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WELCOME, NEW STUDENTS!

Important Upcoming Dates:

Schedule Pick Up

Date: Thursday, August 4th 5:30-7:00 pm
Pick up schedules, walk through campus

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

Welcome, Students!

We are very excited to have you join the Braden River Middle School panther family! As a panther, you will have a rewarding and invigorating adventure, which will prepare you for success in your future endeavors.

This will be an exciting, yet challenging time; however, I promise you, if you put your best effort forth every day, you will succeed. We have a wonderful group of teachers and staff members who are equipped to help you in any way, whether it be academically or socially. They will work with you to provide a solid foundation for your future goals.

Remember, you hold the key to unlock many opportunities in your future. Your parents, teachers and staff of Braden River Middle School are here for you, but ultimately, your path to success is paved by you.

Sincerely,

Kimberlain Zenon-Richardson
Proud Principal
Braden River Middle School

The Transition from Elementary

Middle school differs from elementary in so many respects, it is only expected that there may be some anxiety as students enter this next stage of their education. From multiple teachers, to social maturity, a growing independence, and an increased difficulty in schoolwork, students may feel increasing pressure. The key is to let your child know it is normal to be nervous, and that you will help them adjust to this new experience.

Some suggestions to help your child as they mature in the teen years:

- Continue to be a parent, not a friend to your child. They may appear to be turning into young adults, but they very much still need guidance and acceptable parameters set by you.
- Know your child's friends; attend school events; meet your child's teachers.
- Encourage your child to explore their interests while making new friends through clubs and activities.
- Help establish a study space and scheduled routine at home, and help your child use Schoology to prioritize schoolwork and studying.
- Help your child have a positive sense of self. Peer pressure is tough in the teen years; let them know they can come to you with any concerns.
- Be very mindful of your child's use of social media. A large part of a child's social interaction now takes place online, not in person. Do not leave your child to use apps and programs without your knowledge. You can stay abreast of the latest online trends through websites such as www.common sense media.org. This site offers many helpful hints for parents on apps, video games, and movies and books, too under the "Parents Need To Know" section.



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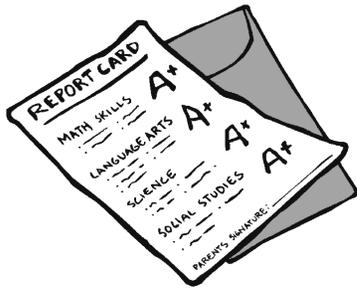
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

Renaissance Program

Renaissance is a nationally recognized program designed to recognize and reward students for academic achievement and academic improvement. Renaissance also helps to build a safe and positive learning environment by reinforcing outstanding behavior and good character. A student is eligible for Renaissance if he/she has a 3.3 or better GPA (or improves their grade by .5 and achieves at least a 2.0). They also must have only 1's and 2's in citizenship on their report card, good attendance, minimal tardies and no in-school or out-of-school suspensions. Students who are new to the school will be notified after the first reporting period if they are eligible for the program. Eligible students earn a free Renaissance T-shirt, carry a Renaissance card, earn special privileges and get to participate in special activities throughout the year.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society, or NJHS, is a service organization for students who earn good grades and demonstrate good citizenship. To be considered for NJHS, the student must have 5 consecutive quarters averaging at least a 3.5 grade point average. The student must also have 1's and no more than 4 2's in citizenship for any quarter. Eligible students receive a letter and are invited to submit an application, usually in the spring of their 7th grade year. All students who are recommended for NJHS must submit an application to be considered for this organization. NJHS students assist with both service projects and with any needs that arise at the school throughout the year.



