



# PURPLE TIGER NEWS

## BCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Autumm Jeter  
Superintendent of Bessemer City Schools

*"There is no traffic jam along the extra mile."*

*-Roger Staubach  
(aka 'Captain Comeback')*



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Bessemer City Family:

Many of you are aware of recent announcements that will benefit our students - such as the return of our meal distribution and free WiFi coming soon to school campuses! Filling digital gaps is major news, and we are proud to offer this kind of innovation in education. Parents and alumni have also expressed how happy they are at this news. Of course, your school leaders join you in the excitement. But, rest assured our work is only beginning. We are committed to no end to doing whatever it takes to offer the children of Bessemer the education they deserve.

This brings me to an important message I want to share with you. In the picture of the road above, what do you see? A long, lonely road underneath a clouded sky. But, on the other side - is GREATNESS. The reason the road is empty, is because few take it.

Every day, your teachers and administrators go the extra mile. During this pandemic, for example, we have stretched ourselves to accomplish things we didn't always know were possible. As a result, our students are receiving a competitive education and lasting connections with their teachers, despite the challenges against us. We go the extra mile for our students.

Parents and students, we need you with us. Students, make sure you're doing your work. Parents, partner with us and hold them accountable. Ask them questions about their work, and encourage them to reach out to their teachers for help and direction. Summer break is near, but it is not here yet. Stay focused. Go the extra mile, and enjoy the fruit on the other side. #BessemerStrong

*Dr. Autumm Jeter, Superintendent*

## THE BEST OF BESSEMER!



*Pictured (L-R): Makenna Gates, Patricia Stewart, Leanetta Wright | Not pictured: Macklin Davis & Dawn Williams*

A HUGE thank you to the BCS Finance Department. These ladies have come to the office just about daily to ensure that all Bessemer City School employees get paid on time! They follow all health guidelines with no complaints or negotiation. They are committed and have stellar attitudes during these difficult times.

Thank you so much to the BCS Finance Department. You are appreciated!

## HOW BESSEMER CITY IS KEEPING LEARNING ALIVE

### PUBLIC WIFI

Parents and students will soon have a new way to access the Internet - FREE. Signal towers will be located on Bessemer City School campuses and at the central office. This move by District leaders underscores Bessemer City's commitment to providing equal access to quality education to students.



For security, the WiFi will be password protected.  
We will post notifications once the towers are online and ready to go!

### DIGITAL LEARNING & CONNECTIONS



From course content to emotional support and inspirational sessions, Bessemer educators are showing the myriad ways to digitally serve students. For example, Abrams principal, Dr. Armentress Robinson has W.O.W. Wednesday weekly sessions!  
*\*Don't forget your ties & pearls!*





## FEEDING PLAN

*Lunch will be served Tuesdays & Fridays with additional meals included for the 5day week.*

Your BCS student meals are back! Thank you for bearing with us as we worked out a system that allowed us to feed students while keeping our staff safe.

***CLICK HERE***  
**for feeding times & locations.**

## Note to Graduates

Seniors,

Words cannot express how very proud we are of your accomplishments. For many of you, the journey was a very tough one. Whether your challenges were faced at home, in relationships, or with academics, the point is - you are here! You continued the good fight, and you made it. For that, you should be very proud! We certainly are!

**GRADUATION:** If you are a senior in good academic standing at the end of the 3rd 9 weeks, then congratulations! You are a graduate.

Otherwise, continue pushing through! We are here for you, so reach out to your counselor for guidance.

**CEREMONY:** We are entertaining a few options to make this out-of-the-ordinary commencement ceremony - nothing less than exceptional! Stay tuned.

**SAT/ACT Waivers:** Due to complications brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of colleges are waiving SAT/ACT score requirements for first-time freshmen. Check with your institution's admissions office for details.



# Friendly Reminders:



Spring severe weather season

**March - May**

Please, plan ahead  
& stay safe!

## STAY CONNECTED:

- Via website @ [bessk12.org](http://bessk12.org)
- Facebook @BCSTigers
- Instagram @BCSTigers
- Snapchat @BessemerCitySchools
- YouTube @BCSTigers



## HELP DESK SUPPORT

If you need help, our HELP DESK is available for support.

Please call 205.432.3098.

We are available from 8 am - 4 pm.

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