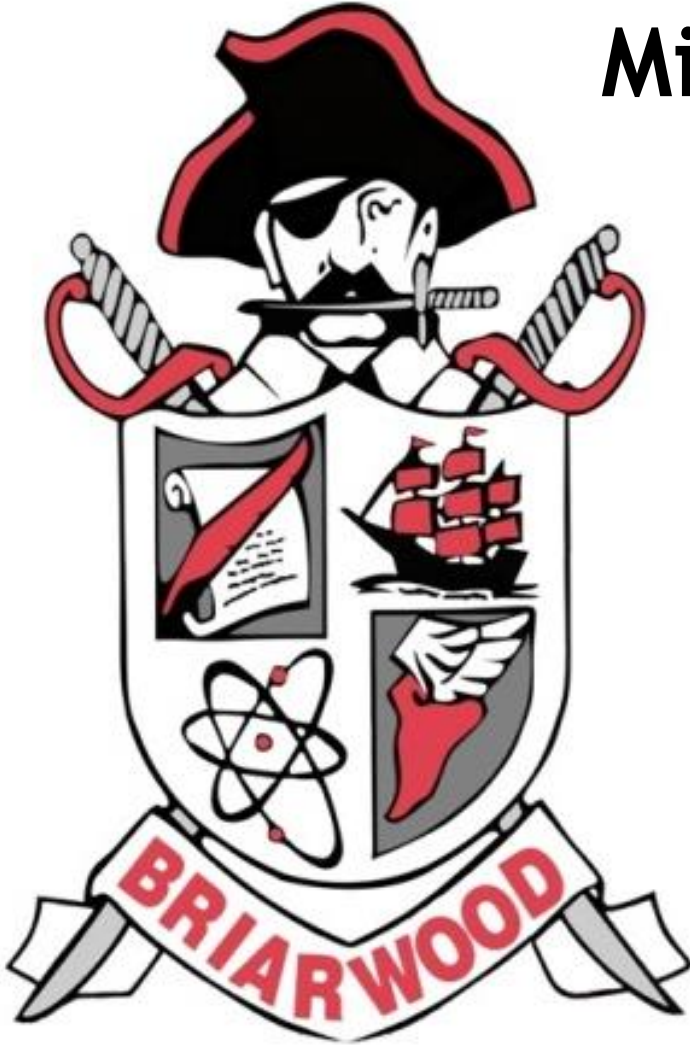


5th Grade Parent Night

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Middle School Academic Information

- ▶ Schedule:
 - ▶ Middle and High School has 6 Periods that are 50 minutes long
 - ▶ 6th Grade Classes:
 - ▶ English or Advanced English, Math or Advanced Math, Geography, Earth Science, Computer, and PE
 - ▶ 5th grade teachers will provide recommendations for Advanced Classes
 - ▶ Parents will need to contact the counselor to request changes

Bell Schedule

School Hours

7:50

8:09

8:10

8:10-8:20

8:23-9:16

9:19-10:12

10:12-10:29

10:32-11:25

11:28-12:21

12:23-12:53

12:24-1:17

12:56-1:49

1:19-1:49

1:52-2:45

Teachers Report

First Bell

Tardy Bell

Homeroom

First Period

Second Period

Break

Third-Period

Fourth Period

Middle School Lunch

Fifth Period (High School)

Fifth Period (Middle School)

High School Lunch

6th Period

Middle School Academic Information continued...

- ▶ In 7th grade, we will introduce an Exploratory class.
 - ▶ Exploratory classes are 9 week long elective classes
 - ▶ Randomly assigned with the exception of Chorus
 - ▶ Chorus students will have Chorus for first two 9 weeks and a randomly assigned exploratory 3rd and 4th 9 weeks
 - ▶ Non-Chorus students will rotate classes each 9 weeks
 - ▶ Class offerings:
 - ▶ Ecology
 - ▶ Art Appreciation
 - ▶ Speech/Spanish
 - ▶ Computer
 - ▶ Music Appreciation
 - ▶ Students will have exploratories in 8th grade as well
- ▶ In 8th grade, we will introduce the option to take high school classes.
 - ▶ H. Algebra I, H. Physical Science, H. 9th Grade Lit

Middle School Academic Information continued...

