BRIGHTER HORIZONS ACADEMY
COLLEGE PREPARATORY

2021-2022
New Parent Orientation
A WORD OF WELCOME

Br. Said Said
BHA Chairman
VISION: Brighter Horizons Academy is a model educational institution that produces generations of leaders to be successful in this life and the Hereafter.
MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION: Brighter Horizons Academy aims to develop practicing Muslim leaders who are lifelong learners that serve their diverse community and global society as respectful citizens.

Our mission will be achieved through educational excellence within a healthy learning environment, intimate adherence to Islamic practices, and strong collaboration with positive interactions among school, students, parents, and community.
Oh Allah,

I pledge you sincerity. I pledge myself to be committed to my deen. I pledge to honor the efforts of my parents and teachers & I pledge to strive for peace and prosperity for my community.

Oh Allah, in you I trust, so help me keep my pledge.

BHA Pledge of Allegiance
BHA Board of Directors

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➢ Br. Ikram Syed  
➢ Br. Asim Jetpuri

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Dr.. Jehad Matariyeh
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CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for matters dealing with Academics

Teacher → Department Head/Lead Teacher → Building Principal → Leadership Team
CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for Matters of Operations/Finance

Admin Staff / Role Specialist

Operations Manager

Leadership Team
CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for Matters of Discipline

Teacher
Dean of Student Affairs
Building Principal
Leadership Team
CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for PE & Athletics

- PE Teacher/Coach
- Athletic Director
- Leadership Team
Early Childhood & Elementary School Principal
Ms. Inssaf Lachtar
DAILY SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

➢ Drop-Off starts at 7:30 am

➢ Morning Assembly begins at 7:40 am

➢ Classes begin at 8:00 am

➢ Tardies will be recorded at 8:01 am for all students. 6 Tardies = 1 absence. Anything over 18 absences puts students at retention (excused or not)
Parents have several ways to be informed:

- Sycamore
- Weekly Newsletter
- Phone
- Email
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
Things to Know for the first weeks:

- **Elementary Athletics:** PE classes for KG-5th. We have an after school program for 1st-5th. More information will be shared soon by our Athletic Director: Dr. Ali Abuhlaleh.

- **Uniform Expectations/Vendor:** All students are required to be in the right uniform. School uniform for KG-5th to be purchased at Verona.

- **Dismissal/After care:** Driveline tags & Student Pick-up Form to be picked up on Meet & Greet Day. Dismissal starts at 2:35 with Driveline. Students will be sent to aftercare at 3:00. Charges apply.

- **Health/Checks:** Immunization records must be up-to-date. Lice checks will be conducted the 1st two weeks of school (and the week after Winter Break)
Things to Know for the first weeks:

- **Homework**: ELA & Math for 1st-4th, ELA, Math, & Science for 5th grade. Reading Logs for English, Arabic, & Qura’n. Please check your child’s Planner/Weekly Newsletter & Sycamore.

- **Salah Expectations**: 3rd-5th grade pray Zuhr from Day 1. A kid-friendly Khutbah on Fridays. 2nd Graders join after their Prayer Ceremony. Girls must wear Hijab to Salat. 5th grade girls are required to wear hijab the whole time.

- **Traffic**: Traffic can be a hassle. Leave home early for drop off and come early for dismissal. We appreciate your patience. Once tutoring and clubs start, the problem gets resolved.

- **Clubs**: Sing up Day TBD

- 5th Grade Math Info Session in September

- Bring all outstanding forms as part of the enrollment process
6 Units of Inquiry
Inquiry-based Learning
Research-Based Learning
**Approaches to Learning (ATL) Skills:**
- Thinking
- Research
- Social
- Communication
- Self-Management
**Learner Profile** Traits: Reflective, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Caring, Inquirer, Open-Minded, Balanced, Principled, Risk-Taker, Communicator
5th Grade Exhibition
Global Mindedness and Community Service
ECE Goals for 2021-2022

- Continue with PYP implementation with fidelity to maintain authorization status
- Maintain academic excellence
  - Data-driven instruction & decisions - MAP, STAAR, Quran Benchmark, Arabic Benchmark
- Tarbiyah, Character, & Leadership Building
  - Character building programs
  - Community Service program - in collaboration with ISF Outreach Committee
Middle & High School Principal
Dr. Jehad Matariyeh
What can we expect in the next few weeks?

Dr. Jehad Matariyeh
Middle School/High School Principal
Class Schedule

Students will have 7 class periods each day

- 50 min class periods
- MS will have separate lunch/recess from HS
DAILY SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

➢ Drop-Off starts at 7:30 am
➢ Morning Assembly (MS) 7:40am in MPH
➢ Morning Assembly (HS) 7:40am in classroom
➢ Classes begin at 8:00 am
➢ Tardies will be recorded at 8:00 am
➢ Attendance will be taken every period; (every 6 tardies = 1 absence)
➢ 18 absences = retention according to TX Law
What to expect during the first 2 weeks of school?

➢ Supply Lists found on BHA website
➢ Uniform Vendor/Policy
➢ Student Schedules
➢ Info sessions for High school
➢ Bring all outstanding forms as part of the enrollment process
Operations Manager
Karam Skaik
Dismissal

- Students in grades 6-10 will be dismissed via Driveline from classrooms
- Pick up Drive line tags from Front Desk during Meet & Greet
- Aftercare starts promptly at 3:30pm. Grace period is from 3-3:30pm.
- Charges of $10/ per day for MS/HS students apply after 3:30pm
Finance

If you’re experiencing difficulty in making payments on time, reach out to finance@bhaprep.org to make arrangements.

- Tuition is charged on the 10th of each month for the next month
- Tuition is due on the 5th school day of the month
- Late fee assessed after the 6th day
- Enrollment is at risk if no payment is received after the 20th day
Lunch Procedures

- Hot lunch is provided by a 3rd party vendor
- Can be prepaid or paid daily
- Students sign up for lunch at the front desk in the morning
- Cost of lunch is $5/day
- Vending machines are available to students during lunch and recess
Dean of Student Affairs
Sami Moussa, M.Ed.
Uniform reminder KG to 5th

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Uniform Reminders HS
Important to remember

- No Hoodies
- No tight pants
- No necklaces
- No sweatpants
- Jackets/ Sweaters must be navy blue, black, or gray.

- Hijabs must be pinned and cover the neck and hair. No earrings may be visible.
- Boys’ hair must be clean, neat, groomed. No layer style haircuts. Hair cannot cover ears/eyes.
Some unacceptable style haircuts
Cell phones

- ECE & MS: No cell phones
- HS: Cell phones may be used during lunch and recess only
- SMART Watches are not allowed on campus for any student
Discipline Philosophy

- Tarbiyyah comes before Discipline.
- Teachers will try at least 2 of the following steps before deferring to administrative intervention, based on the behavior of the student:

➢ Verbal Reminder/Warning
➢ Separate Discussion
➢ Student-Teacher Conference
➢ In-Class Consequence
➢ Parental Contact

➢ Parent Conference
➢ Behavioral Counselor Intervention
➢ Administrative Assistance
➢ Admin/Parent/Teacher Meeting
Athletic Director
Dr. Ali Abuhlaileh

- Three sport season
- Three sport levels
- Six sports program
- 32 sport teams
- TAPPS Requirements @ Rank One Sports
Jazakum Allah Khair for coming!

ANY QUESTIONS?

May Allah bless us with a successful year, Ameen!