

**BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
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July 24, 2017

Dear Brashier Parents and Students,

It is about time to crank up another year at Brashier. I am so excited to start a new year. You will notice some changes around the school with new staff faces. Mrs. Nancy DeYoung has moved into a new Assistant Principal position working with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades this year. This will give us an opportunity to have a clearer focus on our "Division 1" students while Mrs. Freeman focuses on the "Division 2" 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Matching this change will be a change in both guidance offices. Ms. Barbara Dansby will be our new 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. She has 28 years of experience in education with most of it as a guidance counselor. Mrs. Natascha Greene will serve as our Director of Guidance and work with the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. She has over 10 years of experience with the past several as the Director of Guidance at Woodmont High School. Joining these new faces is Mrs. Amanda Kraft in the Receptionist position. Her experience will allow us to add consistency and an additional level of safety at the front door. In the classroom, Ms. Olivia Forrester joins us in 9<sup>th</sup> grade science. She is a 2010 graduate of Brashier and will bring a fresh vision of the history of the school. Mrs. Nita Lyda will be moving out of the English classroom and into our Instructional Coach position working with the faculty to research and implement new strategies and develop opportunities for technology in the classroom. Mrs. Leigh Berman is joining us from St. Joseph's to teach English 3 and Journalism. She brings a lot of experience and creativity to our school.

I love the energy and excitement our staff brings to each year. This year, I am very excited about the opportunities we will have to support our students with a focused counselor and administrator at each level. This focus will hopefully allow us to continue to improve the personalization and collaboration around which the school was built.

On July 1, we moved our charter from Greenville County Schools into the SC Public Charter School District. This is a statewide district established for charter schools. The biggest difference current students and parents will notice is access to the Parent Portal. Your Greenville County login will no longer work. We will receive a login to the SCPCSD account instead. So those of us with students in a Greenville County school will have two login/passwords at this point.

Schedule pick-up will be at school on August 11. Freshmen can come from 8:30 until 10:30, sophomores from 10:30 until 12:30, and lastly, juniors and seniors from 1:00 to 3:00. During this time students will get their schedule, their locker number and combination, and have the opportunity purchase PE uniforms (freshmen), \$20 lunch cards, and parking stickers (\$25). Underclassmen (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) will also have an opportunity to have their yearbook picture taken wearing a colored polo of their choice. (Make-up pictures later in the school year will be made only in black polos.) To save time, textbooks will be distributed during the first two days of school and other fees, such as art and science fees, will be paid directly to the teachers.

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We will be selling our new Brashier T-Shirts and senior class t-shirts if you would like something new for your wardrobe. This is a great chance for 9<sup>th</sup> graders to purchase a t-shirt to wear on Fridays. We will also have members of the FRC Flash 1319 robotics team here for you to visit if you are interested in participating this year.

Senior Portraits are well underway, as we have completed about fifty percent of those. Any senior who has not already had their senior portrait taken will be scheduled on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, in the front commons of BMC. A link to the time schedule for that day will be posted on the BMC website no later than Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to come during your scheduled time slot. However, if you are not able to come during your specific time slot, please come anytime between the first scheduled appointment and the last scheduled appointment and we will work you in. There will be only one additional opportunity to have senior portraits made for the yearbook after August 4<sup>th</sup>, but there will not be as many options available to you on that date, as it will be an abbreviated session.

Finally, we will be in school for the eclipse. We have purchased a set of glasses for each student to use and plan to go to the field to view it. The “main event” should be close to dismissal, and you can join us, but bring your own glasses for safety.

Other items:

- Senior Project information is already on our website as “Junior Information” under the Senior Project tab.
- A supply list will be posted no later than August 1 on the front page of our website.
- Sign up for **BMC class reminders** via the REMIND texts. Text your class code below to the number 81010 from your cell phone.
  - Class of 2018: @18bmcnote
  - Class of 2019: @19bmcnote
  - Class of 2020: @20bmcnote
  - Class of 2021: @21bmcnote

The 2017-18 calendar dates are on the next page for you to keep as a reference at home.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the year. I hope you and your student are as well. Enjoy the rest of your summer break!

All the Best,

Mike Sinclair

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## 2017-2018 Academic Calendar

Wednesday, August 9	First Day for Teachers
Monday, August 14	First Day for Students
Monday, August 21	GTC classes begin
Monday, September 4	Labor Day-Holiday
Friday, September 15	Q1 Progress Reports
Monday, October 16	End of Q1
Thursday, October 19	Half day for Students/Student conferences
Friday, October 20	Teacher Workday and Student Conference Day
Monday – Tues, Oct 23-24	GTC Fall Break, No College Classes
Friday, November 17	Q2 Progress Reports
Wed-Fri, November 22-24	Holidays-Thanksgiving
Tues-Mon, December 5-11	GTC Exams
Fri, Mon-Wed, Dec 15, 18-20	High school Exams
December 21 – January 3	Winter Holidays
Wednesday, January 3	Teacher Workday
Thursday, January 4	Students return
Friday, January 5	End of Q2
Monday, January 8	GTC Classes begin
Monday, January 15	Holiday-MLK Birthday
Friday, February 9	Q3 Progress Reports
Monday, February 19	BMC Holiday, college classes in session
Tuesday, March 13	End of Q3
Friday, March 16	Teacher Workday/Student Conferences
Monday, March 19	Snow Day #1
Friday, March 30	Snow Day #2
Mon-Fri, April 2-6	Spring Break
Tues-Mon, April 24-30	GTC Exams
Thursday, April 26	Q4 Progress Reports
Friday, April 27	Teacher Workday
Friday, May 4	Snow Day #3
Wednesday, May 23-25, 29-30	High School Final Exams
Monday, May 28	Holiday, Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30	End of Q4
Friday, June 1	Last Teacher Workday