

RAIDER NEWS

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"International Baccalaureate"

Benjamin E. Mays High School is a candidate school* for the Middle Years Program and Career-related Program of the International Baccalaureate. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education- that we believe is important for our students.

The International Baccalaureate Programs aim to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. IB empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

In addition to an international minded focus, IBCP students enjoy the opportunity to earn college credits. Each IBCP course has an additional ten-point weight. Plus, a "B" in an IB course is more desirable to colleges than an "A" in a general course. AP courses are similar, but colleges know that IB is an entire program, not just a few weighted courses. IB coursework prepares students for collegiate coursework and helps to create active, socially conscious citizens.

What's New In School:

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](#) to learn how APS schools are promoting daily and on-time attendance.



Principal's News...

Welcome to Benjamin E. Mays High School! It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself, Dr. Mulanta Wilkins. As the Principal here at B.E Mays, my passion for education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the last twenty years in each of my roles as a teacher and an administrator.

I am dedicated to personalizing education for every student, while creating a safe place for them to grow. I am committed to ensuring that students' needs are met through both rigorous instruction and extracurricular opportunities. There are several ways you can get involved as well, through volunteering at the school, becoming a member of PTSA, or assisting with the many activities we have on campus.

As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors - school staff, students, and parents - is excited to be here. I welcome your input as we embark on this journey together.

I'm excited about the upcoming year and look forward to working with each of you to prepare our students for academic success. I look forward to discussing any ideas or thoughts that can improve our school community.

Dr. Mulanta Wilkins
Principal



College and Career Readiness Activities 2019-2020

North Atlanta College Fair @ North Atlanta

9/20/2019 8:30am – 3:00pm

High School Seniors & Select Underclassmen

KIPP/Westminster/Lovett College Fair @ Cobb Galleria

(Renaissance Waverly Hotel)

9/21/2019 8:30am – 3:00pm

High School Seniors & Select Underclassmen

APS Transportation Provided By The Local School



2019-Football Schedule



09/13 Langston Hughes @ LH @7:30PM

09/21 New Manchester @ Georgia State Stadium @ 8:00

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



Attention Mays High School

Class of 2020 and Parents!!

You're Invited! Senior Parent Night and Senior Clearance Step 1 to Graduation

Thursday, September 12, 2019

6:00pm, Auditorium



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 16th insulation

(See Ms. Smith).

Parent Teacher Conferences

September 18, 2019 Parent Teacher Conferences @ 3:45-5:30pm in cafeteria

Be informed.

Be active.

Be your kid's biggest fan.

Be PTA.



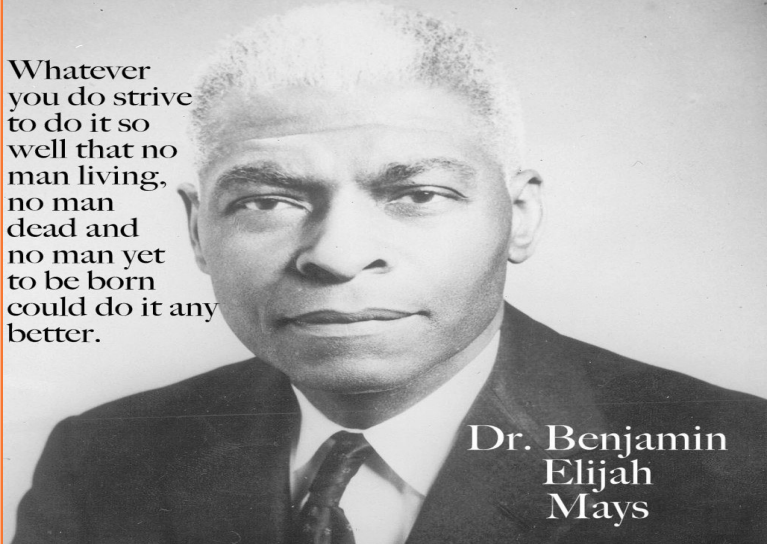
Meeting September 26, 2019 @ 6:00pm

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.

Whatever you do strive to do it so well that no man living, no man dead and no man yet to be born could do it any better.



Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays

September Parent Information:

09/12– 12th grade Parent Night @ 6:30 in the auditorium

09/19– 9th grade Parent Night @ 6:30 in the auditorium

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

09/19/19 Meet & greet with Dr. Wilkins Principal @ 10:30am.

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



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
2nd Payment	October 5, 2019	\$85.00
3rd Payment	November 9, 2019	\$85.00
4th Payment	February 8, 2020	\$85.00

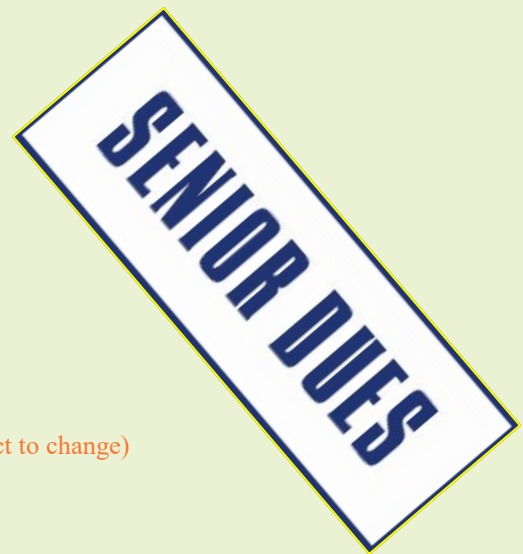
Itemized Cost – NO A LA CARTE

\$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: