



Blue Ridge High School

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BRIEF MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to a new school year. I hope this letter finds you and your family having a fantastic summer! I am excited about beginning another year at Blue Ridge High School.

Orientation will consist of two days: Friday, August 12 and Sunday, August 14. See orientation schedule.

During this event, students will have their student ID made, picture taken for the yearbook, receive schedules, pay 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. The athletic department is also introducing a new item for students. (See Athletic Ids)

All students will report to homeroom on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 17, 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 2011-12 school year are as follows:

Breakfast:

Full paid student - \$1.00

Reduced Student - \$.30

Adult - \$2.00

Lunch:

Full Paid Student - \$2.00

Reduced Student - \$.40

Adult - \$3.25

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 2011 – 2012 school year.

Warmest regards,

“The Blue Ridge Project, Giving Back”



“The Blue Ridge Project, Giving Back” CD Release Party was held on April 29, 2011 at Blue Ridge High School. I want to thank everyone that attended this wonderful event and also those that purchased a CD.

This event was held to help finance programs and activities at Blue Ridge High School. CD sales were \$5574.00. BRHS Corps of Cadets, FFA (Future Farmers of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), BRHS Academic Team, Athletics, and the Choral Department, to a name a few student organizations, will receive monies to enhance their programs.

CDs are on sale in the front office for \$10.00 each or \$12.00 each, if you want it mailed directly to you (see the order form on our website). The CD features all Blue Ridge High graduates including Aaron Tippin, Joe Bruce, Phil Lister, Mark Lister and Wanda Land. You may stop by the school between the hours of 7:30 am - 4:00 pm to purchase a CD. All proceeds from the sale of the CDs will benefit Blue Ridge High School.





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 quarter course.
- Mission trips, cruises, family vacations, weddings, family reunions, non Blue Ridge High School sponsored events, etc. **are not excused absences.**
- No schedule changes will be made 1st or 2nd semester. The deadline was April 29.
- Be prepared to clear all debts before receiving schedules.
- Students registered for Driver's Education must prepay for this class in advance.
- 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: 10:20, 11:55, or 2:15.
- No early dismissal by telephone, email, or fax.
- No early dismissals during exams.
- Pay class dues. See fees.
- 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 3:40 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.
- School IDs, Athletic IDs, and yearbook pictures will be taken at orientation. Make-up will be taken September 13, 2011.
- Prom is May 2012 at Fluor Daniel.
- Graduation rehearsal is May 23, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at Timmons Arena.
- Graduation is June 1, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at Timmons Arena.

BRHS 4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DAY

DATE: September 17, 2011

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

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

PURPOSE: An annual event sponsored by the SIC (School Improvement Council) to encourage unity and active involvement in the Blue Ridge community and to showcase Blue Ridge High School students' and school accomplishments.

OTHER: Volunteers needed. Call the school at 355-1800.

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 is enclosed. 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 26	Fall Open House
January 30	Spring Open House

PTSA Officers

President	Michelle Pcheny
Vice President	Susan Moon
Secretary	Teresa Bennett
Treasurer	Kim Coster

**Fees for 2011-2012**

Accounting- \$23.00
 Anatomy/Physiology- \$17.00
 Arts I & Arts II - \$20.00
 Chemistry- \$10.00
 Ceramics- \$25.00
 Crafts- \$25.00
 Foods & Nutrition I & II- \$10.00
 Marine Science- \$10.00
 Parking Permits- \$25.00
 1/2 Year Parking (Seniors) - \$15.00
 Drivers Ed -\$150.00
 Class Dues -Freshman \$5
 Sophomore \$6
 Junior \$10
 Senior \$10

Orientation**For Parents and Students****10th – 12th grade students:**

Friday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 **Band members, cheerleaders, and athletes must report on this day.

9th graders:

Sunday, August 14 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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 September 14, 2011 .



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 Fervin	355-1813
12 th grade	Jessica Fevrin (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 April 29, 2011, 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.

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 Tuesday August 23, at 3:45 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.



IDENTIFICATION BADGES

All Blue Ridge High School students will be required to wear ID badges during the 2011-2012 school year. The ID badges are a safety tool. Persons on campus need to be immediately identified. The ID badge must be worn around the neck with a break-away lanyard. If lost or damaged, see the guidance department for a replacement; the cost is \$5.

ATHLETIC ID BADGES

The Blue Ridge High School Athletic Department will be offering all BRHS students the opportunity to purchase an Athletic ID for the 2011-2012 school year. The cost of the ID will be \$40 if purchased at Orientation. After Orientation Athletic IDs may be purchased for \$45 and will be sold until September 9th 2011. The Athletic ID serves as the student's ID badge for school and allows him/her admittance into all BRHS home athletic events for the 2011-2012 school year. This does not include jamborees, scrimmages, tournaments, invitationals, or playoff games. Students would be required to pay for those type of events.

Listed below are estimated costs for student admittance to all BRHS athletic events for one year.

SPORT	COST PER GAME	# OF GAMES	TOTAL COST
Varsity Football	\$6.00	5	\$30.00
Cteam/JV Football	\$5.00	5	\$25.00
D team Football	\$3.00	4	\$12.00
Volleyball	\$5.00	6	\$30.00
Varsity Basketball	\$6.00	12	\$72.00
JV Basketball	\$5.00	10	\$50.00
Wrestling	\$5.00	1	\$5.00
Varsity /JV Baseball	\$5.00	8	\$40.00
Varsity/JV Softball	\$5.00	8	\$40.00
Track	\$5.00	1	\$5.00
Varsity/JV G Soccer	\$5.00	8	\$40.00
Varsity/JV B Soccer	\$5.00	8	\$40.00
Totals		84	\$389.00

As you can see, the purchase of an Athletic ID is an amazing deal.

As an incentive for our rising Seniors to purchase the Athletic ID, we will be setting up a small section of bleachers on the track during all Varsity Home football games. Only those Seniors that purchase the Athletic ID will be allowed to sit in these bleachers.

Once purchased, the Athletic ID comes with guidelines and regulations.

1. Lost, stolen, or damaged ID's will cost \$25 to replace.
2. Any student that allows someone else to use their Athletic ID to enter an athletic event will forfeit their ID and it will cost \$40 to replace.
3. You must present your Athletic ID at the gate/door to obtain admission to an athletic event. No ID. No admission. No exceptions.

Students that wish to purchase the Athletic ID for the 2011-2012 school year should complete the Athletic ID Form and bring it to Orientation along with \$40. The form will be available on the school's webpage.

READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE SIGNING

LOT & PERMIT # _____

Name of Driver _____

Driver's License Number _____

License Plate # _____

Insurance Company & Policy # _____

Vehicle Make _____

Model _____

Color _____

**PARKING PERMIT REGULATIONS
BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL 2011 – 2012**

1. **DRIVING TO SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.**
2. Parking tags cost \$25.00 for the entire year and \$15.00 for December graduates.
3. Parking tickets will be issued for violations stated in this contract. 1st Offense = Warning, 2nd Offense = \$10, 3rd Offense = \$25, 4th Offense = Car towed at owner's expense.
4. No one will be allowed to operate an automobile or motorbike on campus unless he/she has a valid Driver's License.
5. No one will be allowed to operate an automobile on campus between the hours of 7:45 am and 4:00 pm unless he/she has a parking tag issued by the administration of BRHS.
6. **ALL DRIVERS MUST MAINTAIN 5 MPH OR LESS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** Be aware of the speed limit on Pennington Road and Fews Chapel Road.
7. Reckless driving such as "spinning" wheels is not allowed in the parking lot.
8. All cars parked on school grounds during the day will display a current parking tag. Parking tags are to be displayed on the rear view mirror.
9. **Cars parked on campus without a valid parking tag will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.**
10. Students must park in the designated lot notated on their parking tag. Visitor and faculty/staff parking spaces are off limits.
11. Only seniors with late arrival or early dismissal may park in the bus lot. Spaces sold on a first come first serve basis.
12. If you park in bus lot, you must obtain and display the bus lot parking tag or the one day early dismissal pass from Mrs. Thornton.
13. All students must park within the parking space lines. **DO NOT USE MORE THAN ONE SPACE.** Do not park on the sidewalks or grass.
14. Handicap decals must be displayed on the rearview mirror or license plate at all times in order to park in the handicap spaces.
15. No loitering in parking lot upon arrival, whether inside or outside of car, will be allowed. Once students arrive at school, they must immediately park and enter the school. If students are found in parked cars, they will be disciplined for being in an unauthorized area.
16. No one will take another student from the campus in his/her car without parent/guardian authorization.
17. No one will go into the parking lot during the school day.
18. No one shall drive to Bonds, Fine Arts, etc. without first gaining permission from the administration at BRHS and from the administration of the center involved.
19. **Underclassmen (10th-11th grade) park on the right side of the parking lot and the seniors park on the left side.**
20. The student parking lot will be open at 7:45 am.
21. The gates to the student parking lot will be locked at 9:15 am.
22. The parking lot will be opened between 11:40 am – 12:35 pm in order for the career center students to arrive and leave.
23. **Students classified as 9th graders will not be issued a parking tag, regardless of age.**
24. Repeated violations of the above rules may result in suspension from school.
25. I have received a copy of the parking permit regulations. My parents and I have read the above rules and understand the consequences of not following them.

This document must be signed by all parties and returned to Officer Mathias in order for a student to receive a parking permit. Full payment must accompany this form in order to receive a parking permit.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

July 29, 2011

Dear BRHS Parents:

It's time to elect School Improvement Council parent representatives. The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee to a school's principal and faculty. The SIC serves as a liaison between the school and community. SIC brings together parents, educators, students, and community stakeholders to collaborate in the improvement of their local school. Input from SIC is used to make sound decisions in regards to school programs and other school related issues.

Under law, the council is required to consist of two parents elected by the parents of children enrolled at BRHS, two teachers elected by the faculty, other representatives of the community, and people appointed by the principal.

The elected member to the School Improvement Council serves a minimum term of two years. Parents of students elected in their last year of enrollment at BRHS may serve a term of only one year.

Please assist me first in nominating additional parents for the 11-12 SIC Committee by completing the form below and returning to the front office. All nominations are due by Friday, September 9th. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Reena Watson, Principal

1. I would like to nominate _____ (Parent) to serve on the School Improvement Council. I feel this parent would represent the parents of the community well.
2. I, _____ (please print), do not wish to be included on the ballot if I am nominated.

I hereby nominate myself to serve on the BRHS Improvement Council for two (2) years.

(Please print name and phone number.)