



Blue Ridge High School

August 2010

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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you had a great summer and are ready for a successful and happy school year. I am excited about beginning another year at Blue Ridge High School.

Orientation will consist of two days: August 13 and August 15. See orientation schedule. During this event, students will receive schedules, pay fees and debts, receive locker assignments, pay for parking, etc. Yearbooks will be purchased directly from Jostens. See yearbook information. Athletic insurance must be paid directly to the coach. In addition, school insurance must be paid separately.

All students will report to homeroom on the first day of school, Monday, August 16, 2010, at 8:45 a.m. Please note that this will be a full day of attendance. Buses will be running and lunch will be served. Meal prices for 2010-11 school year are as follows:

Breakfast:

- Full paid student - \$1.00
- Reduced Student - \$.30

Lunch:

- Full Paid Student - \$2.00
- Reduced Student - \$.40

I am looking forward to the new school year and another opportunity to serve you and your child. Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes for a successful 2010 – 2011 school year.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

10th – 12th grade students:

Friday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Band members, cheerleaders, and athletes must report on this day.

9th graders:

Sunday, August 15 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Freshman Orientation in the Auditorium

2010-2011 BELL SCHEDULE

	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Elementary Schools	8:00 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Middle Schools	8:30 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
High Schools	8:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.



REMINDERS



- ♦ Privacy rights—parents have 15 days to refuse (in writing) to permit any information as directory information. Send this request to the guidance dept.
- ♦ Do not schedule trips or vacations for school days, exams or snow days. Students can miss no more than 5 days in a semester class or 3 days in a quarter course.
- ♦ Cruises, weddings, vacations, mission trips, etc. are not excused absences.
- ♦ No schedule changes will be made 1st or 2nd semester. The deadline was May 3.
- ♦ Be prepared to clear all debts before receiving schedules.
- ♦ Students registered for Driver's Education must prepay for this class in advance.
- ♦ "Alive at 25" course will be required to obtain a parking pass for the 2011-2012 school year.
- ♦ No parking permits will be issued to freshmen.
- ♦ All student health forms must be returned.
- ♦ Monitor absences very carefully. Contact the teacher with questions.
- ♦ Submit documentation for absences **within 3 days** of return to school.
- ♦ Early dismissals are between classes.
- ♦ No early dismissal by telephone, email, or fax.
- ♦ No early dismissals during exams.
- ♦ Students wanting their **final report card** will need to bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to their homeroom teacher in May 2011. Beginning the 2010-2011 school, additional printing of reports will cost a nominal fee.
- ♦ Class dues will be collected beginning this school year.
- ♦ Be positive and believe that it is going to be a great year: *"A Tiger's Path to Success begins with a Positive Attitude."*

NEW INFORMATION

- ♦ Car riders will be picked up in the front of the building **only**. The bus parking gates will be locked each day until 3:30 p.m. The bus parking lot is for teachers, buses, and students with early dismissals.
- ♦ Bus students will wait in the cafeteria until their bus arrives.
- ♦ The student parking lot will be a one way exit in the afternoon until 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ Class pictures will be taken August 25 and August 26. Make-up day for pictures will be September 8.

BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FEES 2010-2011

Academic Fees

Accounting	\$23.00	Foods & Nutrition 1	\$10.00
Anatomy/Physiology	\$17.00	Foods & Nutrition II	\$10.00
Arts I & II	\$20.00	Marine Science	\$10.00
Chemistry	\$10.00	Drivers Ed	To Be Det.
Ceramics	\$20.00	Parking Permits	\$25.00
Crafts	\$20.00	(1/2 year—Seniors)	\$15.00

Class Dues

Freshman	\$5.00
Sophomore	\$6.00
Junior	\$10.00
Senior	\$10.00

Class dues will be collected and used to pay for senior/graduation expenses: Timmons Arena, graduation programs, graduation tickets, security, and senior day activities (food, entertainment, etc.). Instead of a large sum being paid the student's senior year, fees have been split up yearly to assist parents and students with cost.

PTSA (PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION)

Please join PTSA. Joining PTSA is a very important way to support BRHS and all that PTSA represents. PTSA represents parents, teachers, and students as members of the oldest child advocacy group in the nation. Our goal is 100% membership for our school, but we need you to take action and join for each parent and child that is associated with BRHS. A membership application will be included with orientation materials. You may return this application to your student's homeroom teacher. Most importantly, mark your calendar for these important meetings at Blue Ridge High School:

September 27
January 24

Fall Open House
Spring Open House

PTSA Officers

President	Donna Morris
Vice President	Brian Thomas
Secretary	Teresa Bennett
Treasurer	Kim Coster



HEALTH ROOM POLICY CHANGES BEGINNING IN AUGUST, 2010

Due to changes in South Carolina Policies governing the administration of prescription medication we will no longer have a 10 day grace period before written physician authorization is required for all prescription medications.

- ♦ Parents are required to bring prescription medication to school and provide Form Med-1 before any prescription medication may be left at the school.
- ♦ If your child must self-administer medication at school Form Med-2 is required before medication is brought to school.
- ♦ A parent may provide written authorization for over-the-counter medication to be kept and administered in the Health Room using Form Med-3.
- ♦ All Health Services procedures and guidelines and these forms are available at <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/gcsd/depts/stuserv/health.asp>

BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY Saturday, September 25, 2010

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the SIC (School Improvement Council)

Who: BRHS alumni, students, parents, and siblings & community organizations, clubs, and associations

Purpose: To encourage unity and active community involvement for the Blue Ridge Community and to showcase the Blue Ridge High School students and school accomplishments.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Students will be assigned to counselors by grade level.

9 th grade	Patti Crenshaw	355-1818
10 th grade	Amy Reese	355-1815
11 th grade	Jessica Fevin	355-1813
12 th grade	Jessica Fevin (A-M)	355-1813
12 th grade	Amy Reese (N-Z)	355-1815
Guidance Clerk	Pamela Stokes	355-1804
Career Counselor	Derrick Wells (part-time)	355-1814

There will be no schedule changes. Parents and students were informed last year that May 3, 2010, was the deadline to make any schedule changes.

If a student has one of the following reasons with his/her schedule, then a request should be made in writing and submitted to guidance. Forms can be picked up in the guidance office. Schedule changes will not be made if one of these reasons does not affect your student's schedule.

1. You do not have 8 classes for the entire year. Seniors are the only grade level that can have late arrival or early dismissal.
2. Student needs a course for graduation/college and you will graduate this year.
3. Student completed a course assigned in summer school or credit recovery.
4. Student previously failed under this teacher and is requesting another one.
5. Student failed to meet prerequisites for a course.
6. There is a computer error where all of your academics are in one semester and all of your electives are in another semester.

If your schedule is wrong because of one of the above reasons, then a form must be completed and turned in to Guidance no later than Friday, August 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Students must remain on class rolls and will be expected to attend all classes on the current schedule until official approval and a new schedule from guidance is given to the student.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks will be purchased from Jostens, and the first order form should arrive to students' homes during the last week of September or the first week of October.

If you have digital photographs that you would like to share with the *El Dorado* staff for possible inclusion in this year's yearbook, please submit your photos to: www.images.jostens.com

Login id: 1174301

Password: tigers

Senior Ad information will be distributed during senior orientation. Senior Ads will be due to Mrs. Hendley by Wednesday, September 15, 2010.