Semester and Yearly Averages:

- 9 week grading periods (Exams will be given at the end of the 9 weeks)
- The semester average in each subject will be determined by adding the first nine weeks average and the second nine weeks average and dividing by two.
- Adding the first semester average and the second semester average and dividing by two will determine the yearly average in each subject.

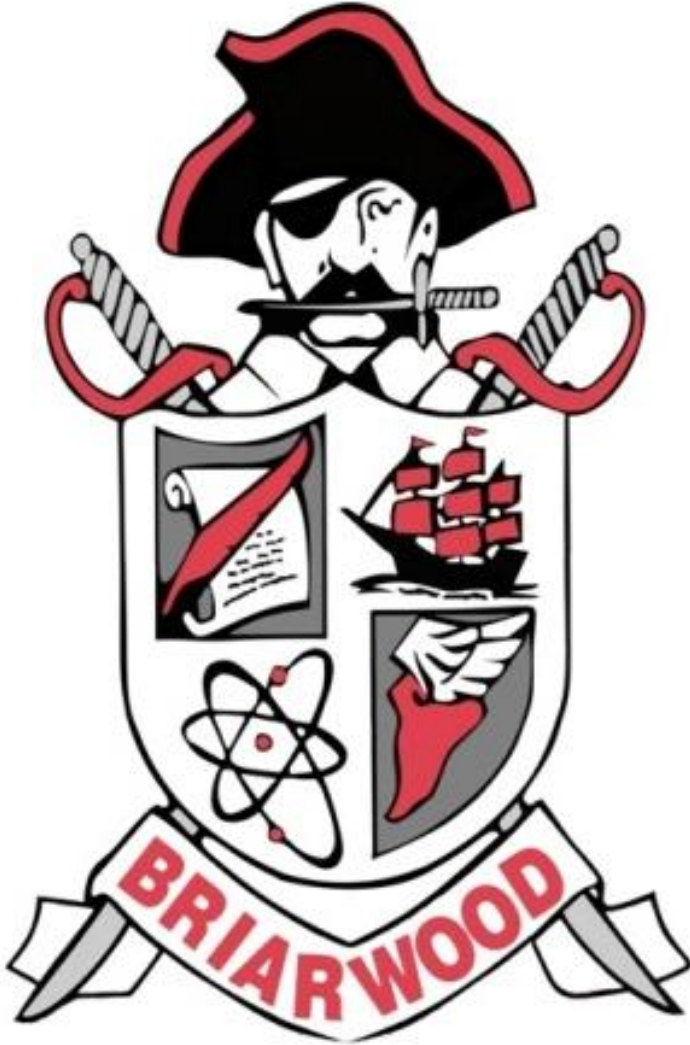
Testing:

- 6 and 7th Grades will take the ITBS
- 8th Grade will take the PSAT 8/9

NJHS- National Junior Honor Society

- Membership offered in 7th Grade
 - Based on grades from 6th grade- 90 or above in academic classes

Tips for Academic Preparation



Help your child get started:

- ▶ Planners are a great idea! Most teachers write homework assignments and upcoming important dates on the board.
 - ▶ Teach them how to be specific in their planner entries
- ▶ Lockers:
 - ▶ Lockers will be assigned at Open House
 - ▶ Locks are not necessary
 - ▶ We recommend students get materials for first two periods before school, at break they swap for the next two, and then after lunch they get materials for 5th period. After they finish PE, they get their bookbags situated with homework.
- ▶ In the beginning (and as long as it takes for them to develop a good habit), check their bookbags for loose papers and help them get them into the correct notebooks.
- ▶ Check Renweb!!
 - ▶ Ensure they are turning in homework
 - ▶ Stay on top of it until they have developed good habits that you know will last
 - ▶ Teacher communication decreases, so this is the best way to stay on top of your child's academic progress
- ▶ Summer work:
 - ▶ Summerbridge is a great resource
 - ▶ 5th Grade teachers can provide materials and suggestions

