

July 30, 2010

Dear BRAMS Parent/Guardians and Students:

We hope you are enjoying your summer break. Wednesday, September 1st begins the new school year. We are eager to welcome back our returning students and extend a hearty welcome to all of our new students.

Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School is committed to providing superior academic instruction integrated with an extensive arts curriculum. This school year will be both rewarding and productive as we build upon our past success, undertake new endeavors and challenges, and continue our mission of being **"BETTER THAN BEST"**.

All parents/guardians are urged to work in cooperation with the BRAMS staff and take an active role in their child's education to provide the support necessary for his/her academic and personal success. All students are encouraged to put forth maximum effort both in and out of the classroom, to be good citizens who are respectful of others, and to participate totally in the pursuit of learning. Through student effort and the support of parents and BRAMS staff, every child will meet with success.

Orientation sessions will be held prior to the start of the school year. The NHBOE policy mandates that all parents/guardians and students attend an orientation session. The dates and times for the orientation here at BRAMS are:

Monday, August 30th	7:00 pm only
Tuesday, August 31st	10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Again, all parents/guardians and students *must* attend one of these sessions. **These dates and times may vary from dates and times you may see or hear of elsewhere, however, these are the correct dates and times orientation will be held at BRAMS.**

Enclosed are several forms for you to fill out and bring with you to orientation. A Student Emergency form, Media Release form and Field Trip Permission form (printed double-sided--be sure to fill out both sides), and electronics form are enclosed. Your child's homeroom number will be printed on his/her schedule. A PTSO form is also enclosed; joining the PTSO is an opportune way for you to become involved in your child's education. You will be asked to complete a few more forms at orientation.

We do not have school uniforms here at BRAMS; however, students are expected to dress appropriately and modestly. A more detailed explanation of the dress code is described in our Parent and Student Handbook which all students will receive in September. Please use a common sense approach when judging the appropriateness of clothing and grooming. Hooded clothing, pajama clothing, and open-toed shoes are not allowed. Students who are not dressed appropriately will be sent home.

Students who have outstanding obligations from the last school year will not be given a schedule until all obligations have been met. Every student is required to purchase a BRAMS agenda book for \$2.00. Bus schedules will be mailed to you from the NHPS Transportation Department.

We look forward to seeing you at orientation.

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