Greetings Bailey Middle School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Bailey Middle School. I’m hopeful that our families have enjoyed a safe, healthy, and fun filled summer with our Broncos “Sharpening the Saw”? We are scheduled to hit the ground running and get off to a great start on the first day of school, which is Monday, August 28. Our teachers and staff are prepared to work collaboratively with you to ensure that your child finds success at Bailey this year. Our bell schedule will remain the same for 2023-2024 (9:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.) Students are not permitted to be dropped-off before 8:45 a.m. and must be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m.

*Please review the “Top 5” listed below, as well as the information on page 2 of this letter*

**#1. Online Blue Emergency Card** - If you have not already done so, please go to our website and complete the “Online Blue Emergency Card” so that we have your family’s most up-to-date contact information. You will also see links within this online document to our Attendance/Tardy policy, CMS Code of Conduct, Grading Policy, and Honor Code. Please review these and sign electronically at the appropriate locations indicating that you have read and understand these policies at Bailey.

**#2A. Bronco Round-Up** - Our 6th Grade Bronco Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22. We ask that 6th grade parents attend your assigned session by last name: 9:30-11:00 a.m. (A-F), 12:00-1:30 p.m. (G-M), and 2:30-4:00 p.m. (N-Z). *Please note that these are not float in/out sessions and will start promptly at the times listed above.* At Bronco Round-Up, you will meet your child’s teachers, tour the school and classrooms, receive your child’s schedule, and gain other important information regarding our school programs. Parking is at a premium with a crowd this large so please stay within your child’s assigned time.

**#2B. Open House** - Our 7th & 8th grade families are invited to attend on Wednesday, August 23. 7th grade families should plan to attend from 1:30-2:30 pm and 8th grade families from 3:00-4:00 pm. This is a float in/out event to simply meet your teachers. *Please note that we must limit visitors for Open House so only Bailey students and one parent/guardian per family can attend. Non-Bailey siblings are not permitted to attend this year.*

**#3. PTSO Student Activity Fee** - We will continue to ask families to pay the student activity fee online this year. You can link to the Bailey Student Fee Portal from the Bailey PTSO Website. The $30 student fee includes your family PTSO membership, student agenda, IXL Math and Reading Programs, and a portion going towards capital improvements on our campus. Please note that this fee must be paid for students to attend PTSO sponsored events like the Back-To-School picnic.

**#4. Summer Reading & Supply List** – We do not have a mandatory Summer Reading requirement this year, only optional reading for enjoyment. Also, pick up your school supplies as indicated on the Bailey Supply List on the Bailey website. Students should only bring a few basic supplies on the first day until teachers tell students what they will need for first quarter since lockers will not be used this year.

**#5. Athletic Info** - If your 7th or 8th grade student wants to try-out for Football, Softball, Volleyball, Golf, or Cheerleading, please make sure you have completed the necessary forms by August 25. All forms must be completed or uploaded on the CMS Dragonfly site. Try outs will be a minimum of 2 days and are held after school. Football, Volleyball and Softball will begin on Monday, August 28th. Golf and Cheer will begin on Wednesday, August 30th. Pick up will be at 6:15 pm each day in front of the gym, except for Softball at Bailey Road Park.

Please email Don Riehl with questions about athletics - don.riehl@cms.k12.nc.us

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Your child's schedule will not be available on Parent Portal until Wednesday, August 16. Copies will also be available at Bronco Round-Up (6th Grade) on Tuesday, August 22nd or Open House (7th & 8th Grade) on Wednesday, August 23rd. If you cannot find it on Parent Portal or cannot attend Open House, your students will receive a copy on the first day of school. Please keep the schedule secure after Bronco Round-Up and/or Open House and send it with your child on the first day of school. Your Parent Portal login and password will remain the same as it was last year. *All schedule request changes must be submitted through the link on our website, which will open on Monday, August 21. Email requests to teachers, counselors, or administration will not be addressed.

If your student is eligible and assigned to a bus stop, you will find a bus sticker enclosed in this mailing. Please make note of your child’s bus number, stop location and the time you can expect your child to be picked-up and returned. Please ensure your child is at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before pick-up time. More than one bus may come through your area; therefore, please be sure that your child boards his or her assigned bus. If you are eligible for transportation and you have not registered already, please contact our Registrar, Lindsay Meekin (lindsaym.meekin@cms.k12.nc.us) to assist you with securing transportation for your student. *Students who have not been registered for transportation will not be allowed to ride the bus until the transportation request has been submitted and approved, which may take up to 2 weeks.

*If you need transportation to an alternative location or custody stop, you must also complete an online transportation request form, which Mrs. Meekin can assist you with as well. CMS will only provide transportation to alternative stops, including licensed daycare centers, and/or the home of a relative if the location is in your child's attending school boundary and your child has been approved for transportation for the 2022-2023 school year. *Please note that custody stops will not be processed until after the second week of school.

If you have previously registered, and you have moved within the district since you registered, you must ensure that the school has your new address. New stops, bus numbers, and pick-up/return times will be updated in the system automatically once the school receives the new address and updates their system. To update your address, please bring two proofs of residency in order for us to process the change. To access the items that can be brought in as proof, please feel free to call us or go onto the CMS Website, click on the “enroll your child” link, and then click on the “change of address” link. Questions concerning your child’s assigned school should be directed to the Student Placement Office at 980-343-5335 or e-mail student.placement@cms.k12.nc.us. It is important to take care of any residence changes prior to the first day of school.

Once again, all students will be offered the opportunity to enjoy a FREE breakfast, yet CMS will continue with paid lunch each day for $2.75. Parents must complete the Free or Reduced Lunch application on the CMS website to qualify for this program. Before or after school care with ASEP is not available at Bailey in 2023-2024.

Finally, we are excited about all of the opportunities and successes that our students, staff, and families will experience at Bailey this year. Please review the enclosed information and feel free to contact the school if you have other questions about Bailey. I look forward to building a great partnership with our families this year, which will begin at our Bronco Round-Up and Open House events.

Warmest Regards,
Chad O. Thomas
Principal