



Biloxi High School

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Teresa Martin, Principal

July 23, 2023

Dear Biloxi High Families,

As we look forward to starting the 2023-2024 school year, I wanted to reach out and provide information that will help for a smooth start.. We are very excited to welcome our students back to school. The first day of school for 9th graders will be Wednesday, July 26th. This is a full school day. Thursday, July 27th will be the first day for all other grades and the second day of school for 9th graders.

- **Student Schedules/First Day Info** - All fully registered students will be provided their full class schedule during Meet and Greet on July 25th from 2-3:30 pm.
- **Late Registration Information** - Biloxi High School parents/guardians that did not complete the on-line registration process and in-person residency verification for their Biloxi High School student can begin that process on July 31st during the hours of 8 am - 2:30 pm at Biloxi High School.
- **Updates** - Please check the BHS Webpage and the BHS Facebook page for continuous updates relating to everything Biloxi High. The Biloxi High Plan of the Week will be sent out each Sunday. This will provide information for the upcoming week as well as provide dates for important future events.
- **Student Identification** - Each student will be issued a school badge. It is mandatory that all students carry their badge with them at all times. Badges will be used for attendance, food service codes, and other check points needed for students throughout the day. Students that lose a badge can purchase a new badge for a fee of \$5. Students can use their badge to enter all regular season athletic events for free.
- **Bus Transportation**- BHS bus stops, bus numbers and associated times are available through the Edulog Parent Portal App. The Edulog Parent Portal app provides the latest information on the planned time and location of the student's school bus stop. (Please see the attached information and directions for the Edulog APP). Student school ID number is needed when signing up. If you have any questions about bus stop location, please call the Biloxi Public Schools Transportation Department at 228-436-5140.



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- **Student Drivers**
 - All student drivers will need to purchase a 2023-2024 BHS parking sticker. Students should access the google form on the BHS webpage. Students who have completed the Google form by July 24th will be able to pick up their decal at Meet and Greet on July 25th. Decals are \$5 (Exact cash only, please).
 - Student drivers should enter campus via AJ Holloway Sports Complex (map attached).

- **Car Rider Drop off/Pick up**
 - Prior to the tardy bell (7:55 a.m.), all students must be dropped off in the car rider loop (map attached). Please keep in mind that for the first few days of school, the car rider line will be slower than usual. Parents can, however, expedite the process by pulling all the way up to the front of the drop off line so that multiple cars can unload at the same time. Following the directions of the staff on duty will expedite the process and get your students to class on time and keep them from receiving a tardy.
 - All students must be picked up in the car rider loop. Students are NOT permitted to be dropped off or picked up in the front of the school.

- **School Meals**
 - Please fill out the free and reduced meal benefits application at <http://www.schoollunchapp.com/>. Households who do not complete the application or those who do not qualify, will be charged full price for any meals eaten in the cafeteria.
 - To add funds to your student's meal account, please visit www.mypaymentsplus.com.

- **Student Device Insurance** - BHS students will be issued district-owned Chromebooks in the first few weeks of school. Parents, please take advantage of filling out the form and purchasing the insurance during Meet and Greet on July 25th. Insurance is \$15 and can be paid with cash (exact change only) or checks made out to Biloxi High School (please include two phone numbers on check).

- **Other Information**
 - Students can start arriving on campus at 7:30 am. BHS bell schedules are posted on the BHS website.
 - Please be familiar with Pupil Accounting procedures and BPS policy concerning checkouts and deliveries to students. Information posted on BHS site, drop down box Pupil Accounting.
 - Teacher email address format: firstname.lastname@biloxischools.net



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- o Counselors:
 - Jacquelyne Barnett (Last Names A-F)
 - Tearra Beasley (Last Names G-L)
 - Sarah Beth Parks (Last Names M-R)
 - Heather Dedeaux (Last Names S-Z)
 - Damien Rosetti (Career/Technical Education)
- o The BHS 2023-2024 Student Handbook can be found on the BHS website under the Students & Parents drop down box. Hard copies of the handbook can be picked up at Biloxi High during school hours.

Excellence From All, For all

Sincerely,

Teresa Fernandez Martin, Principal

EDULOG'S PARENT PORTAL APP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

GENERAL

Q: What is Edulog's Parent Portal? How do I sign up to use it?

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NOW THAT YOU HAVE INSTALLED THE APP - GETTING STARTED

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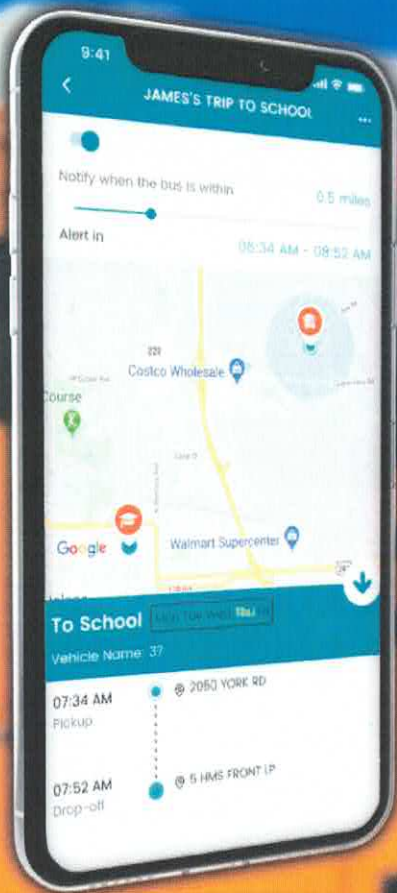
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UP-TO-THE-MINUTE BUS ROUTE INFO



DOWNLOAD



PARENTS
EMPOWERED!

Parent Bus Tracking Application

- ▶ Where's My Bus?
- ▶ Bus Arrival Notifications
- ▶ Planned Stop Information
- ▶ Access to All Children in the Family
- ▶ Incoming Transportation Messages
- ▶ Apple (iOS) and Android
- ▶ Secure Access

Real Time Bus Location Information



Edulog Parent Portal lets parents see the time and location planned for school bus arrival at their child's bus stop. The app also lets them view the location of the school bus to gauge arrival times each day and sends a push notification to their smartphone when the bus enters a user-defined geographic area around the stop. Parents only receive access by registering with data unique to their child. It's all information to help parents feel secure about their child's trip on the school bus!



Biloxi High School Drop-Off/Pick-Up & Parking Map

