

Briggs Chaney Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Briggs Chaney Middle School takes great pride in offering activities and sports programs that allow students to showcase their ability and exercise good citizenship and teamwork. Beginning September 18, our after school activities program will offer students the opportunity to participate in clubs such as Audio Visual, Conservation Club, and Newspaper Club to name a few. Intramural and interscholastic sports programs will be offered. All activities will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All activities and sports programs will end by May 16, 2013. **Permission slips are to be turned into the main office. Students must complete a separate permission form for each activity that they join. A separate form, provided by the Intramural Director, must be completed for intramurals.** Additional forms are available in the main office during lunch.

Transportation will be provided for students who stay for a supervised after school activity. The bus routes are listed on the back of this letter. If your child is not taking the activity bus, please pick up your child at the parent pick-up side of the building by 4:05 p.m. Students are expected to arrive to all activities by 2:45 p.m. Attendance will be monitored by each activity leader.

All students participating in a MCPS extracurricular program are required to pay a student activity fee. Forms were mailed to students prior to the beginning of the school year. If you did not receive a form, additional forms are online at montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/. **Please note:** the activity fee is not required for students who wish to stay after school for instructional support.

If you have any questions regarding Briggs Chaney Middle School clubs and organizations please contact, Mr. Duncan E. Jackson, Assistant Principal. Questions regarding interscholastic sports or intramurals, should also be directed to Mr. Jackson. Thank you for supporting our continued effort to provide your child with a well-rounded and diverse educational experience.

Sincerely,

Duncan E. Jackson
Assistant Principal

***Please note:** In order for a student to participate on a MCPS sports team, it is mandatory that he/she receives a complete physical exam by your family physician prior to participating in any interscholastic sports programs. Student physical exam forms are available in the health room.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

BCMS offers three interscholastic sports. If you love softball, basketball, soccer, or cross country, be sure to listen to the announcements about tryouts. In order to tryout, students **MUST** have all necessary paperwork (parent permission, medical card, and a physical within the past 2 years) turned in to the coach and have paid the Extracurricular Activities Fee (ECA Fee) for the school year. Students **CAN NOT** attend tryouts until those items are completed. Participation in these activities is available to 7th and 8th grade students only.

- **Softball (Mr. Sheldon - boys and Ms. Kenealy - Girls)**
Boys and Girls: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 to Thursday, November 1, 2012
- **Cross Country (Ms. Jennifer)**
Boys and Girls: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 to Thursday, November 3, 2012
- **Basketball (Mr. Boston - boys and Mr. Sheldon - girls)**
Boys and Girls: November 14, 2012 to February 21, 2013
- **Soccer (Mr. Sheldon - boys and Ms. Kenealy - girls)**
Boys and Girls: March 7, 2013 to May 16, 2013

INTRAMURALS

The intramural program is designed to be an extension of the physical education curriculum. It offers the student an opportunity to participate in physical activities in a relaxed and non-competitive environment. In order to play, students **MUST** see the activity sponsor for a permission slip and pay the Extracurricular Activity Fee (ECA Fee) for the school year. The following is a short description of fall and winter/spring activities that may be offered.

Flag Football - (Mr. Pasch) On average about 100 students boys and girls, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders sign up each year to play flag football. Students are drafted by 8th graders to play on teams. Team rosters are consist of about 7-8 students per team. Games are played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (weather permitting) right after school until 4PM. Teams average two games per week. Flag football is a great activity to meet and play with all students here at Briggs Chaney. All grades play together and it is tons of fun. Games go on until winter break so dress warm. Weather permitting with scheduling, we plan on a championship tournament.

Step - (Ms. Bromell) - Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Dance Room starting in October.

Cheerleading - (Ms. Cunningham) - Tuesdays and Thursdays from December through February.

Basketball - (Mr. Naing) Open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. Students will play 4-on-4 half court games with substitutes. The activity will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 - 4 pm.

Space is limited to about 40 to 50 students so that all can participate both days. The activity will run from late September to early November.

