

7th & 8th grade Parent Orientation

BAINES MIDDLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 2ND, 2022

Welcome to Baines!

- Baines opened in August of 2006 and has a proud history of achievement in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Principal



Mrs. Katherine Braucht, Associate
Principal – 8th grade



Mrs. Ericka Burr, Counselor 8th grade



Dr. Mathew Milner, Assistant
Principal – 7th grade



Ms. Maria Brockie, Counselor 7th grade



Other Important People to know

Counselor Clerk – Jeremiah Banks

Receptionist – Ambra Edison

Attendance – Jackie Crump

Nurse – Eve Gee

Social Worker – Vanessa Perez

Librarian – Beatrice Hester

Cafeteria Manager – Cheryl DiMenna

Girls Athletic Coordinator – Benita Smith

Boys Athletic Coordinator – Brandon Niceswanger

Attendance

The state of Texas requires that students attend school a minimum of 90% of the time. This means that they have approximately 9 absences each semester before we may require additional hours (especially for a high school credit class).

Students are expected to attend school unless they are ill. Family travel is an unexcused absence.

Students who are ill must provide a note from a parent or a doctor within two days of the absence so that it may be excused.

Four unexcused absences in a six-week period will trigger a truancy meeting.

Bell Schedule

Monday, Thursday & Friday

	A Lunch		B Lunch		C Lunch
1 st period	8:55-9:50 AM (50 mins. +5 for PLEDGE)		8:55-9:50 AM (50 mins. +5 for PLEDGE)		8:55-9:50 AM (50 mins. +5 for PLEDGE)
2 nd period	9:55-10:45 AM (50 mins.)		9:55-10:45 AM (50 mins.)		9:55-10:45 AM (50 mins.)
LUNCH	10:50-11:20	3 rd period	10:50-11:40 (50 MINUTES)	3 rd period	10:50-11:40 (50 MINUTES)
3 rd period	11:25-12:15 (50 MINUTES)	4 th period	11:45-12:15	4 th period	11:45-12:35 (50 Minutes)
4 th period	12:20 -1:10 (50 minutes)		12:20-1:10 (50 Minutes)		12:40-1:10
5 th period Plus Longhor n Time	1:15 - 2:20 (65 MINUTES)		1:15-2:20(65 MINUTES)		1:15-2:20 (65 MINUTES)
6 th period	2:25-3:15 PM (50 mins.)		2:25-3:15 PM (50 mins.)		2:25-3:15 PM (50 mins.)
7 th period	3:20-4:10 PM (50 mins.)		3:20-4:10 PM (50 mins.)		3:20-4:10 PM (50 mins.)

Tuesday, Wednesday - Advisory

	A Lunch		B Lunch		C Lunch
1 st period	8:55-9:45 AM (45 mins. +5 for announcements)		8:55-9:50 AM (45 mins. +5 for announcements)		8:55-9:50 AM (45 mins. +5 for announcements)
2 nd period	9:50-10:35 AM (45 mins.)		9:50-10:35 AM (45 mins.)		9:50-10:35 AM (45 mins.)
Advisory (35 minutes)	10:40-11:15	Advisory (35 minutes)	10:40-11:15	Advisory (35 minutes)	10:40-11:15
LUNCH	11:20-11:50	3 rd period	11:20-12:05 (45 Minutes)	3 rd period	11:20-12:05 (45 Minutes)
3 rd period	11:55-12:40 (45 Minutes)	LUNCH	12:10-12:40	4 th	12:10-12:55 (45 Minutes)
4 th	12:45-1:30 (45 Minutes)	4 th	12:45 -1:30 (45 Minutes)	LUNCH	1:00-1:30
5 th period (plus Longhor n time 55 minutes)	1:35-2:30		1:35-2:30		1:35-2:30
6 th period	2:35-3:20 PM (45 mins.)		2:35-3:20 PM (45 mins.)		2:35-3:20 PM (45 mins.)
7 th period	3:15-4:10 PM (45 mins.)		3:15-4:10 PM (45 mins.)		3:15-4:10 PM (45 mins.)

