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Subject: Staggered Start for the 2025-2026 School year

Dear BACS Families,

Thank you for a wonderful 2024-2025 school year. I am so proud of the work that we have done and all that our students have accomplished. As we look forward to the upcoming 2025–2026 school year, we are excited to welcome students back and want to share some important information about our *staggered start* approach for the fall. This helps ensure a smooth and supportive transition for all students — especially our youngest learners—and helps reduce anxiety as they return to school.

What is a Staggered Start?

A staggered start means students begin school on different days instead of everyone starting on the same day. This allows staff to welcome students in smaller groups, giving children extra support as they settle into new routines and spaces.

Staggered Start Schedule:

All students from Grades 1 - 4 will have staggered entry times, according to last names, as follows.

August 28, 2025	August 29, 2025
(Gr. 1-4) Last names starting A-K	(Gr. 1-4) Last names starting L-Z
<i>Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email/ phone call at the end of June. Kindergarten students will receive a package in the mail this summer. *Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten students: Please follow your designated start dates.</i>	

Regular classes for grades 1 - 4 will begin on **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.**

Transportation services will be provided on staggered start days for students who are registered for bus service. Families can expect to be contacted directly by their assigned bus operator prior to the first day of school with specific route and schedule details. If you see a bus at your location on a day your child does not attend, do not worry. They are practicing routes and confirming timings.

Why a Staggered Start?

- **Easier Transitions:** Beginning the school year in smaller groups helps reduce anxiety and allows students to get comfortable at their own pace.
- **More Individualized Attention:** Teachers have extra time to connect with each child, answer questions, and build strong relationships right from the start.

How to Prepare:

- **Watch for Updates:** Check your email, school website and social media for additional back-to-school information.
- **Talk with Your Child:** Share the staggered start plan in a positive way so your child knows what to expect.
- **Reach Out with Questions:** If you're unsure about anything, please contact the school office. We're happy to help!

Things to Know:

- Our office will open on August 18th. We anticipate that class placements will be communicated via PowerSchool by August 27th. Class lists and maps will be posted at the school that day so students know which teacher and which classroom they should go to. Parents and guardians are welcome to join their children from 8:30-9:00am to help them get settled, and then we kindly ask that you allow them the independence to build relationship with their teachers and classmates and settle into new routines.
- Families and students are invited to attend our **Meet the Staff** event on **August 27th from 2:00-4:00pm**. You are welcome to bring your child's school supplies to drop off at that time.
- School [supply lists](#) are up on our [website](#)! We are happy to partner with [School Start](#) once again for you to order your supplies. Everything on the supply list beyond the "Starter Package" is required, but you may already have some materials at home from previous years. Please ensure that your child has all items for the school year. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten do not have extensive supply lists as they have a "supplies fee" and classroom school supplies will be purchased by the classroom teachers.
- [Bell Schedule](#):
 - ★ The **school doors open at 8:30am**. If you are dropping off your child prior to 8:30am, we ask that they wait outside until the doors open.
Thank you for your cooperation

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and can't wait to welcome our students back to school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the front office.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in August for the 2025-2026 school year!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Goeree', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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