

# **WELCOME BACK BRIGGS HIGH SCHOOL!**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year and we look forward to working with your child! In this newsletter you will find information to help prepare your child for the beginning of school which starts on Thursday, August 23rd.

We are happy to share that in the past year we saw gains in 5 out of 7 tested areas with our English 1 scores increasing almost 20%. Our 9th grade on-time matriculation rate (moving on to 10th grade) also improved which strongly correlates with students' graduation success. Our graduation rate (which includes our August graduates) may be the highest we've had in the past 5 years once students complete summer school.

While all of this is important, I consider our ability to support our students' social-emotional needs as one of our greatest accomplishments. This year will once again partner with Nationwide Hospital to do the Signs of Suicide program (SOS) as well as have a full-time mental health specialist on staff. We will also continue our FOCUS program where students get to work with a caring adult each day to receive supplemental support both academically and socio-emotionally.

We will also continue to celebrate our students' growth and success through the Bruin STRONG program which recognizes students for Supporting One Another, for being Trustworthy, Respectful, Open-Minded, for Never Giving Up, and for being Growth Minded. Last year we were able to culminate our celebrations in a matriculation field trip and pizza party for each grade level at the end of the year and we hope to do so again this year.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve our Briggs community. I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming school events.

Sincerely,

Principal Tonya Milligan

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT BRIGGS**

**AUGUST 9TH  
6:30-8:00PM  
Credentialing Pathway  
meeting for graduation  
(Junior and senior par-  
ents)**

**AUGUST 13TH  
6:30-7:30PM  
Mandatory Senior Parent  
Meeting  
AND  
9th Grade Orientation  
& Schedule pickup**

**AUGUST 23RD  
First day of school for all  
students! Breakfast  
7:00am (free breakfast and  
lunch all year for all CCS  
students). Homeroom 7:25.**

**SEPTEMBER 7TH  
Football home opener vs.  
Franklin Heights**

**SEPTEMBER 19TH  
6:30-8:00PM  
Briggs Open House**

BRIGGS HIGH SCHOOL ~ 2555 BRIGGS RD. ~ 614-365-5915

Website: [www.ccsbh.us/BriggsHS](http://www.ccsbh.us/BriggsHS)

Fax: 614-365-5915

## Student Dress Code

As you gather school clothes for your student please be mindful of our Briggs dress code policy which aligns with the CCS dress code.

- No bare midriffs, tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter tops and/or any strapless top or dress which reveals the midriff or breasts.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, slippers/bedroom shoes and beach shoes, are not permitted. All shoes must have a back.
- No sleepwear / No Gang related apparel is permitted
- Hoodies and hats are not to be worn inside the building.
- Shorts and skirts should be long enough so that when the arm is completely extended the hem reaches past the student's fingertips (even with legging on underneath).
- **Leggings are NOT to be worn as pants.** Tight tube dresses and bandage skirts are not permitted.
- No sagging pants, pants with chains or spikes on belts or spikes worn as jewelry
- Ripped pants/shorts or shirts with the sleeves cut off are never appropriate for school.

Students who come to school out of dress code are sent to our Student Support Center to contact home for clothing that is in compliance with the dress code and will remain there until this clothing is received.

## Vaccine Requirement for Students Entering 12th Grade

Ohio Law (ORC 3313.671) requires that all 12th grade students have **two doses of the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)**. However, if the first dose was given on or after your child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, a second dose is not required. Meningococcal vaccine helps protect against meningitis, a deadly infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord.

Students will need to take care of this requirement over the summer and present proof of the vaccine at the start of the school year. You may have your child vaccinated by your own healthcare provider or vaccines can be given at the Columbus Health Department located at 240 Parsons Avenue. Please plan on providing your school nurse with a copy of your child's updated vaccine record at the start of the school year. **12th grade students who have not met the meningococcal vaccine requirements will be excluded from school in September 2018.**

## School Supplies

The Columbus City Schools has partnered with NBC4 for the Stuff The Backpack donation drive. The goal of this drive is to provide every CCS student with a free backpack filled with school supplies on the first day of school. This wonderful community event will provide students with items such as paper, pens/pencils, notebooks, etc. While the exact contents of backpacks have not been shared yet please know that any school supplies you provide will be supplemented by this collaborative effort.

## Athletics

The Briggs football, boys & girls soccer, girls volleyball, boys & girls cross country, and boys golf have all started their practices. If your student wants to participate please go to the Athletics tab on our website for information or call the our Athletic Director Doug Jones at 614-365-8279.

## Names to Know at Briggs

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| 🐾 Tonya Milligan, Head Principal             | 🐾 Jessie Bellar, Main Office Secretary           |
| 🐾 Stanley Treece, Safety and Security        | 🐾 Frank Martin, School Resource Office           |
| 🐾 Keith Patterson, Head Custodian            | 🐾 Cathy Jones, Food Services Manager             |
| 🐾 John Kuijper, 9th Grade Administrator      | 🐾 Annie Schwab, 9th Grade Counselor              |
| 🐾 Pam Smith, 10th Grade Administrator        | 🐾 Marie Fiascunari, 10th Grade Counselor         |
| 🐾 Tom Higgins, 11th/12th Grade Administrator | 🐾 Natalie Billingsley, 11th/12th Grade Counselor |
|  | 🐾 Marcy Heyman, 11th/12th Grade Counselor        |

## Additional Information

- 🐾 Contact the CCS Transportation Office at 614-365-5074 for information regarding student busing.
- 🐾 Emergency Medical Cards will be handed out the first week of school. Please return these ASAP.