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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you enjoyed the summer months and spent time with family and friends. Enjoy the next few days and start to develop school routines that work for your families. The first day of school will be here before you know it. Rise and shine!

BCIS will conduct a staggered start this year. A staggered start can be an effective way to promote appropriate behaviors, building safety, good attendance, flexibility, and efficiency. *Our intention is to use this opportunity to explain bus rules, share the building-wide expectations of our classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and cafeteria, assess reading skills, explain arrival and dismissal procedures, and to conduct activities/lessons centered around Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).* The chart below explains the manner in which students will start their school year. (If you have children in grades four, five, or six with *different* last names, please choose a day and send them together regardless of schedule below.) Otherwise, plan on sending your child/children on the day indicated. Thanks for your cooperation. The first day for ALL students will be on Monday, August 28th.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023	Staggered Start 4th Grade (A-I) 5th Grade (A-I) 6th Grade (A-I)
Thursday, August 24, 2023	Staggered Start 4th Grade (J-R) 5th Grade (J-R) 6th Grade (J-R)
Friday, August 25, 2023	Staggered Start 4th Grade (S-Z) 5th Grade (S-Z) 6th Grade (S-Z)
Monday, August 28, 2023	All students

Staffing

Over the summer months, BCIS remained a busy place. Quite a few positions needed to be filled and no time was wasted in searching for and finding the best possible candidates. In addition to new faces, there will be some familiar ones in different roles. Below are the names of our new teachers, those who have changed teaching assignments, and their roles:

Haley Blangero	6th Grade ELA
Danielle Johnson	Intervention Specialist
Dawn Laslow	5th Grade ELA
Mark Lias	5th Grade Math
Lindsey Mack	Intervention Specialist
Brandi Pavone	Intervention Specialist
Alicia Smith	Intervention Specialist
Leanne Stiffler	Intervention Specialist

Building Safety

Improving building safety was a priority this summer. It is challenging to make physical improvements in a building as big and old as BCIS. However, challenges can be stepping-stones or stumbling blocks. It is just a matter of how you view them. I tend to see stepping-stones and hope you do, too. Below are some safety and security updates:

- Officer Michael Calautti will be serving as our new School Resource Officer (SRO). He was one of three outstanding candidates interviewed in mid-June by members of our Administrative Team, Mr. Saxton, Sgt. Mike Sweeney, and Chief Worth. Officer Calautti's office will be near Door 1. It makes sense to have it located where the overwhelming majority of our students and all of our visitors enter and exit the building. New signage has been added to this area to alert all who enter the building of Officer Calautti's presence.
- A new camera has been installed outside Door 1 to better identify those who approach our primary entrance.
- Classrooms are clearly labeled on the inside and outside of the building. Take a look at the windows as you drive by the school.
- Safety procedures have been updated and shared with staff.
- Our first Safety Drill will be held in mid-September.
- Continue to be prepared to present appropriate identification when picking up your children and be patient with Mrs. Shurell and Mrs. Maloney. They do a great job at Door 1! Thanks in advance.

Beginning of the Year Suggestions

One of the many keys to the start of a successful school year is the establishment of solid rules and routines. This is just as important at home as it is at school. Take an active role. Show interest by asking questions about your child's day, assignments, and friends. Please work with your child's teacher to establish, build, and strengthen a true partnership. Partnerships often take time to develop, but have faith and know I am here to help.

In addition, please monitor and set **strict** guidelines for your child's cell phone. Many of our behavioral concerns are the result of what transpires on cell phones between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.



This school year will be my thirtieth in the field of education and my twenty-second as a Principal. My opinion remains the same....***If school is important to you, it will be important to your child.***

BCIS's PTA

BCIS's devoted Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will continue to play a vital role in the overall success of our building. Mrs. Diane Bugno will serve as President. I am looking forward to working with her, our devoted Officers, and members. The PTA will provide students and staff with a wide spectrum of events and opportunities throughout the year. In short, it will take care of the "little extras" that truly make a school year memorable. Consider joining and contributing some of the time you *do* have to make our building an even better place. Membership forms will be available at all of our upcoming orientations and open houses. Monthly meetings will be held in our Social and Emotional Learning Center.

September 12, 2023	6:00 p.m.
October 10, 2023	9:30 a.m.
November 14, 2023	6:00 p.m.
January 9, 2024	9:30 a.m.
February 13, 2024	6:00 p.m.
March 12, 2024	9:30 a.m.
April 9, 2024	6:00 p.m.
May 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.

Communication

Be sure to join and check my Google Classroom. Use your child's school email address to do so. The site will be updated daily with positive messages and news about our school. The link and classroom code are listed below.

- <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTIyODY0OTYyNzQ3?cjc=e5nwftv>
- The class code is: e5nwftv

I will also continue to send home weekly updates this year. You can count on receiving them on Wednesday afternoons beginning September 6th. If I happen to miss a week, there will be a very good reason. The updates will be sent via Remind or Final Forms. I am waiting to see what method will reach the greatest number of families, so hang in there.

And Finally.....

Let's continue to cooperate and communicate with one another over the next nine months and beyond. With the combined efforts of our teachers, staff members, PTA, families, and community, I believe the 2023-2024 school year will be extremely successful. Thank you in advance for your support. I value your children and will not let them down.



Sincerely,

Mr. Masucci

BCIS Principal