

Welcome Back Jr. Seahawks!
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Good Evening BIS Students and Families. This is Amy Gallagher, Principal at Berlin Intermediate School. I hope this message finds you enjoying this beautiful Labor Day Weekend.

We are so excited to welcome back our Junior Seahawks! I wanted to take a few minutes to give you a few reminders as we look ahead to next Tuesday!

Student drop off begins at 7:15 each morning. Students must wait in cars until 7:15. 5th Graders will assemble in the cafeteria and 6th graders will assemble in the gym until they are dismissed to homerooms at 7:35am. Every child at BIS will be served breakfast in the classroom this year, free of charge. Morning announcements begin each morning at 7:45. Students are considered tardy at 7:50 am. Since good attendance is so important for the success of our students, do your best to be here, on-time every day.

We know that as exciting as the transition to BIS can be for students, there is also anxiousness over a new school year. Teachers will spend time in the coming weeks supporting this transition. Time will be spent helping students master opening lockers and finding their way around the building. They will devote time to building community in their classrooms so students can meet one another and develop new relationships.

This year, afternoon car riders, walkers and bike riders will be dismissed at 2:50 pm. We anticipate bus riders to be dismissed at 2:53 pm. We must wait until all buses arrive from SDMS to dismiss. In the last week, we have been telling you about our new system to support transportation changes for afternoon dismissal. For the safety of students, we require all changes to be made through School Dismissal Manager, the same platform used at Showell. An email was sent yesterday to the primary email address in PowerSchool. Please sign in and choose your student's default dismissal. This is the main method of afternoon transportation. You can also add additional parents/guardians who need access to SDM. The parent letter distributed during back to school night is a great resource to support SDM use throughout the school year for transportation, notifying the school of appointments that will impact late arrival and early dismissal and reporting absences. This letter is also available on our website.

Speaking of our website...it is a great resource for students and staff information, our monthly newsletter, technology links, calendars, school meal menus, after school academy information, and so much more. Check us out at www.berlinintermediate.org. You should also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We work hard to keep our school community up to date on all things BIS and our website and social media pages are great resources.

In closing this evening, I am so happy to say that our doors are open to students and families this year. Please reach out when you have questions. We are looking forward to partnering with you

this year as our Junior Seahawks Believe Imagine Succeed and are Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn. Relax tomorrow...we are so ready for Tuesday!