



Calendar of Events



Monday, September 5th

-Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6th

-First Day of School

Friday, September 9th

*-First Chapel Day &
First FUN FOOD Friday*

Friday, September 16th

*-Hispanic Heritage
Month Celebration (Dress-Up)*

Friday, October 14th

*-1/2 Day (all students
must be picked up by 12pm)*

October 17th-October 21st

*-School Closure
(Fall Break-Extended
Care will be CLOSED)*



For More Information, visit:

www.bbnsacademy.com

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(618)-501-4141

School Schedule:

7am: Breakfast

8:15am: Morning Announcements

8:30am: Class Begins

11:30am-1pm: Lunch/Recess

3:00pm: Dismissal

BBNS Academy Headlines

BBNS Academy is a Christian private school that is both registered and recognized with the State of Illinois Board of Education. We also hold the title of an accredited educational program through the National Association of Private Schools. Serving grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade, we use world renowned Curriculum to set the platform for an aggressive and progressive learning environment and enhance our children's educational and spiritual growth. We video stream certified, licensed, and experienced teachers, and each classroom has a teacher's assistant to help foster that one-on-one setting and individualized pace. It has been such an honor to witness our student's academic and spiritual growth throughout the years, and we are so thrilled to have you share in that experience with us!

This year, we are turning 8, and we have new beginnings indeed! This year, we are excited to announce that we have all new programs to better serve our students and our parents. Some of our new programs includes

-Praxi Schools Mobile App and Parent Portal (school communication)

-Community Service Projects (Volunteer opportunities for students)

-High Impact Tutoring (Daily Math and Reading tutoring)

-DARE program (Substance abuse prevention and awareness)

-Library (Students will check out books from our library)

-Daily Bread Feeding Program (free Panera and snack bags for enrolled students and parents)

Each month, you will be receiving a Newsletter packed with information either physically and/or on the Praxi portal, with updated information on what we have done, what we are doing, and what we are looking to do.

Celebrating 8 Years of Christian Education

“The Year of New Beginnings”

Check out our surprise for you on the last page!



BBNS Academy Headlines Continued....

Policies and Procedures:

I. Tardy Policy:

Class begins at 8:30am each morning and students must be on time for class. As you will soon realize, one of the things that sets us apart is that BBNS Academy does more than teach the state's common core curriculum. So, it is imperative that your student is on time for class to get the most out of their educational experience, and academic journey. With this, our policy is that if your child is tardy AND/OR absent more than 3 times PER QUARTER, you will be fined an additional \$5 every day beyond that 3rd day that they are absent from then on out. For example, if your child is out for 4 days, you will get invoiced \$5, if your child is tardy for 6 days, you will get an invoice for \$15, ETC. The calendar will then be reset for the next quarter, but the policy will remain the same. If you are needing to bring your student(s) in as early as our 6am opening to prevent tardiness, you may do so at no extra charge. If you need to enroll in our transportation services, you may do so but please keep in mind that this is an additional \$35/week in fees. If your child is planning on being absent, please call our office and email your child's teacher to let them know. For an excused absence, documentation must be provided 24 hours after the date of absence.

II. Uniform Policy:

Students are mandated to wear their colored Chapel Polo shirt every Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesdays, students must wear their polo shirt and Khaki bottoms (tan, blue, or black). On Fridays, students just need to be in their polo shirts, and they may wear jeans. If a student does not wear their chapel shirt on any given uniform day, the parent/guardian will be charged a fee on their next tuition installation payment. We recommend ordering at least 2-3 shirts to last your student through the entire school year, and to avoid any additional fees that can accrue.

III. Temperature Checks & Wellness Policy:

EVERY student and staff member are temperature checked at the door to ensure that no one has a fever or any contagious ailments. This is in efforts to stop the spreading of the virus, and to keep our community safe. If we are transporting your kids in the morning, they will get their temperature checked before they enter our BBNS Academy van/bus. If a child is running a temperature of 100 or more, they will not be permitted on the premises or in the vehicle. If a child gets a fever while at school, we will separate the student, call their parent/guardian, and they must go home for a 24-hour period and present with no symptoms the next day before they are cleared to enter our school building.

