



Greetings North Side Family,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I am looking forward to an exciting year of teaching and learning with all our “STAR” students and families. The last couple of years have been quite a challenge for various reasons, however we are thrilled about what is to come as we have fully returned to normalcy. Providing our scholars with a safe, equitable, learning environment remain the priority. We will work collaboratively with all stakeholders as we continue to bridge gaps for students academically, behaviorally, and social-emotionally. This year’s motto is: “We Shine Brighter Together”. We believe that everyone can shine, with effort and working to improve daily; school attendance daily is imperative to this growth. Let’s have an awesome school year as we strive to be an “A” rated school.

ADULTS

SUPERVISION: The school day is 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Per district policy, student supervision is only provided 30 minutes before and after school. Gates and doors will remain locked until breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. for students to prepare for class, and instruction will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are considered tardy and their attendance will be marked as such. Parents will not be allowed in the school during arrival or dismissal and must report to the office with questions or concerns.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL: Students arriving to school after 8:00a.m, must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent. Parents picking up students for early dismissal must do so **BEFORE 1:30p.m. (11:30a.m. on EARLY RELEASE DAYS).**

INDEPENDENCE DAY: The first day of school (8/21), parents of kindergarten students will be allowed to walk their students to class. Students arriving to campus after 8:00 AM will be escorted to class by an NSE staff member. Independence Day is Wednesday, August 23rd , all students will report to the cafeteria.

CAMPUS VISITS: Visitors must report to the front office and present photo identification when entering. NO access will be permitted, nor will students or information be released, without identification. ALL visitors must always wear school- issued visitors badges on the upper body in a visible location while on campus.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers for classrooms, school events or field trips **MUST BE CLEARED** in the electronic volunteer system prior to coming to school. All parents are encouraged to complete the application to volunteer NOW [Get Involved with BCPS / Overview \(browardschools.com\)](https://www.browardschools.com/get-involved-with-bcps/overview) to be cleared for events well in advance of volunteer opportunities. The clearance process can take up to three weeks, so applying early is important. Volunteers need to reapply for this clearance every



year. Anyone not cleared by the district system will NOT be allowed access to events or classrooms.

GATES: Perimeter gates will remain locked during the school day.

COMMUNICATION: Any changes in student information or dismissal MUST be communicated in WRITING. Change will not be accepted over the phone or from unauthorized persons.

TRAFFIC: Vehicular traffic MUST obey state and local regulations. Violations are subject to ticketing by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Violations include:

Cell phone use in school zones

Excessive speed

Disregarding traffic signs

Unauthorized parking on roadways, swales, and yards

Endangering pedestrians and bicyclists

DRILLS: Per state statutes, schools will conduct 1 fire drill per month and the lock down drills will be in (August, September, November, January, March, & April). Faculty and staff will be trained during preplanning week and as needed.

Students will be taught the proper procedures for all drills at the start of the year and be reminded monthly of expected behaviors.

STUDENTS

BADGES: Students will be issued student identification badges by the school to wear during school. Should you ever find one outside school property, please return it to our office immediately.

UNIFORMS: Students are expected to adhere to the district's Code of Conducts dress code, and specifically to our school's uniform requirements. Refer to the school website for details of the school uniform expectation.

Your Proud Principal,

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