



Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

We're thrilled to welcome your family back to Briarwood Christian School!

Below, you'll find important details to help you prepare for the start of a great school year. Be sure to review the links provided including the school calendar, supply lists, dress code guidelines, and more. Several forms and documents will need to be completed or reviewed before the first day of school. You can find all of these conveniently linked below and on our school website [[CLICK HERE](#)].

We can't wait to see your children soon! Our exciting, school-wide theme will be revealed in early August, but we're already excited to share our theme verse for the 2025–2026 school year:

"...test everything; hold fast what is good." – 1 Thessalonians 5:21

We encourage your family to write this verse on a notecard and place it somewhere visible in your home as a daily reminder to reflect on it and memorize it together.

As we begin this new school year, we invite you to join us in praying for our students, families, teachers, and staff. Let's ask the Lord to guide us, strengthen us, and prepare our hearts for the new year ahead.

We're looking forward to an incredible year together. Let the countdown to a great school year begin!

Family Information Review – FACTS Family Portal

To ensure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information for your child, please log in to your **FACTS Family Portal** to review to update your information. **This must be completed before the start of the school year.** Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access directions on how to complete this update if you have not done so already.

All updates are securely stored in FACTS—there's no need to notify the school office. [[CLICK HERE](#) for instructions]

New Family/Student Information

We welcome you to BCS! **New family and student information will be sent to you soon to help you get acquainted with our school community and procedures.** We will also include a short orientation video from your division principal.

 **Back to School Open House/Meet the Teacher for ALL students – Monday, August 11, 2025.** Click [here](#) for the schedule. Please be sure to see the additional information about LOUIE’S SPIRIT STORE that will be open in the lunchroom from 8:00 am-2:00 pm that day.

 **17 First Day of School – Tuesday, August 12**

- School begins promptly at **8:00 AM** for all JK–6 students.
 - Students should be **in their seats by 7:55 AM**.
 - **Uniforms required.**
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 **Lunch Information**

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch from the cafeteria. Menu and payment details will be emailed before the start of school.

 **School Hours/Attendance Policy**

- **JK & K Half Day:** 8:00 AM – 12:45 PM
- **Full Day JK–2nd:** 8:00 AM – 2:20 PM
- **Grades 3–6:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Lower School Attendance Policy** [[CLICK HERE](#)]

All students should be in their classroom by 7:55 AM. Instruction begins at 8:00 AM sharp.

 **Late Start Thursdays**

- **Start time:** 8:45 AM
 - **Carpool opens at:** 8:15 AM
 - **Early Care available from:**
 - \$1.50 per day for drop-off between 7:00–7:20 AM
 - No fee after 7:20 AM, Please see the information in the sign-up document about drop-off times for Thursday morning child supervision service.
 - **Sign-up required:** [[CLICK HERE](#) for info)]
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Before and After School Supervision

Before School – Early Care

- **Time:** 7:00 AM–7:30 AM
- **Location:** Gym entrance
- **Cost:** \$1.50 per day (billed monthly)
- **Sign up:** [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) (Please note that information about Thursday morning late start early care service can also be found here as well.)

After School – “The Lion’s Den” Program

- **Delayed Carpool (JK–2nd):** 2:20–3:00 PM
 - *For students waiting to ride with older siblings/carpool at 3:00 PM*
 - **Sign up by August 1:** [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) for more details and sign-up
- **Full Aftercare (JK–6):**
 - JK–2nd (2:20–5:30 PM)
 - 3rd–6th (3:00–5:30 PM)
 - **Program info and enrollment:** [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Carpool & Pick-Up

- Carpool procedures and videos: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)
- Carpool numbers remain the same for returning families.
- Pick up your new carpool card at Open House on August 11.
- Cards are required for building access and afternoon dismissal.
- Need extras? Additional cards are available in the office for a small fee.
- Students not picked up by the end of the carpool will be taken to **The Lion’s Den** program.

School Supplies

Classroom supply packs for all Early Childhood and Elementary students will be ready on the first day of school. Charges appeared on your June billing statement. Some grades may require a few extra items. [\[CLICK HERE for supply info\]](#)

Uniforms & Dress Code/Cell Phone Electronics Policy

- Students must wear uniforms from Lands’ End [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).
- Dress Code Guidelines: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

- Uniform compliance begins August 12th.
 - Cell Phone Electronics Policy (Devices, Watches, Phones, and more) [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)
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School Calendar

Stay updated with the BCS full academic calendar: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Lower School Calendar: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

(Grade-specific events like field trips will be shared during the year.)

Teacher Assignments

Classroom/teacher assignments (“class lists”) will be available via FACTS/RenWeb on **Friday, August 8, after 5:00 PM.**

Shuttle Bus Service

Details were emailed over the summer.

For questions, contact: Mr. Tyler May (tmay@bcsk12.org) *Note: Shuttle times remain the same, even on Thursdays.*

Medical Info & Immunizations

- All students must have up-to-date immunization forms on file.
 - Update health details in the FACTS portal.
 - Contact **Nurse Erin Robertson** with questions: erobertson@bcsk12.org
 - For students needing to keep medication at school, appointments will be scheduled before the first day. Please email Nurse Erin to set up an appointment. You will need to have your health care provider complete the Medication/Authorization Form found [here](#) and bring the completed form and medication to the meeting with the nurse.
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JK & Kindergarten Affidavit Requirement

All JK and Kindergarten students must have a notarized affidavit on file, as required by Alabama State Law for exempt child care programs. This document confirms your awareness that

Briarwood operates as an exempt program under state guidelines.

 [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to complete the **Notarized Affidavit form**.

Parent & Community Standards

All BCS families are expected to review and align with our Parent and Community Standards. This document outlines expectations for behavior that reflects biblical values, unity, and grace.

 [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to view the Parent & Community Standards.

Superintendent Town Hall Invitation

 **17** Tuesday, September 9 | 6:30–7:45 PM | Upper School Barbara B. Barker Auditorium

Join BCS Superintendent Gus Martin for a special Parent Town Hall. Hear school updates, ask questions, and connect with our school community.

 [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to submit a question for the forum.

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

- PTF membership is included in your enrollment fee.
- The PTF supports our school by ministering to teachers, organizing volunteers, and serving families through prayer and care. We'd love for you to get involved! **Be sure to check out the link below for more information, and stay tuned for updates on upcoming opportunities to connect and serve.**
- Our Lower School PTF officers this year are: Erin Hollis- President, Keeley Wadsworth- President-Elect, Stacy Morris- Communications Chair, Anna Carroll- Communications Chair-Elect, Kristin Prickett- Treasurer, Sonya Holcomb-Executive Advisor. We're grateful for these ladies and their commitment to serving our school.

Learn more or sign up for a committee: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Summer Reading Program

Encourage your child to participate!

- Details: [\[CLICK HERE for grade 1-3. \]](#), [\[CLICK HERE for grade 4-6. \]](#)
 - Participation is optional.
 - Celebration for participants: **August 29 (more details to come)**
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Important August Events

- August 8– Classroom/Teacher Assignments Available on FACTS (after 5:00 PM)
- August 11 – Open House for All Students (JK–6th Grade)
- August 12 – First Day of School (All Students in Uniform, Classes Begin at 8:00 AM)
- August 14 – Back to School Night & Classroom Orientations for Parents (6:30 PM)
- August 20 – Third Grade Parent Orientation (8:00 AM, Church Chapel)
- August 28 – 5th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Parent Meeting (8:15–9:15 AM)
- August 29 – Summer Reading Awards Program, 9:00 am (4th-6th), 10:15 am (1st-3rd)