IV. Unexpected School Closures (Weather):

If you are questioning whether school will be closed due to extreme or inclement weather, parents may turn to KMOV channel 4, watch the screen, and wait to see if BBNS Academy comes up on the screen. In addition to this, we will text our parents and let them know of any upcoming school closure, as well as post any closures in the Praxi App/portal (more info in pages to come).

Agenda Reminders:

Friday Food Payment Due
Morning of September 8th, 2022

Enrollment Records Due
(Updated Physical, Vision, Dental, Medication, and Food Allergies)
September 30th, 2022

2nd Installation of Tuition
October 3rd, 2022

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Miss Chanel (Grades 2nd-4th)
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Mr. Chris (Grades 5th-6th)
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PARENT ORIENTATION HANDBOOK:

These policies and procedures are listed more in depth in our parent orientation packets. Please take the time to review our orientation packets should you have any additional questions. You may also contact our office if you are needing any further assistance.

Heritage Celebrations:

This year, since we have such a diverse group of students, we will be Celebrating national Heritage Days and Month. In this, we will be having special foods that relates to the heritage that we are celebrating, host show and tells for those students who identify with the heritage that is being celebrated, and host big parties on a Friday of the week the Heritage Day/Month falls on. If you or your child(ren) identify with any of these cultures, we encourage and welcome participation and dress up/representation!

First Up!

September 15th: Beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 16th: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration/Party

BBNS Academy NEW Referral Program.

Want to tell your friends and family about our awesome programs? Go ahead!

Would you like for your students learn in an environment around their family and friends? This is possible!

BBNS Academy has a new referral program! It's easy! Refer a family to our school. Next, that friend must then tell us that they were referred by you on their BBNS application. Upon successful enrollment of the newly referred family, you will win a mystery gift card. Simple!

Love BBNS Academy?

Leave a testimonial! Email us with your experience and ways that BBNS Academy has served you, and we will post it on our website!

BBNS Academy

September Birthdays & Celebrations



Students:

1st: Demi Lewis
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11th: Mason Levering

Parents can bring in themed decorations and cake/ice cream for the school or your child's class to help celebrate their student, but these items must be store bought!

Staff:

5th: Mrs. Uzzelle
13th: Mrs. Chanel (Wedding Anniversary)
18th: Mrs. Dee Dee (Wedding Anniversary)
27th: Miss. Darby

Big Birthday Bash:

September 2022 Marks BBNS Academy's 8th Birthday!

Help us celebrate by interacting with the question below. If you think you know that answer, contact our office! The first three families to contact our staff/office using the email listed below with the correct answer on the first try wins a special prize! Ready....Set....GO!

Question: Specifically for this school year, what is BBNS Academy's Promise for 2022-2023?

- Private School at Public School Pricing
- Grouping, Working, and Moving Students
- Affordable and Quality Enrichment Activities
- Aggressive and Progressive Programming

Email your answers to info@bbnsacademy.com with BIRTHDAY BASH as the subject. We will not be accepting any answer submissions after September 30th, 2022.

Lunch Policy & Fun Food Friday:

For the purposes of equality and COVID, BBNS Academy will not allow for students to bring their own lunches OR snacks to school. Thus, all food will be provided in house. However, we are allowing the opportunity for our students to choose their lunch for Fun Food Fridays! McDonalds and Pizza (alternating pizza restaurants) will be our constant Friday Options, while every week, we will alternate Don Chencho's and Chick-Fil-A. Our everyday menu as well as our Fun Food Friday schedule will be released soon via our Praxi School App.

ALL orders must be placed, and all monies must be on your child(ren)'s account by Thursday Morning of each week. If not, your child will be provided with an alternative meal on Friday. Orders can be placed with your classroom teachers. Parents also have the option of paying up to alleviate the paperwork and reminders.

