

Welcome to Beechwood High School!



7th Grade Orientation
2026-2027 School Year

Administration



Jessica Pass
Principal



Ashley Ritchie
Assistant Principal

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The **B**eechwood Way

We design teaching and learning focused on students.

We build resilient learners and leaders who are fearless in the pursuit of excellence.

We are a uniquely intimate community developing globally competitive students.

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We are Learners

We are fearless.

We pursue excellence.

We are resilient.

We reflect and grow.

We are Leaders

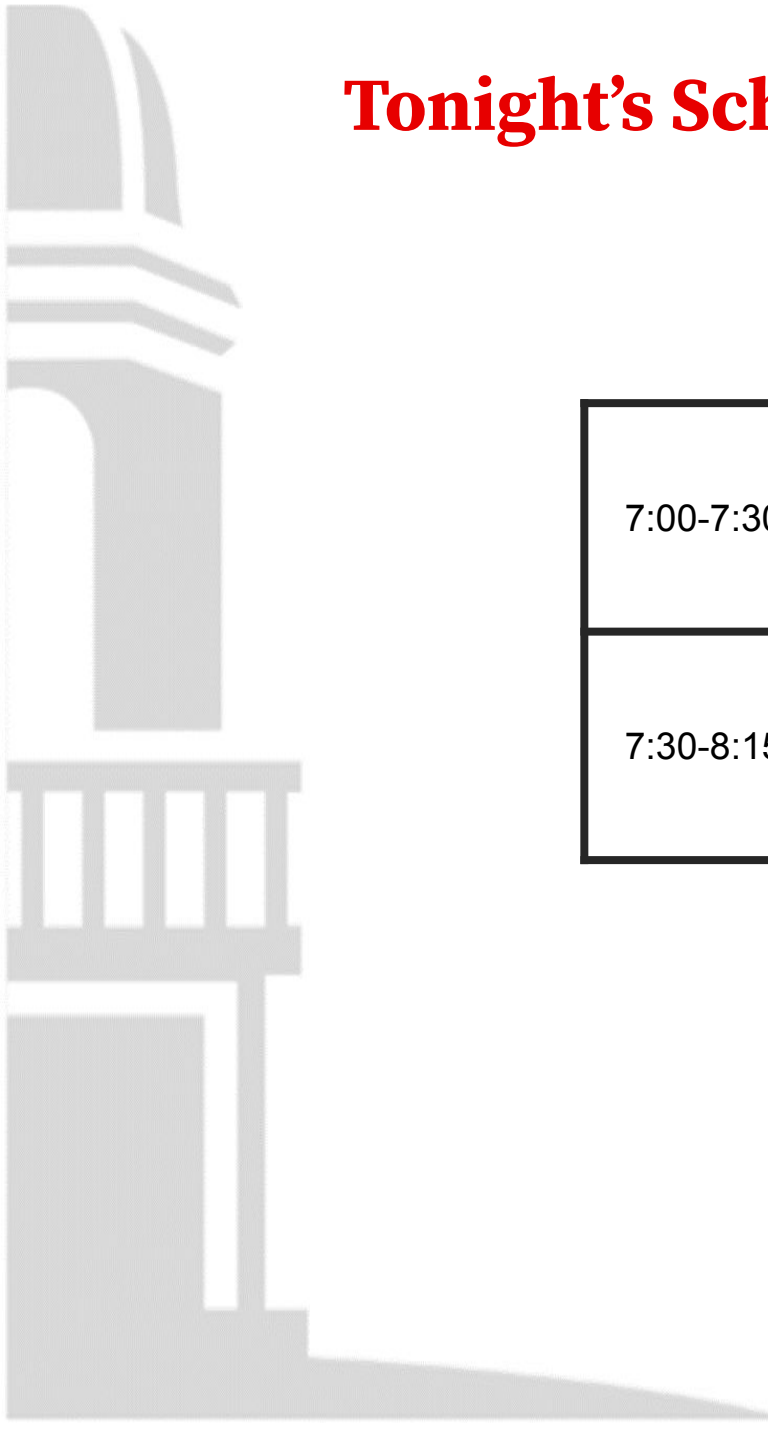
We are safe.

We are respectful.

We are responsible.

We are proud.

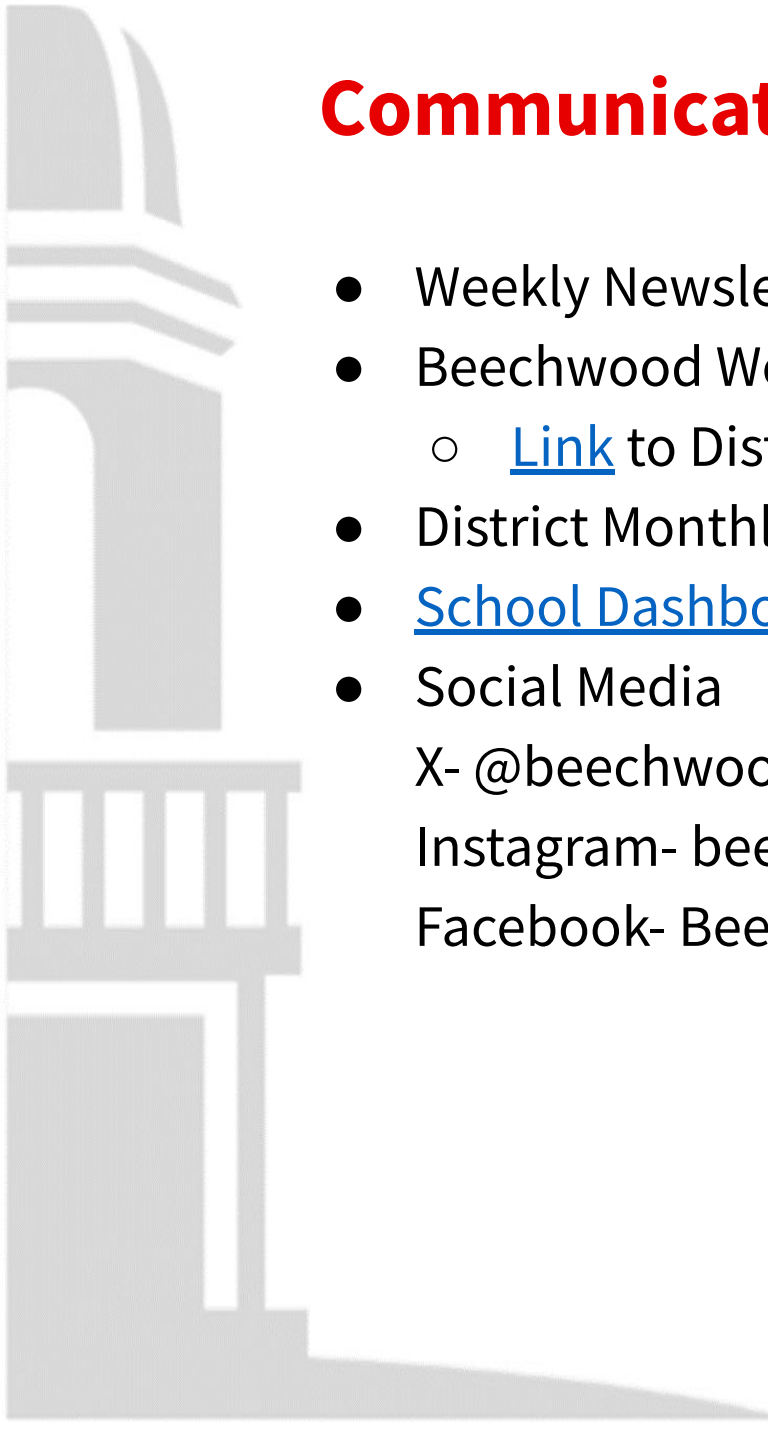
We provide innovative education grounded in tradition.



