

Beckham Blast

Update on all things Beckham from Mrs. Dassing-9-13-21

Principal Musings

Dear Bengal Families,

Welcome to the first edition of the Beckham Blast for the 2021-2022 school year. This is generally a monthly update that will supplement the emails that we need to send out more frequently. Everything is also cataloged on our website in hopes of being sure information is easy to locate and communication flows.

Our students are progressing nicely and really getting into the routine and with the publication of our 1st quarter interim reports the week of September 20, we will be adding additional supports for students that need assistance. We also added targeted interventions, enrichment and study sessions recently through our FOCUS periods in CREW.

Please allow your students to advocate for themselves. Encourage them to talk with their teacher, send an email asking for assistance, and use their Independent Learning Time (ILT) and lunch time well. Yes, we all need a break but this time was built in to complete work, study, or get extra help. One of our biggest objectives is to help our students become strong, independent, responsible people. This means that they need to check their grades and adjust as needed.

We welcome parental input and your partnership is critical but please encourage them to ask for help first before you step in. If that is difficult, let us know and we will gladly assist. The best first person to contact is the classroom teacher. They can give you many more details and want the opportunity to work with you.

If you need to reach out to your students counselor or administrator, please do so but one of the first questions will be is, "Have you talked with the teacher?" We are a strong team working with you and your students. We look forward to watching them soar!

WE are stronger together. One team, one family, one Beckham!

Your very proud principal,
Mrs. Dassing

Updates for September 2021

Beckham School Improvement Council Election is in progress

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have an SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives. The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. An SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school's Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTO President.



We had a large pool of nominations and are thrilled that we have so many interested in serving on our SIC. At this time, we are adding two additional parent seats and in accordance with SC SIC procedures are holding an election open until September 27, 2021 at 5 pm.

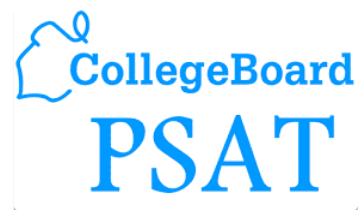
Click on the button below to access the ballot.

[LBHS SIC Election Ballot for 2021-2022](#)

[Click here for SIC Ballot-Election open until 9-27-21.](#)

Register for the PSAT! Deadline is September 20!

The PSAT will be offered at Beckham on Wednesday, October 13 at 8:30 AM. All 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT at no charge. 9th Graders may elect to take the PSAT and should register by paying in [RevTrak](#) in the "Student Fees 2021-22" section. 9th graders are not required to take the PSAT and will have an opportunity to take the test in 10th and/or 11th grade. If you already paid for the PSAT when you paid fees at the beginning of the school year, you do not need to pay again. **Registration will close on Monday, September 20.**



For general information about the PSAT, please visit the [School Counseling pages of the Beckham website](#).

*If you do not wish for your 10th or 11th grade student to take the PSAT, please reach out to Claire Gatlin, Director of School Counseling, at claire_gatlin@charleston.k12.sc.us to discuss this.

COVID Resources and Reminders

We are all aware that COVID is still a huge issue and we are trying as hard as we can to be sure that we remain in person but we need everyone's help. Please talk with your student about wearing a mask especially when around groups of people, keep as much distance as possible, practice good hand hygiene by washing frequently and using hand sanitizer and consider getting a vaccine if they have not already.



We know that all of this is a personal choice and we appreciate all the efforts to keep everyone safe and in person.

If your student is exposed and there was no mask wearing or social distancing and they are not vaccinated, they are likely going to have to quarantine for a period of time. Our health clinic and administration work together to identify close contacts, review mask, distancing, and vaccination status and then determine if a student will need to quarantine. We are doing this under CCSD protocols and with guidance from medical professionals and institutions.

If your student is quarantined, you will receive communication from Nursing Services and then your student should get an email about how to access instruction during the period.

All information about COVID mitigation strategies as well as procedures for quarantined students can be found on the CCSD website at [CCSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

As a reminder, here is [the statement issued by the CCSD Board of Trustees](#) Chairman, Reverend Mack.

