



BATH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Mertz Career and Technical Center

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“The Best Small High School in Virginia”



Dear BCBS Parents/Guardians,

The summer is flying by and we have been busy at work here at BCBS preparing for the 2016-2017 school year. We pride ourselves on being “The Best Small High School in Virginia,” and that remains true. How do we keep this reputation alive? It’s very simple community support. There are many sacrifices we make when we live in a small town like living inches away from malls, fast food restaurants, and big name stores. Speaking from experience I don’t miss traffic, stop lights, worrying about my house being broken into, and never being able to see the stars. Bath County is rich in history, beautiful views, wonderful outdoor activities, and a place where you know your neighbors. The best part about living and working here is that we get to see stars every day and they aren’t just at night! BCBS and Mertz are lucky to have about 250 of those young people shining with potential. The sky isn’t the limit for them it’s a starting point in an unlimited universe of opportunities.

We are “The Best Small High School in Virginia,” not just because of our community and its members. The saying goes, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Our community is that village and this year we want to make it our mission to bring everyone together not just in times of need but every day. Your “stars” didn’t make it this far without you and we need to make sure through collaborative efforts that we continue to encourage student growth and achievement. I can’t tell a won’t lie, I miss a good Sonic Slushy from time to time, but walking into a classroom and having a student ask me to sit down and stay for a while, come to their ballgame, or take a selfie (which they know I hate) beats anything a city has to offer. I know and care for each and every one of your children and we look forward to you sharing them with Bath County High School and Mertz Career and Technical Center this year. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you soon!

Best Wishes,

Sarah A. Rowe

Principal, Bath County High School

Director, Mertz Career and Technical Center

BCHS Back to School Day! Tuesday, August 16th, 2016

All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Schedule:

8th grade Orientation: This will be a day filled with activities for students to get to know each other, their teachers, BCCHS, and Mertz. This event is very important to get the students ready for the first day of school. Students should arrive at BCCHS by 8:30AM and meet in the auditorium. A detailed letter of all activities will be sent by Ms. Clarry the BCCHS 8th and 9th grade counselor by the end of July.

Upper Classmen:

- 10:00AM – 12:00PM – 9th & 10th graders a
- 1:00PM - 3:00PM - 10th & 11th graders
- 3:00PM -5:00PM – 11th & 12th
- 5:00PM - 6:00PM. - Anyone not able to make it earlier in the day

All upperclassmen will report to the cafeteria to fill out all necessary paperwork, pay class dues, and satisfy any fees owed before receiving their schedules, locker assignments, or check out textbooks.

All checks should be written to BCCHS. Please be aware that multiple payments will be expected for fees, class dues, driving passes, etc. For bookkeeping purposes we cannot accept lump sum payments.

The building will close promptly at 6:00 PM

BCCHS Calendar Information:

- **First Pupil Day:** Wednesday, August 17, 2016
- **Expectation's Assembly:** Friday, August 19, 2016
- **Labor Day Holiday:** Monday, September 5, 2016
- **Homecoming:** Friday, September 16, 2016
- **Homecoming Dance:** Saturday, September 17, 2016
- **1st Nine Weeks Progress Reports:** Monday, September 19, 2016
- **Early Release:** Friday, September 23, 2016
- **Senior Assembly for Graduation:** Monday, October 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Junior Ring Ceremony:** Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (balances can be paid during lunch)

Important notes for 2016-2017:

Some things stay the same:

- Students will be provided slings again this year. We are changing the colors so each grade level is easier to identify and the same rules apply as last year. Replacement bags are \$5.00 and must be purchased from BCHS.
- Again we have two handbooks: The BCHS Student Handbook and a Required Notification Handbook.
- The attendance regulation for BCHS remains the same and will be closely monitored to ensure earlier intervention.
- The exam process has been formally added to the handbook but will remain the same as last year.

Some things change:

- Student driver information has changed from last year because of changes in state laws. Those students who wish to drive to school and to purchase a parking permit need to read the information sent home carefully.
- Virginia High School League Regulations (VHSL): The VHSL now requires all athletes to be in school for 4 consecutive periods. Students may only check out and back in with a valid note from a doctor, dentist, or the court. Failure to provide the proper documentation will result in the athlete being ineligible to participate in any practice or athletic contest that day.
- The Varsity Boys' locker room will be off limits during the school day. All male athletes will be assigned lockers in the regular P.E. locker room until the beginning of afternoon practices or games.

BCHS AND MERTZ CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

To help ensure a successful school year, ALL STUDENTS should have the following supplies. These are "Tools of the Trade" for academic success.