Pizza Slices

\$2/Slice*

**Variety Pizza available (Cheese, Pepperoni, and Sausage)*



Happy Meal

Comes with Fries, Milk or Juice, Apple Slices, and a seasonal toy

\$4.50 Hamburger

\$4.80 Cheeseburger

\$5.60 6 Piece Nuggets



Chick-Fil-A Kids Meal

Comes with Chips or applesauce, and Chocolate Milk/ Milk or Apple Juice.

\$8 Sandwich Meal (w/Drink)

\$4.50 5 Piece Nuggets (Chips and Drink)



NEW!

BBNS Academy is now supporting a local Mexican Restaurant called Don Chencho! Instead of Chick-Fil-A every Friday, we will substitute our Chick-Fil-A restaurant out for Don Chencho every other Friday. Check out the menu below.

Tacos \$7

Burrito \$7

Quesadilla \$7

Nachos \$7

Each Meal Comes with:

Fries or Rice

Oreos

Milk or Soda

Reading & Math High Impact Tutoring:

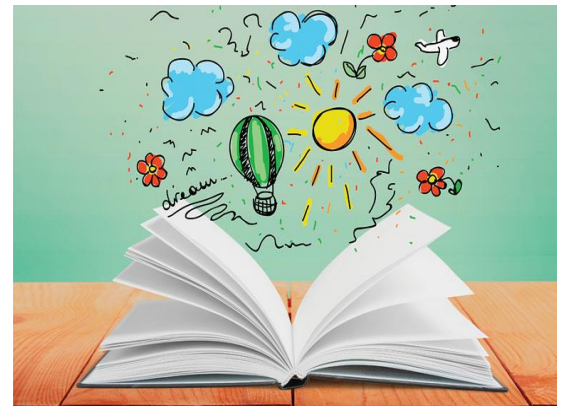
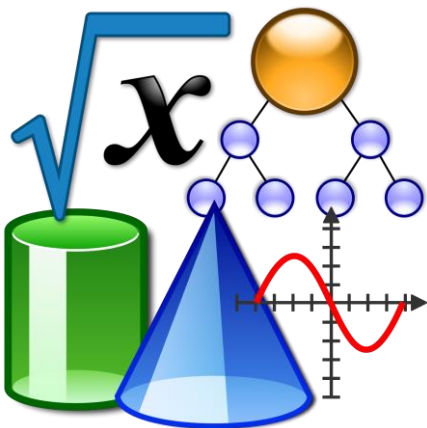
BBNS Academy is excited to announce that we are partnering with another like-minded organization to provide ALL our students with High-Impact tutoring in the subjects of Reading, Math, and Social/Emotional Learning Behaviors. This high-impact tutoring has been tested, proven, and found to be both effective and progressive. With that being said, we are extending this opportunity for better education to all our enrolled students.

Each day, Monday-Thursday, tutoring will begin once school is out at 3pm, and will continue until 7pm. So, if you would like to take advantage of this great and proven opportunity for your student, please allow for at least 30 minutes to an hour before you begin to pick up your student after school (if you can). Furthermore, our transportation drop-off schedule will reflect this opportunity, and show later drop off times. This allows us to provide our students with this great enrichment and tutoring program.

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SATURDAY TUTORING COMING SOON!

BBNS Academy will soon offer High Impact Tutoring for Pre-K through 8th grade in Math, Reading and SEL on Saturdays from 8am-12pm. This service will be priced separately from your tuition amount. If you are interested in more information or know of someone who can benefit from this opportunity, please contact our office.





ALL Parents are required to sign up for our Praxi App. There will be an email sent to the email address that you have on file with us. In this email, there will be a school ID, user ID, a temporary password, and link for you to set up your account. You will have to complete this via a computer. Then, after the account is created, you can then download the Praxi School app, and log in using the information that you set as “Billing”. If you have any further questions, please contact our office!

