Greetings to all of our Big Spring Middle School families!

Both Lincoln (our BSSD service dog) and I are SO excited to see and greet students back in our building in a few short weeks!  I wanted to take this opportunity to reach-out to all of you regarding some important information as we plan and prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.   Below are some important planning dates and information.   If you have any questions regarding the below events and/or information please don’t hesitate to contact us at the middle school.  Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM (717-776-2471).

**Important Information:**

* Please reference our middle school webpage for detailed information about upcoming events, grade level supply lists, **PE clothes**, and **transportation drop-off/pick-up changes**.
	+ [Big Spring Middle School Webpage](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinkprotect.cudasvc.com%2Furl%3Fa%3Dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.bigspringsd.org%252fDomain%252f9%26c%3DE%2C1%2CFKXGw-X1QeCLPBTv4E-xANegbdWfZPaV-0H0q2ZhZnPyNjHEuXJPbxS0pgfebTEGSz0a6JxAxfUjHcyMvNm0Ww1f0NS9mn3WaSoqD50LL_H2OLn2NbSmMgxqfds%2C%26typo%3D1&data=04%7C01%7C%7C56110bb1520e459dde4508d95da2cf1a%7C445abbc76901456daa5668ae8a6995cc%7C0%7C0%7C637643776143120044%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=rtHZMp34FDCvWd%2F5LIkb9FvW9S5adIgm%2BSsMybkN6IM%3D&reserved=0)
	+ If you are struggling getting/finding supplies for your child, please contact us and let us help!  Don’t let this be a stressor for you or your child at the start of the school year.
	+ Student pick-ups will be changing this school year.  Parents are to park in the last row of our parking lot and students will be dismissed after the buses are dismissed  (approximately 2:45 PM).
		- A map and more detailed information can be located on our middle school webpage.
		- If you plan to pick-up your child, you should plan to come to our building either before 2:40 PM or after 2:50 PM to avoid congestion with our buses.
		- Pick-ups after 2:50 PM will take place at our front entrance.
* Students can enter our building at **7:15 AM**.
* All students are eligible for **FREE** breakfast and lunch this school year!
* Knowing we have a service dog in our building…if your child has a SEVERE allergy or fear of dogs, please take a few minutes to complete the below link and our school nurse and/or a counselor will be reaching out to you to get more details.
	+ [Severe Fear of Dogs or Allergy Form](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2F1c_5kF_sEEdxcwPbs8f1j1FegOOzDPn7nO8iWTQrNHm0%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=04%7C01%7C%7C56110bb1520e459dde4508d95da2cf1a%7C445abbc76901456daa5668ae8a6995cc%7C0%7C0%7C637643776143129997%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LMU0BopVChUqpft3YRCN0V5doKFq57XkhbDrxBiYZo0%3D&reserved=0)

**Important dates:**

**August 13th**-Back to School Gateway Closes:

* Please log on to Back to School Gateway by clicking on the following link: [***Back to School Gateway***](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinkprotect.cudasvc.com%2Furl%3Fa%3Dhttps%253a%252f%252fbigspring-update.hosted.src-solutions.com%252f%26c%3DE%2C1%2Chau0pPC3mvqT8Voe_QXNQdpd_yqYwpcNEuewQQ3YsOFtGb5Pt43dg-TB2F_WVKK_UOuhDhxlRe8NSYJkH3yIQpmKofHfZz7Lr1xvO-aUO-YGsM9gWQ9i00LXj6XU%26typo%3D1&data=04%7C01%7C%7C56110bb1520e459dde4508d95da2cf1a%7C445abbc76901456daa5668ae8a6995cc%7C0%7C0%7C637643776143129997%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UVgmQ7cYEMoexF2ErXh6V3ewesYCLdKpV%2Bendwx0xxE%3D&reserved=0)and entering the username and password provided to you.  The username is your student’s ID number and the password is their birthdate and must be entered in a 2-digit month, 2-digit day, and 4 digit year format.  For example, if the student’s birthdate was January 2, 2004 -- the password should be entered as 01/02/2004.  Be sure to include the “/” in the birthdate.

**August 13th**-Student schedules go live in ASPEN

**August 19th**-6th grade Bulldog Basics (5-7:00 PM)  \*Please limit 1 parent per household to this event.

**August 24th**-New to our district student orientation (9:00 AM)  \*Please limit 1 parent per household to this event.

**August 31st**-1st day of school

**September 3rd-6th** Labor Day Break (no school)

**September 9th**-7th/8th grade Open House (6:00-7:30 PM)  \*Please limit 1 parent per household to this event.

Thanks so much for your support!  Here’s to an OUTSTANDING school year!

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