
BRIXNER JR. HIGH

NEWSLETTER

*** AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019 ***

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Dear Brixner Families,

I want to welcome all of you to the 2019 - 2020 School Year! For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming to a great school. Our teachers and staff are passionate, caring, hardworking, and always learning something new for the benefit of your children. We are a collaborative and driven group of educators who take learning seriously while also making personal connections that help kids succeed.

This is my 8th year as principal at Brixner. Education is where my heart lies, and I consider Klamath County School District and Brixner is the perfect place to do the most important work in the world – educating our youth. There is no other place to be!

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to get to know all of our in-coming 7th graders and new 8th graders, as well as welcoming back our returning 8th graders. I am looking forward to working with our students and their families, along with the Brixner staff, to ensure every child's success. I believe that building strong relationships between home and school is a key factor in increasing student achievement. As principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. I strongly believe that parental involvement is an essential component to student success, as research continues to show strong correlation between increased involvement and high student success.

This year is going to be amazing as Brixner continues to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through Brixner's doors – teachers, students, parents/guardians and community members, are excited to be here!

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Brixner Jr. High meet their goals and have a successful school year.

Leslie Garrett – Principal

Brixner Grizzlies Show

- ◆ ***Respect***
- ◆ ***Responsibility***
- ◆ ***Safety***
- ◆ ***Tolerance***





Welcome New Brixner Staff

- ◆ Amanda Spencer – Social Studies
- ◆ Lindsey Thede – Special Education
- ◆ Jennifer Haney – Secretary

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019—2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Every Student needs to update registration information for the current school year.

Throughout the year it is imperative that the school office be notified immediately of any change in address, home or office telephone number, or emergency information during the school year.

Registration begins August 19th. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday—Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 22 Grizzly Camp
- 19—30 Student Registration

SEPTEMBER

- 3 First Day of school—7th graders4
- First Day of School All grades
- 4-7 Brixner Volleyball Camp
- 11 Open House
- 9 Volleyball begins
- 19 Welcome Back Dance

LATE START DATES

Brixner School Hours

Regular Days

7:45 a.m.—3:20 p.m.

Breakfast—7:45—8:10

First Bell—8:10

Tardy Bell—8:15

Dismissal Bell—3:20

Late Start

8:45—3:20

Breakfast: 8:45—9:10

First Bell—9:10

Tardy Bell—9:15

Dismissal Bell—3:20



Cafeteria Prices

Students:

- Breakfast \$2.10
- Lunch \$3.25
- Milk \$.50

Adults

\$2.60
\$3.95

Please put money on your child's account. Students are not allowed to charge meals.



Arrive to school on time! When students arrive at 8:10 they are rushed to get to class and are often tardy. If they arrive at 8:15 they are tardy. This effects their day. All students are allowed to be late to school 3 times each semester. After the 3rd unexcused tardy students will be given consequences outlined in our Parent/Student handbook. If your child has an appointment please bring a note that they have been seen by a Doctor, Dentist...

Medication at School

If your child needs to take any type of medication at school the parent must bring the medication to the school office and fill out a medication form.

- ◆ IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL BY 10:00 A.M. IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Klamath County School District is committed to providing the best possible education for your child. We believe education is a joint effort between students, parents, and the school. In order for Brixner Jr. High School to partner with you, your student must *be at school*. The U.S. Federal Government attendance standard is 92%, regardless of whether absences are **excused or unexcused**. This rate applies not only to the district and the school as a whole, but to each individual student enrolled in our school.

A student who attends school on a regular basis has a better chance to learn and succeed. Each missed class causes the student to fall behind his/her classmates and can result in their becoming discouraged with school. Studies show Truancy is the greatest predictor of alcohol or substance abuse, criminal activity, and spending time in jail.

Brixner Jr. High School is taking attendance seriously. In keeping with Oregon State Law, we will only excuse legally defined absences. In addition, medical verification of an illness related to absences exceeding three days, unless pre-arranged, may be necessary. Please remember a parent/guardian may request a school excuse their student, however school policy and administration mark absences as excused or unexcused under ORS. **COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAWS**

Oregon Law requires children between the ages of 7 and 18, (with a few exceptions), who have not completed the 12th grade to attend school on a regular basis. The law also states four reasons a student may be excused from school: 1) student illness 2) serious illness of a student's immediate family member 3) extreme emergency 4) Principal has pre- approved the absence when **satisfactory arrangements are made in advance of the absence**. Students having more than eight one-half days unexcused (or four full days) in a four week period are deemed Truant and in violation of Oregon State Law (next page); and may be referred to the Klamath County Youth Attendance Team (YAT).

Truancy consequences may include a fine, citation; mandatory court appearances; probation or even time in Juvenile Detention.

We want to partner with you to make on time school attendance a healthy habit for your student. It's the first building block for a successful future.

Oregon Revised Statutes - Attendance

339.010 School attendance required; age limits.

339.020 Duty to send children to school.

339.065 Estimates of attendance; irregular attendance; excused absences.

339.990 Penalties.