

**Welcome Mavericks!**  
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**2024-2025 School Year**



Dear Maverick Families:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! We are excited for another year of learning and growth with our Maverick Students. Great things are ahead for the upcoming school year. As your Principal, I remain committed to a safe and orderly environment that allows students to grow, both academically, socially and emotionally. Our school consists of approximately 1,100 students and over 100 staff members. We are diverse and pride ourselves on this! Families are critical to the success of our goals and mission. We cannot do this work without you. I ask for your partnership and involvement as we work to make Francis Bradley Middle School the absolute best place to be!

Francis Bradley Middle School school hours are 9:15 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. The tardy bell rings promptly at 9:15 a.m. Students may not be dropped off prior to 8:45 a.m. as staff members are not on duty and there is no supervision. The only exception is for students who are meeting a staff member for tutoring or a club meeting. Students are expected to be in their homeroom when the tardy bell rings. You can review a copy of our bell schedule here: <https://bit.ly/3Qdv8Nc> Early dismissal will not occur after 3:30 p.m. If you need your child for an appointment, they must be picked up prior to 3:30 p.m. to avoid a disruption to our school day. We ask that you do your best to keep appointments before or after school, on workdays/holidays; or at other times that do not disrupt learning.

To uphold our commitment to safety and security, visitors are limited at Bradley. All visitors must check in at the window outside the main office and if admitted, complete the sign in process at the kiosk. We encourage all families to register as a volunteer as this involvement is vital to the success of our school. Registration can be completed at this link: <https://bit.ly/3OpxLu6> Please note that this process must be completed EACH school year.

Each student will be assigned a Chromebook and charger that they will take home with them on a daily basis. Distribution will not begin until after the start of school. Parents will be required to complete a technology waiver and there are fees for damaged, lost, or stolen items. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child's Chromebook is charged each day for learning.

Please note that your child will receive all information for transportation and Homeroom electronically this year. Students can receive this information at Open House or on the first day of school by reporting to their homeroom. Homeroom lists will be posted throughout the school. It is extremely important that your child carefully read all of the information in this letter with you. Please keep it on file for future reference. If you have questions regarding any of the information enclosed, please call our school at (980) 343-5750. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Francis Bradley Middle School, I wish each of you a wonderful school year. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing all students on the first day of school by 9:15 a.m. on Monday, August 26.

Go Mavericks!

Jim Vanosdall, Principal

### **Open House**

Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 21. The Open House schedule is divided into two groups based on your child's grade level or enrollment in the Extensions Program. Please arrive only during your child's designated time as parking is limited. If you are unable to attend Open House your family can familiarize themselves with Bradley Middle School by visiting our school website. The purpose of Open House is to familiarize yourself with our campus and meet your child's teachers.

<b>Students</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Extensions Students	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Report to students' homeroom class. Homeroom lists will be posted at the top of each hallway and are included in this letter. Homeroom teachers will provide students with a copy of their schedule.
Students in the 6th Grade	4:30-5:30 p.m.	
Students in the 7th and 8th grades	5:30-6:30 p.m.	

### **School Lunch and Breakfast**

Students are encouraged to eat lunch and breakfast each day. Breakfast is free of charge for all students; however, students need to pay for school lunch. If your family qualifies for free lunch, submit a meal application through the School Nutrition Services department: <https://bit.ly/3QgcYut> Students will only be allowed to eat breakfast and lunch inside of the cafeteria. Parents/guardians are not permitted to bring in outside food, nor eat with their child during lunch due to safety and supervision.

### **Transportation**

Eligible students who enrolled and completed transportation requests by the deadline should have a stop for the first day of school, Monday, August 26. Go to the CMS website to complete the form if you need to do so: <https://bit.ly/3QsiAlt> If students are taking yellow school bus transportation, they should arrive at the morning bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up. Bradley has no authority to establish or change stops. I encourage all families to enroll in transportation updates via the *Here Comes the Bus App*. Typically, during the first two weeks of school, buses are delayed. We will communicate afternoon late buses through the Parent Square feature. Our main office is open until 5 p.m. during normal school hours should you have any questions.

