

BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE WELCOME BACK LETTER

August 2017

Dear BCS Families,

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited for the school year and honored to be serving as Co-Chairs of the BCS PTSA Clearinghouse.

BCS PTSA Promise to Participate

Did you know that BCS has the most active and vibrant parent community in Birmingham Public Schools? Every year, hundreds of BCS parents commit their time, energy, and creativity to the school for the benefit of our children. We ask that each parent pledge to participate in at least one volunteer opportunity during the school year.

There are dozens of volunteer opportunities during the school year - It's a great way to meet other families and build relationships that make a difference! A **Promise to Participate** form is included in your registration materials so that you can find the best fit volunteer opportunity! You can find a digital version of this form online at bcsonline.info under the PTSA tab. Click on "Get Involved" and you will find the Promise to Participate link.

BCS Directory and Email Communications

BCS will email a link for families to add, update, or verify directory/contact information during the 1st week of registration. It will also be accessible from the BCS home page at www.bcsonline.info.

BCS PTSA Back-to-School Receipt

This form is included in this registration packet and needs to be filled out and returned with payment at registration. The instructions for filling out the receipt are found on the back of this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us before registration!

We are looking forward to a fabulous year!

2017-2018 BCS PTSA Co-Chairs,

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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Back-to-School Receipt Instructions

The Back-To-School Receipt is included in this registration packet and needs to be filled out and returned with payment at registration. Items on the Receipt include:

PTSA Contributions

PTSA Direct Donation: The Direct Donation Campaign is one of two major fundraisers that the BCS PTSA Clearinghouse holds to raise money for the school. Money raised by the Direct Donation Campaign and the Blast! (the other fundraiser) goes toward Engineering Technology, computers, iPads, athletic equipment, curriculum enrichment materials, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Music enrichment and more. To view the PTSA support for the 2017-2018 academic year please go to the PTSA tab on the BCS website and click the link for the budget.

- Please contribute what you can to the Direct Donation Campaign as our ability to fund programs and technology for the school are completely dependent on parent contributions. Your donation to the PTSA Direct Donation Campaign is 100% tax deductible!

Student Planner: On the first day of school, all students in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades will receive a planner paid for by the PTSA. Your \$5 donation helps offset the planner costs charged by the vendor. Planners will be available for 7th & 8th grade students during Back-To-School Registration, on a first come first served basis for a suggested \$5 donation.

Classroom Dues: Classroom dues are used for classroom celebrations, staff appreciation week, staff conference dinners, and curriculum support materials.

Booster Contributions

Tax deductible contributions targeted toward **Music, Athletic, Forensic, or Swim Team** programs.

PTSA Membership Dues and Merchandise

PTSA Member Dues: While all parents are welcome to participate in PTSA sponsored activities only PTSA members have the privileges of making motions, debating, voting, holding office, serving as chairmen of standing or special committees or serving on committees. The PTSA Membership is for the household, which gives voting rights to two parents/guardians in the household, a printed 2017-2018 BCS school directory, and access to the digital directory. PTSA members can also order additional printed directories at a discount (\$7.00).

2017-2018 BCS Directory: Printed directories (including access to the digital directory) are available for order for non-PTSA members at a cost of \$15.00 each.

Directory Ads: You can advertise your business to the BCS community and help offset the printing costs of the directory by placing an advertisement. See the receipt for prices and sizes. Please send digital artwork to directory@bcsonline.info.

BCS Car Decal: Show your BCS spirit with a removable BCS Car Decal. Decals can be ordered for \$5.00 each and will be delivered during Back-To-School Registration at the PTSA payment table.

Payment Information

If you are paying by check, please attach the check to the receipt. *****Check payment is preferred, when possible, to minimize credit card fees. Checks should be made payable to BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE.**

If you are paying by credit card, please bring your credit card with you to registration.

No BCS student will be excluded from participating in any school activity for financial reasons. If financial support is needed from NAN'S KIDS fund, please contact Mark Morawski at 248-203-4428 or MMorawski@birmingham.k12.mi.us.