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2022-2023 School Calendar

August 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Aug 2 School Inservice/Teacher Workday
Aug 3 District Inservice
Aug 4-8 Teacher Work Days
Aug 9 District Inservice
Aug 10 First Day Students

September 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Sep 5 Labor Day - All District Sites Closed
Sep 25-27 Rosh Hashana

October 2022						
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Oct 4-5 Yom Kippur
Oct 6 End of 1st
Oct 7 Record Day - No School for Students
Oct 10-14 FTE Survey 2 Window

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30			

Nov 2 Professional Learning Early Release
Nov 11 Veterans Day - All District Sites Closed
Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day - All District Sites Closed
*Nov 21-23 Hurricane make-up days if needed

December 2022						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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Dec 18-26 Hanukkah
Dec 20-22 District Inservice (tentative)
Dec 22 High School Early Release
Dec 23-30 End First Semester
All District Sites Closed

January 2023						
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Jan 2-5 All District Sites Closed
Jan 6 District Inservice
Jan 9 District Inservice/Record Day
Jan 10 Students Return
Jan 16 ML King Birthday All District Sites Closed

February 2023						
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Feb 6-10 FTE Survey 3 Window
Feb 20 Presidents Day - All District Sites Closed

April 2023						
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Apr 7 Good Friday - All District Sites Closed
Apr 8 Passover
Apr 9 Easter

May 2023						
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May 19-26 MS/HS Exams (tentative)
May 24-26 Early Release ALL Schools
May 26 Last Day Students - End 2nd Semester
May 29 Memorial Day - All District Sites Closed
May 30 Record Day/Last Day for Teachers

June 2023						
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Jun 5 Summer School Begins (tentative)

Q1	41	1st semester	89
Q2	48	1st semester	89
Q3	41	2nd semester	90
Q4	49	2nd semester	90

July 2023						
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Jul 21 Summer School Ends (tentative)

Teachers Report/No School for Students	
District Inservice	
First Day for Students	
Professional Learning Early Release	
MS/HS Exams	
Last Day for Students	

Mar 1 Professional Learning Early Release
Mar 2 Veterans Day - All District Sites Closed
Mar 10 Record Day - No School for Students
Mar 13-17 Spring Break - All Schools Closed



Debate Club

The Braden River Middle School Debate team meets once a week before school. Students learn skills needed to participate in debate competitions-public speaking, research, etc.

Intramural Sports

Students at Braden River Middle have the opportunity to participate in several sports throughout the school year. These include:

- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Flag Football

Students tryout for teams to represent BRMS and will play against other schools in the district.

To participate in sports, there is no additional form required to have on file other than the required school physical form and medical records.



New opportunity for 2022-2023:

Beginning next year, we are adding a Lacrosse club! More details will be forthcoming in the fall!



BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

Student clubs and activities are a great way to make new friends and explore your interests. Listen to the morning announcements for more information about clubs and meeting dates.

YMCA Program

Before and after school supervision is provided by the YMCA program for a nominal fee. The hours are from 7:00 am until 9:00 am (when the campus is open to all students) and then from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. Daily activities include sports, homework help, book club, movies, arts and crafts, guest speakers and special programs. Registration information will be available at the beginning of the school year, including at schedule pick up, and also can be found on our school website.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life-planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication which are all necessary in the home and workplace.

Technology Student Association

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization for middle and high school students with a strong interest in technology. TSA fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs.

Future Business Leaders of America

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national organization for middle and high school students with a strong interest in business. FBLA develops character, prepares students for useful citizenship, and assists students in establishing occupational goals.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Hours: There is no adult supervision prior to **school opening at 9:00 a.m.** or after the **4:10 final dismissal bell**. Students on campus outside of normal school hours need to be enrolled in the YMCA before/after school program.

I.D. Badges: Each student will be given an I.D. Badge during the first week of school. **I.D. Badges must be brought to school each day and worn by students.** I.D. Badges are used to check books out from the media center, to buy lunch, and to ensure school safety. If an I.D. Badge needs to be replaced due to damage or loss, it will cost \$5.00.

Student Handbook: Each student will be given a student handbook during the first week of school at no cost. This handbook will provide important information regarding school-wide expectations, eligibility requirements, etc. If a student handbook needs to be replaced due to damage or loss, it will cost \$5.00.

