Montgomery Blair High School

Freshman Parent Orientation Meeting
September 10, 2020

Welcome, Blazers!
Objective: By the end of this meeting, parents will:

- Meet the Administration and Leadership at Blair.
- Learn about new policies in the virtual environment.
- Discover ways for students to get involved in athletics and other school clubs.
- Learn of the Ninth Grade Academy
- Clarify attendance processes for this school year.
- Learn strategies to stay connected this year.
Montgomery Blair High School

Leadership Structure

- Principal: Renay Johnson
- Asst. Principal, 9th Grade: A-L-Lavina Carrillo
  M-Z Tracy Pettis-Jones
- Asst. Principal, 10th Grade: A-L-Dirk Cauley
  M-Z- Tracy Pettis-Jones
- Asst. Principal, 11th Grade: Joseph Fanning
- Asst. Principal, 12th Grade: Adriana Burgos-Ojeda
- Assistant School Administrator: Candace Wilkerson
- CAP Coordinator: Sarah Fillman
- Magnet Coordinator/Administrator: Peter Ostrander
Don’t miss out

● To keep up with all the news and events happening at Blair:
  ◦ Check the school website regularly – www.mbhs.edu
  ◦ Follow Ms. Johnson on Twitter and Instagram - @blairprincipal
  ◦ Like Montgomery Blair High School on Facebook
  ◦ Read Silver Chips and Silver Chips Online
PTSA President

- Mariama Orange

- Website: http://ptsa.mbhs.edu/
Rita Boulé, Athletic Director
Blair Blazer Athletics- 2020-2021

Our Mission:
To provide our student-athletes with opportunities to successfully compete in an interscholastic athletic program that is an extension of their educational experience and academic program and to improve their interpersonal, athletic, and leadership skills which will enable them to apply these skills throughout their lives.
Blair Blazer Athletics- 2020-2021

During the 2020-2021 school year, the first semester of MCPS athletics operation will be virtual, while the second semester will hopefully allow for in-person engagement. Both semesters will feature sport seasons that maximize the opportunities for students to participate in the program, across all interscholastic sports. The second semester will be administered in alignment with CDC, state and county health guidelines.

Each of the three sports seasons (fall, winter & spring) will be 5 weeks long and require registering in order to participate. A student who has signed up for the virtual season can only participate in the conditioning if he/she has received a medical clearance in the past two years. The information can be found on the Blair Blazers Athletics website.
The first semester of program operations for MCPS Athletics will be virtual and will feature three sport seasons, which will be conducted during the first semester.

All 9th graders are eligible to participate in any or all of the seasons this semester.

The 5-week seasons are as follows:

Fall Season – September 14 – October 16, 2020

Winter Season – October 26 – December 4, 2020

Spring Season - December 14 – January 22, 2021
Blazer Athletics 2020-21

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<td>Cheerleading</td>
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Note: Each season will be done virtually while current health conditions remain and move into next phase when allowed according to local health guidelines and systems in place.
If you are interested in participating in a sport this virtual FALL SEASON, you must register online:

https://forms.gle/S2mrCqEyii7cHYEe7

This form can be found at the website:

https://blairblazersathletics.com/

WE ARE ONE
MBHS will distribute essential instructional material(s) to the parent(s) and guardian(s) of MBHS students for the 2020-2021 school year from 8:30 - 4:00 PM on **Tuesday September 15 - Friday September 18**. Students may pick up their materials during lunch or after their classes end. Teachers will inform their students about the material(s) they will need. Every family will receive a MBHS magnet to display their Blazer pride. **Seniors** will receive a MBHS mask as a senior gift. **Freshmen** will receive a Blair T-shirt at no cost. Please use the following link to order your T-shirt.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSJSDOQa2qBGvxGgdONqhhfAn3TfHT7ZN6M9Op3t-l2YHDng/viewform

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**Blair Mask**  
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**Blair T-Shirt**  
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**Blair Magnet**  
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## Essential Material Distribution Date Chart

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<th>Material Distribution Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
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<td>Friday, September 18, 2020</td>
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9th Grade Academy

Ninth Grade Team Leaders:
Amy Ahrens
Adam Clay
Erin Conley
Peter Young
Dave Goldberg
## Who is my **Team Leader**?

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<th>If your <strong>English or History Teacher is:</strong></th>
<th>Then your <strong>Team Leader is:</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>Mr. Clay</td>
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<td>Mr. Young</td>
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<td>Ms. Rollins</td>
<td>Ms. Ahrens</td>
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Communication between home and school is a priority.

