



Big Spring Middle School

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Dear Big Spring Middle School families,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another GREAT year here at Big Spring Middle School! We have been working hard to prepare for this school year, and we are anxiously awaiting the first day back with all of our students.

Please mark your calendars with these important back to school dates:

6th Grade Bulldog Basics:

When: Tuesday, August 16th

Where: Big Spring Middle School Commons

What time: Students-(4-7:00 PM); Parents-(5:30-7:00 PM)

**Student drop off begins at 3:45 PM*

**If you haven't registered your child for the event, please email Mr. Michael Spears at:*
mspears@bigspring.k12.pa.us

"New to Big Spring" 7th and 8th grade orientation:

When: Thursday, August 18th

Where: Big Spring Middle School Commons

What time: 9-10:00 AM

First Student Day of School:

When: Wednesday, August 24th

7th and 8th Grade Open House:

When: Thursday, September 15th

Where: Big Spring Middle School

What time: 4-7:00 PM

**More detailed information will be sent closer to the date.*

Please see below for other important information:

- **Middle School Webpage:**

- Please continue to check our middle school webpage for upcoming events and important information.
- <https://www.bigspringsd.org/bsms>

- **Schedules/Bus Assignments and Times:**

- Students can access student schedules in ASPEN starting Wednesday, August 10th.
- Bus assignments/times will be viewable in ASPEN closer to the start of the school year.

- **Breakfast/Lunch:**
 - The federal grant that provided free breakfast and lunch meals to all students has expired.
 - Please visit our middle school webpage for current meal prices and to access the free/reduced lunch form application.
- **Supply Lists:**
 - Supply lists are available by grade level on our middle school webpage.
 - Please reach-out to our guidance office if you are struggling to obtain any/all supplies needed for your child. *We can help!*
- **Lock Form:**
 - We offer locks to students who do not have one, as we encourage lockers to be locked at all times. If you would like for your child to obtain a lock from us for this upcoming school year (*free*), please fill-out the below link.
 - Students may provide their own lock (*combination or key*).
 - [BSMS Lock Request and Information](#)
- **Fear of Dogs/Allergy Form:**
 - We are fortunate to have a service/therapy dog, *Lincoln*, at Big Spring Middle School. If your child has a SEVERE fear of dogs and/or SEVERE allergy to dogs, please complete the below link.
 - [Severe Allergy/Fear of Dog Form](#)
- **PTO Participation/Support:**
 - We would LOVE to hear from you and have your participation and support of our Big Spring Middle School PTO. If you are interested in joining our PTO in support of our students and school events, please fill-out the below link.
 - [PTO Feedback Form](#)
- **ASPEN:**
 - Please be sure you have parental access to ASPEN.
 - *Moving forward*, report cards will not be printed and sent home with students. You can view your child's grades and comments for each marking period in ASPEN.
 - Please be sure to update any important information regarding your child in ASPEN.

Mr. Fry (*assistant principal*) and I are so excited for the upcoming school year! It is truly a privilege to serve the Big Spring School District and community, where we all strive to build positive relationships that foster academic and social growth reflective of our district's Profile of a Graduate.

Here's to an outstanding 2022-23 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Clarissa Nace

Middle School Principal

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