After School Fitness - (Ms. Tolley) Open to all grade levels. Students will work on physical fitness, which will encompass cardio work-outs, some weight training and all areas of physical health. This activity will run from December through February.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

AUDIO VISUAL CLUB - (Ms. Justice) - Thursdays in the Media Center

AV club members will learn to use the camcorder, cameras, lights, microphones and editing equipment in the T.V. Studio. Club members will also learn to use the sound systems in the school.

CONSERVATION\SCIENCE CLUB (Mr. Liesch) - Tuesdays in Room 7

Students in the Conservation Club will raise the awareness for conservation in the school. Participants in the Conservation Club will earn student learning hours by helping to collect the recyclables from different locations within Briggs Chaney Middle School. Students will also discover more efficient ways of using energy.

NEWSPAPER (Ms. Carbine) - Wednesdays

This activity consists of students writing articles that they feel are news worthy and of interest to their peers. Students may work alone or in groups to do their reporting and often type and edit their articles on the computer. This is excellent training for those who are considering being on the newspaper staff at the high school level. The publication of articles will go into the Briggs Chaney Middle School newspaper.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SGA (Ms. Robertson) - Thursdays

All students at Briggs Chaney Middle School are members of the SGA. Two male and two female Executives will be elected from each grade to represent their grades on the Executive Council. First period representatives will be elected to attend in-school General Assembly meetings and after school meetings. It is the first period representative's responsibility to report back to his/her class on all General Assembly business. The SGA will sponsor dances and community service projects and act as the voice of the Briggs Chaney Middle School students.

YEARBOOK (Ms. Carbine) Thursdays

Open to all Briggs Chaney students. Members will be divided into four committees. Students will make important decisions on the cover design, theme for the yearbook, layout of pages, and distribution of books. Students will also have input in selected pictures included in the yearbook.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB (Ms. Zeiger) - Thursdays

The International Club will enhance our middle curriculum by providing the opportunity to experience another culture's music, tradition, culture, foods and language while fostering learning connections through a social event. Our program will address all five goal areas of language learning - Communications, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities - as outlined in MCPS World Language Curriculum Standards.

GIRLS BOOK CLUB - (Ms. Powell) - Tuesdays

The focus of the "Girl's Book Club" is to read and discuss realistic, age-appropriate, fictional books. These books will discuss situations that today's middle school tweens must encounter on a daily basis. These books will discuss some of the following topics: bullying, divorced parents, sibling rivalry, finding and acknowledging your personal gifts, self-esteem, fitting in, peer pressure and many other topics. If you love to read, love to discuss girl issues with friends and you wish to become a better reader... Come out and get involved- join the after school Girl's Book Club!!

GARDEN CLUB - (Ms. Crown)

The gardening club will grow plants and flowers that can be enjoyed by the whole school. Students will experience gardening from planning to harvesting and maintenance. Plantings will take place in the fall and spring, but members will tend the garden and plan together for seasonal rotations that are beautiful and purposeful. Also, like Michelle Obama's gardening program, when spring arrives, the garden club will also grow fruits and vegetables that will be served in the school cafeteria, donated to families in need, and made available for sale at a farmer's market.

JUNIOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - (Ms. Robertson)

The Junior National Honor Society (JNHS) has been recognizing outstanding student achievement since 1921. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (and Citizenship for NJHS). Being a member of JNHS is a distinction that holds significance throughout a student's academic life and beyond. This activity will be held on Wednesdays in the Staff Development Office.

**Briggs Chaney Middle School
Extra-curricular Activity Program
Registration/Permission Form
2012-2013**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Team: _____ Regular Bus Route # _____

Transportation from extracurricular activity or sport - please choose one of the following:

_____ I plan to ride the Activity Bus.

_____ I will walk home

_____ I will be picked up

Print the name of the activity that you will be participating in:

I give my child permission to participate in the activity listed above. I realize there may be a time when I need to provide transportation for my child. I have read the parent letter at the beginning of the Activity Packet and agree to the terms stated in the letter.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent Name (PRINTED)

My work telephone number: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

******Students MUST turn in a signed permission slip in order to stay after school. Each activity requires a separate permission slip.******