



Brazoswood High School

A TEA Recognized campus

2009-2010

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Building Champions

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Greetings,

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer. As always the summer is way too short. The official ratings came out on July 31st and Brazoswood is officially **RECOGNIZED!** I thought I would give you a heads up on a few changes this year and an update on the August calendar.

First some changes for the upcoming school year:

- 1) Instructional office.
 - a. Ron Redden is now the Associate Principal and will be housed in the main office. His duties will include main campus instructional responsibilities and specifically supervise the science and social studies departments.
 - b. Ronnye Patterson will supervise both the Math and English departments
 - c. Sherry Phillips will oversee the PLC process and instructional coaching.
- 2) Student office: The student office will house both student attendance and all discipline.
 - a. **ATTENDANCE** This year we will change some roles and add more attendance clerks. Brazoswood will have 4 attendance clerks this year, one for each grade. The philosophy is that each attendance clerk will follow their cohort group each year to better know the kids and parents. This year's attendance office will be as follows:
 - 9th grade Jenna Whitton (Jenna will move into the 9th grade attendance office)
 - 10th grade Donna Lacy (Donna will move into the window area in the main campus attendance office once occupied by Rhonda Firkins)
 - 11th grade and head attendance clerk is Barbara Weaver (Barbara will remain in her current office)
 - 12th grade attendance clerk is Fran Bitner (Fran will remain in her office)All attendance clerks are responsible for the students in their grade including writing admits, filing notes, and working with Velma on attendance court issues.
 - b. **DISCIPLINE CENTER:** This year we will be implementing a discipline center. All students will go to the discipline center and not to an APs office. All APs will spend time in the discipline center. This should help all office referrals be handled in a quick and efficient manner. The discipline center will also be the home of student ID badges, cell phones, and lost and found. Velma Strambler and Monica Kneiss will manage the discipline center and take students in as they come. This office will be responsible for posting bus schedules and setting the bells for various schedules. Cell phones will be delivered to the Discipline Center and may be picked up from that location on Fridays and Mondays from 3:30 to 4:00.
 - c. **GUIDANCE OFFICE:** Ms. Trahan will be moving to the guidance office so that all counselors will be in the same location. Dina Perez will be her secretary as well as

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the records clerk. She will continue to work in the registrar's office with Lori Tucker. Maria Solano will remain PEIMS clerk and move to Mr. Bland's old office. Donna McConnell will manage the counselor's office and greet all visitors and students who come into the guidance office.

- d. **9TH GRADE CENTER.** Mr. Tim Vern will be joining the administrative team and work with Jennifer Gonzalez. Mr. Vern will supervise 9th grade social studies and English, while Mrs. Gonzalez will oversee math and science.
- e. **ALPHA SPLITS.** This year alpha splits between Counselors and Assistant Principals will match up creating teams of 2. Each team of two will work closely with the kids in their alpha split through weekly meetings to discuss academic progress (grades, conduct, credit, failure), attendance, discipline, emotional needs, or any news from home that might be affecting our students. By meeting weekly and reporting back to me we should keep a better grasp on student needs as they arise and have more consistency across the board. The team of 2 should conduct home visits and parent meetings together when necessary.

<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Administrator (ARDs and LLC)</u>
A-Cof	Rylander	Barnes
Col-Gom	Trahan	Patterson
Gon - Lampe	Broussard	Beasley
Land-Osario	Mack	Curl
Oury - Shirsat	Schwebel	Gonzalez
Shoe - Z	Good	Vern

- f. **BELL SCHEDULE.** Unfortunately the computer scheduler could not handle our proposed bell schedule. The bell schedule it can handle must have all students in the same period for lunch. On a traditional schedule with 30 minute lunches, this creates a 65 minute lunch academic period. This forces school to start at 8:00. Please see the draft schedule below:

1 st 8:00 – 8:50 (50 min)
2 nd 8:55 – 9:45 (50 min)
Advisory 9:50 – 10:10 (20 min)
3 rd 10:15 – 11:05 (50 min)
4 th 11:10 – 12:00 (20 min)
5 th 12:05 – 1:40 (30 min lunch + 65 min class)
A Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 12:35 – 1:40 (65 min)
B Lunch 12:35 – 1:05 12:05 – 12:35 (30 min) 1:10 – 1:40 (30 min)
C Lunch 1:10– 1:40 12:05 – 1:40 (65 min)
6 th 1:45 – 2:35 (50 min)

Brazoswood 2009 Staff Development Calendar

The calendar for the return to school is below. The staff will be divided into two groups this year:

Group A: Includes all teachers, staff, and counselors

Group B: All 9-11 History, Science, English, Math, and Spanish 1&2 teachers.

New Teacher Induction program August 11,12,13

Monday, August 17 Group A @ B'wood auditorium 7:30 – 12 noon
Group B @ LJI Forum 7:30 – 12noon

12:30 – 3:30 All staff @ B'port auditorium General Session: RTI

Tuesday, August 18 Group A @ B'wood auditorium 7:30 – 3:30
Group B @ LJI Forum 7:30 – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, Aug 19 **All staff @ Civic Center: Building Champions**
7:30-3:30

Thursday, Aug 20 Teacher Prep Day
Coaches UIL mandatory meeting @ Brazoswood

Friday, August 21 Teacher Prep Day

August 24 - 1st day of school

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Go Bucs!