

RAIDER NEWS

3450 Benjamin E. Mays Drive Atlanta, GA 30331-404-802-5100

September 2, 2019



"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. As we move toward becoming an authorized World School, we strive to create learners who are **inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective**. These characteristics comprise the **IB Learner Profile**. To this end, the staff at Benjamin E. Mays High School will select a **Student of the Month** from our classes at the end of each month using the IB Learner Profile characteristics in an effort to celebrate our students.

The characteristic for **August** is **Risk-Taker**. An academic Risk-Taker is a student who shows independence, confidence, and enthusiasm. He or she may not be the most academically successful student, but he or she is the student who works hard and makes an effort to be successful. The academic Risk-Taker understands that mistakes are a part of learning, but does not let mistakes keep him or her from trying. Risk-Takers are willing to attempt new things and are confident in their decision.

What's New In School

Quick Facts:

Absences— A written excuse from the parent, guardian or doctor must be sent to Mrs. James in the attendance office on your child's return to school within 3 days of being absent. Please review the APS handbook for absence guidelines.

Tardies— Students arriving after 8:30 am must be signed in at the attendance office by an adult.

Early Dismissals— No early dismissals are allowed after 2:20 pm unless a written note is sent.

Parent Conferences— Parent conferences are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact Dr. W.J. Swain for questions about conferences.

Transportation— Transportation changes must be made in writing. Please contact the APS Transportation Department at 404-802-5501 for bus issues.



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



NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2019



Football Schedule

08/31 GW Carver Birm @ Lakewood @5:00

09/13 Langston Hughes @ LH @7:30

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



"He was not ahead of his time. No man is ahead of his time. Every man is within his star, each in his time. Each man must respond to the call of God in his lifetime and not in somebody else's time."

—Benjamin E. Mays

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Ms. Smith -9th grade 404-802-5131

Ms. Reese -10th grade 404-802-5125

Ms. Aldridge -11th grade 404-802-5137

Ms. Jackson -12th grade 404-802-5145

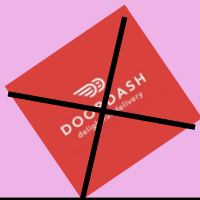


PSAT

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 (See Ms. Smith).

The week of 8/26/19 all students were issued a locker at no cost. After students receive their locker, no book bags are allowed in any classrooms. Students can visit lockers at the beginning of school, the beginning of third block, and the end of the day.

Students and parents are not allowed to bring outside food onto the campus. No Uber Eats or Door Dash.



Your 2019-20 PTSA Board Members

Brendalynne Duncan, President bduncan1703@gmail.com

Terri Weekes, Vice President terriweekes@yahoo.com

Kysh Clemons, Treasurer, kyshannon@hotmail.com

Dawn Brockington Shaw, Secretary,

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.

Parent Teacher Conferences

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

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.

