



Newsletter

Your weekly updates from BCS 6th ed.



A message from the superintendent

"Kid, you'll move mountains. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" - Dr. Seuss

Dear Bessemer City Schools Family,

We expect to learn more this week about the reopening of school campuses. State superintendent, Dr. Eric Mackey and Governor Ivey, will provide critical guidance related to COVID-19 safety. This information will impact plans for summer school, fall reopening, and graduation ceremonies.

This brings me to seniors and parents of seniors. Commemorating this milestone is extremely important to us. We have been discussing and developing plans for graduation, which may be virtual, traditional, or a combination of both. The information we receive from the state will help us solidify that.

Senior caps and gowns will be available via drive up on Thursday, May 7th, at the high school. You can read details below.

As we wind down the last few weeks of this school year, I strongly remind parents and students about the importance of completing assignments. Please, Until then, stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Autumn Jeter, Superintendent - Bessemer City Schools



Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Jeter will answer your questions LIVE on social media.

May 12 @ 5pm

Stay tuned for details.



Seniors

Cap & gown pickup May 7th (see page 2).



Virtual Summer Camp

Registration is now open. Students in grades K-3 can join this six week camp. June 8 - July 23

ATTENTION SENIORS

We have made a few revisions regarding cap & gown delivery this year due to COVID19. There will be a “drive-thru” set up in the high school parking lot where students and/or parents will pick up cap & gown, announcements, etc.



GET YOUR CAP & GOWN!!

BESSEMER CITY HIGH SCHOOL PICKUP

WHEN: May 7th | 11am-2pm

WHERE: Bessemer City HS parking lot

PROCEDURES:

When you arrive please text your FIRST and LAST name as well as the make, model, and color of the car that you will arrive in and the rep will bring your items to your car.

There will be a sign at pick up with the text information/number.

(The number to text is 205-233-1945)

*In order to limit customer and rep contact and to ensure everyone’s safety, we are asking that you stay in your car and wait until the rep brings your item(s) to you.

**All balances must be paid in full to pick up!*

Payment Options (to reduce physical contact):

Debit/Credit

ONLINE orders.jostens.com

800-567-8367

Money Order

Make money order out to Jostens

*Senior sponsors will also be available to collect senior fees for remaining senior activities

Spotlighting the Best of Bessemer!!



MR. JEROME COOK, PRES.



MR. AMOS REMBERT



MRS. REMEKA THOMPSON, VP



MR. SAM MORRIS



MRS. RENNA' SOLES SCOTT



MR. LEE JONES



MRS. VERA EADES

This week, we recognize our **Bessemer City Schools Board of Education Members!** As someone who has spent many years in the education field, I can tell you there is no substitute for a school board that is supportive, student-centered, and forward-thinking.

Bessemer City Board Members are truly committed to the betterment of this school system. They are supportive of the Superintendent and truly listen to needs and concerns. A school board is a governing body of the school system representing all communities from that particular City. They are elected officials who have the children's best interests at heart. We have made stellar progress in Bessemer City Schools with our Board and new Superintendent, and for that we say THANK YOU to all Board Members. The Board has a mindset of moving forward to provide the best education for students. They, along with employees, want our district to be competitive and attractive to all families!

Board-Approved Progress:

- *Extended wifi to cover all neighborhoods for Bessemer City Students
- *Extended District-based curriculum team focusing on teaching & learning
- *Approval of a PR Consultant to share the narrative of Bessemer City Schools to the public, work with administrators and students as needed
- *Approval and purchase of necessary items for the BCHS Band ~

Congratulations!!!

Bessemer City H.S. grad,
Darryl Williams Jr.



Free agent sign-on with
Kansas City Chiefs

Learn About Your Family Genealogy

If you've ever been curious about the origins of a certain family recipe or a longtime family tradition, now could be a great time to dive into your genealogy. While museums and libraries are currently closed, there are other options available to guide you on this amazing journey.



Birmingham is home to a local group called Birmingham African American Genealogy Group, Inc. (BAAGG). The organization is dedicated to finding the history of ancestors in and around the Jefferson County area. Simply submit a few details via email, and BAAGG will help you from there. For more information, check out baagginc.org.

Another more popular option for tracing your family's genealogy is Ancestry.com. While there is a cost associated with their work, the website allows users to create a family tree through its online database containing years of censuses, scanned documents and manually inputted data. You may even have a relative who has already begun a family tree on the website, and could help you build yours!

If your access to the internet is limited during this time, asking family members about your ancestors is another helpful idea. Go to family friends, distant relatives, and even longtime neighbors for any information they can give. They often remember more than they realize. Try keeping a journal or creating your own family tree so you can keep track and one day pass down the information to your children. Keeping family history and traditions around has the potential to deeply impact your family — instilling a sense of pride in children, enriching family support, and strengthening their inner confidence.

Once libraries reopen, check with staff about FREE resources they offer to help you on your journey. Until then, best wishes as you begin the adventurous dive into your family's history!



Stay informed

Follow Bessemer City Schools on social media:

- ▶ Via website @ bessk12.org
- ▶ Facebook @BCSTigers
- ▶ Instagram @BCSPurpleTigers
- ▶ Snapchat @BessemerCitySchools
- ▶ YouTube @BCSTigers

****PLUS** catch Dr. Jeter's weekly updates on the [Bessemer City Youtube Channel!](#)

Stay Safe

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Safety

 <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">SOCIAL DISTANCE</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">If you must go out, be sure to keep six to ten feet between you and others.</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">WASH OFTEN</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">Wash your hands often or use alcohol rich hand sanitizer.</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 18px;">STAY HOME</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">The best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home as much as possible.</p>
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