
TILLICUM MIDDLE SCHOOL

August *Update*

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COVID-19 Health and Safety

Our staff team is diligently preparing to welcome your student(s) back to full-day in-person school next Wednesday, September 1st. We have developed school-wide COVID Safety Procedures and Mitigating Measures directly aligned with WA State Department of Health guidance for public schools. As always, student and staff physical safety and social-emotional well-being will be our highest priorities as we begin the 2021-22 school year. For your reference, please review [TMS COVID-19 School Procedures & Mitigating Measures](#) information. This is a living document and updates/changes will continue to be made WA Health Department guidance is updated. If you have specific questions or feedback related to COVID School Safety Procedures & Mitigating Measures, please complete the following [TMS Family Survey](#). Additionally, more BSD COVID-19 Health and Safety information can be found [here](#).

Thank you. Your support and partnership are sincerely appreciated.

School Lunches

All students enrolled in the Bellevue School District can receive lunch at no charge during the 2021-2022 school year. Tillicum will also have access to a pilot breakfast program at the start of the year. [Read more](#) about the BSD Nutrition Services Programs.

Please know that student lunch times will comply fully with WA Department of Health recommendations for schools. Within lunches, we'll be implementing the following mitigating measures:

- Any student who chooses will be able to eat outside, either in our interior courtyard or behind the commons near the small playfield and basketball courts
- Students who choose to eat inside will all be spaced 6 feet apart from peers, eating on an individual chair that has been measured and placed to ensure physical distancing
- All students indoors will be expected to keep a face covering/mask on at all times when not actively eating or drinking

School Lockers

Students will not use school lockers this year.

Free/Reduced Price Meal Application

Visit: www.bsd405.org/freeandreduced to access our online application.

Why do we need to complete an application for school meal benefits if meals are offered free for all students? Completing the school meal benefit application to qualify for free or reduced priced meals will allow your student to gain access to:

- Fee Waivers or discounts offered by the district. The Fee Waiver Program offers waived fees for IB & AP tests, extracurricular activities such as ASB dues, event registrations, field trips, performances, social events/dances, transportation fees, athletic fees, and discounted summer school tuition.
- Community resources such as Operation School Bell, Backpack Meals and Shoes that Fit.
- Potential expansion of federal P-EBT benefits.
- Uninterrupted school meal benefits for the first 30 days of the 2022-2023 school year.

[More information.](#)

School Photos

Save the Date: School photos are September 17. You can order pictures online by visiting dorianstudio.com and searching for Tillicum Middle School. Your online order can be placed before and up to four (4) days after picture day. [More information.](#)

Transportation

The Bellevue School District is currently updating bus routes for the coming school year. We provide free transportation for students who reside within their school attendance area but outside their school's no transportation zone. We also provide transportation for some additional programs and choice schools (Advanced Learning, Puesta del Sol, Jing Mei, etc.).

All schools have a no transportation zone. Please keep in mind that the no transportation zone does not account for terrain or roads. *Your middle/high school child may end up walking one mile to school.*

See [Transportation – Bellevue School District \(bsd405.org\)](https://bsd405.org) for more information.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Tillicum Activity Bus Routes will begin September 13.

6th Grade WEB Orientation and Return Your 5th Grade Computer

See the post on our website [here](#).

New Student Orientation

An orientation for new 7th and 8th grade students and students who participated in the Tillicum Virtual Program last year is offered August 31, at 2:00-3:00 PM.

This event is for new to Tillicum students only; it is not open to parents or students who previously attended Tillicum in-person. Registration required [here](#).

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be released and available online through Synergy StudentVUE and ParentVUE portals on Monday, August 30th. These portals may not be available for students and families to access, until that date. See <https://bsd405.org/departments/district-technology/grades-attendance/> (also has instructions to activate ParentVUE account)

All students will be provided a paper copy of their schedule the first day of school.

Taking Care of Business Online

The Taking Care of Business (TCOB) packet is online again this year. The purpose of TCOB is to pay fees, turn in forms, get access to Synergy ParentVue/Student Vue, and much more.

- Access the online Taking Care of Business packet [here](#).

Thank you for taking the time to review this important information.

Suggested Supplies

Tillicum's suggested school supplies are posted online [here](#).

Bellevue Schools Foundation

Established in 1979, Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) is the 1st foundation dedicated to supporting public K-12 initiatives in Washington State. Our mission is to promote and fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in Bellevue's public schools. As a pillar in the community, the Foundation is uniquely positioned to be a catalytic agent of positive change and advancement in the public education sector. The Bellevue School District serves 20,000 students, enrolled in 29 schools, and the Foundation's investments allow students to achieve higher levels of academic success and social-emotional well-being, regardless of language, gender, race, socioeconomic status, and special needs. With over 100 languages spoken in the District and 125 countries of birth represented, Bellevue Schools Foundation is committed to expanding funding for racial equity and amplifying the diverse voices and strengths of students and families within the Bellevue community. For more information on how you can engage with the Foundation, please contact Executive Director Juliet Buder at juliet@bsfdn.org or click [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic

We have appointments available for the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna vaccine, and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Appointments are available to all BSD students aged 12 and up, their family members, employees and their families, and members of the community. To be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, you must be aged 12 or older. To be eligible for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, you must be aged 18 or older. We are also offering the flu shot!

Clinic at Sammamish High School

- When: Saturday, August 28, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Where: Sammamish High School
- 100 140th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

You can sign up for the COVID vaccine, the flu shot, or both! If you want to get both shots, you must sign up using both links below – but only come to one of the appointment times as you can get both shots at once.

Sign up using the links below to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine and/or flu shot appointment for either Tuesday, August 24th or Saturday, August 28th. Select 'Odle' as the location for 8/24 and 'Sammamish' as the location for 8/28:

SIGN UP FOR THE COVID VACCINE: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/BSDBSD>

SIGN UP FOR THE FLU SHOT: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/BSDFlu>

If you have trouble signing up through either link above, please email us at vaccine@bsd405.org.

If you have access to a printer, please complete and print the Informed Consent and Release of Information form (link is available after you sign up for an appointment through the link above) and bring it with you to the clinic. We will also have copies of the form available for you to complete at the clinic. ***Parent/guardian signature on this document is required if the person being vaccinated is under age 18.

Parent/guardian must accompany all people receiving the vaccine who are 12-15 years old.

At check-in, please bring with you and have your health insurance card ready. If you do not have health insurance, you will not be turned away.

Dates & Reminders

- September 1: First Day of School! Classes start at 7:45 AM. See the [Daily Schedule](#).
- September 13: After School Activities and Activity Bus Schedule Begins.
- September 21: Virtual Curriculum Night- more information coming soon.

Be sure to check the Tillicum [website](#) for other important updates!

Contact Us

[Administration](#) [Attendance Office](#) [Counseling A-Le](#) [Counseling Li-Z](#) [Main Office](#) [Registrar's Office](#) [Safety Concerns](#)

You can reach classroom teachers and other staff through email. See our [Staff Directory](#).

Quick Links

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