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Dear NBMS Parents and Students,

New Bridge Middle School staff members are making the preparations for the 2015-16 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.

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

- **Softball tryouts** are on Monday, August 17th and Wednesday, August 19th. **Football tryouts** are Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 28th. Softball tryouts will be held at the field on Kerr St. Football tryouts will be on the campus of NBMS. Times for both sets of tryouts are 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Any interested 7th or 8th grade student **MUST** have a current physical **and** proof of insurance prior to trying out. Please wear appropriate attire. Check “Latest News” (website) during the week of Aug. 17 for more details.
- Our **Open House** will be held on **Tuesday, August 18th** 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 an optional informational session in the media center.
- The **first day of school** for students is **Monday, August 24th**. This will be a regular length school day with the tardy bell sounding at 8:10 am and dismissal at 3:25 pm. Parents dropping students off to school may do so **no earlier than** 7:45 am. Students arriving early should report to the cafeteria.
- To help with your back-to-school shopping, we have posted copies of the **2015-2016 NBMS Dress Code** and the **Supply List** on the NBMS website.

DRESS CODE

In addition to shopping locally, school uniform clothes are available online through a variety of retailers. Please note, not all “uniform” items from the retailers are approved for NBMS. Some potential sources are:

- **JC Penney** - <http://www.izoded.com>. (Click on “shop uniforms”)
- **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”)

The dress code is centered on students being able to place a high value on education, not their appearance. Style and status are not priorities at school. Students and parents are encouraged to find ways of enhancing the self-esteem and individuality beyond appearance. Please review the dress code with your child. Check the uniform information section (lower left side) on our website before making purchases. Also, please review regulations for shoes, jewelry, hair styles/colors and dress down dress code reminders. **Optional NBMS uniform shirts** will be available for purchase at Open House.

HUB TRANSPORTATION

Onslow's magnet schools utilize a hub bus system. Parents are responsible for transportation from home to the hub and vice versa. Students MUST have a new hub bus transportation form completed in order to ride the bus. Hub forms will be available at Open House. Listed below are the approximate arrival/departure times. Call 910-455-6489 if you have questions.

Hub Site AM/PM	Bus #	Morning Pick-Up Times	Afternoon Delivery Times
Dixon Middle	353	6:40-7:15	4:05-4:35
Northwoods Park Middle	112	7:07-7:37	3:40-4:10
Jacksonville Commons Middle	62	7:04-7:34	3:40-4:10
Richlands Primary	358	6:50-7:20	4:05-4:35
Southwest Middle	109	7:00-7:30	3:42-4:12
Swansboro Middle	122	6:35-7:05	4:10-4:40
Hunters Creek Elementary	124	6:54-7:24	3:55-4:25
Clyde Erwin Elementary	372	7:15-7:45	3:35-4:05

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Unless otherwise engaged in a school club or program, 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 **before school** and **after school care programs**. The program is offered Monday through Friday on regular student days (*the program is closed on teacher workdays & holidays*).

Information	Before School	After School Program
Hours of Operation	6:30 am - 7:55 am	3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Cost (city residents)	\$30/month	\$65/month
Cost (county residents)	\$60/month	\$130/month

Morning care students will be housed at the NBMS cafeteria. In the afternoon, program leaders will meet students at NBMS and will either continue the program at the Youth Center (New Bridge St.) or in our gym. There are limited seats. Please register by calling 910-938-5312.

INITIATIVE UPDATE

New Bridge is proud of two major initiatives for the 2015-16 school year:

- 1. NBMS is an A+ School.** Through A+, teachers plan lessons with arts integrated components and design instruction to meet a variety of learning styles. Using Gardner's "Multiple Intelligences," teachers are designing instructional tasks that connect to other academic disciplines and the various forms of art (drama, music, visual art, dance and creative writing).
- 2. 1:1 Laptop Initiative.** All 7th and 8th graders will receive a Dell 3340 laptop for home and school use. Having a consistent device for all students allows us to expand digital learning opportunities. Some 6th graders will have 1:1 devices as well. We are working to become fully 1:1. A small cost of \$25 applies to students with a 1:1 device. Assignments and due dates will be posted in Edmodo.

FINAL THOUGHTS

The New Bridge Faculty is very excited about 2015-16. If you have any questions or concerns as we get ready for the school year, please contact us. Enjoy the final weeks of summer, and we will see you at **Open House on Tuesday, August 18th!**

Sincerely,



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