



Bloom-Carroll High School

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Greetings to BCHS Students and Families,

We trust that your summer is going splendidly! We are eager to start the new school year with our students and families. Bloom-Carroll High School boasts a strong academic legacy offering diverse learning paths and experiences with a devoted faculty and staff committed to catering to all students' needs. At BCHS, students are encouraged to develop academically and socially, guided towards becoming individuals of integrity, preparing them for life after High School, and equipping them to be College and/or Career ready. The upcoming school year marks an exciting time and a wonderful chance for students to delve into new activities, expand on existing interests and skills, and pave the way for a bright academic future. BCHS provides a multitude of opportunities to engage in sports, music, drama, clubs, and organizations. Involvement in school activities is a key factor in students' success, and we believe there is something for everyone at BCHS.

To the incoming freshmen and new students in the district, we extend a warm welcome to the Bulldog community and look forward to meeting you soon. For our returning students, we are excited to assist in preparing, challenging, and empowering you as you continue your journey with us. All BCHS students and families, grades 9-12, are invited to our Back-to-School Bulldog Kick Off/Open House on Thursday, August 15, from 5:30 - 7:00. Come and join us for a Meet and Greet with teachers and peers, Music, Free Food & Drinks, Student Schedule Pick up, Building Tours, Kona Ice, and much more as we celebrate the start of the new school year - please refer to the attached flyer for details.

As parents, we encourage you to remain actively involved in your child's education, connect with our teachers, and engage in their activities. Your involvement plays a crucial role in enhancing your student's academic and social motivation. There are various ways for parents to participate in activities at BCHS, whether it's through supporting the arts, athletics, FFA, or other clubs and activities - we urge you to explore these opportunities and invite you to attend the many BCHS events scheduled throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Lastly, we express our gratitude for your dedication to student success. We anticipate a positive and fruitful year ahead and encourage you to reach out to us whenever the need arises.

Take note of the following important dates and items of interest at BCHS:

- **Thursday, August 15 - Back to School Bulldog Kickoff for Grades 9-12 from 5:30-7:00**
- **Wednesday, August 21 - First day of School**
- **November 7 & 14, March 6 & 13 - Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Friday, May 23 - Commencement Ceremony at 7:00 pm in the BCMS Gymnasium**



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 2024-2025 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 at the BC website via Bulldog Portal, Parent Resources, PaySchools Central), or call the Counseling office at 740-756-9750. Food Service and free/reduced lunch information: <https://www.bloom-carroll.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 of the school year, 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.bloom-carroll.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 8th, 9th, 29th, 30th, May 1st, 2nd
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://oh-ost.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>
8. ***Grade Cards*** will be distributed to students on Nov. 1, Jan. 24, March 28, June 6(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)

Go Bulldogs!

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