should I drop off my child for the Early Bird Program? Any student arriving between 7:00 am and 7:45 am 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 after 7:45 am, you will need to plan to do the regular carpool line for the day.

When will carpool begin on Thursdays? We will begin carpool at 8:15 am on Thursday mornings. Safety Patrol members are asked to report to the Lion Lobby on Thursdays at 8:10 to get carpool instructions/assignments. Safety Patrol students who may already be on campus for the Early Bird program will be dismissed at 8:10 to report to the Lion Lobby to begin Safety Patrol service.

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 our campus from the upper school campus, they will be directed to their Early Bird classes.

When will we begin the late start Thursday? Our first Late Start Thursday of the school year will be Thursday, August 27, 2023.

What are the fees for this service? Students who arrive between 7:00 am and 7:20 will be charged the monthly fee that we use for our regular early care service: \$12.00 (1-2 days per month per family) \$20.00 (3-5 days per month per family) **Students arriving after 7:20 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. (lcloud@bcsk12.org)