

BHS FRESHMEN FAST FACTS FOR PARENTS 2008-2009

Welcome to Brentwood High School! We have compiled this information to assist you as your child transitions to BHS. The information presented here is not all there is to know about a topic, but a starting point. Think of it as an index or glossary. We encourage you to utilize the school website, www.wcs.edu/bhs, as a valuable source of information. Mark it as a favorite! Information is also provided to parents through the "Daily Announcements," which may be accessed easily through the BHS website. You may wish to have an email sent to you each day which includes a direct link to the "Daily Announcements." If so, email your name and email address to Vicki Youngman, the BHS Webmaster, at vickiy@wcs.edu, and she will put you on her email list. Of course, you may always contact the school at 472-4220 with any question, and you will be directed to the appropriate contact. The BHS PTO wishes you and your child a wonderful year! Please let us know how we may assist you!

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SCHOOLS WEBSITE: www.wcs.edu

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL (BHS) WEBSITE: www.wcs.edu/bhs

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

School Main Office	472-4220	Aya Porter, Administrative Assistant
Guidance	472-4231	Rita Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant
	472-4231	Janet Wulff, Freshman Guidance Counselor
Student Services	472-4225	Mary Kivilaan, Director
Athletics	472-4238	Linda Hoehn, Administrative Assistant
School Nurse	472-4221 x 3610	Glenda Brewster, RN

ABC: Athletic Bruins Club's goal is to fund items which cannot be funded by the General Athletic Budget. Sources of funding include BHS's PTO, Fundraising thru Brentwood 10K, Sale of Bruins apparel (sold in BHS Bookstore only), and Meal Deal at football games.

ACADEMICS and FINE ARTS COMMITTEE: The Academic and Fine Arts Committee (AFA) is a branch of the PTO. It is compiled of parents whose purpose is to help stimulate a positive learning environment and promote the highest level of academic and artistic achievement by supporting students, teachers and administrators. The chairperson of AFA is a member of the BHS PTO Executive Committee whose contact info may be found under the PTO Executive Board Roster on the BHS website, www.wcs.edu/bhs, by linking to *For Parents*.

ATHLETICS:

FALL SPORTS

Varsity Football
JV Football
Freshman Football
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
Golf (Boys & Girls)
Varsity & JV Soccer (Girls)
Varsity & JV Volleyball
Cheerleading

WINTER SPORTS

Varsity Basketball (Boys & Girls)
JV Basketball (Boys and Girls)
Freshman Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Bowling
Swimming (club sport)
Wrestling
Wrestling Mat Girls
Hockey (club sport)
Dance team

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Lacrosse (club) (Boys & Girls)
Rugby (club)
Varsity & JV Soccer (Boys)
Softball
Track (Boys & Girls)
Tennis (Boys & Girls)

ATHLETIC FORMS: The following 2 forms must be signed and returned to the BHS Athletic Office:

1. Student Athlete Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information
2. TMA/TSSAA Pre-Participation Medical Evaluation Form

Visit BHS website at www.wcs.edu/bhs and link to *Athletics* to access individual Sport's website links. These include information about schedules, sport information, contacts, and individual sports' booster clubs. For further information, contact Linda Hoehn at 472-4238 or lindah4@wcs.edu.

ATHLETIC PASSES: These are sold through the Athletic office at school. Contact Linda Hoehn at 472-4238 or lindah4@wcs.edu for further information.

BALLOON and COOKIE STORE: Balloons and cookies may be purchased by students daily at the Balloon and Cookie Store, operated and run by students in the school-based enterprise and transition class. For further info, please contact Teresa Ashcraft at teresaa@wcs.edu or 472-4221 ext 3657.

BAND: The Brentwood Band provides musical activities that encompass a wide scope and allows students to reach the highest possible level of success. During the fall, the Brentwood Marching Band performs in local competitions as well as the Bands of America Atlanta Super Regional and the Bands of America Grand Nationals Championship. The Brentwood Band

program also features outstanding concert organizations that have developed a reputation for musical excellence through concert and festival performances. The Concert Band, the Symphonic Band, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Band, and the Percussion Ensemble present several public performances during the concert season. For more information about the Brentwood High School Band and the Band Boosters, see www.brentwoodband.com.

BAND BOOSTER: Band Booster is an organization that supports the band program at BHS. Further info may be accessed through the band's website at www.brentwoodband.com.

BEARTRACKER: A year long calendar and daily assignment book sold by the Bruinettes Dance Team. Students' birthdays may be included for an extra fee paid by a deadline date. For further information, contact Bruinettes Sponsor, Lori Eggleston at lorie@wcs.edu.

BOOKSTORE: BHS has an onsite bookstore which sells a limited amount of school supplies, as well as athletic wear and treats. It is open during lunch periods only and operated by parent volunteers.

BRUINS DOINS: This is the school newsletter for parents, sponsored by the PTO. A new edition is available online monthly, with the exception of combined June/July and December/January issues. To access present and past volumes of the newsletter, go to the school website www.wcs.edu/bhs and click on *For Parents*.

