

Eagle Friday Flyer

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

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Verification &

Chromebook/Textbook Pickup Dates:

Monday, 8/10, Tuesday, 8/11, Wednesday, 8/12
Signup times are still available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4eabae2aabff2-brms>

Please note: Only one parent or student will be allowed to enter the gym. A mask is required, and a temperature check will occur prior to entering.

Eagle Strong Masks For Sale

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. Masks will be available for sale at Verification/Chromebook Pickup days. Please bring exact change or make checks payable to BRMS to purchase yours.



Parents, Need Help with the Virtual Classroom?

Parents, if you need help in understanding the technology associated with the virtual classroom, you can look at the following MCSD link for information on:

Zoom, Canvas, G-Suite, Infinite Campus, YouTube, Office 365, Chromebooks

<https://mcsd.instructure.com/courses/112074>



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.)

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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

STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Be at your Chromebook 5-10 minutes before each class starts. Go to **Canvas** to locate the Zoom link to join your teacher for each class. On Monday, this is:

8:50 Ready for your **first** period class
10:50 Ready for your **third** period class
1:20 Ready for your **fifth** period class
3:10 Ready for your **ILT** (Instructional Learning Time)

**More details will be given at Verification Day.

USA Test Prep Student Directions (ELA & Science)

Step 1: Go to www.usatestprep.com

Step 2: Click on Create Account

Step 3: Type activation code: **blackmon98**

Step 4: Type student activation code: **stu6526**

Step 5: Students will complete personal information

Step 6: PLEASE USE YOUR COMPUTER LOGIN AS YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD!!!!

Step 7: Click AGREE and Create Account

Cafeteria Meals Available

The BRMS Food/Nutrition program will provide breakfast and lunch to students in need during virtual instruction. Food pickup will be available at **any school feeding site** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 PM to 1:00 PM.



News from the Media Center

By logging into **Destiny**, students have access to all of our e-book and audiobook titles. They can also make book recommendations, write reviews, and place holds on books that they want but are already checked out. Students can also use the WebPath Express component of Destiny to do any required research. Through WebPath Express, students have access to thousands of educationally grade appropriate websites to support any research project.



To access Destiny, go to the BRMS webpage at:

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

From there, hover over the "Student Life" tab. A drop down menu will show up and you can click on "Media Center". Destiny links and Columbus Public Library links are on this page.

Athletics News



We still plan to have Middle School Athletics this year. The timetable to return is still under review. Return to play will not be until after we report to school, so there will be time to get out information to the students before any activity begins. If you plan to get your physical before coming back to school, you must use the physical forms that are available to you on the Blackmon Road Athletic website or the MCSD Athletic website. Please make a copy for each sport you are interested in. There is a suggested workout plan on the Blackmon Road Athletic website if you want to work on getting back in shape! Look forward to seeing you all soon!!

Coach Bray, Athletic Director/Head Football

Chromebook Login



Students, when you receive your Chromebooks, take them home and practice your login so you'll be prepared for the first day of school. Your login information is:

Username: GTID#@mcsdgas.com (found on schedule)
Password: mcXXXXXX (your birthdate)

Example: 1234567890@mcsdgas.com
mc081706

**You'll receive a handout with more instructions on Chromebook usage at verification day.



Tennis is Still Happening!

Our students will participate in MATCH League, but we are including information for 10U for any younger siblings as well.

From CORTA: *Because the public schools in Muscogee County are not allowing after school activities and who knows the future of other schools once school starts, CORTA has decided not to have SCHOOL TEAM TENNIS this fall. However, tennis WILL still take place.*

There will be a 10U MATCH League and MATCH League (12U, 14U, 18U). It is an all singles, gendered league. The players will go on CORTA website and register and they will be given a team number and sign up.

10U will play on Wednesdays and MATCH (12U, 14U, 18U) will play on Mondays.

** CORTA does have COVID accommodations in place at the courts. **

If a school has at least 4 players in a division, then that school can be represented in the school competition. Example: If BRMS has 4 boy players in 14UB, they are qualified to try to win the 14UB School MATCH Winner Award.

<https://corta.org/junior-leagues/>

Extra Textbooks



Students, if you have textbooks or library books at home from last year, please bring them with you to Verification Day. We still have several books missing.

Monday, August 17

First Day of
Virtual School
For Students!

See you online...



Also, once you're logged in to your Chromebook, many programs we use are found through **Clever**. To access these, just simply click on the icon app. Examples: Achieve 3000, IXL, Infinite Campus, Canvas, Zoom, etc.

Trouble logging in? Call **1-762-266-9752**



Partner In Education Spotlight: Wild Wing Café

We want to give a special **thank you** to our Partner in Education **Sanjay Choudhary** and **Wild Wing Café** for their continued support of our school.

We want to continue supporting our Partners in Education by visiting Wild Wing Café on Tuesday nights between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Mention BRMS on any to-go order or dine-in order, and our school will receive 10% of your total.



Help us hydrate our Eagles
Blackmon Road Middle School
will be accepting
BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS!


Monday August 10th-Wednesday August 12th.

If you would like to donate, please bring cases of bottled water to drop off during your verification time slot.

There will be a marked cart in front of the school for all donations.



Physical Space for Students...

<p>Consistent Workspace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a consistent space at home to work at • Keeping your workspace organized and decluttered will support productivity • Remove distractions to stay focused 	<p>Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure out what lighting works best for your space • Ample lighting can help reduce eye fatigue and headaches 	<p>Catch Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture questions that emerge in the middle of synchronous or asynchronous learning in one place • List on piece of paper, capture on a whiteboard, or use sticky notes to collect and return to these questions
<p>Supplies in Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect the materials you'll need for the day, including chargers for devices • Organize non-digital materials by class into bins, folders, or containers • Consider keeping a book on hand 	 <p>The logo features a stylized eagle head in profile, facing left, with a yellow beak and white feathers. The eagle is set against a dark red circular background. Below the eagle, the letters 'BRMS' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a dark red outline. Underneath 'BRMS', the words 'EAGLE STRONG' are written in a smaller, dark red, sans-serif font.</p>	<p>Inspiration + Motivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate the area around your workspace with inspiration and motivation • Positioning next to a window or using art/posters can personalize your area and make it more exciting to work at
<p>Keep Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a watch or clock can help to chunk the day into periods and support independent time management • Timers can help with work sprints and staying on task 	<p>Track Purposefully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the scale of what you want to keep track of: from small habit trackers to large learning goals • Creating a data wall at home can help connect lessons from day to day and make classes feel more sequential 	<p>Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a daily + weekly schedule can ease navigating the digital day • Capturing assignments and to-do's in a planner can help task management • Keep a calendar to zoom out of the day-to-day

Helping Your Child Learn at Home