

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

In early September, the 2018-2019 Baltimore County Public Schools calendar will be available to parents/guardians. This publication contains valuable information about the programs and services available to students in our system. In addition, the school system calendar is available on-line at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org).

## THE ADDRESS LABEL BUS STOPS

Student bus stop information has been sent via email. A list of stops will be posted on the website – [www.ridgelyms.bcps.org](http://www.ridgelyms.bcps.org). Check the time that your bus begins its run in the morning. Please be aware that the order of stops on the bus list is not necessarily the order of the bus run. **BE AT YOUR STOP EARLY** for the first week until the driver can give you a more exact time when he/she will be at your stop. Students may be assigned seats on the bus. If you have a problem with bus transportation, please call the school (410-887-7650) and speak to Mr. Rosati or e-mail him at [mrosati@bcps.org](mailto:mrosati@bcps.org).

## HOMEROOM

**Sixth Grade Students** – Locate your homeroom number on your mailing label. All homeroom numbers are printed on the mailing label on the front of your envelope. **BRING YOUR ENVELOPE WITH YOU on the Early Entry Day AND ON THE FIRST DAY.** Upon arrival on September 4th, sixth grade students will report directly to the library hallway until the 8:05 bell rings.

**Seventh & Eighth Grade Students** - On September 4th, seventh and eighth grade students will report to their homerooms when the 8:05 bell rings. All homeroom numbers are printed on the mailing label on the front of your envelope. After you have carefully checked your mailing label, please notify the guidance office of any errors or changes (410-887-7776).

## GYM UNIFORMS

Sixth grade students and new seventh and eighth grade entrants who have **not previously ordered a gym uniform may purchase one from their physical education teacher during the first week of school.** Returning seventh and eighth grade students who need to replace uniforms may do so during their gym class the first week of school. A combination lock must be purchased from the physical education department. Both the uniform and lock will be used for the next three years. For returning students, if you have misplaced any part of your gym uniform, those items may be purchased individually. Prices are as follows:

Gym Uniforms	
Shorts	\$10.50
Shirts	\$11.10 (youth)
Shirts	\$11.85 (adult)
Lock	\$5.00

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

In addition to the daily full breakfast, Grab-n-Go breakfast, and lunch menus, our cafeteria has a wide variety of entrees, side dishes, snacks, and beverages. Lunch for sixth grade is 10:55 a.m., seventh grade lunch is 11:45 a.m., and eighth grade lunch is 12:35 p.m. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:05 a.m. All students will receive a cafeteria "PIN" number. This number will access the student lunch account allowing them to make prepayments and to keep track of your child's lunch account. Questions may be directed to the cafeteria manager at 410-887-7653.

Breakfast	\$1.55
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$ .30
Lunch	\$3.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$ .40

## SCHEDULES

Schedules will be available to sixth grade students on the Early Entry Day, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Schedules for returning seventh and eighth grade students will be distributed on the first day of school. Please alert your child's counselor of any errors or changes. Mrs. Gagne'-Stacy – grade 8 counselor, Mrs. McShain – grade 6 counselor, and Mrs. Jahries – grade 7 counselor.

## LOCKERS

Sixth grade students will be assigned lockers for their personal belongings during the Early Entry Day or the first day of school. Seventh and eighth grade students will be assigned lockers for their personal belongings on the first day of school. Students must purchase a lock through the school for their hall locker and through the physical education

department for their gym locker. The cost of the lock will be \$5.00. Teachers and staff members will be available if students need assistance with their lockers. Gym lockers will be assigned in physical education classes.

#### **AGENDAS**

In an effort to provide students with the organizational and study skills needed for success at school and in the work place, we are requiring that ALL Ridgely students use a school agenda. The school agenda is a student planner customized for Ridgely Middle School. It includes:

- The Ridgely Middle School Handbook
- Curriculum reference material
- Study Tips
- Daily record of grades
- Daily record of homework assignments

The agenda will provide parents and teachers with a means for ongoing communication. Students will be required to have their agenda in school at ALL times. The agenda is provided to students free of charge. The replacement cost for lost agendas is \$8.00. Please see the guidance secretary with cash or check made payable to Ridgely Middle School. We thank you in advance for your support.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

We hope that you will be able to support our scheduled events that fund our student activities and organizations throughout the school year. At this time fundraisers are scheduled to run mid-September through the beginning of October. A second fundraiser is scheduled during the month of November. Additional details will be shared at the beginning of the school year.

Thank you for helping to ensure that our students have quality activities.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A list is available on our school website, [www.ridgelyms.bcps.org](http://www.ridgelyms.bcps.org). Paper copies are also available for pick up in the main office.

#### **DISHONORED CHECKS**

In accordance with Baltimore County Public Schools guidelines, issuers of dishonored checks presented to Baltimore County Public Schools will be given 10 days to submit full payment of the amount of the check plus actual bank charges incurred by BCPS by means of a money order, cashier's check, or cash. If this payment is not received by the end of 10 days, the issuer will need to submit full payment of the amount of the check plus \$35.00. If payment is not received at the end of the 20-day period, BCPS will turn over the dishonored check, and all other available information related to this check, to the State's Attorney for criminal prosecution. If the dishonored check is turned over to the State's Attorney for collection, schools will not accept restitution from the check issuer. The funds will be remitted to the school by the State's Attorney's Office.

#### **COPYING OF STUDENT FILES**

The fee is \$1.00 for the first 10 pages and then \$.10 per page after that.

#### **SCHOOL HOURS**

School officially begins at 8:15 am and ends at 2:50 pm. In the morning, students must wait outside until someone invites them into the building. Typically this occurs at 7:45 am. Depending upon the door that students enter, students will wait either in the front office lobby, cafeteria, cafeteria lobby, or library hallway (6<sup>th</sup> grade students), until they are dismissed at 8:05 am to go to their lockers and homeroom. Regardless of grade level, all students can participate in our breakfast program in the cafeteria. It is best to enter the building through one of the entrances nearest the cafeteria if breakfast will be purchased.