Seven Academies – One Great School
“Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence”
Welcome to the
“BCA Class of 2021”
Freshman Parent Orientation
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Our Administrative Team

Russell Davis
Principal

Dr. Raymond Bath
Vice Principal

Giulia Zanoni-Mendelsohn
Supervisor

Michelle Pinke
Supervisor

Dr. Todd Crane
Lead Teacher

Paul Kaser
Lead Counselor
College & Career Services

Stephen Kaplan
Lead Teacher

Andrea Buccino
Lead Teacher

Ken Zurich
Lead Counselor
Guidance
Parent Partnership Organization

Get involved, come to meetings and events
Academy parents can be a great resource

Julia Chang
President
Making a positive transition to BCA

• Freshman Orientation
• Safety
• Campus Overview
• Strategies for Success
• Club Getaway
• Parent Partnership Organization
Freshman Orientation

*Students may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch for $4 during Orientation*

Busses are asked pick your child up 30 minutes later than designated time for normal school year. (Handled by your District)

Yearbook Photos will be taken on Thursday

S.P.A.R.K. Members

Sharing Perspectives Among Real Kids
Freshman Orientation by SPARK

• Wednesday
  – Icebreakers
  – Guidance
  – Administration Talks
  – Letters to Senior year selves
  – Lunch
  – HIB
  – Bus Info
Freshman Orientation by SPARK

• Thursday
  – Guidance
  – Schedule Run
  – Icebreakers
  – Lunch
  – Yearbook Photos
  – “Wrap Up”
Technology on Campus

• Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus
• Students will receive their login during Orientation
• If your child brings in their own device they must register it with our Technology department.
• Students and teachers use a variety of PC’s, Apples, iPads, Laptops, Chrome books, etc.
• Loaner laptops are available on a daily. Weekly or monthly basis. (room 138)
Forms

Netiquette & Computer Security Policy
Provides access to Bergen Net and indicates guidelines for network and computer use – copyright, appropriate material, etc.

Parent / Guardian Photo/Media/Video Consent Form
I/We grant permission for this student’s image to be published Brochures, Newspapers, Magazines etc.
(no identifying information included)

Website Consent Form
I/We grant permission for this student’s image to be published on our website (no identifying information included)

Please click Yes or Agree
## Required Forms

### School Form Listing

**FRESHMEN FORMS**

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- Form Approved / Populated
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VISIT [www.schoology.com](http://www.schoology.com) (Link will open in a new tab)

CLICK Sign up

CLICK Parent

ENTER SCHOOLOGY PARENT CODE: **4WF5-GMTG-28B2**
Dining Services

- Students may eat in both Cafeterias from 10:45 am – 1:00 p.m.
- Variety of Hot & Cold lunches available. Salads, soup etc.
- Standard lunch is approximately $4.00
- Ala carte meals are slightly more

- Also open for breakfast daily at 7:00 a.m. bagels, yogurt, fruit etc.
BCA Dining Services

Payments can be made by credit card (Visa, MC or Discover) or ACH (electronic checking) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the parents’ convenience. It is recommended to pay 24 hours in advance.

Payforit Apps for both iPhone and Android are available to allow parents to both make payments and view transaction details and balances via their mobile devices. Please visit the App Store or Google Play and search for “Payforit”.
Create New Guardian Account

Address Information

Select State: All States

District:
  - Henderson
  - Johnston County
  - Longleaf School of the Arts
  - Mitchell County Schools
  - Pitt County Schools
  - Sampson County
  - Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy
  - Wilson Preparatory Academy

First Name:
  - Henderson

Last Name:
  - Johnston County

Phone:

Please enter the Postal Code:

Click here for instructions

Please do not list. If they are not listed up on our site:
  - Bogota School District
  - Chatham
  - Chatham PTO
  - Children’s Institute
  - Chelmsford Regional
  - Cliffside Park SD
  - Clifton School District
  - Clinton Township SD
  - Collingswood Public Schools
  - Collin's Neck
  - Cranford Public Schools

Student Activity Options
Online Recent Purchases List
Create Your Own Meal
Every student has a choice of entree supplying protein and grain, as well as vegetables, fruit, and milk choices. Some menu items are bundled and students will see on the serving line which specific items are grouped together.

