



August 5, 2011

Dear BCS Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to the 2011-2012 school year! We are working diligently on routing for the coming school year so you can receive a busing letter from Durham School Services, around August 31st. Letters will be to inform you of your student's bus route number, morning pick up location and time, and the afternoon drop off location and time. As a reminder, there are no dedicated BCS bus stops and/or routes. Additionally, there is no busing for the 3:15 p.m. dismissal; buses typically leave BCS at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Each morning most BCS students ride on their respective middle school bus runs, from existing middle school bus stops. Those BCS students arriving at Berkshire or Derby will transfer onto waiting buses that will take them directly to BCS. Students should get off their middle school buses and immediately load onto the shuttle buses; unless their bus is a shuttle bus. Shuttle buses from Berkshire and Derby will be marked with "BCS SHUTTLE" signs in the second right side windows. These are the only buses that will transport BCS students from our middle schools to BCS and will arrive at BCS at approximately 8:08-8:11 a.m.

Shuttle buses will not return to Berkshire or Derby for students who miss their bus to BCS.

West Maple area students will have the option to ride a bus leaving at 7:48 a.m. from West Maple Elementary directly to BCS. Students living in the Midvale Center area will be picked up at Midvale at 7:58 a.m. and will be taken directly to BCS. The shuttle bus will leave Greenfield at 7:55 a.m. and will go directly to BCS. All students must be on time; these buses cannot wait for late students/parents, additionally, there will be no a.m. transfers for these students. Parents are responsible to ensure safe passage for their child(ren) to West Maple, Midvale or Greenfield for these direct shuttle runs.

In the afternoon, all BCS students will ride buses directly from BCS to neighborhood locations, however, not necessarily to home stops. The afternoon bus stop time is noted in the letter is an estimated time that your child(ren) will arrive at the stop if all of the BCS students are riding on that afternoon. Since BCS has "choice hour", most BCS students ride an average of no more than three days a week on an afternoon bus. "Choice hours" vary each day for students. Therefore, the arrival time at each bus stop depends upon whom and how many students are riding the bus that day. We expect that all students on our BCS runs will be returned to neighborhood stops between 4:25 and 5:15 p.m. daily.

You may contact the transportation office at **248-203-3940**. The transportation hot line for current daily information: **248-203-3960** (however, this is only for information---please do not leave a message on the hotline phone as it is not monitored for messages.) You may also visit our website at www.birmingham.k12.mi.us or email us at info@bpstransportation.org. Have a safe, happy school year and please feel free to contact us regarding your child's transportation services.

Kind Regards,

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