

BTCS NEWS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

#BTCSignite

Summer 2022



Welcome BTCS Students & Families

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! As a BTCS parent, teacher, administrator, and now as director, there is nothing quite like the anticipation and excitement of the first day of school! Catching up with friends, meeting new teachers, and for some, beginning their journey at a new school. I love sharing the wonder of that first day with students, staff, and families!

When we excitedly welcomed staff back earlier this week, we shared our new theme for this school year: #BTCSignite. The word "ignite" means to "catch fire or cause to catch fire." The fire we seek to ignite in ourselves, students, and others will bring renewal and light to the darkness of the past two years.

I hope you will find inspiration in the [video](#) we shared with staff this week. While the pandemic has presented challenges, we have overcome! Thank you for whatever role you played! On Monday, August 1, we will welcome students back into our classrooms with an opportunity for a new beginning and a renewed passion for learning! I invite you to join us as we light the way brighter than ever to ensure their success. In fact, I invite you to IGNITE! #BTCSignite



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Dates to Remember

Aug 1	First Day of School Elementary (8:10-10:10) TMS/THS (7:30-9:30)
August 2	Teacher Work Day
August 3	Regular Schedule
September 5	Labor Day School Closed
September 6	Flexible Learning Day

Download the
2022-2023
School Calendar



GRADING SCALE

2-12

A

90-100

C

70-79

B

80-89

D

60-69

School Supply Lists

Supply lists for
elementary schools and
Tennessee Middle School

School Meals

Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch Now!

The federal waivers which have allowed all students to eat free since March 2020 will no longer be in effect for the 2022-2023 school year. School meal service will resume operating as it did prior to the pandemic. For students to receive free or reduced prices on school meals, they will need to have an approved application on file. Applications are available at the BTCS Administration Building and at each school. BTCS encourages all families to complete a meal benefits application. You can also apply online at [Departments>Nutrition>Apply for Free and Reduced Meals](#).

School nutrition provides a variety of healthy and appetizing food options daily. Menus are available via Nutrislice, which is accessible via a mobile app or on the district website. Parents can view and print menus, access nutritional information and allergens, and more. Download the Nutrislice app from the App Store or Google Play.

Visit our website for 22-23 **COVID-19 Protocols and Testing Information**

New Grading Scale

Grades 2-12

Due to a recent change to state legislation, the grading scale for grades 2-12 has been updated to a 10-point scale beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Read more.



Due to the rising cost of food and supply chain issues, meal prices will increase for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the first price increase in six years. Meal prices will be as follows:

22-23 MEAL PRICES	Elementary	Middle	High
Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.25
Lunch	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$3.00

Free and reduced meal applications are available at your child's school or at the BTCS Administration Building at 615 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., or apply online at [Departments>Nutrition>Apply for Free and Reduced Meals](#).

Returning Student Information Update

Parents and guardians of all BTCS students must complete the Returning Student Information Update online form each school year. A parent/guardian of each student should have received an email and a letter the week of July 18 with the information needed to complete the process.

It is critical that all BTCS parents/guardians complete this process to ensure your child's school has updated contact information for you in case of emergency and any relevant medical information we need regarding your child. The Returning Student Information Update also includes information we are required to maintain by the state and federal government for EVERY student. It replaces many of the paper forms which were once sent home at the beginning of the school year.

Please note that students in grades 4-12 will not be issued a laptop until the online registration process is complete. In addition to verifying and updating your child's information, you will watch a brief training video and pay (or select a payment method for) the \$50 technology fee. Any technology fines must be paid in full prior to a student being issued a laptop.

Elementary and middle school parents can also pay their school's activity fee online this year. You will be asked about doing so towards the end of the process. Although not required, these fees are necessary to enhance students' learning experiences.

Parents will use the PowerSchool Parent Portal (not the student account) to access the Returning Student Information Update form. [Complete the Returning Student Information Update now.](#)

New Parent Notification System

Good news! We have a new parent notification system: SwiftK12. If you have completed the Returning Student Information Update this year, you were given the opportunity to list two phone numbers and two email addresses to receive calls, texts, and emails from the district and your child's school.

SwiftK12 is integrated with the existing PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you log in to the Parent Portal, you will now see a new link called SwiftReach SwiftK12 on the top left navigation pane under Alerting. After clicking the link, you will be able to view recent messages sent by the school or district, review contact information, and set alert preferences. Please visit the [SwiftK12 information page](#) of our website for additional information about the new notification system.

Be sure to complete the Returning Student Information Update so we know how to contact you!



PowerSchool Parent Portal

Alerting



SwiftReach
SwiftK12

- View Recent Messages
- Review Contact Information
- Set Alert Preferences