

Southwest Academy Magnet School for Science and Engineering

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In support of our students' successful transition to Grade 6, Baltimore County Public Schools is excited to announce that it will host a half-day "**Early Entry Day**" on **Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.**, for students entering **Grade 6** for the 2022–2023 school year. Students will participate in a wide variety of activities – designed based on student feedback – to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. Some of the activities that students will participate in include getting to know their classmates, eating in the cafeteria, and meeting the staff of Southwest Academy. In addition, students will review their class schedules, visit their lockers, take a school tour, and meet all their teachers and the school counselors.

Transportation will be provided for those students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all students participating in Early Entry Day. Transportation information will be communicated through email, phone call, and text during the week of August 22, 2022. You may also reach out to Mrs. Hammel, AP in charge of Transportation, at ahammel@bcps.org if you do not receive the communication.

The Early Entry Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities. Detailed information regarding the Early Entry Day, hours of the morning half-day, and the agenda for the day, are included in this Back- to-School Mailing. Located on the address label of this correspondence, you will find your child's period 1A class and room number. It is important that students know their period 1A teacher on early entry day because they will be seated in the cafeteria for opening session according to this information.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Grade 6 students on **Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.** and while not required, we hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding Early Entry Day, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Monday, August 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

April N. Franklin
Principal

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Southwest Academy's Grade 6 Early Entry Agenda August 25, 2022

- 7:50-8:10** **Students arrive to Southwest Academy**
6th grade teachers- in café with students
Students seated by 1A class in the cafeteria
Students greeted by their 1A teachers
- 8:25-9:00** **Welcome- Administrators/ school Counselors**
Introductions of staff – quick wave
Vision, Code of conduct-POUNCE, arrival/dismissal, map, bell schedule (both for today and for the year)
Trivia game
- 9:00-9:30** **Homeroom/Period 1A**
Period 1A students should have the following placed on the students' assigned seats:
 - Student schedule
 - Assigned locker info
- 9:30-9:45** **Period 2A**
Have students complete the “easy to understand schedule” and classroom procedures
- 9:45- 10:00** **Period 3 A**
Community builder and classroom procedures
- 10:00-10:15** **Period 4 A**
Community builder and classroom procedures
- 10:15- 10:30** **Homeroom/Period 1 B**
Community builder and classroom procedures
- 10:30- 10: 45** **Period 2 B**
Community builder and classroom procedures
- 10:45-11:00** **Period 3 B**
Cafeteria procedures and walk them to their assigned 3B table at lunch
- 11:00-11:25** **Lunch**
Students will sit with 3 B class
Cafeteria procedures reviewed
- 11:25-11:30** **Period 3B** teachers will escort them back to the class and dismiss to pd 4B
- 11:30-11:45** **Period 4B** *teachers pick up students in the cafeteria- on a normal school day students are dismissed by grade
- 11:45** **Dismissal**