- There are 5 Team Leaders who work to help acclimate the freshmen to Blair.
- Team Leaders monitor students’ academics, attendance, and behavior.
- Teams will communicate regularly to address students’ needs.
Rationale & Benefits of the 9th Grade Academy

- To ease the transition from middle school to high school
- To create a structure to better connect students to staff, supports, and resources available at Blair
- To increase academic rigor and student retention
- To enhance school climate
- To increase academic achievement
- To build stronger student-teacher relationships
- To promote opportunities for personal growth
- To integrate academic and technical skills
- To develop awareness of college/career options
ESOL Program

Currently, the Blair's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program accounts for approximately 15% of our Blazers. 85% of the ESOL population is Spanish speaking.

ESOL Resource Teacher:
Tess Hiller
Theresa_M_Hiller@mcpsmd.org
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>ELP 1</th>
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<td>Bridge English 9</td>
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<td>12th</td>
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<td>Bridge English 12</td>
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Students in levels 1 and 2 also receive support and English language development from ESOL teachers in content courses, including US History, NSL Government, Algebra 1, Physics, Biology, and Health.
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Blair

Rahman A. Culver, Diversity and Inclusion Instructional Coordinator

Core Goals and Initiatives:

● Support strategic leadership toward equitable school climate

● Collaborate to foster inclusive training and instruction for school staff and teachers

● Help devise assessment and accountability measures for culturally relevant and responsive practices

● Participate in community engagement and resolution to address concerns and increase understanding

For more information, contact: rahman.a.culver@mcpsmd.net
School Counseling Information
Mrs. Makeyda Soriano, Resource School Counselor

Makeyda_A_Soriano@mcpsmd.org

Twitter: @mbhscounseling
Instagram: @mbhscounseling
Website: https://bit.ly/34g45sJ
# Counseling Department

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<th>Student’s Last Name</th>
<th>Counselor</th>
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<td>A-Beo</td>
<td>Ms. Raolat Agbedina</td>
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<td>Bep - Chk</td>
<td>Mr. Kirk Simms</td>
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<td>Chl-D</td>
<td>Ms. Puja Sharma</td>
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<td>E- Gom</td>
<td>Mr. Kareef Overton</td>
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<td>Gon-Hur</td>
<td>Ms. Emily Putney</td>
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<td>Hus-Lee</td>
<td>Ms. Tee Clark</td>
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<td>Lef-Mem</td>
<td>Ms. Mackenzie Cho</td>
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<td>Men-Oj</td>
<td>Mr. Alphonso Burwell</td>
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<td>Ok-Rh</td>
<td>Ms. Antia Reddicks</td>
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<td>Ri-Sim</td>
<td>Ms. Jennifer Poole</td>
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<td>Sin-Vel</td>
<td>Ms. Rachel Greene</td>
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<td>Vem-Z</td>
<td>Ms. Belvey Russ</td>
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Counseling Department Continued

- Ms. Lia Contreras – Counselor METS, ESOL 1-2

- Ms. Farzaneh Nabian – Parent Community Coordinator

- Ms. Janice Campbell and Dr. Toria Simpson – School Psychologists
Graduation Requirements
Maryland Requirement 22 credits, SSL hours, and PARCC

- Math – 4 credits
- English – 4 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Science – 3 credits
- Fine Arts – 1 credit
- Phys. Ed. – 1 credit
- Health - 0.5 credit
- Tech Ed. – 1 credit

Completer Options:
- World Lang. or ASL – 2 credits and 2.5 general elective credits
- Advanced Tech. – 2 credits and 2.5 general elective credits
- Career Pathway – 4 credits and .5 credit in two general electives

MCAP Assessments
Student Service Learning Hours
75 hours
Grade Promotion Requirements

Students must earn the minimum number of required credits indicated on the following chart to be promoted to the next grade level.

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<th>Beginning of:</th>
<th>Math</th>
<th>English</th>
<th>Science</th>
<th>Social Studies</th>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>11th</td>
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Blair has a college & career center with staff and volunteers who are there to help students prepare for the future.

Students can get information on careers, colleges, and scholarships.

Students should start visiting freshmen year, during lunch or after school, so that they can explore all of their options.
MyMCPS/Canvas – Single Platform

- MyMCPS/Canvas is the system that allows parents and students to check their grades and assignments. All teachers will be using MyMCPS/Canvas this year.

- Parents will get their login through the mail.

- School Contacts: Melissa Young and Andrea Lamphier

- Email: communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org
ParentVUE/StudentVUE

Parent VUE is what parents will use to check grades and to log into MyMCPS/ Canvas Classroom. Parents will get information in the mail on how to access this platform. Students will get info in their school email account.

Contact Andrea Lamphier, media specialist, Andrea_Lamphier@mcpsmd.org, for assistance.

