



Back to School Flyer



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website: <http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/blackmon>

July 31, 2020

Welcome Back to School! First Day of School: Monday, August 17

 **BRMS Parents, have you...**

- 1.) Completed Your Online Registration?
- 2.) Picked up a parent packet from the marked bin in front of the school or printed it at home?
<http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/blackmon/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2020/07/BRMS-Registration-Packet-20-21.pdf>
- 3.) Registered for a time to drop off the completed parent packet, pickup a Chromebook and textbooks?
<https://www.sigupgenius.com/qa/30404eabae2aabff2-brms>
- 4.) Purchased your BRMS Eagle Strong face covering? You can purchase them for only \$10 during your verification time slot. Please have exact change or make checks payable to BRMS.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 706-565-2998

Chromebook/Textbook Pickup Dates:
Monday, 8/10, Tuesday, 8/11, Wednesday, 8/12

Masks are Required

As we all know, masks are essential in preventing the spread of Covid-19. When we return to the building, all BRMS staff and students will be required to wear masks throughout the school day. Students may bring their own or purchase a "BRMS Eagle Strong" mask for \$10. We will be taking cash/checks (made out to BRMS) for the masks during verification. Please make sure to bring exact change if you choose to purchase.



Recommended Supply Lists

Suggested Virtual BRMS School Supply List for Online Students



- BRMS Chromebook computer, case, charger, and internet access
- A comfortable chair
- A separate workspace
- Earphones or earbuds
- Printer and/or printed documents if desired
- Traditional school supplies—(Binders, Folders, Paper, Pens, Highlighters, Pencils, Subject Dividers, Crayons, Markers, Index Cards, etc.)
- An online or paper calendar—(Student agendas will not be provided this year.)

Suggested Traditional BRMS School Supply List for In-Person Students

- BRMS Chromebook computer, case, and charger
- A face mask**
- Earphones or earbuds
- Hand sanitizer/wipes if possible
- Backpack (all types will be allowed as lockers will not be sold)
- An online or paper calendar—(Student agendas will not be provided this year.)
- Traditional school supplies—(Binders, Folders, Paper, Pens, Highlighters, Pencils, Subject Dividers, Crayons, Markers, Index Cards, etc.)
- Individual student water bottles. (Water fountains will not be utilized.) No glass water bottles are allowed, but others are welcomed.

**PLEASE NOTE: Despite Gov. Kemp's executive order that masks are not mandatory in the general climate of our state, MCSD is requiring that masks be worn while on school property.

Changes This Year

When school opens for face-to-face instruction, the following practices will be put in place:



- We encourage you to drive your students to school this year to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This will increase the time in our car rider line. Please be patient as we work together to protect the health of our students.
- Lockers will not be used this year except for students with specific medical needs.
- Water fountains will be closed. We encourage students to bring water bottles. No glass bottles permitted.
- Cafeteria meals will be in the to-go format where students can eat in classrooms and spread out from each other than in the cafeteria setting.
- Staggered release times for students to change classes.
- All students will receive assigned seats in classrooms and buses to allow for contact tracing if needed.
- Temperature checks will occur for all students/staff when arriving on our campus.

New Traffic Update

Please note:
Right turn only when exiting our campus during heavy traffic times.



Cafeteria Meal Payments

Payments for students' cafeteria meals will be done online this year; no money will be collected in person for school meals. Please click on the link below to access your student's cafeteria account:



<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

Welcome, New Staff Members

We extend a warm BRMS welcome to several new faculty members who are joining us this year. They are:



- Jeris Johnson—Reading
- Morgan Joiner—Special Education
- Michelle Fekete—Drama
- Dianne Carr—Science
- Tiffany Broda—DHH

Transportation Requests



The new deadline for transportation route completion is **September 1**. Please visit the MCSD website. Click on the **Families and Students** tab and then **Transportation Request**. Parents, you will receive an email when the request has been completed.



