

# THE SCORPION SCOOP

Official Brandon Academy News



## **From the Head of School August 21, 2020**

Dear parents, faculty, staff,

On behalf of all my colleagues here at Brandon Academy, it was my pleasure to welcome all students from grade levels across the school in a number of informal and formal meetings this week. I reminded students of how lucky they are to have the opportunity to study in a school which gives central importance to their happiness and progress on an individual basis. That's why they should fill their school time with exciting things to do and make the most of every day at BA.

### **At-Home Learners for the September**

Your child will be automatically rolled over for the month of September as an AHL student. If you wish to have your child attend classes on campus in September, please email Mrs. Strickland by Friday, August 28.

Families that would like to switch to At-Home Learning for September, please fill out this [form](#) by next Friday, August 28.

### **Important Changes**

Over the course of the first week of school, we noticed two areas that needed to be addressed in order to make the school day run smoother. **These changes will take effect starting on Monday, August 31.** Here are the details:

#### **Change #1: Adjusted School Start and End Times**

This summer, one of the mitigations that we announced was the staggered start and end times for the Lower School and the Upper School. While this mitigation was well intentioned, we noticed that the majority of students continue to arrive on campus between 7:45 - 8:00 am. Coupled with the fact that 30% of our students are AHL

students, the Senior Leadership Team has decided to move the start of the school day to 8:00 am and the end of the school day will be 3:00 pm for all BA students.

**Change #2: Drop-off and Pick-up**

Families that drop students off at Before Care prior to 7:45 am will do so by the Student Life Center/ Gym. Mrs. Wallen will inform families of this change next week. At 7:45 am, we will open up the front gates by Dawn's office and the Main Office.

With school ending at 3:00 pm, please use the following Pick-Up procedures to help alleviate some traffic congestions:

- Students in grades 3 - 8 will be picked up by the Student Life Center/ Gym.
- Students in grades K-2 and 9-12 will be picked up in the front of the school by the Main Office.
- Families with students in multiple grades can use either pick-up line.

**The Tropics**

We are watching the tropics and if there are updates which may affect us here next week, you will hear from us via email. Currently we are open as usual on Monday. If that changes, we will inform all staff, students, and parents via email and website.

Kind regards,

Eric Miles  
Head of School

**Campus News**

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## September Lunch Orders

[Here](#) is the lunch calendar for September. Lunch orders are due no later than Friday August 28th. Please mark the box with a "X" only the days you would like for your child to have lunch. Please send in cash or check with your order, if paying by cash please send in exact payment as change will not be given and credits will not be given or kept track of. Late orders will not be accepted.

## Medication

If your student needs prescription medication or emergency medications at school, please bring all medications to the Main Office along with a doctor's note explaining when and how much medicine should be given. Please label the medicine bottle with your child's name.

## Immunization Forms

A gentle reminder that Immunization Forms need to be completed and turned into the Main Office by Monday, August 24 2020. Students will not be able to participate in athletics and/or field trips if this form is not on file. Students who are starting kindergarten and 7th grade have vaccination boosters due.

## Friendly Reminders from Your BA Teachers

- Please remember to pack extra, clean masks in your child's backpack.
- 4th & 5th Grade - NO P.E. uniforms are needed until further notice. Students will wear their school uniform to P.E.

## A Look Ahead

Date	Event	Times	Location
Fri, Aug 28	Back-to-School Zoom Assembly for all students - Mrs. Wallen will send out details.	2:30 pm	Via Zoom
Mon, Aug 31	New school times take effect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start time: 8:00 am</li><li>• Dismissal time: 3:00 pm</li></ul>		
Fri, Sept 4	Upper School Club Fair	2:30 pm	MS & US
Tues, Sept 15	Picture Day	All Day	TBA
Tues, Sept 15	Lower School Back to School Night	6:00 pm	Gym
Thur, Sept 17	Upper School Back to School Night	6:00 pm	Gym

## Additional Useful Links

[Brandon Academy Website](#)  
[2020-2021 Student/ Parent Handbook](#)  
[2020 - 2021 BA School Year Calendar](#)

## **Athletic News**

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### **Volleyball Season**

We are finalizing our teams this week! Please be ready to participate in all volleyball events after school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This week we have practice from 3:15-4:15 on those days.

### **6 on 6 High School Tackle Football**

If you are interested in playing 6 on 6 high school tackle football this year, there is a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 3:30. More details will be given then. GO SCORPIONS!

### **Athletic Calendar**

#### *BA High School Girls Volleyball Schedule*

Sept. 4 vs. Bayshore Christian (Away) @ 6:00 pm  
Sept. 11 vs. Pepin Academy (Home) @ 5:00 pm  
Sept. 18 vs. Bayshore Christian (Home) @ 5:00 pm  
Sept. 22 vs. North Tampa (Home) @ 5:00 pm  
Sept. 29 vs. North Tampa (Away) @ 5:00 pm  
Oct. 8 vs. Pepin Academy (Away) @ 4:30 pm

District Tournament begins Oct. 12