



BOLTON CENTER SCHOOL

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Dear Bolton Center School Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! This year, I will proudly begin my 12th year at Bolton Center School and I am honored to work side by side with all of you. The school staff, our Assistant Principal, Amela Kelleher, and I have worked hard this summer to prepare for the return of students on Wednesday, August 30. As a staff, we continue to be passionate about our work to inspire all students to grow as learners, individuals, and citizens. For those families that are new to BCS – welcome and we are thrilled to have you be part of our school community!

Bolton Center School is a wonderful place and truly is a family. We are committed to meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of each of our unique students. This important work is outlined and supported by our [BPS Strategic Plan for 2020-2025](#) and [BPS Portrait of a Graduate](#).

As a school, we value and encourage school-home communication. We are officially moving over to ParentSquare for all school-home communication as of Monday, August 21. Please sign up for ParentSquare as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact the BCS main office at 860-643-2411.

School Schedule

The school day times are full day (8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.) and half day (8:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.). The school doors will open at 8:15 a.m. We do not want students congregating in large groups, so please do not drop off before 8:15 a.m. On the first day of school, elementary students will be led off the bus by BCS staff and walked to their classroom. The middle school students will go directly to homeroom where they will receive their locker combination and information about their schedules. Students will receive a school planner to organize their assignments and the [BCS Parent and Student Handbook](#) is posted on the front page of the BCS website.

All middle school homeroom assignments and elementary teacher placements will be emailed on Friday, August 18. If you need help setting up your PowerSchool account or you did not receive your child's teacher placement, please contact the BCS main office at 860-643-2411.

Attendance

Student attendance in school is extremely important and is often an indicator of how students will perform academically over the years. Making sure students come to school is a team effort from both home and school. Please do everything you can to schedule family vacations at the same time as school vacations. If you have any questions or need assistance talking through an attendance issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to school administration for support.

BCS PTA

The BCS PTA is very excited about the upcoming school year and events they have planned. The first PTA meeting for this year is Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be part of the PTA or help out in some way, please contact PTA President Deanna Grady Lloyd at president@bolontonpta.org.

Meet and Greet

The staff is planning an in-person meet and greet for grades K-5 on Tuesday, August 29. Please stop in to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

PK - 2: 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Grade 3 - 5: 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

New Staff

We have a few staff additions that I am very excited to announce:

- Tyler Aldieri – Grade 4 Teacher
- Hayley Andros – Grade 6 ELA Teacher
- Ariel Fields – Grade 8 Math Teacher
- Callie Dannhauser – School Psychologist
- Jessica Tardif – Social Worker

Important dates

- **August 28** -First day for BCS staff
- **August 29** -Meet and Greet
- **August 30** -First day of school for BCS students
- **September 4** -No School (Labor Day)
- **September 15** -Early Release Day for students
- **September 21** -BCS Open House Grades PK-5 (more details to come)
- **September 26** -BCS Open House Grades 6-8 (more details to come)

I want to end by saying thank you and shouting out a few people! A big thank you to the BCS custodians who do an amazing job every year of getting the inside and outside of the building ready for the opening of school. A big shout out to the PTA and families of BCS for continuing to support the school so that we can do the very best we can for our students.

Please communicate with your classroom teacher(s), Mrs. Kelleher, and myself about anything we can do to support your child. It's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Darryl T. Giard

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