The link provided here allows parents to allow affirmative parental consent to use a variety of paid and free tools in our distance learning classrooms: https://forms.gle/rT846hX2bnHhQkvD9

(This form should be completed by a parent/guardian).
Q & A
# Virtual Schedule Fall 2020

## Montgomery Blair High School Semester 1 Schedule

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<th>Regular Day</th>
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<th>B Day</th>
<th>Half Day</th>
<th>Virtual Check-In</th>
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<td>9:00 – 10:00</td>
<td>Period 1</td>
<td>Period 6</td>
<td>9:00 – 9:30</td>
<td>Period 1: 10:05 – 10:25</td>
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<tr>
<td>10:00 – 10:15</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>9:30 – 9:40</td>
<td>Period 2: 10:30 – 10:50</td>
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<tr>
<td>1:30 – 1:40</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>10:50 – 11:00</td>
<td>Period 6: 1:20 – 1:40</td>
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<td>1:40 – 2:40</td>
<td>Period 4</td>
<td>Period 9</td>
<td>11:00 – 11:30</td>
<td>Period 7: 1:45 – 2:05</td>
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<tr>
<td>2:40–2:45</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td></td>
<td>Period 8: 2:10 – 2:30</td>
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**Blazers**
Wednesdays

- Students work on **self-paced work** for all of their classes.

- Teachers will be available for office hours on Wednesdays, but student attendance is optional.

- Wednesdays are a great opportunity for academic support.
Connect Ed Calls

● All parents will be able to log into the Parent Portal to update the Emergency Information (including reunification contacts) online. Parents can make edits and updates on emergency cards online in the MyMCPS Parent Portal. The ability for parents to edit online will close at the end of September. After that, edits will be done by paper/pencil and submitted to school staff.
Student Expectations

- Students are expected to attend the live (synchronous) instruction classes.
- Be dressed/groomed in a manner appropriate for the classroom.
- Have all materials ready for class. This includes writing supplies, books, required notes, etc.
- Be on time for class. Class will begin at the time it is scheduled.
- Be respectful of the learning process. Holding up any signs, pictures, or inappropriate facial gestures not associated with the lesson is not permitted.
- Only use the chat function in Zoom with the teacher.
MCPS Attendance Policy

- The following absences are excused:
  - Illness
  - Religious holidays, pre-approved
  - Court summons (copy of summons required)
  - Death of an immediate family member

- Vacations are an unlawful absence

- A written explanation of each absence is required from the parent/guardian

- Absence notes must include the following:
  - Student name and ID#
  - Reason for absence
  - Date of absence
  - Parent signature and contact number

Contact Ms. Fus for any other information regarding attendance.
MCPS Attendance Policy

**Present**
- Zoom Report: Student logs into Zoom class
- Live roll call
- Discussion thread or attendance check in MyMCPS.

**Absent**
- Student does not log into the Zoom class, engage in discussion thread or complete attendance check in MyMCPS.
Attendance and Engagement

Recorded Sessions

◦ If students are absent during the live sessions, they can access the recorded lesson within 72 hours.

◦ Student/Parent/Guardian must attest to viewing the recording by completing the school-specific Attendance Google Form (link) found on the school’s website.

◦ The attendance secretary will then reconcile the absence to “Present-Other”.

◦ This Google Form does not replace the note to Ms. Fus. roxanne_f_fus@mcpsmd.org
Q & A
Lunch at Blair

For the fall semester, lunch will be grab and go at Blair from 11:15-12:30.
Activities Fair

- Stay tuned for information about an Activities Fair so that 9\textsuperscript{th} graders can start getting involved in the many clubs that Blair has to offer.
The Show Must Go On

- The Blair Drama Department will be putting on a production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* through Zoom.

- There will be two casts and performances will be in November.

- See details on Blair’s website and you can contact Ms. O’Connor with any questions (kelly_n_o’connor@mcpsdmd.org).
Important Dates

Quarter 1
● Back to School Night:
  ◦ Sept 16, 2020
● End of 1st marking period:
  ◦ November 9, 2020

Quarter 2
● End of 2nd marking period:
  ◦ January 29, 2021

Quarter 3
● End of marking 3rd marking period:
  ◦ April 16, 2021
● Spring Break:
  ◦ March 29- April 5, 2021

Quarter 4
● Last day for students:
  ◦ June 16, 2021

Refer to www.mbhs.edu for dates of important events
Whom should you contact?

- **Individual class question:**
  - Teacher

- **General student performance:**
  - Team Leader

- **Scheduling questions:**
  - Counselor

- **Health/Accommodations concerns:**
  - Counselor

- **Child’s absence:**
  - Ms. Roxanne Fus

- **Any other administrative concern:**
  - Ms. Carrillo and Ms. Pettis-Jones
Got Information?

CALL or TEXT the Blazer Hotline!
240-688-7940

Yes, it’s anonymous!
Q & A
Good Night!!!