Tonight's Schedule:

7:00-7:30	Group Session in Auditorium
7:30-8:15	Tiger Ambassador Tours Locker Practice Tiger Zone

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Communication

- Weekly Newsletter to Parents
- Beechwood Website
 - [Link](#) to District Calendar
- District Monthly Newsletter
- [School Dashboard](#)
- Social Media

X- @beechwoodhs

Instagram- beechwoodhs_tigers

Facebook- Beechwood Independent School District

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Communication

Infinite Campus Parent Portal-will provide access to your student's grades, discipline, attendance, and homework assignment.

Cassie Adams (HS office) is the contact for Parent Portal.
cassie.adams@beechwood.kyschools.us

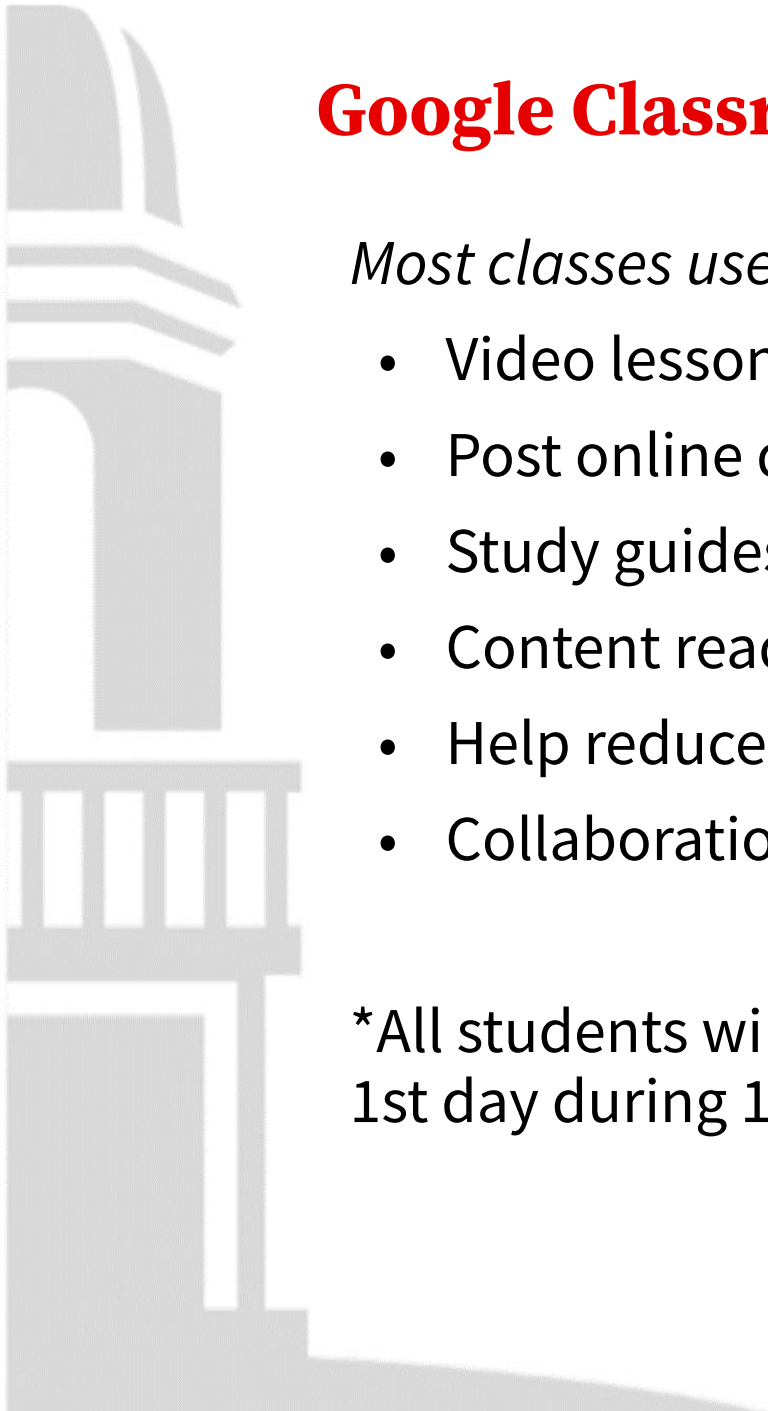
Students: Username: Student #
 Password: beechwood1

Parents: Username: first.last
 Password: beechwood1



Download the Infinite Campus Parent Portal app.

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Google Classroom

Most classes use Google Classroom:

- Video lessons
- Post online quizzes and links
- Study guides
- Content reading assignments
- Help reduce makeup work
- Collaboration

*All students will receive their Chromebook on their 1st day during 1st period.

Front Office Staff:



Mrs Adams, Mrs. Depenbrock, Mrs. Ruhland

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Student-Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct

Attendance Info:

The full attendance procedures can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook starting on page 11.

STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN ABSENT

A parent or guardian must inform the high school office of the student's absence prior to the start of the school day – PHONE (859-331-1220) or EMAIL (hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us).

1. Student's name
2. Date
3. Date of absence(s)
4. Reason for absence

Email Absences/Tardies: hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us

Upon return to school the student must provide written documentation of their absence from a parent/guardian or doctor. The initial EMAIL is sufficient unless it is a doctor note. Attendance will be documented in Infinite Campus.

MAXIMUM 7 EXCUSED NOTES FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Students are allowed 7 EXCUSED total absence notes PER YEAR from a parent. The 8th and any subsequent EVENTS (partial day, half day, or whole day) during the same school year shall be considered unexcused, unless the school receives a doctor's note within 48 hours of the absence.

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Meet your BHS Counselors:



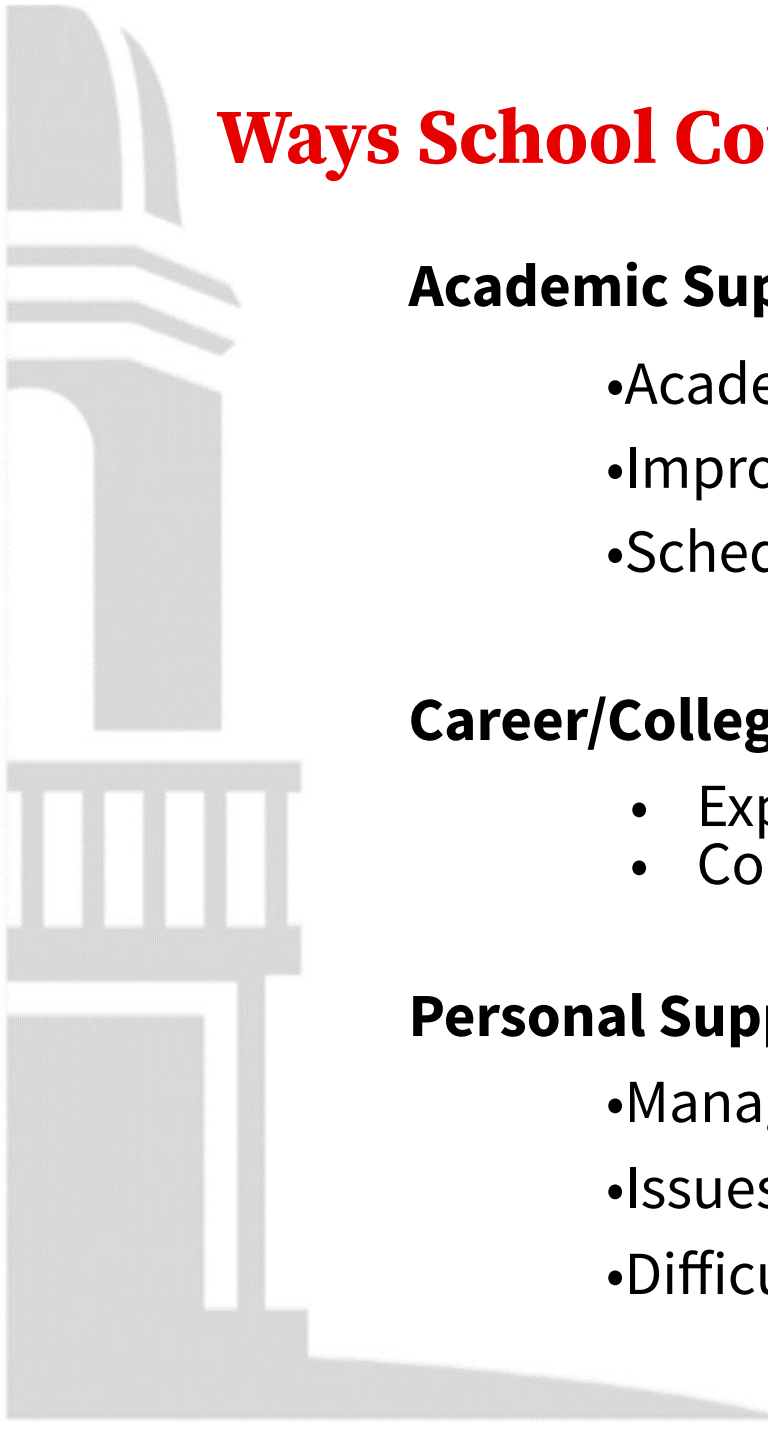
Mr. Brinkman
(Names A-G)



