



BENJAMIN TASKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Benjamin Tasker (BTMS) Families,

Welcome to the 2018/19 school year. We hope that you had a fun and restful summer. We are excited about the many opportunities and activities available to our students and families at BTMS this school year. Enclosed, please find your child's 2018/19 School Year Schedule, as well as the 2018/19 Benjamin Tasker Middle School Calendar.

The System-wide Orientation day for all new incoming 6th and 7th grade students is **Friday, August 31, 2018**. The first day of school for all students is **Tuesday, September 4th**. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation are provided daily. The cost for meals is provided on the PGCPS website. Current PGCPS students will continue to use their previously assigned PIN numbers, while new students will be assigned a PIN number. Schedules will be available on the first day of school. Lockers will be given out throughout the first week, but all student can expect to receive a locker by Monday, September 10th.

School doors open at **8:00 am**, and the last class ends at 3:10 pm. Students are not permitted on school grounds prior to 8:00 am, as there is no adult supervision prior to this time. The school begins offering breakfast at 8:00 am. Students in grades 6th and 7th assemble in the gymnasium in preparation for class, while 8th graders assembly in the cafeteria. Classes begin at 8:30 am. Students arriving at school after 8:30 am must obtain a late pass from Rm. 102. The school day ends at 3:10 pm. **Please plan to attend our Back to School Night on Monday, September 17th (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm).**

Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide a fun, child-centered, kind, flexible, and supportive community that engages in collaboration and open communication with all partners (students, parents, staff, and community). We will utilize data to guide rigorous and engaging instruction with evidence-based practices that develop creative independent thinkers in preparation for participation in a global society.

Vision Statement: BTMS is an exceptional school community that provides a supportive, engaging, and collaborative environment that challenges students to achieve mastery as independent creative thinkers and learners within a global society.

BTMS Goals (2018/19 SY): BTMS will provide (1) rigorous and engaging **instruction** utilizing evidence-based practices, (2) clear expectations and proactive timely **communication**, and (3) a kind, welcoming, and respectful **environment**.

Families may access the following resources to assist in accessing information and planning:

- **BTMS Annual Schedule SY 2018/19:** Posted to Website as of Monday, August 27th, 2018
- **BTMS Website:** Access regular updates and information at: <http://www1.pgcps.org/benjamintasker/>
- **SchoolMax:** Review student schedules, assignments, grades, etc.
- **Family Newsletter:** <https://tinyurl.com/yctwn9x6>

We are energized and committed to making this a fantastic school year for our students and look forward to working with both our students and families to ensure students continue to excel and achieve as positive creative leaders and learners. Please note that schedules are subject to change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kendra A. Hill

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Benjamin Tasker Tigers... Ready to Lead, Roaring to Achieve