Social/Emotional Support Tips

- ▶ Friend Groups are constantly shifting!
 - ▶ Have an open mindset
- ▶ Students are ready to learn the next tier of Independence.
 - ▶ Previously, we have done most things for them, now we need to focus on teaching them how to do more things for themselves and manage responsibilities more independently.
 - ▶ As a parent, we love our children so much that we want to save them. Each time we save them from facing adversity, we are taking away their ability to overcome adversity! Even when it is hard, let them handle things on their own. We are here to teach the skills and then allow them to put them into practice.
 - ▶ Work on life skills—How to pay at a restaurant, how to get gas, table manners, how to fill out a form, how to make a to-do list, chores, allowance/managing money, organization, time management, packing their lunch and gymbag, etc.





Social/Emotional Support Tips continued...

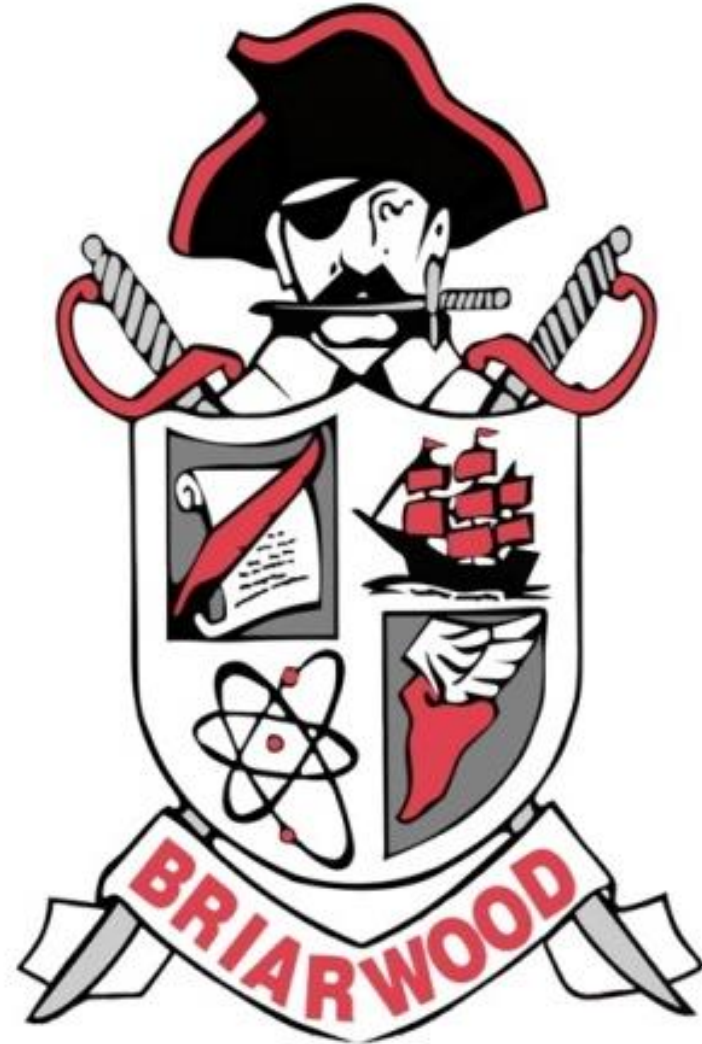
- ▶ Your student needs your encouragement!
 - ▶ Find an activity you enjoy doing together and start/continue building a strong dialogue with your student
 - ▶ Ask them about their day (not just about grades or behavior)
 - ▶ Ask them what you can do to help them in the transition
 - ▶ Lend a listening ear and help them build skills to work through problems
 - ▶ Establish trust, consistency, stability
 - ▶ Try positive reinforcement
 - ▶ Our words become their self talk! Choose your words carefully!
- ▶ Connection=Correction! 😊

Social/Emotional Support Tips continued...