Ms. Hetzel
(Names H-O)



Ms. Minton
(Names P-Z)



Ways School Counselors Support Students

Academic Support:

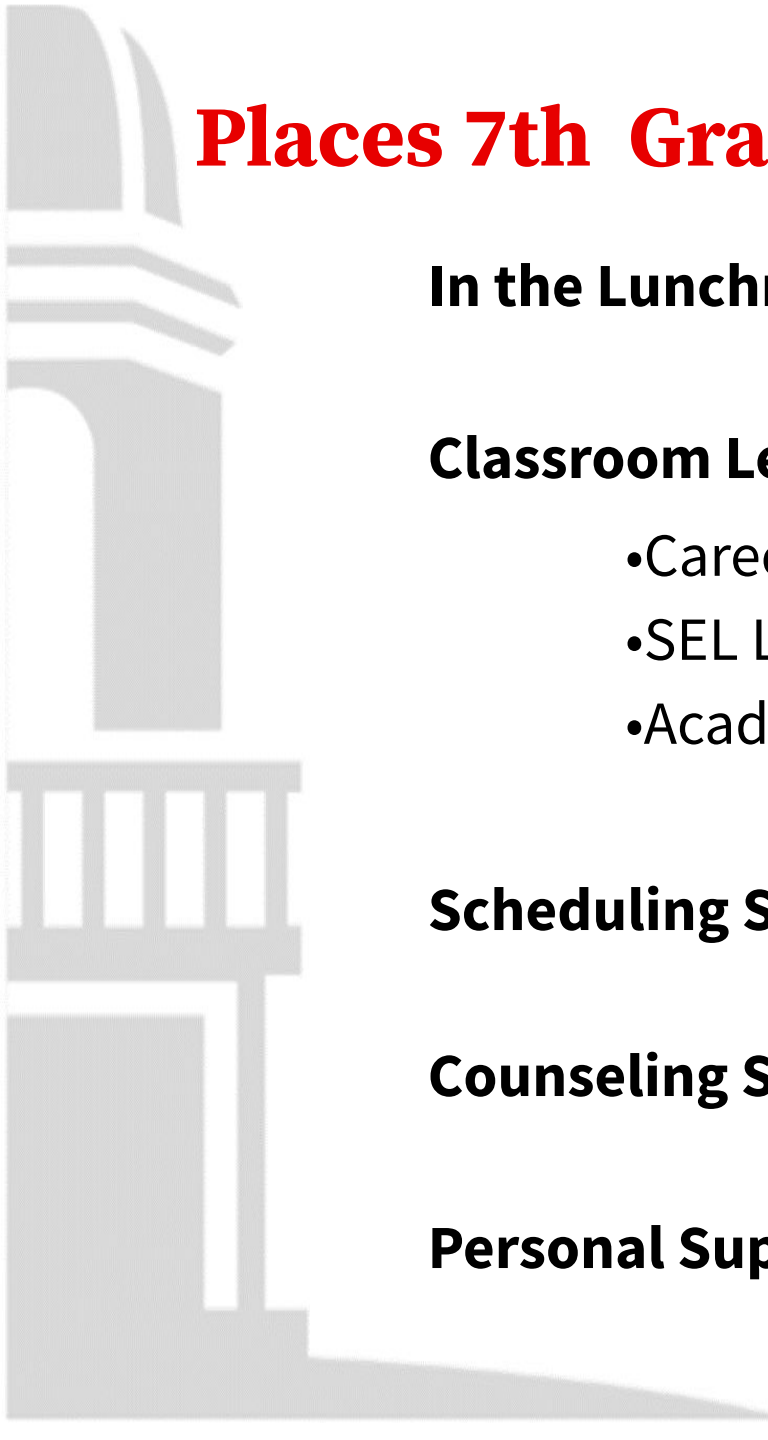
- Academic Skill Development
- Improving Grades
- Scheduling and Choosing Classes

Career/College Planning Support:

- Exploring Careers
- College Planning

Personal Support:

- Managing stress
- Issues with friends/peers
- Difficult family situations



Places 7th Graders might see us this year!

In the Lunchroom :)

Classroom Lessons (throughout the year)

- Career Exploration in [Xello](#)
- SEL Lessons (Sources of Strength)
- Academic Study Skills

Scheduling Support (February-May)

Counseling Small Groups

Personal Support (as needed all year)

How to contact the Counselors?

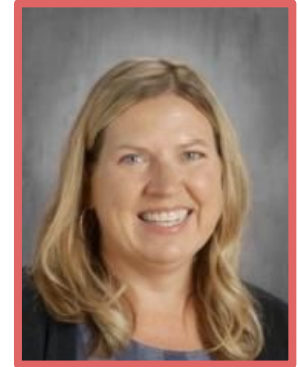
- **Students can stop by our Offices**
- **Students can Book an Appointment on BHS Website**
- **Students and Parents can Email us** 
- **Parents can call us**

***Contact Info:** [Counseling Page of BHS Website](#)

Reach out anytime!

7th Grade Core Team

Stephanie Harris, **English**



Celeste Brockett, **Math**



Amie Taphouse, **Seminar**



7th Grade Core Team (continued)