- 5 sets dividers w/tabs
- 1 zipper pouch
- Pencils
- Black or blue pens
- Filler paper (lined and graph)
- Folders with pockets
- 2 Composition books
- Page protectors
- Index cards (3"x 5")
- Report covers
- 16GB Flash Drive
- Highlighters
- 5- 1 inch binder
- 1- 3 inch binder

"Parents cannot leave a better legacy to the world than well-educated children."



Bath County Public Schools

Activity Bus Schedules

2016-2017

The activity bus will run on a special schedule beginning Thursday, July 28 through Friday, August 5, 2016. Please plan to be at the bus stop 10-15 minutes early the first few days. See bus schedule below for pick-up times.

Practices for the fall season begin as follows:

- Football: Thursday, July 28th
- Volleyball, Cheer, and Golf: Monday, August 1st
- Cross Country: Tuesday, August 9th

The following are the pick-up times for: July 28-29 (football only) and August 3-5, 2016 3pm to 9pm

Note: August 8 -16 buses will run 3pm to 6pm Monday -Friday

Bus #18: David Liptrap – Phone Number 839-5702 Bus #15: Sonny Clark – Phone Number 996-4117

Pick-Up Times	Pick-Up Times
1:30 PM	2:20 PM
Jason’s Pizza	Millboro Elementary
1:35 PM	2:30 PM
McGuffin Lane	Windy Cove Church
1:40 PM	2:40 PM
Warm Springs Market	Fairview Comm. Ctr
2:00 PM	2:50 PM
Cedar Creek Stop	Warm Springs Pools
2:10 PM	3:00 PM
Bacova Junction	BCHS
2:30 PM	
Carloover	
2:35 PM	
Valley Elementary	
3:00 PM	
BCHS	

The following are the pick-up times for: August 1st and 2nd 8am to 3pm

Bus #18: David Liptrap – Phone Number 839-5702 Bus #15: Sonny Clark – Phone Number 996-4117

Pick-Up Times	Pick-Up Times
6:30 AM	7:20 AM
Jason’s Pizza	Millboro Elementary
6:35 AM	7:30 AM
McGuffin Lane	Windy Cove Church
6:40 AM	7:40 AM
Warm Springs Market	Fairview Comm. Ctr
7:00 AM	7:50 AM
Cedar Creek Stop	Warm Springs Pools
7:10 AM	8:00 AM
Bacova Junction	BCHS
7:30 AM	
Carloover	
7:35 AM	
Valley Elementary	
8:00 AM	
BCHS	

Beginning August 17th the Activity Buses will only run Monday thru Thursday for the remainder of the school year. No Activity Buses will run on Fridays, however, coaches may schedule practices on Fridays and will communicate schedules to students and parents. Activity Buses will NOT run on early release days and pupil holidays. Please see the regular activity bus schedule below.

Bus #18: David Liptrap – Phone Number 839-5702	Bus #15: Sonny Clark – Phone Number 996-4117
Jason’s	Millboro Elem. School
McGuffin Lane	Windy Cove Church
Warm Springs Market	Fairview Community Center
Cedar Creek Stop	Warm Springs Pools
Bacova Junction	Bath County High School
Carloover	
Valley Elem. School	
Bath County High School	

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Office of the Superintendent
Warm Springs, VA 24484

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS*

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade Level: _____

Name of School: _____ Classroom: _____

Does the child have a disability? If yes, describe the major life activities affected by the disability.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the child have special nutritional or feeding needs? If YES , complete Part B of this form and have it signed by a licensed physician.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
If the child is not disabled, does the child have special nutritional or feeding needs? If Yes , complete Part B of this form and have it signed by a recognized medical authority.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
PART B		
List any dietary restrictions or special diet.		
List any allergies or food intolerances to avoid.		
List foods to be substituted. (May attach page if needed.)		
List foods that need the following change in texture. If all foods need to be prepared in this manner, indicate "All". Cut up or chopped into bite size pieces: Finely ground: Pureed:		
List any special equipment or utensils that are needed:		
Indicate any other comments about the child's eating or feeding patterns.		

Physician or Medical Authority's Signature

Date

***THIS STATEMENT MUST BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.**

Bath County High School

Athletic Yearly Pass Application

2016-17 School Year

This year we will be moving away from season passes and no longer issuing paper passes. Instead, when you sign up for a yearly pass your name will be added to a list that will be on file with all ticket takers. Please be prepared to show picture identification at all sporting events.

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Passes may be purchased under the following plans. In order to qualify for a family plan all members must live in the same household and family is defined as two(2) parents or legal guardian(s) and their children. Current BCHS students are free.

_____ Yearly Family Plan – COST: \$75.00

Names: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

_____ Adult Yearly Plan – The cost of this plan covers one (1) adult . COST: \$50.00

_____ Senior Citizen Plan – This is a onetime fee for persons over the age of 65. This will be considered a lifetime pass. COST: \$10.00

Total Payment Due: _____