



Dear Briarwood Upper School Parents,

I hope you and your family have had an amazing summer up to this point! As we look towards August and the start of school, we want to fill you in a few items and reminders. First, our school first for the year comes from Lamentations 3:22-23 and reminds us "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." I find great hope in these beautiful words and I hope each of us can be reminded that HE goes before us, HIS love is never-ending, and HE continues to shower us with HIS mercy. Secondly, please see below for detailed information on the next few weeks you and your student need to know. We can not wait to get these kids back on campus!! It is way too quiet around here!

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 and supply lists.

Student Schedules: Upper School schedules will be on FACTS on August 6. Junior High students are welcome to visit the school on Monday, August 12, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm to decorate their lockers.

1st Day of School: Our first day is Tuesday, August 13. All students will begin their first day back to school by reporting to their 1st-period class by the 8:00 am bell. The JH and HS will run a 1-4 period schedule. Students are expected to be in regular dress code.

Back-to-School Activities:

Junior High Back to School Bash: August 16. More information will come from our Junior High Principal, Mr. Kerley.

Freshman Retreat: August 26, at the Alabama 4-H Center. More information will come from our HS Assistant Principal (9-10), Mrs. Wilson.

Senior Retreat: August 9-11, 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 you to hear the hearts of your student's teachers along with their classroom expectations.

JH Back to School Night - August 19, 6:30 pm

HS Back to School Night - August 20, 6:30 pm

FACTS Family Portal: We are committed to maintaining accurate and current records for all our students. To ensure we have the most up-to-date information, we request your assistance updating your FACTS Family Portal before the start of the school year. Please review and update your child's medical information. Additionally, please provide any changes to your contact information such as address, email, and phone number.

All information you update is securely stored within FACTS so there is no need to contact the school directly with these updates. Instructions on how to access your account and make these updates can be found [here](#). Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our records current and accurate.

The Upper School PTF: Parent Teacher Fellowship is excited to continue to serve 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. Please watch for an email coming this summer giving more information about the many committees you can choose to be a part of. If you have any questions, please contact either Laura McCormick (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,

Bo Morrissey
Head of the Upper School