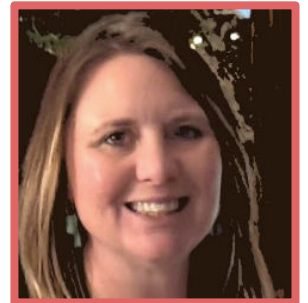
Stacey Maynard, **Social Studies**



Ross Hart, **Health/PE**



Nicole Sparks, **Science**



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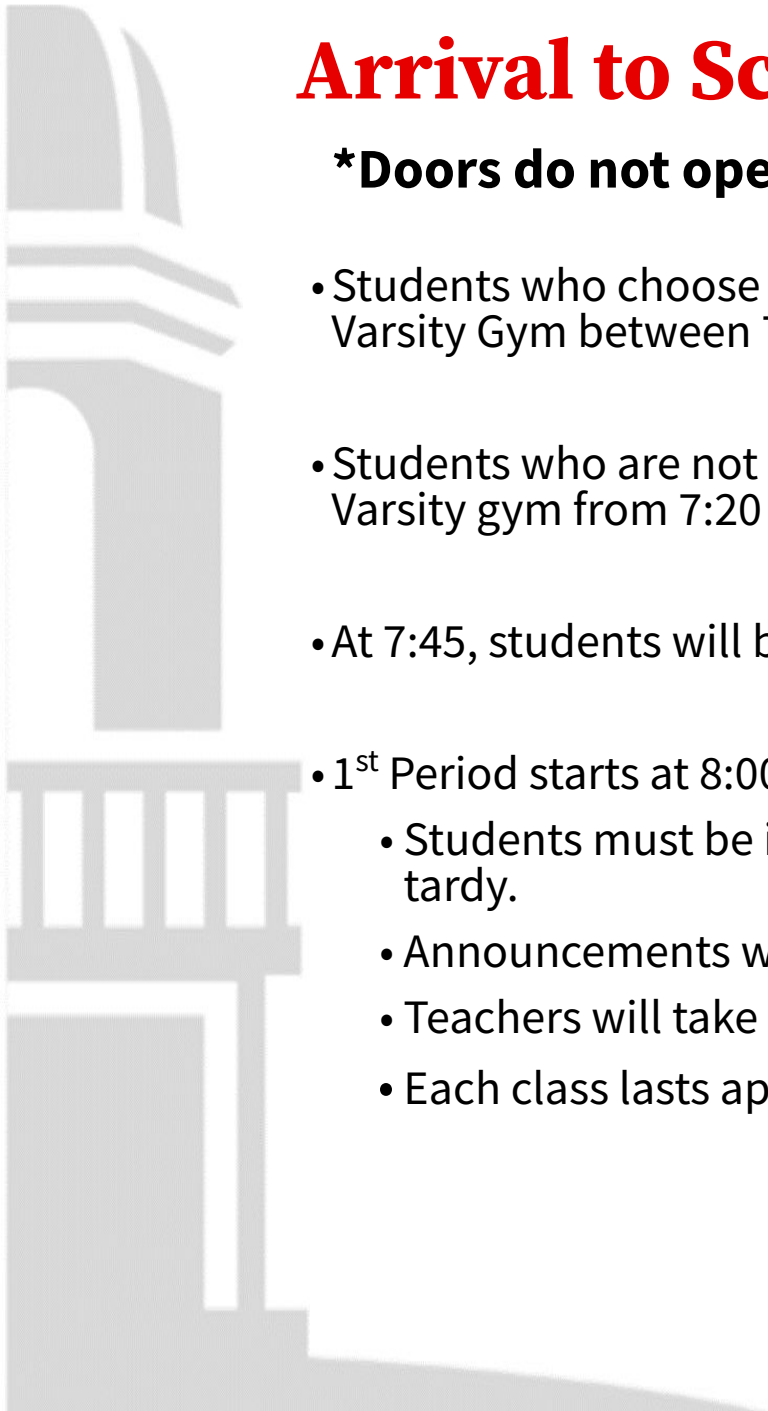
Beechwood Gifted and Talented

Offerings for 7th Grade:

- *Honors Classes in Language Arts and Math
- *Classroom Teacher Differentiation
- *Consultation and Collaborative Services
- *Middle Grades Enrichment Menu and Google Classroom



