Barnwell Back to School Update #1 July 17, 2026

Dear Barnwell Families,

I hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer! The countdown is on, and we're just a few short weeks away from welcoming our Barnwell Bears back for another exciting school year.

As we prepare for the first day of school on **Monday, August 3rd**, I'd like to share the first of our three *Back-to-School Summer Updates*. This edition includes important information about Sneak Peek, meal price changes, and other reminders to help your family prepare for a successful start to the school year. We can't wait to see everyone back at Barnwell soon!

Sneak Peek – Thursday, July 30th:
We are excited to welcome our students and families to **Sneak Peek** on **Thursday, July 30th**!

Student's Last Name	*Sneak Peek Time*
A thru L	8:00 am to 9:00 am
M thru Z	9:15 am to 10:15 am

Please be prepared to share your child's afternoon transportation plans with the teacher (bus, car rider, daycare, after-school program, etc.).

Important Reminders:
- Parking will be limited. Please carpool if possible.
- Enter through the **cafeteria entrance**.

During Sneak Peek, Families Can:
- Meet the teacher and visit the classroom.
- Receive transportation and bus information.
- Register for a **car rider tag** (afternoon car riders only).
- **Returning families:** Please reuse your existing car rider tag. No need to register for a new one.
- Add funds to student meal accounts.
- Visit after-school and after-care vendor tables.
- Purchase Barnwell spirit wear.
- Learn how to get involved with our amazing PTO.
- Get answers to any last-minute questions.

Cell Phone Policy: 2026–27 Expectations:

As we begin the new school year, two important updates regarding the cell phone policy require your attention.

First, enforcement of our current policy. Rule 18f.II, Prohibited Use of Personal Communication Devices (PCD) During the School Day, establishes the following expectations:

- Students in Grades K–5 are prohibited from accessing personal electronic devices at any time during the school day. Personal electronic devices include, but is not limited to: Cell phones, Smartwatches, Smart glasses and Other wearable technology
- Bus Transportation: Students should not access personal electronic devices while riding the school bus. Inappropriate use on school transportation may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

These devices can be a distraction to learning and are not necessary for classroom instruction. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child leaves these items at home or keeps them turned off and stored in their backpack during the school day. Thank you for helping us create a focused and distraction-free learning environment for all students.

School Supplies:
To help ensure a successful start to the school year, families are asked to purchase the items listed on their child's grade-level school supply list and bring or send them to school. 26-27 Barnwell School Supply Lists

The supply lists have been carefully developed for each grade level to support classroom learning throughout the year. We appreciate your partnership in helping students arrive prepared and ready to learn on the first day of school.

Teacher Assignments:
The district briefly made student class schedules available in Infinite Campus. If you viewed your student's schedule, please note that all schedules and teacher assignments are tentative and may change before the start of the school year.

Class placements may also be adjusted based on our ten-day enrollment count. While we understand that families may have preferences, we are unable to accept specific teacher requests. Our teachers are highly qualified professionals who are committed to supporting every child's academic, social, and emotional growth. We are proud of our outstanding staff and are confident that each classroom provides a supportive and engaging environment where students can be successful.

Parents will receive an email on the morning of Wednesday, July 29th with your student's current class placement, Sneak Peek details, and important Barnwell and district documents.

New Meal Prices for SY26-27: https://nutrition.fultonschools.org/MealPrices
Please note that breakfast and lunch meal prices for both students and adults have increased for the new school year. As you prepare for the start of school, please review the updated meal prices below:

Elementary Meals	Cost
Student Breakfast	$1.70
Student Lunch	$3.10
Adult Breakfast	$3.25
Adult Lunch	$5.25

Thank you for your attention to this update and for your continued support.

SY26 New Meal Applications & New Application Website:

- Families are encouraged to complete a new meal application every year.
- Applications will be available online starting July 25th.
- Applications can be accessed via: https://www2.myschoolapps.com/
  - September 14th – students will lose last year's status if parents haven't completed a new meal application

Meal Payment Site:

Families can conveniently add money to their student's account online through MySchoolBucks.

This secure website allows you to make meal payments, view account balances, and monitor cafeteria purchases.

To add funds to your student's meal account, visit: www.myschoolbucks.com

Any remaining balance from the previous school year will automatically roll over to the new school year and remain available for your student to use. There is no need to transfer funds or create a new account.

We encourage families to review account balances and add funds as needed to ensure students can purchase meals without interruption throughout the school year. If you have any questions regarding meal accounts, please contact the school cafeteria manager, Ann O'Connor oconnora1@fultonschools.org.

Popsicles on the Playground:

Wednesday, July 29th all **Pre-K and Kindergarten** students are invited to meet their teacher and classmates on our playground.

Popsicles will be provided courtesy of our PTO. Please use our side parking lot for parking and walk down the ramp towards our lower field.

Grade Level	*Meet & Greet Time*
Pre-K	10:30 am to 11:00 am
Kindergarten	11:00 am to 11:45 am

New Family Meet & Greet:

The Barnwell PTO invites all new Barnwell families with students in grades 1st through 5th to attend our New Family Meet & Greet on Wednesday, July 30th, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. on the back field.

This special event is a great opportunity for new students and families to meet classmates, connect with other Barnwell families, and begin building relationships within our school community. Families can also enjoy a brief tour of the building and learn more about Barnwell.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping your family feel at home as you begin your Barnwell journey!

Join PTO!
Our Barnwell PTO has been actively planning programs and events to enhance our students' experience. To learn more, donate or become a business partner, visit our PTO hub: Barnwell PTO.

Morning Arrival and Carpool:
Morning carpool operates from **7:10 a.m. to 7:35 a.m.** each day. To support students and families as they adjust to the new school year, we will extend carpool until **7:40 a.m. during the first week of school**.

Students arriving after the carpool line closes must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to the front office for check-in. Students arriving **after 7:40 a.m.** will be marked **tardy**. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and smooth arrival process each morning.

Student Dropoff Reminder:
For the safety of all students, the front parking lot is not a designated student drop-off area. Families should use the designated front or side carpool lanes for student drop-off.

If you choose to park, please park in a marked parking space and walk your student across the street using the designated crosswalk areas. Please do not drop students off in the front parking lot or allow them to walk through traffic unattended.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and efficient arrival process for all students.

Bus Rider Information: Bus stop locations and times can be found here or on our district Transportation Website (https://www.fultonschools.org/transportation).

Infinite Campus Parent Portal: Our Parent Portal in Infinite Campus allows you to access your child's grades, attendance, and schedule. Visit our county's Infinite Campus website for more information on our Student Information system with step-by-step guides to accessing your account.

- If you signed up last year, you would use the same credentials to login (no need to sign up again).
- For new families that have not registered to use Infinite Campus, you will be able to do so beginning August 3rd. Click Infinite Campus Sign-Up and enter your email address to receive parent portal activation information.
- **To verify your identity, you will be asked to provide your student's name as entered on birth certificate, date of birth, and student ID number. Contact Basile@fultonschools.org if you do not know your child's student ID number or need assistance with accessing Infinite Campus.**

We are excited to welcome both returning and new families and look forward to another incredible year of learning, growth, and success. Stay tuned for two more summer updates filled with important information, reminders, and opportunities to connect before school begins. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer, and we can't wait to see everyone back soon!