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Menus Subject to Change
We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.
Health Services

• The Health office is located on the 2nd floor
  – The nurse must be informed of any medication that your child brings to school (prescription or over the counter)
  – Campus EMT Team under the direction of our nurse.
  – Please discuss any medical concerns with Mrs. Hynes ext. 2254
CAMPUS SAFETY

DR. RAYMOND BATH
Campus Safety

• Students can assist in keeping everyone safe.
  – Students are not permitted to leave campus during the school day.
  – All doors are to remain locked
  – All visitors should directed to the main entrance. (students should not open outside doors for anyone.)
  – Students should carry their ID with them at all times.
Campus Safety

• Video surveillance throughout the campus.
• School Resource Officer - Detective Porfido
  – Bergen County Sheriff’s Department
• Two security guards (am & pm)
• Full time nurse & Student EMT Response Team
• Direct communication with Bergen County PD.
Campus Safety

• Safety Drills
  – Different types of drills are practiced each month.
  – (Shelter in Place, Lockdown, Evacuation etc.)
  – All students and visitors must follow the safety directions of teachers and staff.
  – In the event of an incident parents will be notified by text message.
  – Parents should not attempt to come to the school during an incident.
HIB
Information on Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying

Our District is committed to raising your child’s awareness and sensitivity to the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights through a variety of district-wide activities developed by their Anti Bullying Specialist to reinforce a positive school climate.

As parents/guardians, your role is essential to assist us with implementing the law. As a result, it is vital for you, as well as your child, to comprehend what constitutes the definition of harassment, intimidation and bullying, the consequences for this behavior and your rights as parents.

The New Jersey Department of Education has created multiple tutorials for parents to augment their understanding and implementation of the law. They may be accessed at Keeping Our Kids Safe, Healthy and in School website: http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/behavior/hib/tutorials/ for online tutorials.

Anti-Bullying Specialist
Nancy Sytsma
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STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

MRS. MICHELLE PINKE
Information on:
Academics
Guidance
Faculty Directory
Daily Schedule
Student Expectations
Health Office
Activities & Clubs
What can I do for my child to ensure their success?

Make sure your child attends school.
Make sure that they arrive on time.
Make sure your child is getting enough sleep
Make sure you monitor PowerSchool (but not too much) and reach out to your child’s teachers when necessary.
Make sure you log into Schoology (log in @ the bottom left corner of PowerSchool)
A Typical 9th Grade Schedule

• Core Courses
  • Courses meet 2-5 days a week
• Academy Specific Classes
• Guidance Seminar
• Projects, Electives & Clubs
• Unscheduled Time

• Elective information
Finding a balance

- Schoolwork
- Extra-curriculars at School
- Extra-curriculars beyond School (music lessons, club athletics etc.)
- Friends & Family
- Avoid digital distractions
Appropriate use of Unscheduled Time

• Use your time wisely
• Find a quiet place to study
• Meet with a teacher
• Do your homework
• Work on projects
• Common Area is open after school until 7:00 p.m. for students to work on projects or homework.
Academic Support

• Each teacher will provide students with times they are available to assist students.
• Students may meet with any teacher in a department for academic support.
• Student tutors are also available through the National Honor Society.
• Your child should never hesitate to ASK FOR HELP!!! This is a challenging academic program.
Academic Support- Who do I contact?

• Contact Information & protocol
  – Faculty email directory in the Family Handbook and school website, www.bergen.org
  – Concerns regarding individual classes should always be directed to the classroom teacher first.
  – If you need additional assistance contact your child’s Guidance Counselor
  – Contact Ms. Pinke, Supervisor
CAMPUS OVERVIEW
MRS. GIULIA MENDELSONH
Morning Drop Off

Strategies for success

Over 50 buses arrive daily between 7:20 am & 7:45 am

Over two hundred (200) students are dropped off by their parents between 7:20 am & 7:45 am

Make sure to pull up at the furthest available spot in front of the auditorium. This will ease congestion.
Early morning arrival

• Students will be allowed into the building starting at 7:20 am.
• Students will report to the gymnasium only between the hours of 7:20 and 7:40 am.
• Students will then have access to the hallways and will report to IGS at 7:55 am.
Bus Departure Information

• 53 busses depart each day
• Information about Buses
  – Students *should* know:
    • Their bus company (First Student, Leckie etc)
    • Their route number if possible
    • Upperclassmen who are on their bus
Automated Bus
Departure Information

• Students can find the location of their bus by...
  – viewing the TV monitors inside the school
  – MyBCAbus.com (indicates the specific location of your child’s bus each day)
Attendance

• Students are expected to be in school for the entire school day (8-4:10.)
• Students are expected to take full advantage of BCA’s educational opportunities.
• Students should not have more than five hours of unscheduled time each week (excluding lunch.)
Reporting an absence

• Parents should call the main office to report an absence as early as possible.
• Any student with 10 or more absences for any reason (except religious holidays and suspension, may lose course credit.)
How to find out what’s going on...