Alison Orzali
Gifted and Talented
Coordinator and Teacher

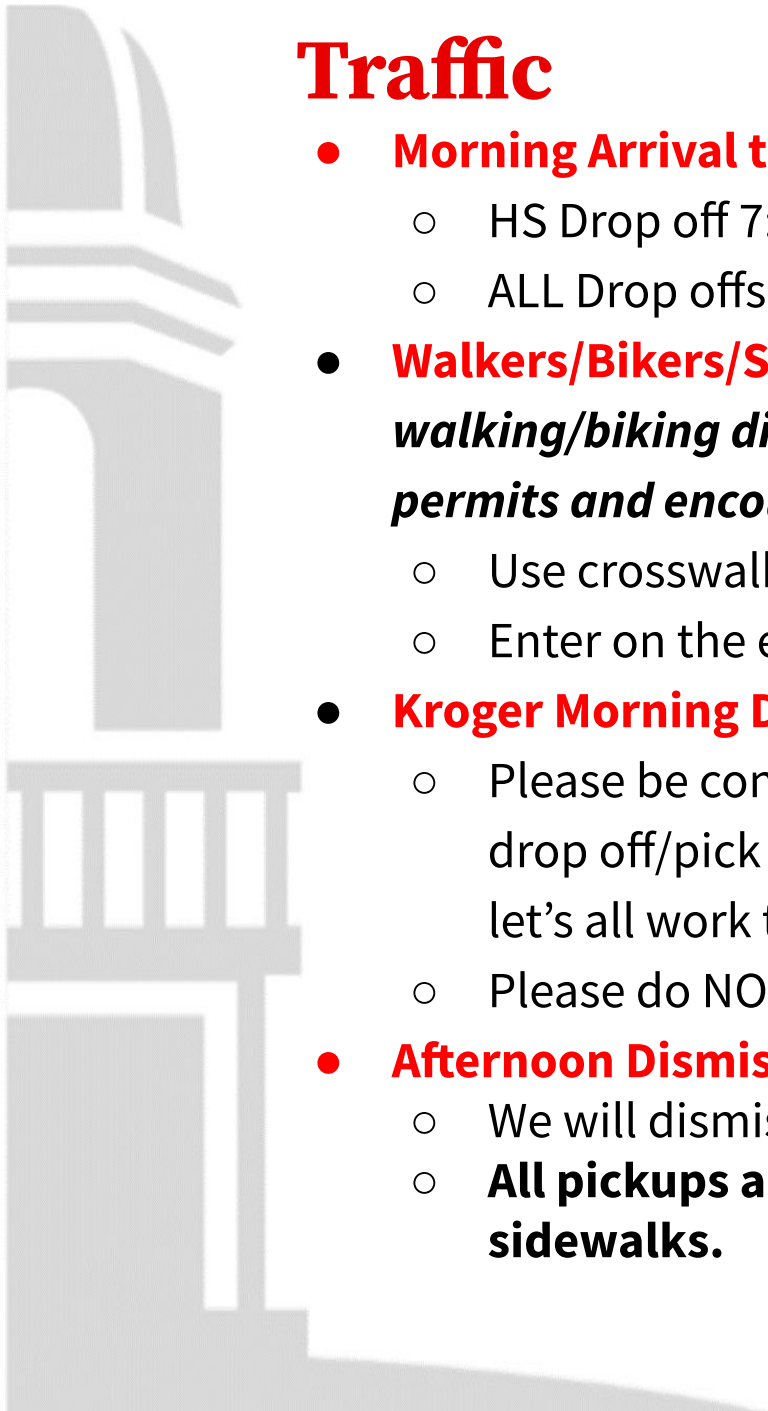


Arrival to School

Doors do not open until 7:20

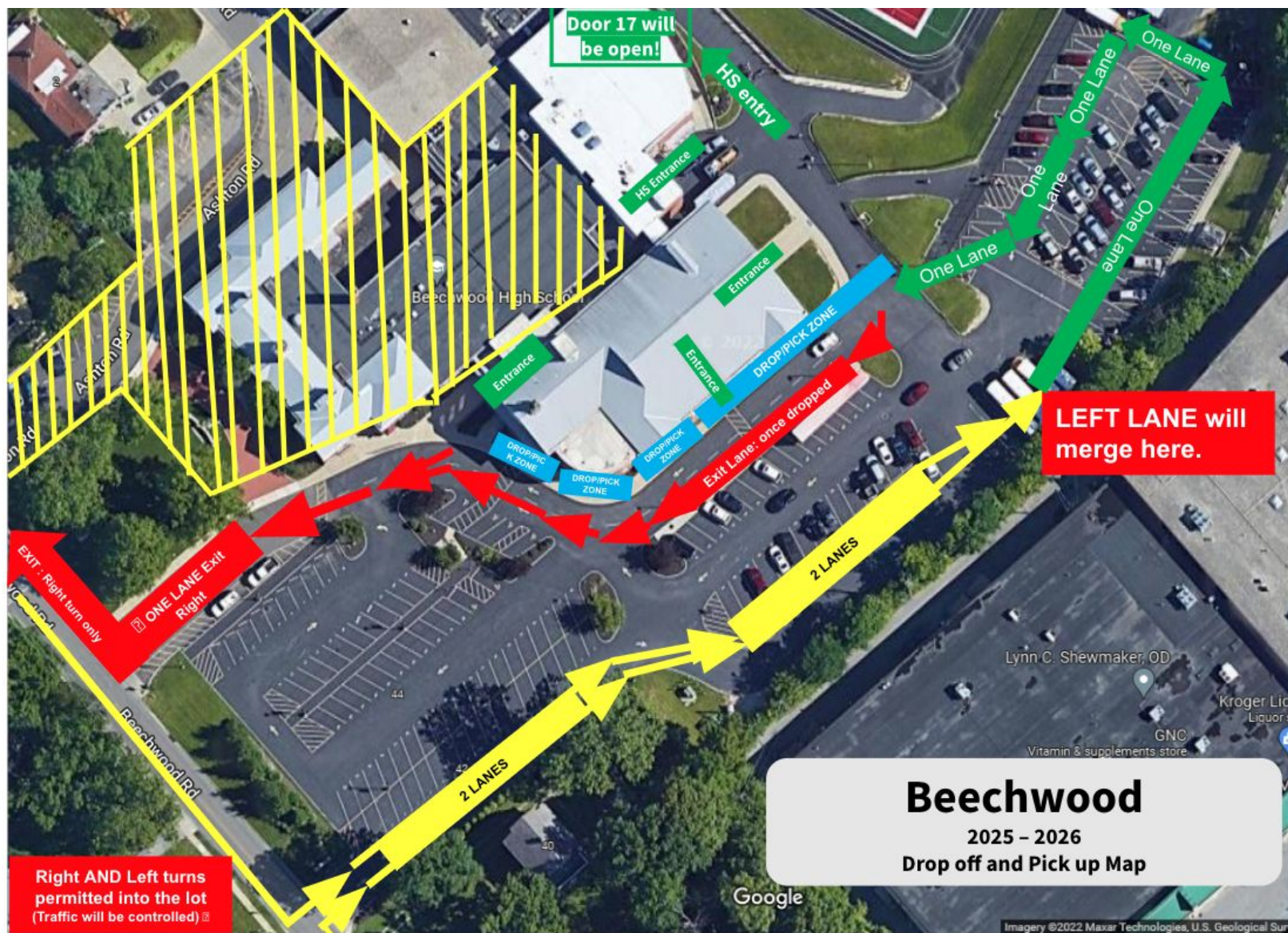
- Students who choose to have breakfast at Beechwood will eat and go to the Varsity Gym between 7:20 and 7:45.
- Students who are not eating breakfast at Beechwood will go directly to the Varsity gym from 7:20 to 7:45.
- At 7:45, students will be allowed to go to their lockers/classrooms.
- 1st Period starts at 8:00 am.
 - Students must be in their first period classrooms to not be considered tardy.
 - Announcements will be read over the PA system.
 - Teachers will take attendance.
 - Each class lasts approximately 52 minutes. (7 period day)

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Traffic

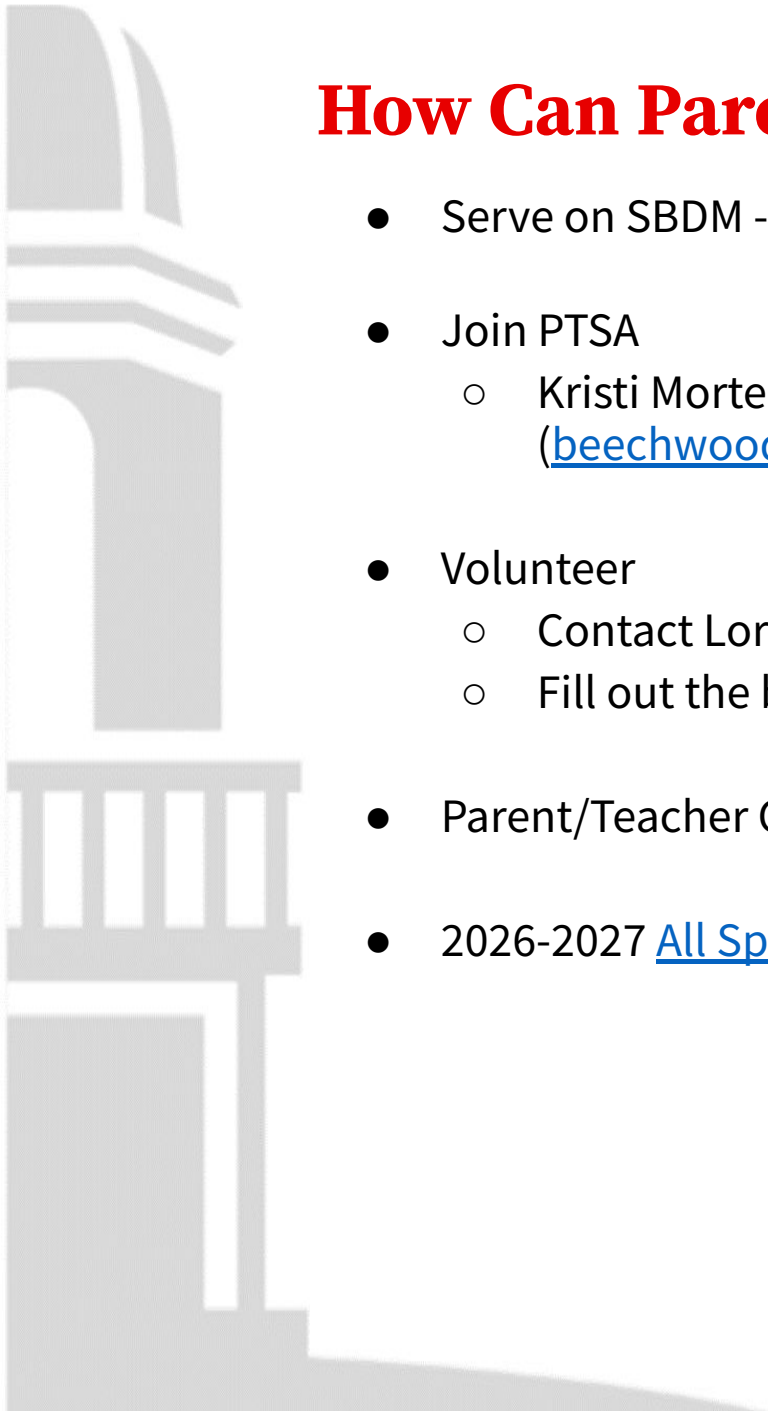
- **Morning Arrival to School/Drop Offs/Walkers/Bikers**
 - HS Drop off 7:20 - 8:00 am
 - ALL Drop offs will have to occur in the Elementary Lot.
- **Walkers/Bikers/Scooters** - *We ask that all families that live within walking/biking distance PLEASE help us out when the weather permits and encourage walking/biking to school. And it's healthy!*
 - Use crosswalk
 - Enter on the elementary side
- **Kroger Morning Drop off and Parking**
 - Please be considerate of Kroger. They ALLOW us to use their lot to drop off/pick up/park. We appreciate their accommodations so let's all work together to maintain that relationship.
 - Please do NOT drop off in the front of Kroger or in their front lot
- **Afternoon Dismissal/Pickups/Walkers/Bikers/Scooters:**
 - We will dismiss at 3:00 pm.
 - **All pickups are to occur in the right-hand lanes along the sidewalks.**



****No drop off at high school entrance before 8:15**

Walkers/Scooters:
Use the Crosswalk
Head towards the Tiger
Stay on sidewalks
Enter either side





How Can Parents Get Involved?

