



## Bloom-Carroll High School

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Dear BCHS Students and Families,

Welcome Back! We are excited for the upcoming school year to engage with our students and families in the Bloom-Carroll High School experience. This promises to be a year filled with tremendous opportunities for all of our students!

We embark on this journey together a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and various extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams certain to encourage our students to be involved and stay connected!

As always, we would like to extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We value your involvement and support. Your active participation is key to the success of your student during his/her school years. All of our BCHS students and families, grade 9-12, are invited to our **Back to School Bulldog Kick Off/Open House** on Monday, August 23, from 5:30 - 7:00. Join us for a Meet and Greet with teachers and friends, Music, Free Food & Drinks, Student Schedule Pick up, Tours of the Building, Kona Ice, and much more as we celebrate the start to the new school year-see attached flyer.

The outstanding staff at BCHS is dedicated to preparing our students for life beyond High School and being College and/or Career ready. For the fourth year in a row, BCHS has been recognized as one of the ***Nation's and Ohio's best high schools awarded by U.S. News & World Report for 2021***. This is based on our state assessments, graduation rates and college-readiness index results. Congratulations to our BC students and all of those involved in the lives of those students.

We want to thank our maintenance staff for providing the students, staff and the community with a clean learning environment. With a continued focus on safe and healthy learning environments, we will again be asking everyone to vigilantly assess students for symptoms on a daily basis and practice effective personal hygiene to prevent the spread of disease. ***The use of facial coverings will be optional for all students, staff, and visitors for the 2021-2022 school year.***

On behalf of our staff, we want to thank you for your commitment to student success and invite you to our many BCHS events throughout the 2021--2022 school year. In order to achieve our shared goals, we have included several ways that family members of our school community can stay connected and work together with BCHS staff. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together and encourage you to contact us if or when the need arises.

Please make note of a few important dates listed below:

- *Monday, August 23-Back to School Bulldog Kickoff-Grades 9-12 - 5:30-7:00*
- *Monday, August 26- First day of School*
- *November 4 & 11 Parent-Teacher Conferences*



1. The **building doors open** at 7:05 am **and close** at 3:30 p.m. We ask that no student be dropped off before 7:05 am and that all who aren't working with a teacher, practicing with a sport or a club be off school grounds by 3:30 pm. First period bell rings at 7:30 with the school day concluding at 2:10.

2. All students will have **school fees**. Please be sure your student's schedule is finalized before paying your 2021-2022 school fees. Past year school fees may be paid now-Fee balances are a consideration when it's time for your student to graduate. You may check your student's balance on EZ pay (available through the BC website via Bulldog Portal, Parent Resources, EZ pay), or call the Guidance office at 614-834-6745.

3. All students who attend Bloom-Carroll Local School District are required to have up-to-date signatures in **Final Forms** on an annual basis. Please log into to your Final Forms account by navigating to [www.bloomcarroll.finalforms.com](http://www.bloomcarroll.finalforms.com) and sign the necessary forms.

4. BCHS students grades 9-12 will be issued a **Chromebook** for educational purposes for use in the classroom and at home. The Chromebooks will be treated like a textbook, and **all** students will be issued a device at the start of the '21-'22 school year. BCHS is excited about this **1:1 program** and the endless possibilities of teaching and learning in a connected world. We are thrilled to be able to provide this level of access in order to reliably integrate technology tools to facilitate quality learning experiences, allowing us to help engage students in critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

You can read the FAQ's and find information regarding the 1:1 program by visiting: <https://www.bloom-carroll.k12.oh.us/One-to-OneProgram.aspx>.

5. **Student grades** can be accessed by logging into **Progress Book**: <https://pa.metasolutions.net>. This is a valuable educational tool that helps increase communication between school and home.

If you have questions regarding Final Forms, Chromebooks or Progress Book, or if you need assistance, please contact Mark Thomas, Dir. of Tech., at 740-756-9798 or by email: [mark.thomas@bloomcarroll.org](mailto:mark.thomas@bloomcarroll.org).

6. **Schedule change policy**-Due to the commitments for staff assignments and the ordering of supplies and textbooks, student schedule changes will not be permitted except in unusual circumstances. Requests for schedule changes must go through the counselor(s) office. Acceptable reasons for changes are as follows: Correction of errors, Changes necessitated by failure, Teacher recommended subject level adjustments, Addition of a class (for a study hall the same period), Class size balancing. The following rules apply: No schedule change will become final until approved by a counselor, no year-long class may be dropped after the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> school day of the first nine-week grading period, nor semester class after the 5<sup>th</sup> school day, without receiving zeroes (0's) for the remainder of the course (exceptions may be made after a conference among student, parent, principal, counselor and teacher). Parent approval is required for all major changes and may be required at the counselor's discretion, Students must follow their schedule until all paperwork requirements have been completed

7. **Grade Cards** will be distributed to students on Nov. 4, Jan. 20, Mar. 31, June 10(Mailed)

8. **Follow BCHS:**

Website: [http://www.bloomcarroll.org/highschool\\_home.aspx](http://www.bloomcarroll.org/highschool_home.aspx)  
Twitter: [@bchs\\_office](https://twitter.com/bchs_office)  
Instagram: [bchs\\_office](https://www.instagram.com/bchs_office)  
YouTube: [Bloom Carroll High School](https://www.youtube.com/BloomCarrollHighSchool)  
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**Go Bulldogs!**

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