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"Bison Strong – Built To Last!"

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Welcome to Belmont 8-12 School. We are excited to educate your students and look forward to growing them through high expectations and solid execution. Parents and guardians, we are committed to providing your children an example of professionalism and unconditional positive regard while teaching the approved curriculum with emphasis on high quality instruction. This year is going to be amazing! Our focus is a return to the basics. We are placing emphasis on two things: **Teaching and Learning.**

Belmont is a school on the brink of something great. In order for you and your child to experience this shift, there are a few immediate changes made to posture our students for success.

Attached to this letter is the dress code for the 2018-2019 school year. We are moving to 100% uniform. This means all students (8th-12th grade) are expected to wear the school approved uniform. We sent this information home with students in May. We are excited about this change as it promotes unity and safety. Please follow the guidelines without deviation. We need our students in class receiving quality instruction; not in the office calling a parent for proper clothing. Parents, your support is vital as we attempt to educate every child - every day!

Middle School and High School students will observe the following school day:

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The first day of classes for all students is **Monday, August 13, 2018!** Students are expected to be in attendance on the first day of school dressed in their uniform and on time! Breakfast will be served each day from 8:30 AM to 8:55AM. Please have your child here on time as breakfast will not be served after 9:00 AM.

High School football conditioning and weightlifting is underway. Soccer and cross country have started as well. NJROTC is always recruiting as they have a thriving program that supports leadership, education and training. Volleyball will start up very soon. Those interested in cheerleading should also contact the school for information. Please, encourage your child to participate in extra-curricular activities. An engaged, plugged in student is a successful student.

Families, this is a year of partnership. We need you just as much as you need us. Please work with us as we cultivate an environment charged with critical thinking and character development. We must prepare our Bison to conduct themselves responsibly in an ever changing, global society. We invite you to the school should you have any concerns. We ask that you allow patience and poise to drive conversations. Allow the school to remedy situations. If we ever want the narrative of our school to change, we must work together. This is going to be a dynamic school year. We have adopted the motto: "BISON STRONG – BUILT TO LAST!" Belmont isn't going anywhere. In fact, this is the year of restoration to being an academic powerhouse and contender in the city of Dayton. Will you help us accomplish this by doing the following:

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- Have your student at school each day, on time and in uniform (they must be in uniform each day. Please monitor the dress of your students as we will call you if they are not dressed appropriately).
- Please do not call or text your child during the school day. We have phones in the office. We will have a strict policy regarding the acceptable use of cell phones. We need your support. Please encourage your students to keep their phone in their locker or bag during the instructional day.
- Ask them about their homework. Ask them what they learned for the day. Ask them if they need support in any way. If there is something we need to know, please tell us as quickly as possible. It is our mission to support your child.
- Headphones will not be allowed at any time during the day. Please keep them at home. They obstruct hearing which impede and compromise safety.
- Be sure your child is prepared to work each day. Please bring supplies and the right attitude for learning.
- Please adjust their conversation. Profanity (cussing) and blatant disrespect is unacceptable and will be dealt with swiftly.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Aggressive discipline will be administered for fighting. Please encourage your child to reach out to an adult should there be an issue. Understand that telling an adult does not excuse them for still engaging in mutual combat. They need to respond appropriately and responsibly by seeking help.
- Monitor HAC (Home Access Center found on the DPS website) often and stay in constant communication with your child's teachers and administrator. Communication is necessary for this to be a successful school year.
- Please discuss the importance of attending each scheduled class. Belmont is not a mall. They need to be in their assigned location at all times. They also need to remain on campus at all times as there is no open access. This campus is closed. Students will eat lunch at school. Also, please do not bring lunch to your student. We do not have the resources to deliver it to them.
- Encourage their greatness and excellence. Tell them you love them and believe in them as much as possible.

Lastly, we have an official Belmont Facebook page. Please take time and join. The page is:

@RealBelmont

We will update this page often. We will also post meetings live so you can always stay connected. Please be positive as students have access to the page as well. Also, it speaks to who we are as a school. We need our image to change. Let us post positive pictures and videos about our amazing school!

I am excited to be your child's principal. This year will be an amazing school year at Belmont 8-12 School where we are "BISON STRONG – BUILT TO LAST!"

Regards,

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