- Serve on SBDM - Elections in May
- Join PTSA
 - Kristi Mortenson - President
(beechwood.pts@beechwood.kyschools.us)
- Volunteer
 - Contact Lori Reed (lori.reed@beechwood.kyschools.us)
 - Fill out the background check form & youth leader form
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school) - November 2nd
- 2026-2027 [All Sports Passes](#)

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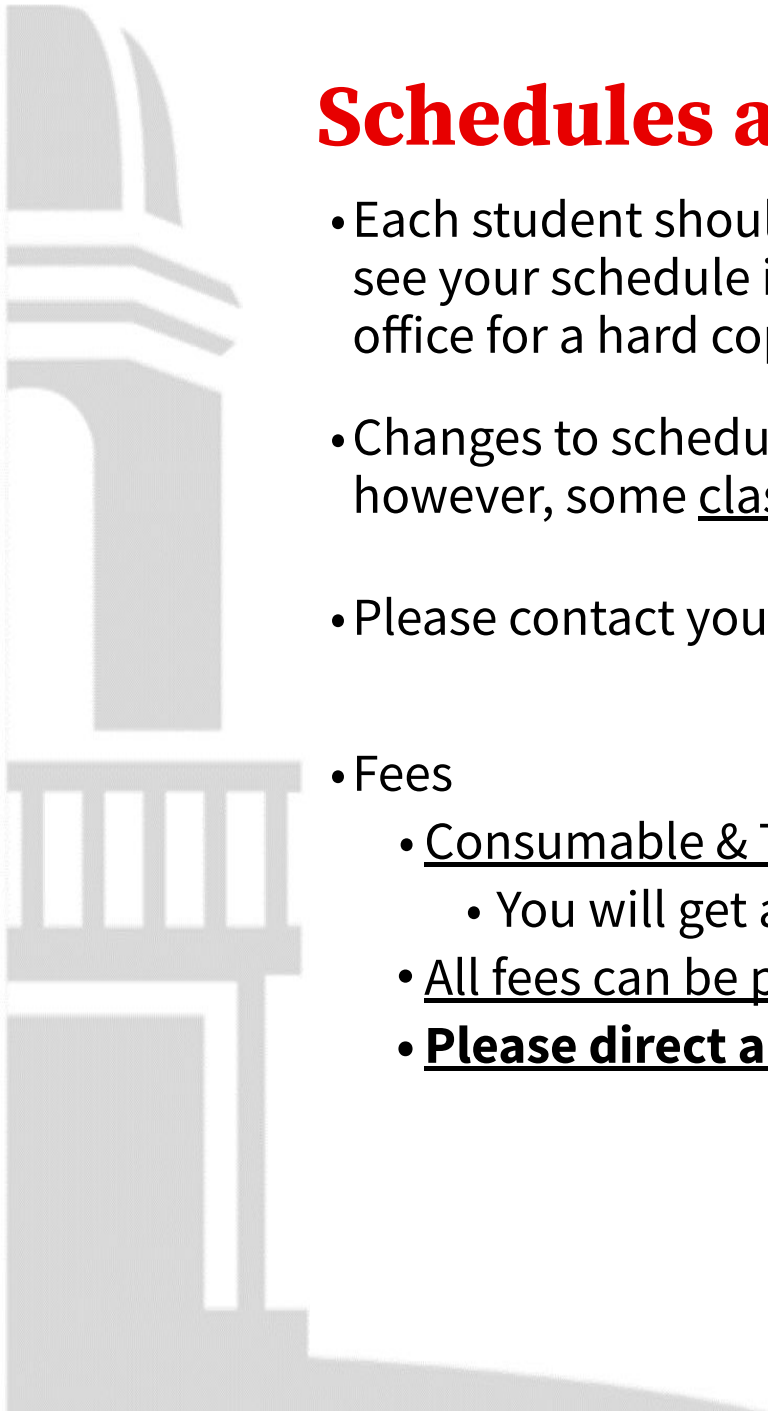
How Can Students Get Involved?

Extracurricular Brochure - [HERE](#)

- Clubs
- Volunteering
- Athletics
- Honor Societies
- Academic Programs
- Music Programs
- Drama Programs
- Rush Week: August 24th - August 28th

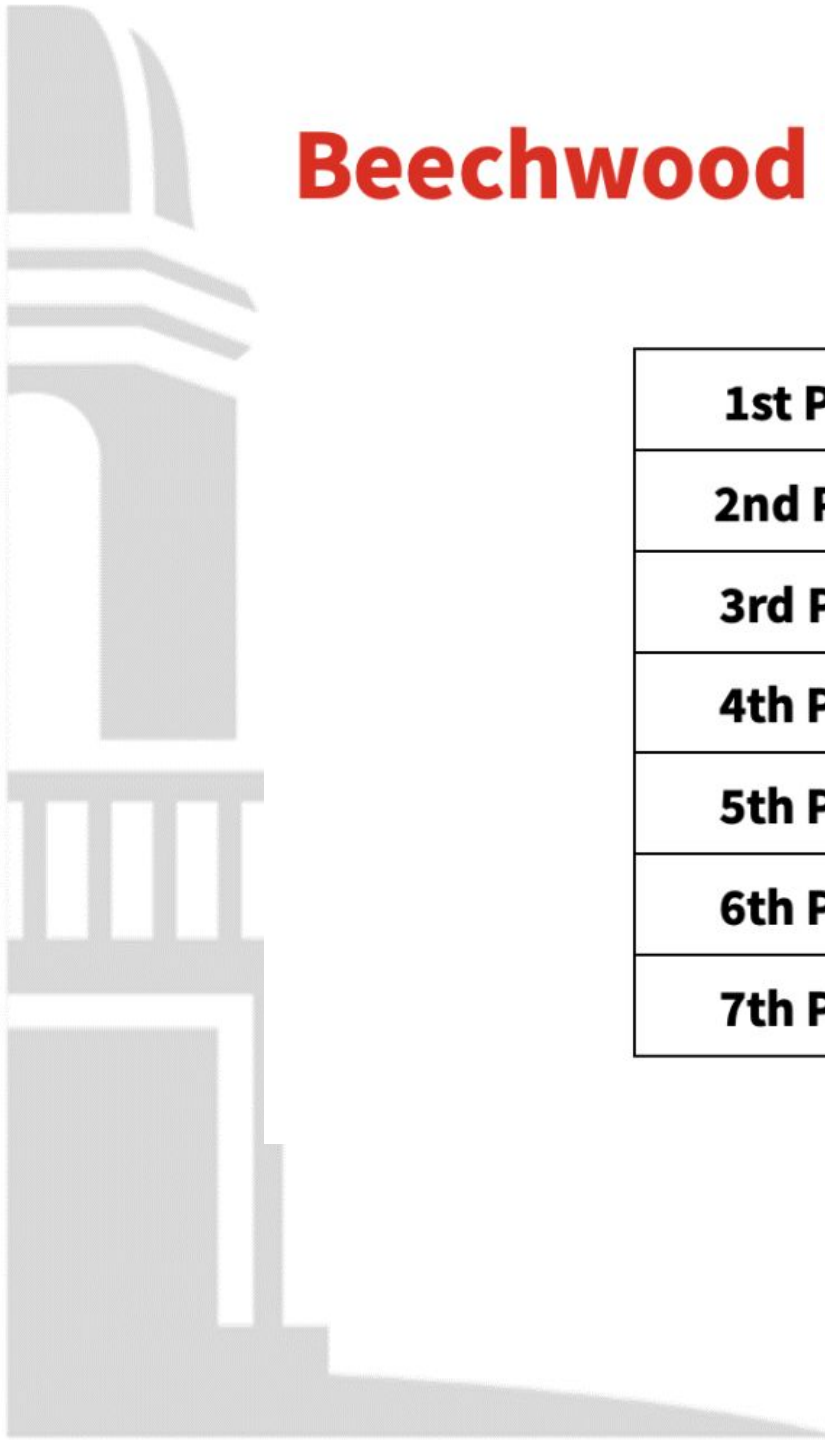
Incident Reporting (Tiger Tipline):

The link to the incident reporting form for the 26-27 school year (this is for students, teachers, or parents) will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