**Effective for the 2024-2025 school year, we are not mailing home bus labels and Homeroom information. Beginning August 19, you can access bus stop information digitally through the Here Comes the Bus APP or Alphaportal - or by calling CMS Transportation at 980-343-6715 or the Francis Bradley Main Office at 980-343-5750.**

### **Student Fees**

Families are required to purchase an agenda for their child, which is vital to school success and parent communication regarding the Student Code of Conduct, dates and assignments. Students are required to wear sneakers, shorts and a t-shirt for PE. PE T-shirts are available for purchase, but are not a required item. . To purchase these items, visit: <https://bit.ly/BradleyOSPlink> **Please note that we do not rent, nor allow locker use at Francis Bradley Middle School.**

### **Supplies**

2024-2025 supply lists are available on our website: <https://bit.ly/Bradleyschoolsupplies> Please note that there are important updates for the 24-25 school year with school supplies. Metal, 3-ring binders; trapper keepers; and backpacks with metal frames are no longer permitted.

### **Student Emergency Forms**

The required Student Emergency Form, "Blue Card" will come home in the "Back to School Packet" the first day of school. This form assists staff in an emergency situation. This form is to be completed and returned every year your child is enrolled in CMS.

### **Athletics**

Fall Sports tryouts will begin on Tuesday, August 27 for football, cheer, volleyball, and golf; and Thursday, August 29 for softball. All paperwork will be done online using the link (<https://cmsathleticzone.com/bradley/athletic-information/>) provided. Your student will need to sign up for their sport specific tryout using the "Sports Sign-up link" that is hyperlinked at the top of the athletic webpage by clicking on the word "link". You will also need to click the registration tab and register your student on dragonfly. All required paperwork online and a hard copy of a current sports physical is due by Thursday, 8/22 no later than 4 pm. Sports physicals can be turned into the front office. Make sure to write the sport your student will be trying out for on the top of the page.

Herb Williams

Athletic Director

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### **General Information**

- ★ Visit the CMS academic calendars by going to the CMS website: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools / Calendar](https://www.charlotte-mecklenburgschools.org/calendar) ([cmsk12.org](https://www.cmsk12.org))
  
- ★ The safety and security of your child are my top priority! In order for our school to create and maintain a positive environment where students can learn, behavior infractions that create a disruption and/or unsafe environment will not be tolerated. Visit the CMS website for the most up to date district Code of Conduct, as well as vital parent information. I strongly encourage each family to review the CMS Code of Conduct, the Bradley policies and procedures in the Student Handbook, as well as the detailed orientation that students will receive from administrative staff during the first two weeks of school, so that we all ensure there is a safe and orderly environment on campus.
  - A school dress code, in alignment with CMS district policy, has been established to maintain a focused learning environment.
    - Clothing or jewelry with abusive, suggestive, or profane language, symbols of illegal drugs or weapons, or any other words, symbols, or slogans that disrupt the learning environment are not permitted.
    - Headgear is not permitted to be worn in the building. Headgear includes: Hoods, scarves, bandannas, stocking caps, hats, towels, sunglasses, doo-rags, combs, or other items worn on the head that are not related to religious observance. *Note:* garments with a hood *may* be worn. The *hood* must remain *down* while on campus.
    - Undergarments, including bras, underwear, boxer shorts, etc., should not be visible.
    - Upper torsos and midribs must be covered at all times.
    - Shorts, skirts, dresses, or clothing with slits must comply with #3 and #4. These items must be at least thumb length when arms extended at the side.
    - Halter tops, tops secured by strings, elastic straps or strapless shirts are not permitted. Tank tops must be at least two finger widths wide and comply with #3 and #4. Athletic jerseys need to have a shirt underneath.
    - When wearing close-fitting bottoms, tops must appropriately cover the private areas.
    - Pajamas or pajama-like clothing and bedroom slippers are not permitted, except for designated events.
    - School dress code applies to special events and after school functions, unless noted otherwise.
  - District and School Cell Phone Policy:
    - If a student is bringing a personal cell phone/smartwatch or other personal electronic device, it is required that the device remain off and stored securely in the student's backpack during the entire school day. This includes lunch and outside time. A structured learning environment, free of distractions, is critical to our success and for those reasons, we allow no use of cell phones, apple watches or other personal electronic devices. I ask for your cooperation in reminding your Maverick student that their phone AND smartwatch must be off and stored in their backpack during school hours.

