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Principal



BARNARD

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
& TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Cassandra Thomas
Assistant Principal

August 5, 2024

Dear Barnard Environmental Science and Technology School Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well and you are enjoying the summer! I am looking forward to all the great things that will happen this year! With clear communication and partnership we can make B.E.S.T school the *BEST* it can be to support all student students!

To help you begin planning and preparing for a successful **2025 - 2026** school year, I am sending this letter containing important dates and protocols.

School Vision: Barnard Environmental Science Magnet School is a dynamic and diverse science and technology-based learning community. Students are inspired and prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century through a robust academic program where collaboration, innovation, and critical thinking skills ensure that our students will be college and career ready.

First Days of School

K-8 Thursday, August 28th
PreK Tuesday, September 2nd

Orientation

Kindergarten – 8th Grade - Friday, August 22nd
Two 1-hour sessions: 10:00-11:00AM **or** 2:00-3:00PM
PreK- Friday, August 29th
Two 1-hour sessions: 10:00-11:00AM **or** 2:00-3:00PM

School Hours

- 9:00 – 3:30 (Regular School Days)
- 9:00 – 1:30 (Early Dismissal, ½ Days)



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Drop-Off/Pick-Up Policy ** new updates

Please do not drop off your child before 9:00 A.M. as we do not have staff available to supervise them before 9:00 AM. You may pick up students starting at **3:25 PM** at the designated school sites (see below) It is important that students are present for the entire academic day. However, in the instance that you need pick up your child early or change their dismissal; **any and all dismissal changes MUST be done before 2pm on our new QR Code form. For Safety reasons No students will be dismissed between 3:00 – 3:25.**

- **PreK3 and PreK4** - In Garden courtyard – next to shed
- **Kindergarten** - South Side along playground
- **Grades 1 and 2**- North Side next to Derby Ave (Old wooden doors)
- **Grades 3,4, 5 and 6** -Main Entrance * new*
- **Grades 7 and 8** - Front stairwell next to main doors

Transportation

All bus operations are handled by the Transportation Department (stops & schedules).

NHPS Transportation Department – (475) 220-1600

First Student Bus Service – (203) 772-0626

Nurse Practitioner

We have both a school nurse and a full time Pediatric Nurse Practitioner on site. This decreases the amount of time students miss school. **You are encouraged to sign your child up with the School-based Health Clinic for physicals, immunizations, and prescriptions for common illnesses.**

School Uniforms

As we continue to establish excellence as a school, uniforms play an important part in the process. **Green, white, blue top and kaki or jean bottoms** is our school uniform. Students are expected to wear school uniforms daily, any non-uniform/spirit days will be announced in advance. If you need support with this please contact the school. **NO short shorts/skirts and or ripped jeans will be permitted**, students will be asked to call home for change or disciplinary actions will follow.



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Cell Phones

Cellphones will not be permitted to be used during the school day. They will be put away in Yondr Pouches Grade 5-8 for the day for each child and accessed at the end of each day. Parents can contact the school with any messages, and students can get messages at the end of day. If your child is in Grades PreK-4th grade and brings a phone to school it **must** remain in their bookbag and put away all day. Disciplinary action will follow for any students found with a phone out during the school day. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen devices.

Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast is served daily from 9:00 – 9:25 a.m. at no cost to students. Only students arriving on a late bus will be given breakfast past this time. Lunch is served daily at no cost to students. A monthly menu is available on-line at www.nhps.net.

Communication

We have a brand new district wide APP for all communications. Be on the lookout for this!
We will still continue to use:

- Weekly Parent Link, Call/Text/Email Messages
- School Website
- School Facebook/Instagram
- Classroom Notices

If any of your demographic information changes regarding address, email and/or phone numbers, please notify the school immediately so that we can update your contact information and will be able to contact you regarding your child in case of an emergency. Keeping the office updated is vital to our home to school communication.



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In Closing

Some dates to note:

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) first meeting. **September 2nd at 7:00pm**, zoom link can be found on our school website.

Open House, come visit the classroom and get to know more about your students day and academics for the year, **September 17, 2025 4:30-6:30**

Fall Festival, Join us! Fall fun for all families, **October 24th 4-6pm**

It is our hope that receiving this information now will help you plan ahead so that we can work together to ensure a successful 2025 - 2026 school year! At the orientation session you will receive additional important information that will help you and your child be well prepared to meet the year with grace and great success!!

Looking to a great year!

Any questions call the school 475-220-3500

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General Supply List PreK- 4

- Headphones
- Pocket Folder
- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayons
- Pack of Pencils
- Glue Stick

General Supply List 5-8

- Headphones
- Pack of Pencils
- Pack of Pens
- Glue Stick
- Colored pencils

* Each teacher may request individual supplies for their classroom*



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