BRMS Student Agenda Handbooks

The BRMS 2020-2021 handbook will be online this year on our website. Our students will not receive student agendas as we work to remove items that could have germs. To access our student handbook, please click on the link on our school website.

Thank You, Ms. Rubio

We are so grateful for our guidance counselor, Ms. **Nina Rubio**, whose main concern is for the physical, social, and emotional well being of our students. Ms. Rubio will be doing daily lessons as well as character education with our students during our ILT time each day. If you have concerns, she can be reached at:
Rubio.Janina.M@muscogee.k12.ga.us



Meet Your Teachers

Parents and students are invited to click on the "About Us" tab of the BRMS website. Here you will find a picture and short introduction about each teacher at our school.



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Where the Pursuit of Learning is Boundless



2020-2021 BRMS VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE

8:20	9:00	News Clubs Organizations Support Groups	Optional
9:00	10:50	First Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
10:50	11:00	Break	10 minutes
11:00	1:20	Third Period*-	2 hours, 20 minutes
11:00	12:00	Third Period/Session 1	1 hour
12:00	12:30	Lunch Break	30 minutes
12:30	1:20	Third Period/Session 2	50 minutes
1:20	1:30	Break	10 minutes
1:30	3:20	Fifth Period*	1 hour, 50 minutes
3:20	3:50	ILT Guidance & Remediation Support Groups	30 minutes

*Monday/Wednesday	First, Third, Fifth Periods
*Tuesday/Thursday	Second, Fourth, Sixth Periods
*Friday	Rotating A/B Schedule

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@brmseagles



Clubs and Organizations



Clubs and organizations will not kick off until September. Look for information coming in August about your child getting involved.

Fall Sports

More information will be coming soon on fall sports.



Let's Have a Great Year!
We look forward to seeing you soon!



P-EBT FAQs
SCHOOL NUTRITION FACTS & FIGURES

PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) is partnering with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to provide food benefits to families with children who receive free and reduced lunch. The Family First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allows the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to facilitate the distribution of Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT).

For more information and updates about P-EBT in Georgia, visit: <https://dfcs.georgia.gov> or call 877-423-4746.

HOW DOES P-EBT WORK?

Families who currently receive SNAP need not apply for P-EBT benefits.

Eligible SNAP recipients will automatically receive additional P-EBT benefits loaded onto their existing EBT cards by mid-July if their child was enrolled in the National School Meal Program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Students who are eligible to receive free or reduced meals,

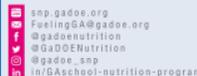
who do not currently receive SNAP as of June 2020 can apply for P-EBT benefits using an upcoming online portal. The application portal is currently being developed with an anticipated launch date of July 2020.

Once the application is available online, eligible families can use the student's Georgia Testing ID (GTID) number of each eligible child in their household to complete the application process. Parents who do not have their child's GTID may check their child's report card, other school-related materials or contact their local school district for this information.

Approved applicants will receive an EBT card within three (3) to four (4) weeks of approval. Families will receive information explaining card usage and activation procedures.

Families can use their pre-loaded EBT cards at approved EBT grocery retailers and outlets to purchase food items. P-EBT benefits are entirely federally funded at no cost to families participating in the program.

The temporary funding includes a one-time allotment of **\$256.50 per eligible child** and is intended to prevent food insecurity for families across Georgia.



Student & Community Engagement

Professional Development

Quality Meals

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Interested in Yearbook Staff?

Students who are interested in being a part of our Yearbook Staff can find the application on the BRMS website.



Please Join Our PTO



Although this school year most likely will look very different, we still are so thankful for our active PTO and all they do to make Blackmon great! Parents, please considering joining this important group. More details will follow.

Want to be in Fine Arts?

Students, if you are interested in being in one of our Fine Arts programs—

- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra



we will have forms available to request these classes when you come to Chromebook/textbook pickup.

Please note:

Schedule changes are only done due to academic misplacement or to add a fine arts course.