- Students found in violation of the policy will have the device confiscated and a parent will be required to pick up the device. Discipline will fall in alignment with the CMS Student Code of Conduct.
  - If you need to deliver a message to your child, please call the school line directly: (980)-343-5750.
  - The district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to cell phones or other personal devices brought onto CMS property. Students must follow all rules set forth in Policy S-SINT and Regulation S-SINT/R.
- EVOLV Body Scanners: CMS has implemented body scanners at all K-8, 6-8 and 9-12 schools that students will enter each morning before school. We utilize two scanners at the front entrance to the school - one for bus riders and one for car riders. Students will remove laptops, metal water bottles and any umbrellas prior to entering and pass through the scanners as they would normally travel. In the event an item sets off the scanners, students will be asked to step aside for school personnel to check. We also utilize the body scanners for any visitors entering our campus during the school day. I care deeply about your child's well-being and we all own a safe and orderly environment. To learn more about the body scanners, visit: <https://bit.ly/3qcp1aM>

★ Communication is vital to success and we believe in open, respectful two-way communication. Below is a breakdown of your contact information for your child's grade level. A weekly family message is sent via Parent Square with important updates for the week each Sunday night. If there is a question concerning your child, please begin by contacting their teacher. You can expect a reply within 24 business hours. **I ask that you please schedule appointments in advance as my team is regularly in classrooms, working with students and supporting the teaching and learning on campus.**

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
Administrator	Cam McLean <a href="mailto:richardc.mclean@cms.k12.nc.us">richardc.mclean@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Administrator	Yolanda Reddick <a href="mailto:yolanda.bonaparte@cms.k12.nc.us">yolanda.bonaparte@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Administrator	Lynn King <a href="mailto:andrea.king@cms.k12.nc.us">andrea.king@cms.k12.nc.us</a>
Counselor	Joanerry Mitchell <a href="mailto:joanerrye.mitchell@cms.k12.nc.us">joanerrye.mitchell@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Counselor	Catalina Lopez <a href="mailto:catalinae.lopez@cms.k12.nc.us">catalinae.lopez@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Counselor	Patrick Cole <a href="mailto:patrickr.cole@cms.k12.nc.us">patrickr.cole@cms.k12.nc.us</a>
Dean of Culture	Kathleen Corbett <a href="mailto:kathleenr.corbett@cms.k12.nc.us">kathleenr.corbett@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Parent Liaison & Behavior Support	Gilbert Parker <a href="mailto:gilbertg.parker@cms.k12.nc.us">gilbertg.parker@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	Social Worker	Melanie Williams <a href="mailto:melanie.williams@cms.k12.nc.us">melanie.williams@cms.k12.nc.us</a>

★ Student Drop Off through personal transportation does not begin before 8:45 a.m. No staff are on duty prior to this time. The last time for early release is 3:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Dismissal will begin at 4:10 p.m. and students will be called in stages for dismissal. We ask that parents be patient during the first few weeks of school as we work through transportation challenges. Adhere to all car line staff in a respectful manner. Your child and my staff's safety are my priority! There is to be absolutely no drop off or pick up along Beatties Ford Road, Barnette Elementary School, nor the bottom of the bus lot.

Dear Families,

Francis Bradley Middle School uses a form of school-to-home communication called **ParentSquare**. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with FBMS!



## Get Started in **3** Easy Steps:



App Store



Google Play

- 1.** Download the iPhone or Android mobile app or visit the ParentSquare website at [ParentSquare.com](https://ParentSquare.com)
- 2.** Log in with your email or phone registered with the school
- 3.** Start receiving posts relevant to your child

***Note: If your email or phone number is not recognized by ParentSquare, you can 'Request Access' or call your school office and ask them to update your contact information.***



## Features on ParentSquare:



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