CAFETERIA: The cafeteria at BHS serves both breakfast and lunch. Breakfast items are available ala carte and lunch may be purchased ala carte or through the daily menu. Students may pay for lunch daily or through an account, set up on the first day lunch is served. Money may be deposited into the account weekly or monthly, whichever is most convenient for parents. For further information, contact John Marker, our cafeteria manager, at 472-4221 ext 4239 or johnm@wcs.edu

CAR LINE: Parents may drop their students off on the eastern side of the building-the side closest to Franklin Road. The car line enters Parking Lot A at the traffic light, travels to the right of the Faculty Parking toward the baseball field, curves to the left, and comes back toward Murray Lane beside the building. Students enter and exit through the side door of the school. Parents must merge with students exiting Parking Lot A at dismissal.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS: Most teachers do not email parents with daily or weekly updates. However, BHS teachers and administrators are available and very prompt in communicating with you about any concern or question you may have. They may be reached through email, by phone, or by arranging a time to speak with them face to face. All have a webpage that may be accessed through the school website. www.wcs.edu/bhs and clicking on *Faculty and Staff*. Further contact info for faculty, staff, and administration is available on the school website, www.wcs.edu/bhs and linking to *Contact Us*.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: All sophomore, junior, and senior students are encouraged and will be expected to spend a minimum of 10 hours engaged in school and community service activities. Freshman students are encouraged and will be expected to have a minimum of 5 hours service participation. Further info on this program, which is new to BHS, may be found at www.wcs.edu/bhs and linking to the *Counseling Center* or *School Policies* or by contacting Nancy Lesene, nancy@wcs.edu or the Guidance Office at 472-4231.

COURSE CATALOG/ PROGRAM of STUDIES: This assists students in putting together their academic component of their education in the context of four years. The information includes the most recent policies and graduation requirements, along with current information on available courses offered at BHS and departmental policies. This may be accessed through the school website at www.wcs.edu/bhs and linking to the *Counseling Center*.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Want to be in the know! Each day, important info is included and updated on the school website in the “Daily Announcements.” This may be accessed through www.wcs.edu/bhs and linking to *Announcements* on the Home Page. If you would like an email reminder and direct link sent to you daily, email Vicki Youngman, the BHS webmaster, at vickiy@wcs.edu with your email address.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and CLUBS: The list below exemplifies the wide variety of clubs, organizations, and academic teams that exist for students at BHS. Many of these have achieved success in state and national competitions. For more detailed info on each club, go to the school website, www.wcs.edu/bhs, and link to *School Information*, then scroll down to the link under *Extracurricular Activities*.

American Red Cross Youth Club	Future Teachers and Leaders of America (FTLA)
Anime	German Club
Art Club	Green Team
Art Contest	Habitat for Humanity
Band (Marching, Jazz, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, and Concert)	History Club
Choir (Concert Men's, Women's, Camerata, Chamber Singers, Jazz Singers, Grand Chorus)	Interact Club
Care Bear Club	International Club
Chess Club	Key Club
Color Guard/Winter color Guard	Literary Magazine
Computer Club	Literacy Outreach Club
CRASH	Math Team
Cross Age Mentoring	Mock Trial
Culinary Arts Club	Model UN
Dance Team (Bruinettes)	Mu Alpha Theta
Distribution Education Clubs of American (DECA)	National Honor Society
Destination Imagination	National Technical Honor Society
Drama Club/Thespian Society	Newspaper
Equestrian Club	Office Helpers
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Rock Climbing Club
First Priority	Science Research Program
Forensics	Science National Honor Society
French Club	Skills USA Broadcasting; Spanish Club
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Spanish Honor Society
	Students Taking a Right Stand (STARS)
	Student Senate
	Teenage Republican Club
	Yearbook Staff
	Youth in Government

FLOAT SITE: During the week of Homecoming, each class constructs a float at a class member's home. Float construction takes lots of effort and requires the assistance of all class members, as students may work on the float only during times specified by the Student Council. Assistance from parents is needed to chaperone and provide dinner each night, which is coordinated by POGS. It is a long, but very enjoyable and rewarding week for students!

FLOWER PARTIES: A time for class members to get together to make all the tissue paper flowers needed for the construction of the class's float. These parties are held during the weeks leading up to Homecoming Week at the homes of various class members. Information about when and where flower parties are held, along with directions to each home, is given to the students at school. The website and the Daily Announcement will also have the dates and locations of the parties. Parents must be present to chaperone. POGS assists with coordinating snacks for these parties.

FRESHMAN TRANSITION ACADEMY: This is an opportunity for all incoming freshmen to develop a sense of preparedness for the rigors of high school. For further info contact Stephanie Simmons at 472-4228 or stephanies1@wcs.edu

NOTE: This is a separate opportunity from Freshman Orientation.

