

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Please read below to explore the answers to our most common and frequently asked questions. Do not hesitate to contact the Main Office or Building Administration with lingering concerns.

**What time does school begin?**

* On a normal bell schedule, school begins at 7:20 AM and ends at 2:01 PM.

**How much is school lunch?**

* Students must pay for lunch this year. Free or Reduced applications are located [HERE.](https://www.bhprsd.org/cms/lib/NJ01001930/Centricity/Domain/273/MealApplication.pdf)
* The cost of breakfast is $2.50 and the cost of lunch is $3.75.

**What are dress code expectations?**

* Students are not permitted to wear wave caps, bonnets, hats and scarves; and students who wear a hooded shirt are not permitted to leave the hood over their head in the building. Sunglasses and sleepwear additionally may not be worn in the building. Clothing that exposes the belly, back, chest or shoulders is deemed inappropriate. Examples of this clothing include cropped tops, tube tops, halter tops, and sheer tops. It is important to balance self-expression with policy adherence.
* If students violate the dress code, they will be asked to select different clothing from options available at school OR to call home to get more appropriate clothing. Students will not be permitted back to class without correcting the problem. Students who are non-compliant with this policy will receive immediate disciplinary action.

**What is the structure for Charger Time?**

* The Charger Time schedule allows students to gain access to more academic support; encourages more involvement in school activities; and offers students the privilege of choice and freedom in a safe environment.
* NO MORE Enrichment
* Students purchase lunch from LMC/Aux Gym/Cafeteria
* Students choose their destination: Any lunch location,Teacher's classroom, Club Meeting location, Quiet space in auditorium, Open gym (limited capacity), LMC for media specialist help, Counselor meetings, Guided Study Group, Renaissance Club Activities, Restorative Workshops.
* Daily activities will be posted on website and various locations around the building and, announced twice a day

**What should I do if I have a doctor’s appointment during the school day and need to leave early?**

* If you will be attending school but leaving briefly for an appointment (i.e. braces, physical, flu shot, etc.) and returning to school; you should have your parent/guardian send a note with you in the morning that you will take to your Vice Principal’s Secretary. She will give you a pass that you will provide to your classroom teacher asking to dismiss you at that time and you will then proceed to the main lobby at the front of the building and wait for your parent to arrive, provide ID and sign you out with our security officer.

**What if I forget to send a note for early dismissal?**

* Parent/guardians/authorized emergency contacts – Please arrive with your photo ID and provide this to the security personnel to sign the student out of school. Your student will be called out of class once we’ve verified that you are authorized to pick up the student. These are safety measures put in place to ensure that the student is leaving with the approved person(s).

**What do I do when I return to school from my appointment?**

* Your parent/guardian drops you back off at school and you ring the bell at the Main Entrance to let the security personnel know that you are returning to school from an early dismissal. Your parent/guardian does NOT have to escort you back into the building.

**I was absent but have a doctor’s note, where do I turn it in?**

* You can drop off the documentation or email to your Vice Principal’s Secretary; or fax the information to: 856-232-5267.

**My child does not feel well and will not be attending school today, who do I contact?**

* Call the Vice Principal’s Secretary and leave a voicemail with your child’s name and date that they will be absent, along with a phone number to contact you for the call to be verified.

**What happens if my child is suspected of being under the influence?**

* We are committed to helping students practice and sustain healthy practices and behaviors. Vaping and smoking are not permitted on school grounds. Whenever a staff member has reason to believe that a student may be under the influence, the adult must communicate the incident to administration. Those educational personnel immediately notify the student’s caregiver to obtain an examination of the student by a physician; and to immediately undergo a urine drug screen analysis. The student may not return to school without physical clearance from a physician.

**How do I check my child’s grades/view attendance, what homework they have, etc.?**

* All reports can be checked electronically through Parent Access and may be viewed once the parent/guardian logs in with their personal username and password issued to them at the beginning of the school year. *(hint: your username is your full email address).*  Report Cards will be mailed home.

**How do I get to Parent Access in order to log in?**

* Visit Timber Creek's website > click on the Parent Access icon in the top right corner of the screen (if you are using a laptop or desktop computer). If you are using a mobile device, simply visit our website then choose the menu (the 3 lines on the left side), then go down to "Popular Links" and finally click on Parent Access to login.

**I cannot remember my username and/or password for Parent Access. How do I obtain them or have them reset?**

* Contact your Vice Principal’s Secretary or Counseling Secretary.

**Where do I go for issues with my Chromebook?**

* Students can consult with our AV & Computer Technician, Mr. Dickerson for questions and concerns. Troubleshooting suggestions are linked [HERE](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kOT8PpLM710RYxodpXNPgJQS5QupfMh4/view?usp=sharing).

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| **“I'm not feeling well and woke up late. Can my child be excused from being late to school? It was not their fault, it was mine.”** * Unfortunately, No. The only way a student is excused for being late to school is if they provide a doctor’s note, court document or if they took their drivers test and passed and provide proof.
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| **Where can I locate lost items?*** The ‘Lost and Found’ location is in the Main Office.

**How do I fill out forms to participate in sports?*** You can register for Sports by signing on to Parent Access.
* Fall Sports - Open:July 1 Closed:Sept 7
* Winter Sports - Open:Oct 1 Closed: Dec 14
* Spring Sports - Open:Feb 1 Closed: April 1

**What are the new expectations for Physical Education uniforms?** * This year students will need to purchase a school-issued PE t-shirt and shorts. **The cost of the uniform is $20.** They can be bought throughout the school year in the locker rooms. Students should bring their money and buy a uniform from one of the PE teachers in the locker room during the first 5 minutes of their class period while students are getting changed in the locker room. Students are allowed to wear sweats over top of their uniform, however, must change out of their school clothes and into their uniform for PE class. Students are ineligible to participate in Physical Education without appropriate attire.

**If I need to pay for fines and other items with a check, who should the check be made payable to?*** Checks can be made out to Timber Creek Regional High School.

**What if my child forgets their lunch?** * Bagged lunch items can be dropped off at the Front Desk.
* Fast food, Door Dash and other like items will NOT be accepted. It is a distraction to other students in the Common Area spaces.

**When is transportation provided if I need to stay after school?** * The late bus will be running on Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 and Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00pm for students receiving extra help, remaining for after-school detention or participating in an activity.
* You can access the bus in the front of the building. You are not permitted to stay after school and linger in the building unsupervised after school hours unless you are under the supervision of a club, group or teacher. There are NO exceptions! If you are attending an evening game, you must go home and return for the game.
* After school detentions will be hosted on Tuesday and Thursday @ 2:10-3:55.
* A waiting room will be available for students who require late bus transportation but finish with work support early in B102.
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