



BARNWELL ELEMENTARY

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Back to School Update #3

August 5, 2021

Dear Barnwell Families,

I'm excited to see all of our students and families tomorrow at Open House from 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. If you cannot make it to our F2F Open House, please reach out to your teacher to and make plans to attend the Virtual Open House from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM.

This is our 3rd back to school update. Next week we will resume our weekly Principal Newsletter on Thursday afternoons. I hope you take a few minutes each week to read these, as they are the best way to stay informed throughout the year. I encourage you to also bookmark our [Barnwell website](#), and once school starts to partner with your child's teacher (email, website, agenda).

UPDATES

- **COVID numbers:** Currently Johns Creek has a Covid Incidence rate of 98, putting us just shy of the 100 Incidence rate where masks become mandatory for all students and staff. Click [here](#) to visit the Fulton County Covid website or [click here](#) to access the latest Epidemiology Report listing all the municipality Incidence rates.

As the Covid numbers continue to increase it is important to remember that the Epidemiology Report is a lagging indicator, **therefore we will most assuredly be under a mask mandate once the next Epidemiology Report is released on Tuesday (8/10)**. As shared previously, Fulton County uses these reports to make a determination if a mask mandate is mandatory. Any municipality with an Incidence Rate of 100 or higher stipulates a mask mandate beginning 24 hours after the determination is made. **For us, this most likely means that beginning on Thursday, August 11th all students in Johns Creek will be required to wear masks to school.**

- **Open House:**
 - **Masks:** While masks are not mandatory based on our current Incidence Report, I urge all parents and students to wear a mask to Open House tomorrow.
 - **Teacher Assignments:** Classroom teachers emailed all parents earlier this week with homeroom assignments and a link to their Virtual Open House. If you have not received an email from your child's teacher, please reach out to us ASAP so we can get you that information. We have found that gmail accounts often send our emails to junk/spam folders so check those first then email me at neuhausm@fultonschools.org or Mrs. Weaver at weavers@fultonschools.org.
 - **Parking:** Park in the front or side parking lots. Spaces are limited; please car pool when possible.

- **Entrances:** When possible, all PreK-2nd grade parents should use the car pool side entrance while all 3rd – 5th parents use the front entrances.
- **Hours: F2F** is from 8:30 – 10:30 AM. **Virtual** is from 12:00 – 12:30 PM. *Please do not attend both, and keep your visit as short as possible!*
- **Cafeteria:** Visit here for after-school information, to meet/learn more about our PTO or register for a new car rider number.
- **Great Harvest:** Look for the [Great Harvest](#) tent in our bus lane if you'd like to purchase a variety of specialty whole-grain breads, sweet treats, cinnamon rolls, and muffins on your way in/out of Barnwell.

REMINDERS

- **Support our PTO!:** Click [here](#) to see the many ways our PTO supports all our students and teachers, then click [here](#) to join our PTO in helping make this year our best year ever! 100% of your donation benefits Barnwell students and staff and is tax-deductible. If you do not have a login, contact Michelle Erste at michelle.erste@gmail.com. Have questions about the Bear Campaign or want to become a business partner? Contact Lissa Webber, VP of Fundraising at lissa.webber@gmail.com.
- **Car Pool:** Only PM car riders need a number. All returning students will reuse last year's car pool number. New families can register in our cafeteria during Open House. Our morning car pool is open from **7:10 – 7:35** each morning (we will extend car pool to 7:40 the first week). Parents arriving after 7:35 will need to park and walk their child to the front office, checking him/her in as tardy (after 7:40). If you didn't get a car rider # at Open House and need one, please reach out to Susan Agerton at agertons@fultonschools.org.
- **Bus Rider Information:** Bus stop location and time can be found [here](#) or on our county Transportation Website (<https://www.fultonschools.org/transportation>).
- **Visitors/Volunteers:** In order to minimize outside exposure during the school day for our students, **parents will not be able to visit classrooms/instructional spaces between 7:10 and 2:40 once school starts on August 9th**. Only pre-arranged visitors/volunteers will be permitted into areas without students during the school day for the first nine weeks of school. We will revisit this policy at the end of the first nine weeks and make adjustments as warranted.

All potential volunteers must complete the volunteer protocol online prior to volunteering (<https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer>). Please reach out to me directly (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) to pre-arrange a visit or to volunteer.

- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal:** Our Parent Portal in Infinite Campus allows you to access your child's grades, attendance, and schedule. Visit our county's [Infinite Campus website](#) for more information on our Student Information system with step-by-step guides to accessing your account.
 - If you signed up last year you will use the same credentials to login (*no need to sign up again*).
 - For new families that haven't yet signed up, click [Infinite Campus Sign-Up](#) and enter your email address to receive parent portal activation information.
 - To verify your identity, you will be asked to provide student's name as entered on birth certificate, birthdate, and student ID number.

- Email Cattanach@fultonschools.org if you do not know your child's student ID number or need assistance with accessing Infinite Campus.
- **Admin Team:** Throughout the year, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher with any classroom questions or to our Administrative Team with any school-wide questions:
 - Martin Neuhaus, Principal – Neuhausm@fultonschools.org
 - Renee Morris, Assistant Principal – MorrisRA@fultonschools.org
 - Samantha Weaver, Curriculum Support Teacher – WeaverS@fultonschools.org
 - Savannah Wilkerson, School Counselor – WilkersonSJ@fultonschools.org
 - Eden Griffin, Instructional Support Teacher – GriffinE1@fultonschools.org

I look forward to seeing you at Open House tomorrow! As always, please feel free to reach out to me (neuhausm@fultonschools.org) with any questions or concerns.

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