Schedules and Course Fees

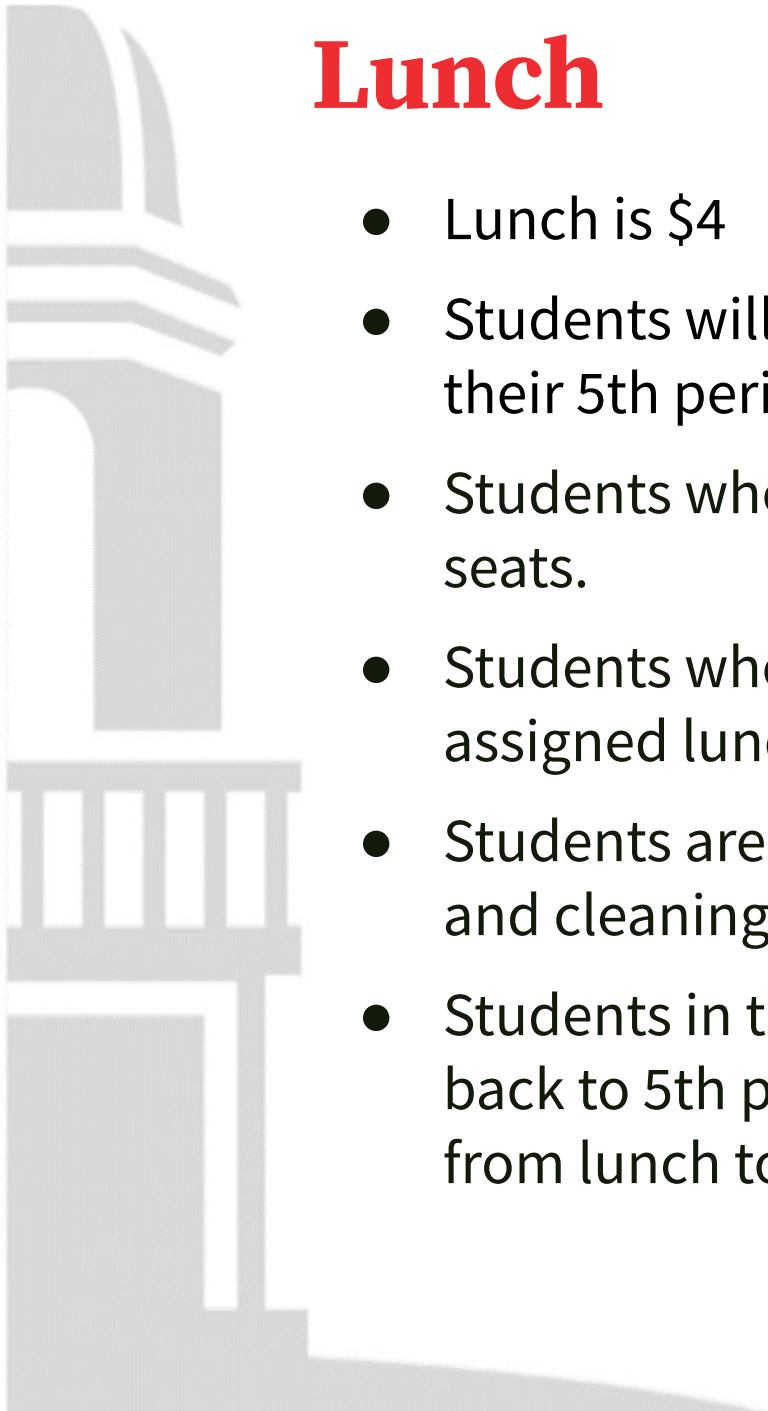
- Each student should have received a schedule. If you are unable to see your schedule in Infinite Campus, please see the high school office for a hard copy of your schedule.
- Changes to schedules can occur during the first week of school; however, some classes may be full and changes may not be possible.
- Please contact your counselor for any scheduling changes or issues.
- Fees
 - Consumable & Textbook Fees – vary from class to class
 - You will get an email when fees are posted in September.
 - All fees can be paid via the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**.
 - **Please direct any fee questions to the HS office/Cassie Adams.**



Beechwood High School Schedule

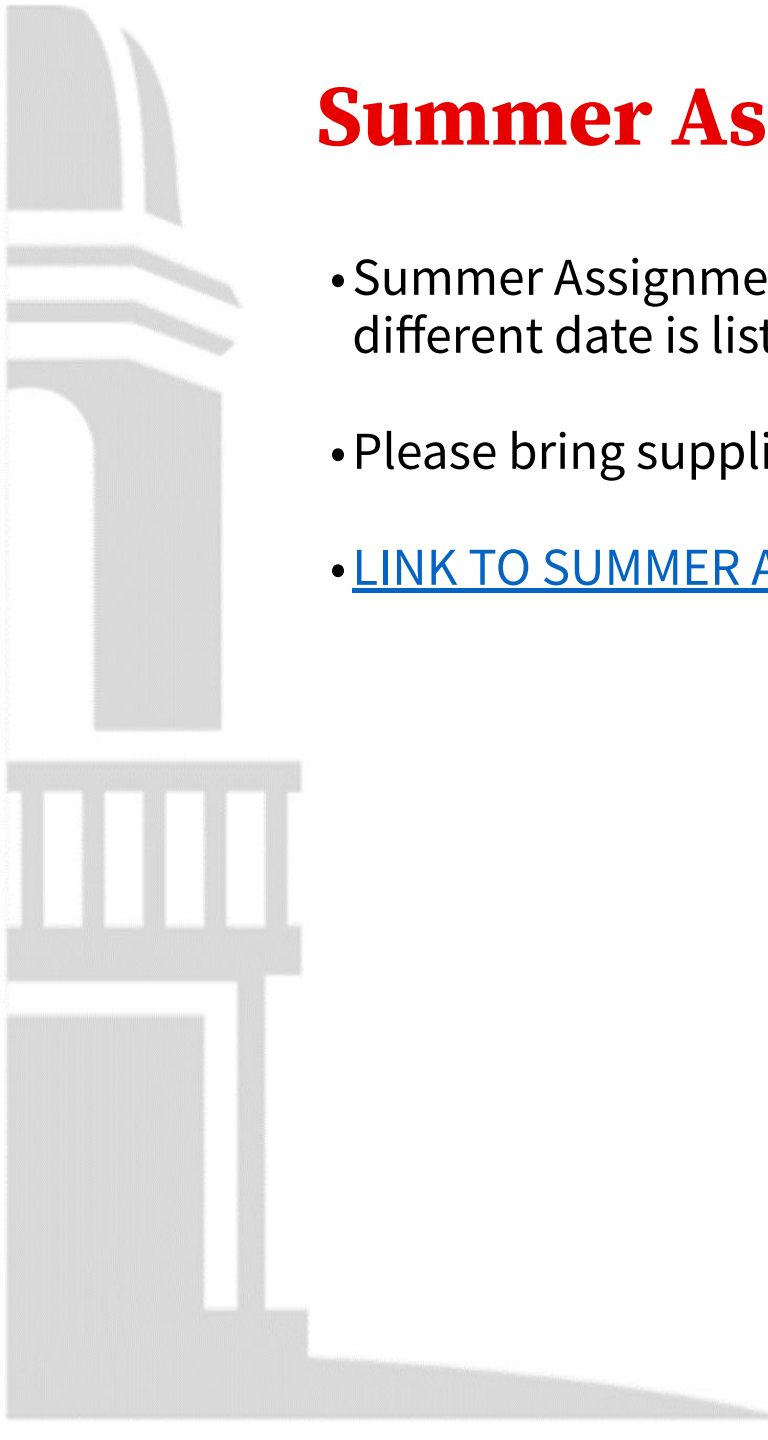
1st Period	8:00 - 8:54
2nd Period	8:58 - 9:50
3rd Period	9:54 - 10:46
4th Period	10:50 - 11:42
5th Period	11:46 - 1:08
6th Period	1:12 - 2:04
7th Period	2:08 - 3:00