Please join me in thanking our school nurses for all they are doing to help us stay safe and in person! Nurse Kuisel and Nurse Hodges are true heroes!

Drills, Dress code, and Drop Off, OH MY!

Safety Drills

Regularly scheduled drills have begun including fire, earthquake and intruder drills. All have been modified according to the CCSD guidelines for safety during the pandemic. Our students and staff have done an excellent job with these drills and we will continue them throughout the year to keep everyone safe.



CCSD Random Searches

As part of the Charleston County School District safety plan and in accordance with board policy and South Carolina law, CCSD will be conducting random weapons screenings throughout the school year. The screenings will be conducted by the Search and Safety Team, which is under the CCSD Office of Security and Emergency Management. The screenings, which may include classrooms, buses, lockers, and entryways, are preventative in nature and are conducted as a deterrent in the interest of maintaining safe schools.

The selection process used for the screenings is a nonselective process conducted in accordance with a predetermined formula and witnessed by a non-security CCSD employee. Prior to the search, the places that are to be searched are randomly selected using Random.org.

If a student is found in possession of a weapon or other contraband, then the student's parent or guardian will be contacted directly by a school administrator.

More information about the random search program can be found at [this link](#). Thank you for your support of the district's efforts to keep all of our students safe.

Dress Code Reminders

[LBHS Dress Code](#) can be found here. We take pride in the diversity of our students. We strive to respect and protect students' rights to express themselves through the way they dress. We desire to

create an all-inclusive environment where students are safe and comfortable. Practicing appropriate attire will better prepare all students for continuing education and workplace atmospheres

Drop off and Pick up

Our parents and students have done a great job with our car line, walking, biking, and student driving but here are a few reminders. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to keep our students and staff safe.

- Bus riders must wear a mask at all times and sit in the assigned seat for safety reasons. Please notify CCSD of any bus issues using [this form](#) or contact Stephanie.Flock@charleston.k12.sc.us
- Student driving is a privilege and privileges can be suspended or revoked for irresponsible actions including failure to obey parking rules, misbehavior in the parking lot, failure to come straight into the building upon arrival or hanging out in the parking lot after dismissal.
- Bikers and walkers should obey all best practices including using bike lanes, sidewalks and cross walks. It is strongly recommended that cyclists wear a helmet and lock bikes up at our bike racks.
- The carpool pick up line is designed to stack as many vehicles as possible to prevent back ups onto Mathis Ferry. **Students should not cross the car line for any reason.** Students may be picked up along the sidewalk in front of the school that wraps from the bike rack all the way around to the bus loop. Please do not text students to meet you anywhere except along the sidewalk by the pick up line.

RevTrak-Reminder to pay Fees!

Don't forget to pay your school fees (instructional, Chromebook, PSAT, parking, etc.) online at <https://lucybeckham.revtrak.net/>.



Tech Tip

All students should have a pair of earbuds or headphones as well as their charger with them at all times. We have ample spaces for charging and working independently but you must provide your own listening peripherals and school issued charger. Let us know if you need assistance with either of these.



Outside food deliveries are not allowed.

Students should not order food for delivery. Items will be refused or confiscated.

All students can eat breakfast and lunch at no cost in our cafeteria. We also have snack machines around campus for their use.



Hydrate!

It's hot and our water fountains have bottle fillers. Please bring a water bottle to refill throughout the day.



Tik Toks should be fun not criminal!

Any student participating in a social media challenge that results in harm to themselves, others, or property including theft and vandalism or unsafe acts, could result in disciplinary and law enforcement involvement if warranted. Have fun with Tik Tok and be smart!



One Beckham Foundation-Join Here!

The One Beckham Foundation was created to equitably support all the extracurricular activities LBHS has to offer under one umbrella and *to the benefit of every child*. Support the One Beckham Foundation <https://beckhamptso.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Our PTSO as part of One Beckham is hosting our school store this year. Eventually our students will take this over and our parents have been so supportive in helping us get the store started. You can buy Beckham swag here: <https://beckhamptso.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/15280710>

Lucy Beckham High School Website

Check out our website for all the information you need!




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