



ARBUTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In support of our students' successful transitions to Grades 6 and 9, we invite students to participate in an Early Entry Day program. Baltimore County Public Schools is excited to announce that it will again host a half-day "Orientation Day" on **Friday, August 30, 2019**, for students entering Grade 6 or 9 for the 2019–2020 school year. Students will participate in a wide variety of activities – designed based on student feedback – to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. Students will review their class schedules, visit their lockers, take school tours, and meet all their teachers and the school counselors. (Each school can insert school specific activities here)

Transportation will be provided for those students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students, and students will be able to add funds to their cafeteria accounts in preparation for the first day of school.

The Orientation Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities. More detailed information regarding the Orientation Day, such as specific bus stops, hours of the morning half-day, student schedules, and the agenda for the day, will be included in our "Welcome Back" correspondence in early August 2019.

Helpful videos have been prepared for viewing by students and families at home and over the summer. These videos share experiences and helpful information about transition to middle and high school. The videos are available on the main BCPS website under the "Students" tab, "Student Resources," and then the "Making the Transition" box.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Grade 6 or 9 students on **Friday August 30, 2019**, and while not required, we hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding Orientation Day, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Sincerely,

Michelle P. Feeney
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