Things to note:

If there is a 2nd parent/guardian (that is not necessarily the primary parent) wanting access to the portal, they will have to use the log in information that the primary parent sets

Here are just some of the MANY awesome features that our new Praxi app offers our parents:



General Information



Grades & Attendance



School Closures



Incident Reports



Invoices and Receipts



Fun Food Friday Menu & Balances



Menus

Want to Support our school year-round?

There are more ways than one to support our school! Thinking about doing an online purchase? Use Amazon Smile. AmazonSmile Charity Lists is a meaningful way for you to shop and donate items directly to charities in need. Amazon Smile donates to your charity, “Broken But Not Shattered Ministries”, on every eligible purchase.

So, the next time you are purchasing through Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and type in the charity, “Broken But Not Shattered Ministries”.

Support Today!





Mrs. D'Jamildo Graham

This is Mrs. Dee Dee; she is our school principal. Mrs. Dee Dee has the vision to serve children that were labeled by society as “at-risk” or “under-privileged” and help them to reach their full potential both spiritually and academically. Mrs. Dee Dee is married and has 5 children. Mrs. Dee Dee’s favorite past time is spending time with her family and watching hallmark.

Fun Fact: Although she is from a small town, Mrs. Dee Dee loves to travel and explore the world. She has been to Mexico, Dubai, Rome, Paris, and a couple of the seven wonders of the world!



“No Child Left Untouched”



Miss Alvina Darby

This is Miss. Darby; she is our Transportation coordinator, Lead contact for our athletics program, and out Teacher’s Aide for our K3 class. Miss Darby has been working with children for a long time, and she is adored by our students. Miss Darby’s favorite season is Autumn.

Fun Fact: Miss Darby played Basketball growing up.



Miss Brejani Owens

This is Miss Brejani; she is our lead contact for Grants and Donations, and our K4 teacher’s aide. Miss Brejani Has been with BBNS Academy for 7 years and has watched it grow from a 2-bedroom house to an accredited and registered private school soon to expand to a field that’s almost 7 acres. Miss Brejani’s loves all kinds of foods but says that her favorite cuisine is Mexican, and her favorite past time is watching make-up YouTube tutorials and playing in make-up.

Fun Fact: Miss Brejani loves to write about social welfare issues, and she loves computers. In fact, she is thinking about learning how to code.



Mr. Christopher Uzzelle

This is Mr. Chris; he is our 5th- 8th grade Teacher. Mr. Chris has a degree in Engineering, and he loves to teach the next generation all about the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Fun Fact: Mr. Chris knows how to drive a stick shift car.



Mrs. Chanel

This is Mrs. Chanel; she is our lead coordinator, and our 2nd-4th grade Teacher. Mrs. Chanel has been working with kids for over 10 years and loves our students as her own. Mrs. Chanel loves to watch football and she is one of the greatest sports coaches we've ever seen!

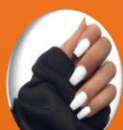
Fun Fact: Mrs. Chanel's favorite holiday is the 4th of July.



Mrs. Sonja Uzzelle

This is Mrs. Uzzelle; she is our Pre-K through 1st grade Teacher, she also teaches some 2nd grade students. Mrs. Uzzelle is married with 3 sons and loves to listen to podcasts. Mrs. Uzzelle loves knowledge so much, that she has a huge library in her basement. Her library is so extensive, she probably has one of your favorite books in there!

Fun Fact: Mrs. Uzzelle is a licensed Nail Tech in the state of Virginia



SURPRISE!

HAPPY 8th BIRTHDAY



BBNS ACADEMY!

God has blessed us with a 7-acre lot for us to begin building our new BBNS Academy location, and come next year, we will be relocating into modules onto our new land!

3 Parcel Layout



BBNS Academy is a family loving community that equips, trains, and inspires Brilliant Knowledgeable Scholars. Our vision at BBNS Academy is to teach the young scholars intellectually, socially, and spiritually, that there are distinctive ways of working to accomplish things so they can be successful in whatever path the Lord directs.