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## September Senior Newsletter 2021

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Good Afternoon,

I want to introduce myself to you. I am Kim Barnett and I am the Senior Counselor at Brookwood High School and I am entering my 9<sup>th</sup> year at BHS. I know this is a very exciting and uncertain time in your lives as your student is finishing their last year at BHS. This year will go by very quickly and we will have a lot of things going on. Please feel free to email me or call me with any questions you may have throughout the year.

Go Panthers!

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### Reminders for the Year

#### BHS Website and Social Media

Have you visited the Brookwood High School website or social media pages? Both of these are updated frequently and have lots of important information. The Counselors even have a page on the school website. To get to our page you should select the Academics tab at the top of the site and then click on the word "Counselors". <https://www.tcss.net/Domain/10>

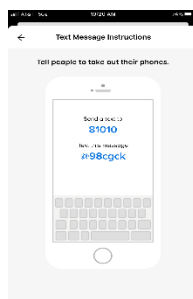
#### Remind 101

This year I have created a Remind 101 for my seniors so I can keep everyone updated on important information. Please join as soon as possible.

<https://www.remind.com/join/98cgck>

#### Mrs. Barnett's Contact Form

All seniors should complete the form below. If you already completed the form, please do not do it again; if you have not completed the form please do so ASAP. Share with your senior friends who are remote and encourage them to complete the form. Please complete with your information, not your parents' information. You can scan the QR code below or copy the link.



### Upcoming Events

September 6-7

No School for Students

September 8

Panther Peer Mentor App due

September 10

Meet in Advisory (Transcript Checks)

Progress Reports sent home

Football Game at Hueytown

September 14

UA Vision Days (Virtual Meeting)

9:00-11:00

September 17

Football Game at Northridge

September 20-24

Homecoming Week

Parade @ 2:00 on Friday

Pep Rally to follow

September 22

College Fair at Shelton State

September 30

Meet in Advisory

October 1

Football Game at McAdory

October 6

Work Keys Test at BHS

October 8

Football Game vs Paul Bryant

October 11-12

No School for students

October 15

Meet in Advisory

Report Cards sent home

Football Game vs Bessemer City

October 18-22

College Application Week

October 28

Balfour Graduation Meeting @ 9:00

October 29

Football Game vs Oak Grove

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### **COVID**

We know that students are still being affected by COVID and we want to help in any way we can. It is very important that you contact the BHS School Nurse, Dana Vansant, if your child has tested positive to COVID or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive. She can be reached by calling (205) 342-2777 or you can email her at [devansant@tcss.net](mailto:devansant@tcss.net)

### **Schoology**

Currently, Schoology is not working due to a change in the software system that the State of Alabama is using this year. We hope that this problem is rectified in the near future, but until then please communicate with your student's teacher through email.

### **Power Schools**

The Power School Program has replaced Innow for grades and attendance. Students will eventually be able to access their Power School accounts to check their grades by going to website: [tuscaloosaco.powerschool.com/public](http://tuscaloosaco.powerschool.com/public)

Username: school email address

Password: school password

At this point, both the student and parent portions of Power Schools are not working. We hope that this becomes available very soon and will send out information about how to log in once it is available.

### **Sending Transcripts and Parchment**

Seniors at BHS can send an unlimited number of transcripts to colleges during their senior year, free of charge. This year we will be using a program called Need My Transcript to send transcripts electronically. Students are not required to create an account on Need My Transcript. They simply select the school that will receive their transcript and this will be processed by Need My Transcript which is a third party company. Mrs. Barnett does not handle transcript requests any longer. Students should visit [www.needmytranscript.com](http://www.needmytranscript.com) to send a transcript.

### **ACT Test Prep**

Top Level Test Prep is a company that offers 1 on 1 tutoring for the ACT or in each of the different subject areas. Visit [WhitneyBono@TopLevelTestPrep.com](mailto:WhitneyBono@TopLevelTestPrep.com) for more information.

### **Upcoming Events Section**

Please reference this section to stay informed of the opportunities your student will have at school throughout the month. I will try to list any school deadlines, field trips or activities, or any scheduled lunch visits from college or military recruiters in this section. This section is subject to change.

### **Panther Peer Mentors**

Seniors can see Mrs. Barnett for an application to become a Panther Peer Mentor. Peer mentors are paired up with a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and a Pre-K student to work on adjusting to high school and developing leadership skills. Being a mentor allows seniors to give back to their school all while earning volunteer hours and great leadership experience. The deadline to return these applications is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **College Admission Reps on BHS Campus**

We are working to get College Admissions Representatives on the BHS campus during our lunches on Wednesdays. Please stop by and visit the table in the lunchroom to pick up information and ask any questions.

### **College Fairs**

All seniors will attend the West Alabama College Fair on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The field trip forms have been sent out to students and our due back to the Counselor's Office by September 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time for seniors to get information from multiple colleges about the programs and scholarships they have to offer.

### **College Application Week**

We will be participating in College Application Week during the week of October 18-22. Many colleges will waive their application fees that week. I will be sending more information out as I receive it. I will be working with all the seniors to apply to college that week and start or complete their FAFSA.

### **Work Keys Test**

All seniors will take the Work Keys Test on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This test is given by many industries to measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. Individuals who successfully complete the three WorkKeys Assessments—[Applied Math](#), [Graphic Literacy](#), and [Workplace Documents](#)—earn the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills. Please encourage your student to do his/her best on this assessment and be at school on October 6<sup>th</sup>. More instructions will be provided soon about this day.

### **Civics Test**

All seniors will take the Civics Test with Mrs. Barnett. This test will be given on November 30<sup>th</sup>. There are 100 questions on this test and the test is scored out 100 points. Seniors must make a 60 to pass this test. Passing this test is a requirement for graduation. We will be sending more information about this test closer to November.



## **College Visiting Days**

I will post any upcoming College Visiting Days here that I am made aware of. If your student wants to visit a college they will need to complete the college visit form that is found on the BHS website under the Guidance Counselor tab. This year seniors may take 3 college visit days using this form. If approved, this absence will count as a school activity and will not interfere with exemptions.

College visits may look a little different this year. Many colleges are going to online or virtual events. Therefore, college websites are going to be very important in learning new information about perspective colleges. Please contact me if you would like help with college decisions or have specific college questions.

### **UA Vision Virtual Meet Ups**

(open to students and parents)

September 14: Orientation +

What to Expect

Register:

<https://forms.gle-3TAUtg6qSFfarKjz6>

September 21: Paying for College +

Financial Aid

Register:

<https://forms.gle/Vu4gBkAGerf2Ek4YA>

September 28: Campus Tours +

Questions to Ask

Register:

<https://forms.gle/orbRZjhqLDHYV2rd8>

### **Troy University**

9/11, 10/9, 11/6 and 11/20 from 10-2

[www.troy.edu/tours](http://www.troy.edu/tours)

### **ASVAB**

Is your student interested in joining the military? If so, they should sign up to take the ASVAB test. It will be given at Brookwood High School on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details coming soon. This is a multiple choice test given to incoming enlistees to determine which military jobs would be best for them.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

I will begin to post any scholarship information I get in this section. Please check out the scholarship list that is in the Senior Information Book that was posted on the BHS website under the Counselor's Section.

### **Achieve Alabama Scholarship Portal**

Scholarship Search Engine

[www.achievealabama.org](http://www.achievealabama.org)

### **Student-View Scholarship Program**

[www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com)

### **Upcoming Test Information**

#### **ACT Test Dates**

October 23

December 11

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

#### **SAT Test Dates**

November 6

December 4

[www.collegeboard.org/sat](http://www.collegeboard.org/sat)