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Dear Parents and Guardians of BCHS Students:

It is truly an honor to start the 2023-24 school year as the new Superintendent of Beaverhead County High School. I am looking forward to working with all of you, and watching all of the great things that happen in the classroom and beyond! I hope that all of you had a chance to enjoy the summer and are excited for all of the opportunities that come with the start of a new year. Included in this letter are a number of dates and times and other information that will be important to know when starting the school year. If something is unclear, please call the high school office for more information. The phone number is 406-683-2361.

The first day of school for incoming freshmen is Friday, August 25, 2023 @ 8:10 AM. Upon arrival, students will receive their class schedule and will then report to the main building's auditorium where they will begin their orientation to BCHS. We will have staff members at the door passing out schedules, and helping direct and welcome all students to ensure everyone knows where they need to be. During the orientation process, all freshmen will get a tour of the school where they will get a chance to locate where each of their classes is located, and learn valuable information about a number of school programs, systems, policies and expectations that will help them find success at BCHS. A free hamburger lunch will be provided for all students at lunch time, and school will release and the buses will run at 2:30 PM. On Monday, August 28, all freshmen should report to their 1st period class at the start of the day.

The first day of school for all upperclassmen is Monday, August, 28, 2023 @ 8:10 AM. All upperclassmen will report to the main building's auditorium where they will be welcomed back to school by the administration. After the welcome message, students returning to BCHS will be released to the green gym to get their most updated 2023-24 class schedule before reporting to their 1st period class. Any new upperclassmen to BCHS, will meet with the high school counselor, Ms. Perisho, after the welcome message where they will receive their class schedule and participate in a school tour prior to reporting to their 1st period class.

On their first day of school, all students will receive a student planner that includes the student handbook. Inside the student handbook, students will find a variety of expectations and policies that pertain to the operation of the school. It will be important to review this handbook with your child. At the end of the handbook, on pages 57 & 58, you will find a parent/guardian and student signoff sheet that needs to be signed and returned to the high school office. Please have this turned in no later than Friday, September 8, 2023. This handbook does not include all of our expectations and policies, but you can find all of our Board policies on our school website by clicking on *Our District*, then clicking onto *School Board* where you will see a link to Beaverhead County HS Policy Manual. Our website is www.bchsmnt.com.

Beaverhead County High School uses Powerschool as a tool to help parents and students access student schedules, grades and attendance. For all of our returning students, you will be able to use the same username and password that you used last year to access this information. For all incoming freshmen and new students to BCHS, we will send a letter out the week of September 11 detailing the steps you will need to take to activate your account. The website that you will use to access Powerschool can be found at <https://bchsmtpowerschool.com>, and you can also access it from our school website. You can also download the Powerschool app from your phone's app store. As always, if you have questions or run into problems, please call the high school office for support.

Included with this letter is a copy of your child's class schedule, a copy of the 2023-2024 School Calendar and some important information from our transportation department. I have also included a review of the first week of school, a few deadlines and some general information about the year. I look forward to the excitement of the new year, and I thank you for your dedication to our District, our community and the students we serve. I hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and I wish you all a wonderful start to the school year! If you have any questions or concerns with any information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Megan Conrow, Superintendent/Principal
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Dates to Remember:

- Friday, August 25: 1st Day of School Freshmen Only (8:10 AM – 2:30 PM)
- Monday August 28: 1st Day of School for 10th – 12th Grades (8:10 AM – 3:30 PM) (Freshmen Report to 1st Period)
- Thursday, August 31-Monday, September 4: No School Labor Day
- Friday, September 8: Student Handbook Signoff Sheet Due in the High School Office
- Week of September 11: PowerSchool Letters will go out to Parents

Helpful Information and Reminders:

- Normal Monday-Thursday School Day: 8:10 AM – 3:30 PM (Buses run at 3:30 PM)
- Normal Friday School Day: 8:10 AM – 2:30 PM (Buses run at 2:30 PM)
- Please review the included school calendar and note any days our schedule or departure times change. Also note the six ½ days built into our school calendar for staff development. On these days, students will be released from school at 11:55 AM, but we will not run our bus routes until 3:30 PM, except on Nov. 8 and Feb 7. On these days the buses will run at 11:55 AM immediately following the early release. To help you better plan, I have highlighted these ½ days below and when the buses will run.
 - ♦ September 13: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 3:30 PM
 - ♦ November 8: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 11:55 AM
 - ♦ December 13: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 3:30 PM
 - ♦ February 7: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 11:55 AM
 - ♦ April 10: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 3:30 PM
 - ♦ May 8: School Release @ 11:55 AM → Buses Run @ 3:30 PM
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. School will release on these days at 2:30 PM and buses will run immediately following this release.
- Ms. Perisho, our school counselor, will be available August 15 and August 16 for any necessary schedule additions or changes. You can email her at cperisho@bchsmt.com, or call the high school office to set up an appointment. You can also stop into the office on those days and if she is free she can work with you at that time.