



Bloom-Carroll High School

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Dear BCHS Students and Families,

We hope that you are having a great summer! We are excited to kick off the upcoming school year with our students and families. Bloom-Carroll High School has a rich academic tradition that includes multiple learning pathways and experiences with a faculty and staff who are dedicated to meeting the needs of all students. BCHS students will be challenged to grow academically and socially as they are guided towards becoming young men and women of good character and preparing them for life beyond High School and being College and/or Career ready. The start of the upcoming school year is an exciting time and an excellent opportunity for students to explore new activities, build on previous interests and skills, as well as create a promising academic future. BCHS offers numerous opportunities to get involved in athletics, music, drama, clubs and organizations. Getting students connected to school activities is an important part of their success and we believe there is something for all students at BCHS.

For incoming freshmen and students new to the district, we welcome you to the Bulldog community and look forward to meeting you soon. For our returning students, we look forward to helping prepare, challenge, and empower you as you continue your journey with us. All of our BCHS students and families, grade 9-12, are invited to our **Back to School Bulldog Kick Off/Open House** on Thursday, August 17, from 5:30 - 7:00. Join us for a Meet and Greet with teachers and friends, Music, Free Food & Drinks, Student Schedule Pick up, Tours of the Building, Kona Ice, and much more as we celebrate the start to the new school year-see attached flyer.

As parents, we hope you will continue to be an active part of your child's education, make connections with our teachers and get involved in their activities. Your involvement will increase your student's motivation academically and socially. There are many ways for parents to get involved in activities at BCHS, whether it's by supporting our athletics, the arts, FFA or various other clubs and activities, we encourage you to explore these opportunities.

Finally, we want to thank you for your commitment to student success and invite you to our many BCHS events throughout the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together and encourage you to contact us if or when the need arises.

Please make note of a few important dates listed below:

- *Thursday, August 17-Back to School Bulldog Kickoff-Grades 9-12 - 5:30-7:00*
- *Wednesday, August 23- First day of School*
- *November 3 & 10-Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Friday, May 24-Commencement Ceremony 7:00pm BCMS Gymnasium*



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1. The High School **building doors open** at 7:05am **and close** at 2:45pm. We ask that no student be dropped off before 7:05 am and that all who aren't working with a teacher, practicing with a sport or a club be off school grounds by 2:45 pm. First period bell rings at 7:30am with the school day concluding at 2:10pm.
2. All students will have **school fees**. Please be sure your student's schedule is finalized before paying your 2023-2024 school fees. Past year school fees may be paid now-Fee balances are a consideration when it's time for your student to graduate. You may check your student's balance on PaySchools Central (available through the BC website via Bulldog Portal, Parent Resources, PaySchools Central), or call the Guidance office at 614-834-6745. Food Service and free/reduced lunch information can be found at: <https://www.bloomcarroll.k12.oh.us/FoodService.aspx>
3. All students who attend Bloom-Carroll Local School District are required to have up-to-date signatures in **Final Forms** on an annual basis. Please log into to your Final Forms account by navigating to www.bloomcarroll.finalforms.com and sign the necessary forms.
4. All BCHS students grades 9-12 will be issued a **Chromebook** for educational purposes for use in the classroom and at home. All students are issued a Chromebook at the start school year, and the devices will be treated like a textbook. You can read the FAQ's and find information regarding the 1:1 program by visiting: <https://www.bloomcarroll.k12.oh.us/One-to-OneProgram.aspx>
5. **Student grades** can be accessed by logging into **Progress Book**: <https://pa.metasolutions.net>. This is a valuable educational tool that helps increase communication between school and home. If you have questions regarding Final Forms, Chromebooks or Progress Book, or if you need assistance, please contact Mark Thomas, Dir. of Tech., at 740-756-9798 or by email: mark.thomas@bloomcarroll.org.
6. **Schedule change policy**-Due to the commitments for staff assignments and the ordering of supplies and textbooks, student schedule changes will not be permitted except in unusual circumstances. Requests for schedule changes must go through the counselor(s) office. Acceptable reasons for changes are as follows: Correction of errors, Changes necessitated by failure, Teacher recommended subject level adjustments, Addition of a class (for a study hall the same period), Class size balancing. The following rules apply: No schedule change will become final until approved by a counselor, no year-long class may be dropped after the end of the 10th school day of the first nine-week grading period, nor semester class after the 5th school day, without receiving zeroes (0's) for the remainder of the course (exceptions may be made after a conference among student, parent, principal, counselor and teacher). Parent approval is required for all major changes and may be required at the counselor's discretion. Students must follow their schedule until all paperwork requirements have been completed
7. **State Testing**- **BCHS will be administering the six required State Tests to students on** April 16th, 17th, 23rd-26th. Student attendance during testing is critical as scores on these tests are important to our students as they are one component needed to graduate from high school. To receive updates on current and future with Ohio's State Tests, visit: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohios-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies>
8. **Grade Cards** will be distributed to students on Nov. 3, Jan. 19, Apr. 2, June 7(Mailed)
9. **Follow BCHS:**
 - Website: http://www.bloomcarroll.org/highschool_home.aspx
 - Twitter: [@bchs_office](https://twitter.com/bchs_office)
 - Instagram: [bchs_office](https://www.instagram.com/bchs_office)
 - YouTube: [Bloom Carroll High School](https://www.youtube.com/BloomCarrollHighSchool)
 - TikTok: [bchsoffice](https://www.tiktok.com/@bchsoffice)

Go Bulldogs!

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