



RAIDER NEWS

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September 23, 2019

School Counselors



Students are strongly encouraged to open up accounts to obtain vital college information on the following websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeoptions.org

www.collegeboard.org

www.act.org

www.gafuture.org

www.collegenet.com

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

APS Celebrates Attendance Awareness Month

September is National Attendance Awareness Month. Did you know that each year across the nation more than 8 million students miss nearly one month of school? Each day that a student misses school, an opportunity is lost to learn new and exciting concepts, excel academically, and apply healthy socialization skills. Research has also linked poor school attendance to low literacy, low graduation rates, and an increased number of students who drop out of school.

According to Dr. Shannon Hervey, director of Student Support and Interventions, the Office of Student Services is leading the charge to prioritize attendance in the hearts and minds of students, staff, parents, and community members across the District.

"That's why we're excited to roll out a new initiative, 'Every Student. Every Day.' This will guide and support schools in seeking and removing barriers to student attendance," Dr. Hervey said. "The APS community can look forward to learning more in the coming weeks."

Be sure to follow #EveryStudentEveryDay on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) to learn how APS schools are promoting daily and on-time attendance.

Principal's Corner..

Report time: Students are expected to be at school on time for homeroom at 8:30 each morning.

Dress code: Students are expected to adhere to the districts dress code policy. It will be strictly enforced

Grades: Be sure to regularly check your child's grades in infinite campus

Lockers: Lockers have been issued to all students. No student will be allowed into a classroom with a book bag

Weekly Quote: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"

Edward Everett Hale

Please join us Saturday, Sept. 21, at Georgia State University's football stadium for the inaugural Atlanta Public Schools football event! Students, parents, alumni, and the entire Atlanta community are invited to cheer on their favorite APS teams, as athletes perform in front of college coaches, recruiters, and a live local television audience. The price for tickets is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate. The games will be televised live on Peachtree TV and CBS 46 digital platforms. The showcase will include the following games:

10 a.m.: South Atlanta vs. Booker T. Washington

12:40 p.m.: Maynard Jackson vs. Carver

3:20 p.m.: Benjamin E. Mays vs. New Manchester

2019-Football Schedule

09/21 New Manchester @ Georgia State Stadium @ 3:00pm

09/28 OPEN

10/04 Tri- Cities @ Lakewood @ 8:00 Senior Night

10/11 Douglas County @ Lakewood @ 8:00

10/18 Creekside @ Creekside @ 7:30

10/25 South Paulding @ Lakewood Homecoming @ 8:00

11/01 Alexander @ Alexander @ 7:30

11/08 Northgate @ Northgate @ 7:30

International Baccalaureate

Congratulations to our grade-level Students of the Month for August!

9th Grade — Maryeli Sanchez-Bautista

10th Grade — Quindarian Boykin

11th Grade — Shianna Franklin

12th Grade — Maria Lopez & Sierra Winn

These students have exemplified the characteristics of being academic Risk-Takers by showing independence, confidence, and enthusiasm.

PSAT

Any 9th grade scholar who would like to take the PSAT exam must pay the \$15 exam fee and take the test on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Payment will be accepted for 9th grade students from September 1st through September 30th

(See Ms. Smith).

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17, 2019 Parent Teacher Conferences @ 3:45-5:30pm in cafeteria

Be informed.

Be active.

Be your kid's biggest fan.

Be PTA.

Meeting September 26, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Visitor/Volunteers:

Visitors – For the safety of our children, ALL visitors must stop by the main office and obtain permission to visit.

Volunteers – All volunteers must complete the volunteer form located in the main office and get a background check. Approved volunteers must sign-in at the main office each time they volunteer.

Eleventh Grade Parent Night



October 17, 2019 @6:00 in the Auditorium

September Parent Information:

09/25– 10th grade Parent Night@ 6:30pm in the auditorium

9/26/19 How to write an effective resume PT 1 @ 10:30am

10/17 11th grade Parent Night @6:00pm in the auditorium

Parent Center open from 8:30am –3:30pm M-F





MEET & GREET WITH

Dr. Mulanta Wilkins
Principal

**September 26, 2019 10:30am in the
Skybox**

Class of 2020 Information

Senior dues for the Class of 2020 will be \$315 to be paid directly to the Senior Sponsor, Dr. Kenly, or online.