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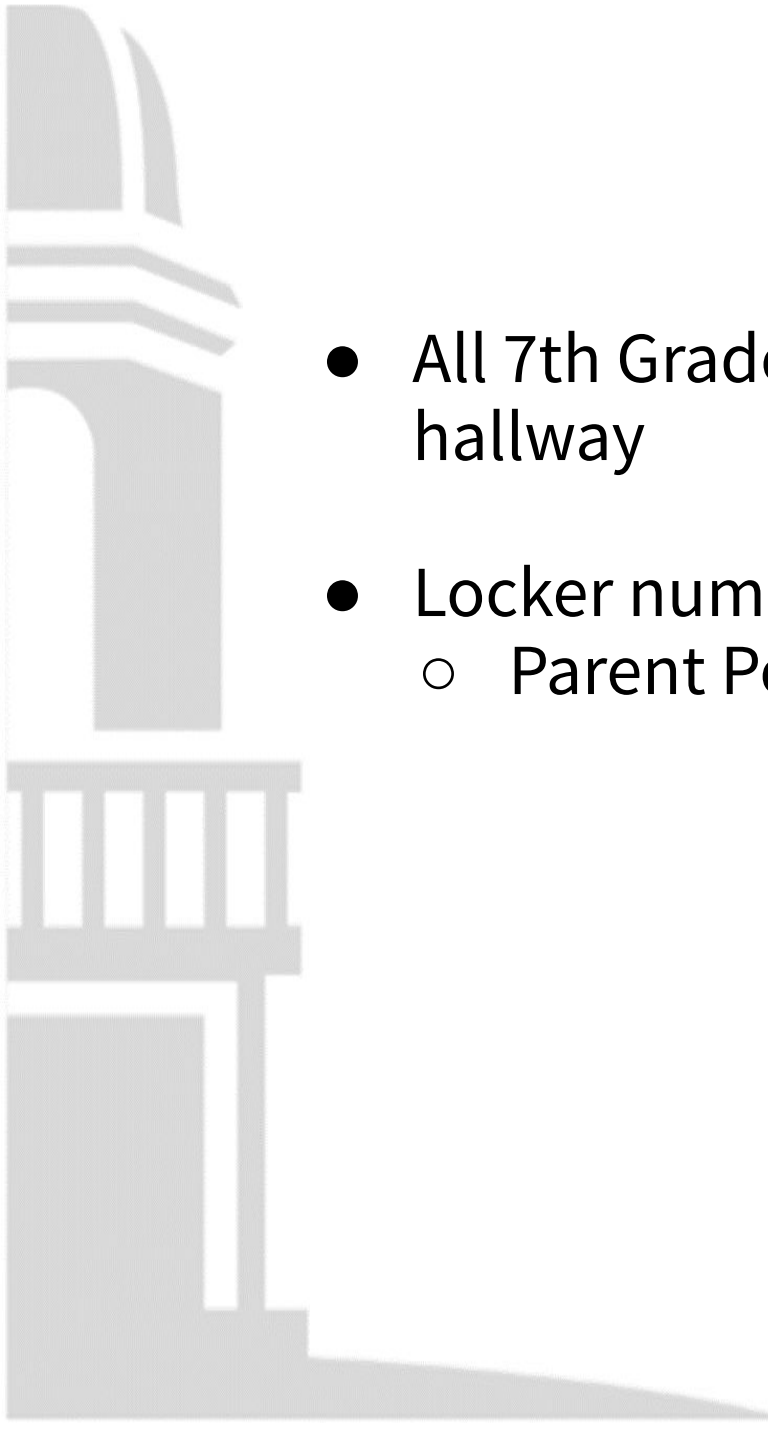
Lunch

- Lunch is \$4
- Students will go to lunch at an assigned time with their 5th period classes.
- Students who pack will go directly to their lunch seats.
- Students who purchase lunch will go to their assigned lunch line when they enter the cafeteria.
- Students are responsible for throwing away all trash and cleaning their lunch spot.
- Students in the first two lunches will report directly back to 5th period. Students in the last lunch will go from lunch to 6th period when the bell rings.



Summer Assignments & Supplies

- Summer Assignments are due on the first day of school unless a different date is listed on the assignment.
- Please bring supplies on the first day of school.
- [LINK TO SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS, SUPPLY LISTS, FEES](#)



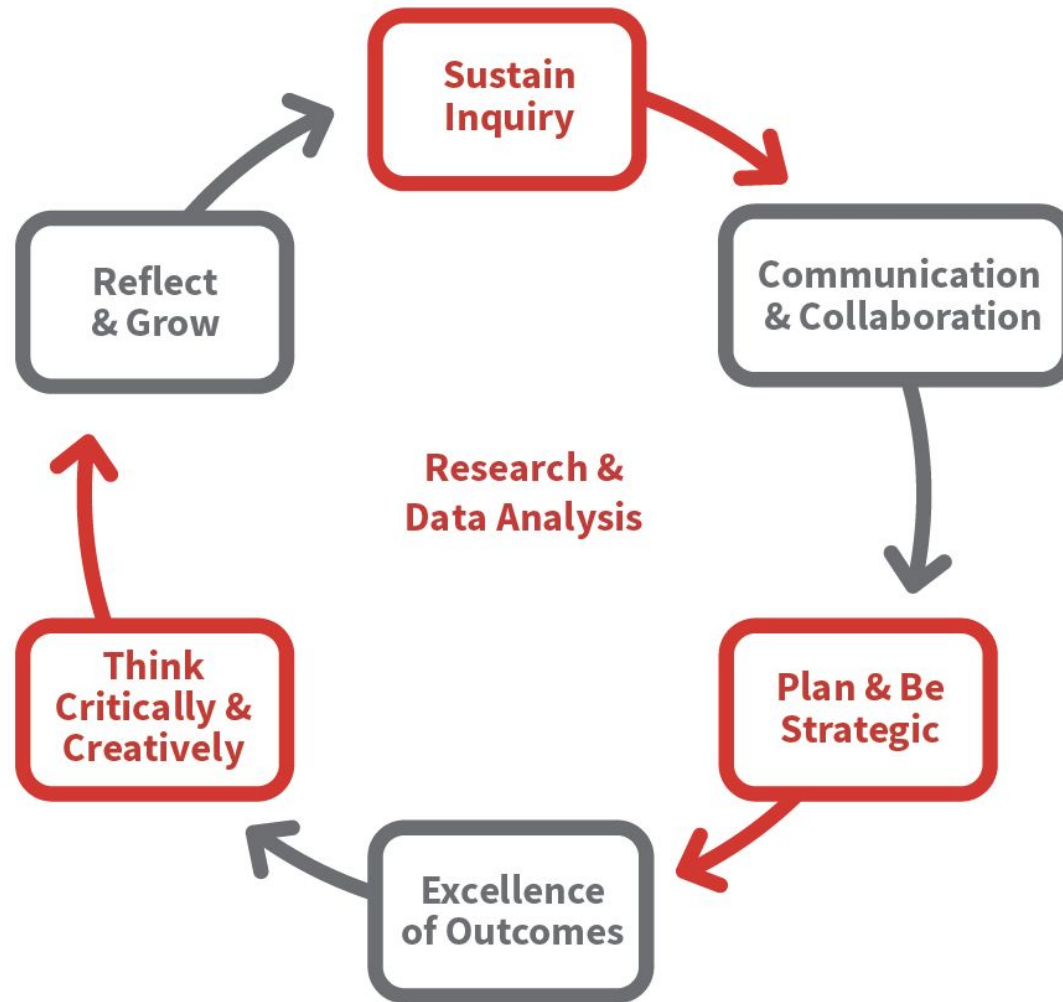
Lockers:

- All 7th Graders are assigned a locker in 300 hallway
- Locker number and Combination:
 - Parent Portal > Three Lines Icon > More



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EDGE Core Concepts





BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

EDGE

K THROUGH 4th GRADE CORE CONCEPTS

Defining and Learning the Core Concepts

5th GRADE SEMINAR

Application and Experience

6th GRADE SEMINAR

Continued Application and Experience with Defense of Learning

7th & 8th GRADE SEMINAR - SURVEY OF HIGH SCHOOL MINORS

BioMed, Entrepreneurship, Culinary, Media, Engineering, Informatics,
Performing Arts, Environmental, Fine Arts, and Education

8TH GRADE DEFENSE OF LEARNING

EMBEDDED CORE CONCEPTS

Communicate & Collaborate

Think Critically & Creatively

Reflect & Grow

Plan Strategically

Pursue Excellence of Outcomes

Sustain Inquiry

Research &
Analyze Data

9TH GRADE: Students may choose a MINOR (4-year course of study)

BIOMED



ENTREPRENEURSHIP



CULINARY



MEDIA



ENGINEERING



INFORMATICS



PERFORMING
ARTS



ENVIRONMENTAL



FINE ARTS



EDUCATION



SENIOR YEAR

INTERNSHIP | RESEARCH | EARLY COLLEGE/DUAL CREDIT
SENIOR DEFENSE OF LEARNING

Thank you for coming!



Please scan here to share questions and/or feedback!