

Black Diamond Middle School

Home of the Miners



Phyllis James, Principal

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Hello and Welcome!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the 2022 – 2023 school year here at Black Diamond Middle. As principal, I speak for all staff in saying how excited we are to work with our students and parents this year, as we continue our journey with school post Distance Learning. Working together, we hope to make this year memorable not only for the experiences had but more importantly for the learning growth attained.

I am requesting that students wear mask for the first two weeks of school to give our systems a chance to acclimate to each other. This is a request and not a requirement.

August 1

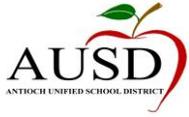
To get us started, students (and parents if they would like) are invited to come to campus on August 1st between 9am and 12pm to pick up their class schedule and tour the campus if you would like. We hope to have students here to give short tours and to answer questions. You will be able to purchase yearbooks and PE clothing which will be delivered later. You will also be able to find and open your locker to set it up for the year.

August 4 – First Day of School

On August 4th, our first day of school, we are asking parents to join us in the morning to form a “Welcome Bridge” to greet students as they come to school. We will meet 30 minutes before school starts at 8am for coffee, donuts and sharing. At 8:15am we will form a human tunnel of smiles, cheers, and air high 5’s to launch this new year at BDMS. We are especially appealing to fathers to be present for that half hour to model that strong sense of care and concern from every sector of our community.

Black Diamond welcomes parents to visit our campus at lunch time throughout the year to be an adult presence for students through our POC (Parents on Campus) program. Parents are only required to talk with students (about their interest, the weather, sports) and be present. It is a relaxed time of smiles and listening. Our “Welcome Bridge” will launch POC.

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The first few weeks of school will be devoted to getting to know each other and how Black Diamond operates. Students will receive a tremendous amount of information, which will be in small doses. We ask that you look out for this and help them review the expectations. Materials and textbooks will follow as soon as our numbers settle, so this may take a while.

Three expectations to be aware of.

Cell Phones – Our cell phone policy has students put away cell phones inside their backpacks, turned off or on silence, as they enter campus. They remain put away until they exit campus at the end of the day. When students have their phones out on campus, they are subject to confiscation. If the phone is taken, student can retrieve the phone 10 minutes after school twice. On the third confiscation, the phone must be picked up by a parent or guardian, only. The policy is met to help us keep the focus on learning and not social issues. Parents can reach their student by calling the office and we will have the student return the call.

Tardiness – At the secondary level of school, students can amass large numbers of tardies by being late to class periods which leads to truancy. Please encourage students to establish a habit of always being early to class.

Dress Code – Black Diamond does follow the district dress code policy which can be found on page 30 of the Parent Guardian and Student Handbook. With warm weather students try to wear little clothing. Please review this information with your student and ensure their compliance with the policy.

Our Bell Schedule and Staff List are available on our webpage or in the office.

We will see you all on Thursday, August 4th at 8:15am!

Sincerely,

Phyllis James
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