Payment Deadlines

1st Payment	September 13, 2019	\$60.00
2 nd Payment	October 5, 2019	\$85.00
3 rd Payment	November 9, 2019	\$85.00
4 th Payment	February 8, 2020	\$85.00

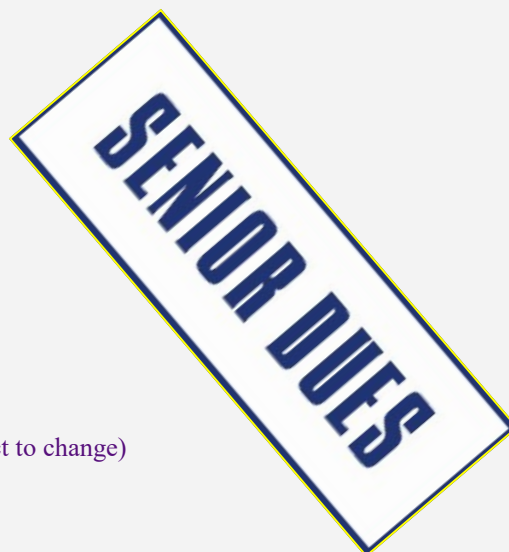
Itemized Cost – NO A LA CARTE

\$35.00 – Senior T-shirt & Hoodie

\$100.00 - Yearbook

\$100.00 – Senior Activities (Events/activities are subject to change)

- Senior Breakfast
- Prom Ticket (If Junior dues were paid)
- Senior Picnic/Luau
- Senior Athletic Night
- Senior Gift (to school)
- Senior Movie/Game Night
- Old School Field Day
- Screen on the Green
- Senior Field Trip (Main Event, Pin Strikes, Sky Zone, etc.)
- \$80.00 – Investiture/Visions/Graduation (Events/ activities are subject to change)
- Spirit Hoods
- Trophies/Plaques/Awards
- Programs
- Diploma Covers & Decoration /Florists



If final payment is not received by February 21, 2020, a late fee of **\$35.00** will be attached to your payment. Payments must be made in the form of cash or money order ONLY if submitting in person. Payments are accepted online at the Benjamin E. Mays High School website (click on school fees, then senior dues). Online payments are subject to processing fees. Make all payments to your senior sponsor: **Dr. L. Kenly** (No monies are to be paid to the Bookkeeper.)

*Senior dues can ONLY be paid during Advisory and before or after school to **Dr. Kenly**.

Scheduled senior events/activities/items are scheduled to be held monthly (subject to change).

In order to participate in ANY senior activity, you must either pay your senior dues in full prior by the first payment date or pay according to the above payment plan. Utilizing the payment schedule will guarantee full participation in all senior events/activities/items. Students who do not submit payments per the payment plan will not be allowed to participate in senior events/perks. In order for sponsor to accept senior dues, students must have paid their junior dues in full.

Senior town halls will be held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month during Advisory.

Senior portraits will be taken as follows:

Females: August 19-21

Males: September 30- October 2

Subject to change



In order to be eligible for graduation activities you must meet the following requirements:

Hosted by Dr. W. J. Swain, Parent Liaison
Benjamin E. Mays High School Media Center

November 07, 2019 PT 3 10:30am

- Why do you need a resume?
- What is your geographic preference?
- What is your industry preference?
- What is your job preference?



Benjamin E. Mays High School

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING



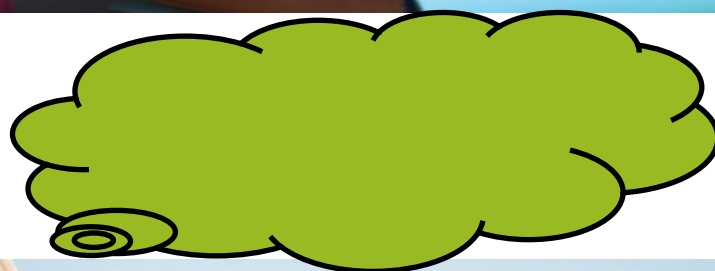
**October 03, 2019 @10:30am and 6:00pm in
the Skybox**

SEE YOU SOON



Parent Teacher Conferences

*October 16, 2019 from 3:45pm until
5:30pm in the Cafeteria.*



10th grade Parent Night

Class of 2022

**September 25, 2019 @
6:30pm in the Auditorium**