Lunch: Students can purchase lunch or bring lunch from home. To add funds to a student account, students can take money to the cafeteria before school starts, can place money on the account as they pass through the line at lunch, or you can add funds to the account online. The cafeteria offers a la carte items in addition to lunch. Forms for free & reduced lunch are available in the office.

Physical Education Clothing: All students are required to dress out for P.E. The P.E. Department will sell T-shirts for students during Schedule Pick-up in the fall. If not purchasing a T-shirt, students must wear a grey or white T-shirt and red, grey, or white gym shorts. Students change out each day and get a locker for keeping their personal items stored.

General Supplies: See the school website for a list of requested student school supplies.

FOCUS Gradebook: Parents and students can stay updated on student grades and attendance with access to FOCUS, the online student record system. Visit the BRMS website or contact the office for initial log in information. *If you already have a FOCUS account from elementary school, there is no need to re-enroll in the program.*

PBIS Reward System: Parents and students can stay updated on student behavior and rewards. Students use reward points to purchase items from our PBIS store.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Be prepared for the first day

When can my student receive their class schedule?

Students can pick up their schedules on the designated Schedule Pick Up Night. Students can then walk the campus to become familiar with where rooms are located. This evening is not the time that families will meet with teachers. A few weeks after school begins, we may hold a Back-to-School Night. At Back-to-School Night, parents will have the opportunity to follow their child's period-by-period schedule. Teachers will explain class expectations and grading procedures.

How do I know my child's bus stop and bus number?

Bus routes can be viewed in the school district website, and are printed in the local paper 1-2 weeks prior to the start of school.

How does the car rider lane work?

The car rider drop off lane is located in front of the school, in the southwest parking lot. Cars are to pull up as in a single file line to drop students off. In an effort to avoid a back up, we encourage parents to make a right turn on to River Club Boulevard when leaving the parking area. If you need to go south on River Club Boulevard please turn right and make a U-turn at the next street. Remember that the speed limit in front of the school is 20 MPH.

What should students do on the first day of school?

On schedule pick up day, students will receive a copy of their class schedule. On this schedule a homeroom teacher and classroom will be listed. On the first day of school, students should report to this homeroom class where they will receive a copy of their official schedule. In most cases, the schedule distributed on schedule pick up day will be the same as the one the student receives on the first day of school; however, sometimes classes will change due to class size and requirements.

What before and after school programs are available?

The YMCA sponsors before- and after- school care for a small fee. Visit the school website, or contact the school for more information about signing up. In addition, BRMS offers several student clubs that meet after school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ensuring success in middle school

How can I stay informed about what is happening at school?

Besides frequently checking the school's website, Schoology, School Facebook page, and teacher web pages. Also every Sunday evening at 7:30 listen to our Panthers Connect message for news, celebrations, and upcoming events.

How do I get in touch with my child's teacher?

Generally, communicating via e-mail is the most effective way to contact a teacher. All teachers' e-mail addresses are listed on the school web site. During Back-to-School Night presentations, teachers will let parents know how they prefer to be contacted.

Does the school offer any study programs?

In addition, students who are enrolled in the YMCA before/ after school care program receive study help from BRMS teachers. Check with your child's specific teacher for more information. ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted) after-school help is offered for students who need getting caught up.

Who is my child's guidance counselor?

There are two school counselors at BRMS. Visit the school website's Staff/Guidance page to determine student assignments.

Is there a School Resource Officer on site? Yes, there is one School Resource Officer assigned full time to BRMS.

How do I volunteer at the school?

The BRMS Volunteer Group organizes the majority of the volunteer opportunities at the school. If you would like to be put on the volunteer list, please sign up at either Schedule Pick up Night.

Can students use computers and print documents at school?

Yes, the Media Center is open most days at 9:00 a.m. and remains open until 4:15 pm. There are computers available for student use, in addition to color and black and white printers (there is a small fee for printing). In addition, most teachers have computers in the classroom.