- ▶ Teach coping skills for dealing with peer pressure and stress:
 - ▶ How to say, “No!”
 - ▶ Walking away from negative situations
 - ▶ Thinking/pausing before they speak, counting to 10, taking deep breaths, etc.
 - ▶ Reducing stress by exercising, listening to music, journaling, talking it out with a trusted adult or friend
- ▶ Be sure you have had all of the necessary talks:
 - ▶ Boyfriend/girlfriend
 - ▶ Dangers of social media and posting inappropriate things
 - ▶ Personal safety
- ▶ Continue to emphasize respect and manners--this will go far with teachers!

Promotion/Retention

- ▶ Students must pass five out of six classes for an academic year to be promoted to the next grade.
- ▶ If a student fails one class for the year, he/she will be promoted but placed on academic probation.
- ▶ Any student who fails two or more classes in an academic year will automatically be retained in the same grade and placed on academic probation.



Student Athletes/Eligibility

- ▶ Students wishing to participate in school-sanctioned sports will have to remain academically eligible.
 - ▶ A student must have passed five unit subjects the previous 9 weeks



PE

- ▶ 6th Period
- ▶ PE Uniforms:
 - ▶ \$20-\$22 per set
 - ▶ Students typically order 2-8 sets
 - ▶ Students order online--information will be sent home this summer
- ▶ Gym bags cannot be left in the hallway, they can leave them in the gym or in a teacher's classroom.
- ▶ Most of the sports practices will be during PE.

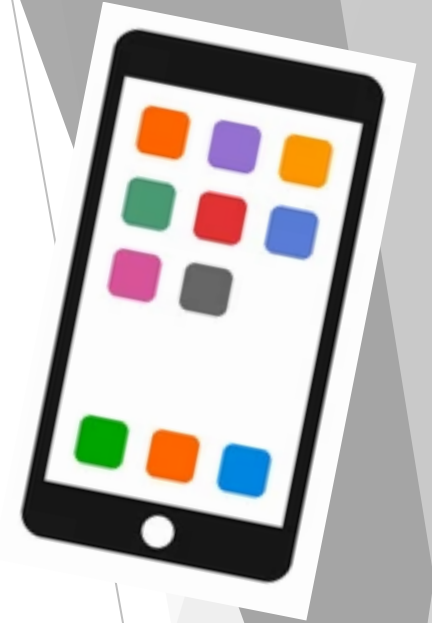


Dress Code: Main concerns/Changes from Elementary School

- ▶ Please review the dress code in the MS Handbook.
- ▶ Girls:
 - ▶ No athletic shorts or pants
 - ▶ No leggings
 - ▶ Shorts or skirts need to be no more than 2 ½ inches from the knee
 - ▶ No tank/halter/spaghetti strap tops or low cut blouses
 - ▶ No overly frayed/torn/ripped items
- ▶ Boys:
 - ▶ No athletic shorts or pants
 - ▶ Shirt must be tucked in
 - ▶ Hair cannot come over the collar, cover the eyes, cover the ears, or be tied up in any way
 - ▶ Once a male student is warned about needing a haircut, he will have one week to get it cut. If he hasn't gotten a haircut in one week, he will serve a one-hour detention each day until his hair is cut.
 - ▶ No extreme hair styles (mulletts, mohawks, etc.)

Cell Phone Policy

- ▶ Students may use cell phones outside the buildings before the school day begins or after 2:45 PM. All cell phones belonging to students should be left at home, locked in vehicles, or placed in lockers and are not allowed to be carried during the school day.
- ▶ **Due to privacy issues, students are not allowed to take photographs or make video and/or audio recordings while on campus. Briarwood Academy prohibits the use of cell phones and/or smart devices (including watches) for communication and recreational use during the entire school day.**



Questions...