

Dear Briarwood Upper School Parents,

As you reflect on these final weeks of July and early August, may you and your families continually turn to our Sovereign Lord and find encouragement in the words of our **theme verse** for the 2023-2024 year in honor of Dr. Harry Reeder's life verse; *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* Matthew 6:33.

Below are a few key topics to highlight before embarking on the 2023-2024 academic year. Please carefully review this information and the points below:

Academic Forms: Please refer to the school website for relevant forms for the upcoming year: <https://www.briarwoodchristianschool.org/academics/forms> This page will contain master calendars, supply lists, dress code, and medical forms.

Student Schedules: All Upper School schedules and locker assignments will be on FACTS on August 8th. Junior High students are welcome to visit the school on Friday, August 11th, or Monday, August 14th to locate classrooms and organize lockers.

1st Day of School: Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 15th. All students will begin their first day back to school by reporting to their 1st-period class by the 8:00 am bell. The HS will run a 1-4 period schedule. The JH will run a regular 8-period schedule. Students will be expected to be in regular dress code.

Back-to-School Activities:

Junior High Back to School Bash: August 18. More information will be coming soon from our Junior High Principal, Mr. Kerley.

Freshman Retreat: August 28, at the Alabama 4-H Center. More information will be coming soon from our HS Assistant Principal (9-10), Mrs. Wilson.

Senior Retreat: August 11-13, in Ocoee, TN. More information and final reminders will come from our HS Assistant Principal (11-12), Mr. Collie.

Back to School Nights: We will gather in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium for a brief time together. Once we are dismissed from the auditorium, our Junior High and High School, on respective nights, will run class preview sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together, discuss how to best meet your child's needs, and provide a time for you to hear the heart of your child's teachers along with their classroom expectations.

JH Back to School Night - August 21, 6:30 pm

HS Back to School Night - August 22, 6:30 pm

The Upper School PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) is excited to continue to serve BOTH the Junior High and the High School teachers and families! Joining the PTF is a great way to get involved and many of the committees require very little time. With many hands, we can serve mightily! Please be watching for an email coming this summer giving more information on PTF membership and the many committees you can choose to be a part of. If you have any questions, please contact either Erin Van Fleet (HS) or Kellie Stewart (JH) who are serving as co-Presidents this year. They are excited to serve our BCS Upper School this year!!

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Thank you for the incredible honor and opportunity to educate and care for your children.

For God's glory alone,

Bobby Kerley
Interim Head of the Upper School