- View our website
- Check your email
- Read the PPO Newsletter
- Follow us on Twitter
  - twitter@DavisBCA
- BCA.schoology.com
- PowerSchool.com
### Upcoming Dates

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<td>PPO Meeting with Guidance Breakout sessions by grade.</td>
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Club Getaway Trip
Mrs. Marain Trip Coordinator karmar@bergen.org

- Team Building
- Leadership Training
- Orientation
Club Getaway

Class of 2021
September 6th, 7th, & 8th
When Is Club Getaway?

• Arrive at BCA 8:00 A.M., Wed., Sept. 6th
• Have a parent or guardian drop you off in front of the Auditorium
What Do I Do When I Arrive At School That Day?

• Pick up your luggage tags at one of the tables in front of the Auditorium
  – Write your name on of the luggage tag
  – Tie a luggage tag to each bag

• Do NOT put your medications into your luggage

• Put your luggage on your designated bus for Club Getaway
Where Do I Go Next?

• Go into the AUDITORIUM and sit down
• Wait for your Bus Number to be called
• Attendance will be taken on the bus
What Should I Do If I Need to Take Medications?

• Bring all medications with you to the Auditorium when you arrive at school on Wednesday

• Meds will be collected at school and given to the BCA Nurse

• BCA Nurse will dispense all medications at Club Getaway
What Should I Do If I Need to Take Medications?

• Prescribed non-emergency medications *NOT PERMITTED* in your possession (including Tylenol and other over the counter medications)
  – Parents and doctor must sign Medication Permission Request form

• Emergency medications, such as inhalers and EpiPens *ARE PERMITTED*
  – Parents and doctor must sign Self-Medication Release form
How Long Does It Take To Get There?

- Two-hour bus ride
- No carry-on luggage
- Wear old clothes suitable for a Hike
  - *No time to change clothes*
What Happens When We Get There?

- Carry your luggage off the bus and wait for your camp counselor to give you directions
- Meet with camp counselors for further instructions about lunch and afternoon activities
What Kind of Food Do We Get?

• Wholesome varieties at each meal
• Plus
  – Cereal Bar (breakfast)
  – Salad Bar
  – Afternoon and evening snacks
What If I’m Allergic To Something?

• Report all food restrictions and allergies on the form distributed to you at induction
What Happens After Lunch?

• Follow the schedule assigned to you
  – Bus Number
  – Day and evening group activities
What Do the Cabins Look Like?

• Clean and neat
  – Sheets, pillow, and blanket provided

• Indoor plumbing
  – Bring towels, no amenities provided
  – Toilet paper provided by Club Getaway

• *Cabins should look the same when you leave as they did when you arrived*
Are There Lights in the Cabins?

- All cabins have electricity
- Bring a flashlight if you wish
What Do We Do At Club Getaway?

• Have lots of fun!!!
• Develop comaraderie within your academy
• Build friendships with students outside your academy
• Behave
  – Be on your best behavior at all times since this is your first field trip with BCA
  – We will monitor your behavior closely
  – If you misbehave, you may lose your privilege to attend future trips!
Outdoor Fun

• Zip Line
• Floats & Boats
• Bungee Trampoline
• Hike Appalachian Trail
• Rock Climbing
• Bon Fire
Evening Activities

• Birdman
• Snakeman
• Square Dancing
• Camp Fire
Have a Wonderful Time!
Contact Us

- Russell Davis, Principal rusdav@bergen.org
- Raymond Bath, Vice Principal raybat@bergen.org
- Giulia Zanoni Mendelsohn, Supervisor giuzan@bergen.org
- Michelle Pinke, Supervisor micpin@bergen.org
- Laura Hynes, Nurse lauhyn@bergen.org
- William Muller, Athletic Director wilmul@bergen.org
We wish you and your child a successful school year!