



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Fulton
County Schools
Where Students Come First

A Note from the Principal, Takisha Benning September 18, 2025

New Information

Thank you, Barnwell Community! A huge thank-you to everyone who joined our Principal's Coffee Chat, your engagement, thoughtful questions, and partnership mean so much. I truly value our collaboration and look forward to a great year together!

And a special shout-out to our PTO for organizing yesterday's Fall Walk to School Day. This was a highlight of the day! Our students were thrilled, and your careful planning made it a fun and safe event for our school community.

Upcoming Student Holiday:

All Fulton County Schools will be closed for Fall Break, **October 13th through October 17th**. Please click [here](#) for the FCS 2025-2026 calendar.

Staffing Updates – Kindergarten & Fourth Grade

We are excited to welcome a new teacher and para to our kindergarten team. They will begin transitioning next week, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our school community.

We are also actively hiring for our open fourth-grade position. Please know that we are committed to finding the best fit for our school community. We will continue interviewing and will provide updates to our fourth-grade parents as soon as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work to ensure that every class has the high-quality teacher our students deserve.

“What I Need” (W.I.N. Time) at Barnwell

Did you know that our students receive tailored academic enrichment, remediation, and support daily? Each day, our students engage in W.I.N. Time (What I Need), a dedicated instructional block aimed at both academic enrichment and remediation. This structured time is seamlessly woven into our daily schedule, ensuring that students acquire the essential skills necessary for their academic growth.

All In On Attendance

September is the perfect time to set consistent morning and bedtime routines that make school attendance a natural habit. Students who start the year strongly are more likely to maintain excellent attendance all year long.

The late bell rings at 7:40 AM. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at that time.

All Pro Dad's Breakfast – Friday, September 19th

On Friday, September 19th at 6:45 AM, Barnwell dads and students are invited for breakfast in the cafeteria. Take a chance to connect with your student, their school, and discuss topics that help students to build character. Upcoming topics include Respect, Determination, and Confidence. (No child should feel left out - Moms or Guardians are welcome too) PLEASE RSVP at allprodadchapters.com/chapters/4353

Student Health Update

We kindly ask for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and healthy environment by keeping students at home if they are unwell, exhibiting a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or experiencing chronic diarrhea and/or vomiting.

To return to school, students must demonstrate improved health, be fever-free without the aid of fever-reducing medications and have not experienced vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours. For further information, please click [here](#) to visit the District Health Services website.

Barnwell's Family Portrait Day

Registration is now open for Barnwell's Family Portrait Day! Sessions will be held on October 4th & 5th at Historic Bulloch Hall in Roswell.

Mini sessions cost \$35 with the option to purchase photos. Each mini session fee will be donated directly back to our PTO! Bear Pack and Principal Club donors will receive a FREE mini session and 15% off photo purchases. If you donated to these levels, a representative will reach out to schedule your free mini session. Click [here](#) to reserve your time slot today!

Student Pickup/Building Entry

A driver's license or government issued ID is required for all student checkouts and any entry into the building. Please have your ID available to present to the camera when you ring the bell to be buzzed in.

Changes In Transportation

Any changes in dismissal transportation must be submitted to the student's teacher using our [dismissal change form](#) which is available on our school website. If there is a last-minute change in dismissal, please call the front office. Students are only allowed to ride the bus assigned to their home address.

Recurring School and Community News

Centennial High School's Homecoming Festivities:

Centennial High School invites our school community to join in their homecoming celebration.

- **Homecoming Parade: Thursday, September 25th at 6pm**
- **Knights Rising: A First Hello to Final Farewell**
Following the parade, we invite your **kindergarteners (Class of 2038)** to the Fortress to meet the **Class of 2026**. This symbolic moment marks the beginning and end of the Centennial journey.
Kindergarteners should wear their **Class of 2038 Centennial shirts**.
Parents can register their child using [here](#).
- **Homecoming Football Game: Friday, September 26th at 7:30 PM**
Centennial Knights vs. Chapel Hill at the Centennial Fortress

JCHS Future Gladiators Night – Friday, October 3rd

Johns Creek High School is hosting a Future Gladiators Night on Friday, October 3rd. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Titan Boys Basketball

Northview High School will host Titan Sundays in September and would like to invite all Zone 6, 4th - 8th grade students to attend. This will be a basketball skills and games clinic where we teach the game to our surrounding community. Please click [here](#) or more information.

Dates to Remember

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	9/19	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
Art Extravaganza Contest Begins	9/22	---	---
Publix Math Night	9/25	5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Haynes Publix
PTO Board Mtg	9/26	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Barnwell Fun Run	10/3	TBD	Backfield
Barnwell Family Portraits	10/4 & 10/5	Register online	Johns Creek Environmental Ctr
Papa John's Spirit Night	10/6-10/9	4:00 pm-9:00 pm	Papa John's Locations
Fall Break	10/13-10/17	School Closed	---
Retake Picture Day	10/21	8:00 am-9:00 am	Barnwell
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	10/24	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
Trunk or Treat Movie Night	10/24	6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Backfield
PTO Board Meeting	10/24	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Art Extravaganza Contest Ends	10/31	---	---
Candy for a Cause	11/3	7:10 am-7:40 am	Car & Bus Entrances
Teacher Workday (Election)	11/4	School Closed	---
International Night	11/6	5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Cafeteria
Adventure Air Spirit Night	11/12	5:00 pm-8:00 pm	Adventure Air

Book Fair	11/14- 11/21	8:00 am-1:30 pm	Media Center
All Pro Dad's Breakfast	11/14	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
PTO Board Meeting	11/21	7:30 am-9:00 am	Adm Conf Room
Art Extravaganza Awards Breakfast	11/21	6:45 am-7:30 am	Cafeteria
Thanksgiving Break	11/24- 11/28	School Closed	---

Administrative Team

Throughout the year, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher with any classroom questions or to our Administrative Team with any school-wide questions:

- Renee Morris Diggelmann, Assistant Principal – Diggelmannr@fultonschools.org
- Alysia Muse, Curriculum Support Teacher - Musea@fultonschools.org
- Chelsea Garcia, School Counselor – GarciaC2@fultonschools.org
- Dr. Helen Herring, Instructional Support Teacher – Herringh@fultonschools.org
- Takisha Benning, Principal – Benning@fultonschools.org

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