FRESHMAN MENTORS: Juniors and seniors who meet with freshmen during their homeroom periods throughout the year and offer peer assistance with the transition process.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: This is an abbreviated day just before the start of the school year for Freshmen to meet many of the faculty and the Freshman Mentors. Other activities, such as picking up their schedules, touring the school, receiving their locker assignments, picking up their books, and doing a trial run of their schedule, are part of the morning. There is no bus service, but all freshmen are encouraged to attend. **NOTE:** This is a separate opportunity from Freshman Transition Academy.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 2008-2009 will be on Thursday, August 7, 2008, from 7:30-12:00. A Parent Orientation will be held the same day from 11:00-12:00 in the Campbell Center. For further information, contact Freshman Principal, Stephanie Simmons at stephanies1@wcs.edu.

GUIDANCE: The Guidance Counselors assist students with scheduling and registration, as well as help with personal concerns student may have. Guidance info may be found on the BHS website under *Counseling Center*. Counselors may be reached at 472-4231. The Freshman Guidance Counselor is Janet Wulff, and the Guidance Administrative Assistant is Rita Chamberlain.

HOMECOMING: Homecoming is celebrated in the fall with a week of activities. Homecoming Day includes a parade, which historically begins at Otter Creek Church of Christ and travels south on Franklin Road, turns right onto Murray Lane, and ends at BHS. Parents are encouraged to attend the parade! Afterwards, skits and a Pep Rally are included during the school day. During halftime of the football game, the Homecoming Queen and King are crowned. Homecoming Activities are coordinated by the Student Government.

See also **FLOWER PARTIES**, **FLOAT SITE**, and **HOMECOMING DANCE**.

HOMECOMING DANCE: The Homecoming Dance is dressy casual (Shirt and tie for boys; nice dresses for girls) and has been held the Saturday night after Homecoming in the Campbell Center at BHS. Tickets to this dance are sold at school during Homecoming Week. All students are encouraged to participate.

MEDICATIONS: Any medications, prescription and non prescription, which need to be taken during school hours must be administered by the school nurse, Glenda Brewster, RN. She may be reached by calling 472-4221 ext. 3610 or 472-4220 or through email glendab1@wcs.edu. Forms and further information may be accessed at www.wcs.edu and clicking on *Parent Resources*.

NURSE: Glenda Brewster, RN is the BHS school nurse and is available during school hours. Mrs. Brewster's office and the clinic are located in the Main Office. She can be reached at 427-4221 ext. 3610 or at 472-4220 or by email at glendab1@wcs.edu. Students leaving school due to illness must sign out with the school nurse.

PAW PRINT: Want to show the world you are a BRUIN? Buy a Paw Print from the Bruinettes Dance Team to put on your car. These are sold before school begins during each Class Registration Day and at lunch during the first week of school. For further information, contact Bruinettes Sponsor, Lori Eggleston at lorie@wcs.edu.

POGS: POGS takes on the year students graduate at BHS, so this year's Freshman parents are POGS 2012. POGS plays a key role in communication, through emails and meetings. Grade level meetings are held at the Brentwood City Library and include info pertinent to the academic year. There is a POGS membership fee. Flower Party snacks, Float Site dinners, and grade level specific needs, such as the TCAP Writing Breakfast for Juniors and Recognition Gifts and Treats for Seniors, are coordinated through POGS.

POLICIES: Matters regarding dress code, attendance, discipline, etc. are addressed in the school policies and procedures. All students receive a copy of the BHS Student Policies and Procedures. Both students and parents must sign and return the form acknowledging that they have received the Policies and Procedures, and all parties concerned agree to abide by them. These may be found at the school website, www.wcs.edu/bhs, and linking on *School Policies*

POWER MONDAYS: On many Mondays throughout the year, the first class of the day begins at 8:10. This time allows faculty time to meet in curriculum clusters to develop common course objectives, pacing guides, implementation charts, common assessments of student learning, and other professional development. Students who arrive early to school will be supervised in the cafeteria or library until their teachers have their classrooms open.

STUDENT SERVICES: Student Services coordinates students' absences, tardies, and early dismissals. When a student is absent or tardy, he/she must report to Student Services and give the reason for being late or absent. A note from a parent or doctor is required. Any planned family vacation which requires a student to miss school, must be pre-approved. Parents should notify Student Services as early in the day as possible when a student is home due to illness. For further information, contact Mary Kivilaan at 472-4225.

SUPPLIES: Each teacher has his/her own required fees for supplies and materials specific to each content area and class. Students learn what fees and supplies are needed the first week of class. Fees for materials are paid in each individual class, rather than writing one check. The usual supplies of paper, pen, and pencil are needed for all classes.

VOLUNTEERING: Yes! Yes! Yes! Parents will find many opportunities to volunteer at BHS. Check with the PTO President at www.wcs.edu/bhs and link to *For Parents* or contact one of the Club Sponsors at www.wcs.edu/bhs and link to *School Information* then scroll down to *Extra-Curricular Activities* for ways you can make a difference.