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Dear NBMS Parents and Students,

We've reached the midpoint of summer and the New Bridge Middle School staff is making the final preparations for the 2011-12 school year. For new and returning families, let me extend to you our thanks for trusting us to teach your children. As parents and educators, I think we can agree that there is nothing more important than our children. We continue to focus on our school-wide guidelines for success – "BEARS have PRIDE." BEARS stands for **B**e prepared, **E**veryone shows respect, **A**ttitude matters, **R**emember responsibilities and **S**afety first. PRIDE is our continuing school-wide effort focusing on everyone's **P**ersonal **R**esponsibility **I**n **D**ynamic **E**ducation.

As we prepare for a new year, I would like to share some important information, reminders and dates:

- **Football tryouts** will begin on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** at **3:30pm**. **Softball tryouts** are on **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00pm to 5:30pm** at Phillips Park. Any interested 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student **MUST** have a current [physical form](#) and proof of insurance prior to trying out. Please wear appropriate attire.
- Our **Open House** will be held on **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **11:00 am - 1:30 pm** or from **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. Come out during these times to meet the teachers and staff, pay fees, pick up schedules, get transportation information, and join the NBMS PTO. PTO will also host a "Gently Used" uniform sale. There will be two informational sessions with your administrators at approximately 11:15 am and 5:15 pm (in the media center).
- The **first day of school** for students is **Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a regular length school day with the tardy bell sounding at 8:10 am and dismissal at 3:20 pm. Parents dropping students off to school may do so **no earlier than** 7:45 am. Students arriving at this time will need to report directly to the cafeteria.
- To help with your back-to-school shopping, we have posted copies of the [2011-2012 NBMS Dress Code](#) and [Supply Lists for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>](#) grades on the NBMS website. The [North Carolina Tax Free Holiday](#) will be held **August 5-7, 2011**. For more information you can visit the NC Department of Revenue's website at:  
[http://www.dorn.com/taxes/sales/salestax\\_holiday.html](http://www.dorn.com/taxes/sales/salestax_holiday.html)

#### **DRESS CODE**

In addition to shopping locally, we wanted to let you know that school uniform clothes are available online through a variety of local retailers. Please note, not all "uniform" items from the retailers are approved for NBMS. Double check the website ([Uniform Reference Guide](#)) before making purchases. Retailers include:

- **JC Penney** - <http://www.izoded.com> . (Clothing may also be purchased through the store)
- **Target** - <http://www.target.com> . (Click on "Kids," and then go to the "School Uniform" section)
- **Sears** - <http://www.sears.com> . (Click on "Clothing," and then go to "School Uniforms")
- **Wal-Mart** - <http://www.walmart.com> . (Click on "Apparel," and then go to "School Uniforms")

You do not have to purchase clothes from any of these retailers. Clothes from local merchants which have pastel-colored logos or colored linings inside the collars are not acceptable for school wear. **Additionally, students will NOT be allowed to wear two-tone "billfish-style" Sperry Top-Siders. Shoes must adhere to the description provided in the NBMS Dress Code and must be worn properly. Remember, no logos of any kind on any uniform item.** BELTS AND BUCKLES MUST BE PLAIN. No words or decorations on belts. Please take some time to review the dress code with your child to make sure that all things are ready to go on the first day of school. Check out our uniform information section (lower left side) on our website before making purchases.

## **HUB TRANSPORTATION**

As you know, instead of direct service to and from NBMS, we are now using a hub system. Students should report to their hubs for bus service. Parents are responsible for transportation from home to the hub and vice versa. Students MUST have a new [hub bus transportation sheet](#) completed in order to ride the bus for the first time each year. Sheets will be available at our website (*after August 1<sup>st</sup>*) and at Open House. Listed times represent the approximate arrival times and departure times (30 minutes after arrival) for busses. Please call 455-6489 if you have questions.

<b>Hub</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
Dixon Middle	6:45-7:15	3:52-4:22
Northwoods Park Middle	7:02-7:32	3:39-4:09
Jacksonville Commons Middle	7:00-7:30	3:41-4:11
Richlands Primary	6:45-7:15	3:56-4:26
Southwest Middle	6:59-7:29	3:39-4:09
Swansboro Middle	6:37-7:07	4:08-4:38
Morton Elementary	6:44-7:14	4:06-4:36
Clyde Erwin (to/from NBMS only)	7:20-7:50	3:34-4:04

## **BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Unless otherwise engaged in a morning or after school event, students can't be on campus outside of the instructional hours. In order to assist our parents, we have partnered with the Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department to offer a [before school care program](#) AND [after school care program](#) for NBMS students. The program will be offered Monday through Friday on regular student days (*there will be no program for teacher workdays or holidays*).

<b>Program Information</b>	<b>Before School</b>	<b>After School</b>
Hours of Operation	6:30 am - 7:55 am	3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Cost (city residents)	\$8/month	\$16/month
Cost (county residents)	\$12/month	\$24/month

Morning care students will be housed at the NBMS cafeteria until school begins. In the afternoon, program leaders will meet our students at NBMS and will either continue the program at the Youth Center on New Bridge Street or in our gym. Students will have opportunities to study and complete homework followed by supervised recreation. A program representative will be at Open House to answer questions. There are limited seats. Please sign up today at [www.onslow.k12.nc.us/nbms](http://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/nbms). You may also call 910-938-5312 for sign up information.

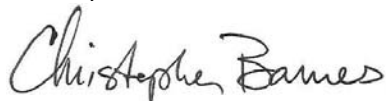
## **ELECTIVE SELECTIONS**

Before the close of the school year, most students completed elective registration cards for 2011-12. We are missing a few from our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and a few others. Also, a summer change in our teaching staff has altered our elective offerings. For 2011-12, we will not be able to offer music appreciation or drama. Additional elective choices for 2011-12 are two PE options, Dance and Advanced PE. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade have a pottery offering in place of graphic arts. If your child has not submitted an elective sheet OR the change in offerings impacts his or her choices, please access the school website and find the appropriate Google Document for online registration. Check "[Latest News](#)" for the article "Elective Selection Update." If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Bender at 346-5144.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

The New Bridge Faculty is very excited about 2011-12. If you have any questions or concerns as we get ready for the school year, please do not hesitate to give us a call. The office is open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday during the summer. Have a safe and relaxing rest of your summer, and we will see you at **Open House on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**!

Sincerely,



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Principal NBMS

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