Lunches

THREE LUNCHES

A LUNCH – 10:50 – 11:20 (OR 11:20 – 11:50 ON ADVISORY DAYS)

B LUNCH – 11:45 – 12:15 (OR 12:10 – 12:40 ON ADVISORY DAYS)

C LUNCH – 12:40 – 1:10 (OR 1:00 – 1:30 ON ADVISORY DAYS)

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES:

BREAKFAST = \$2.00

LUNCH = 3:00

The online application for free and reduced meal program will open on August 1st.

Lockers

Lockers will **NOT** be assigned for the 2022-2023 school year.

Advisory

EVERY STUDENT HAS ADVISORY.

Character education and social emotional learning lessons are delivered through advisory.

Weekly announcements are viewed during this time.

Advisory teachers complete individual student achievement checks.

Some advisories are specialized for certain programs.

HB4545

This was established by the Texas legislature in July of 2021 and is an academic support system for students who struggle on the STAAR test.

Last year we offered support three ways:

1. Intervention advisories
2. STAAR lab classes for Reading and Math
3. Saturday School

Schedules

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- ❑ English
- ❑ History (Social Studies)
- ❑ Math
- ❑ Science
- ❑ PE, Kickstart or Dance
(7th graders will also have health)
- ❑ Elective (6th graders will have discovery)
- ❑ Elective
- ❑ Advisory (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Academic Levels

WE OFFER TWO LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION IN ALL CORE CLASSES.

- On-level is the grade-level course.
- AAC stands for advanced academic curriculum and is more rigorous and moves faster than the online course.
- *Some AAC level courses are still labeled GT or honors.*

Level change requests

STUDENTS MAY REQUEST A LEVEL CHANGE.

Forms are available on each counselors' Schoology page and hard copy available in the counselors' office beginning August 22nd.

➤ Moving from AAC to an on-level course is available all year.

- Moving from On-Level to AAC may be accomplished at anytime with teacher, parent, administration and counselor approval.
 - This change **must** occur within the first three weeks of school.
- Moving from AAC to On-Level will be strongly recommended if grade falls below 75
 - Algebra moving to Math 8 moves *should* occur before the end of the first semester .
 - Moves must occur before the STAAR Math 8 or Algebra EOC (end of course) exams are given May 2nd – 5th.

Elective change requests

STUDENTS MAY REQUEST AN ELECTIVE CHANGE.

- ❖ Elective change request forms are available in each counselors' Schoology page and in hard copy in the counselors' office beginning August 22nd.
- ❖ Elective change requests are not guaranteed. The requested elective **must** have room in it **and** fit into the student's schedule.

High School Credit classes

- ALGEBRA I AAC - 8
- SPANISH IA - 7
- SPANISH IB - 8
- SPANISH I - 8
- SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS - 8
- LIFETIME NUTRITION AND WELLNESS/INTERPERSONAL STUDIES - 8
- TOUCH SYSTEM DATA ENTRY/DOLLARS AND SENSE – 7 & 8
- FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER SCIENCE - 8

- ✓ Expect high school level instruction.
- ✓ Students should be diligent and ready for high school level work.
- ✓ Study and review daily is a minimal expectation of all students enrolled in a high school credit class.
- ✓ 90% attendance is enforced.

MOST OF THESE COURSES ARE ALREADY CLOSED

PE / Kickstart / Dance/Health / Athletics

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE SOME FORM OF A PE CLASS EACH YEAR.

- PE Is Regular Physical Education
- Kickstart Is A Martial Arts Class (Program started by Chuck Norris) Which Counts For PE.
- Dance Explores The Different Genres of Movements- Ballet, Folk, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Etc.
- Athletics is **only** for 8th graders and is determined by the Coaches. This counts as PE. Students who are not in athletics may still try out for and be chosen for a team.
 - Practices Are Held Before And After School
Girls- Before School; Boys – After School
- Only 7th And 8th graders may try out for teams (As Governed By UIL)
- All 7th graders will have one semester OF PE OR Kickstart and one semester of Health.

Skyward

SKYWARD IS OUR STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.

You will find valuable information in skyward:

- Schedules
- Grades
- Report cards
- Attendance
- Lunch account information
- Teacher course announcements

The Skyward Family Access Page has helpful information:

[HTTPS://WWW.FORTBENDISD.COM/SKYWARD](https://www.fortbendisd.com/skyward)

Schoology

Schoology is our learning management system.

Schoology is a tool used by teacher to help deliver instruction and provides a forum for collaboration, communication, assessment, submitting assignments and discussion boards.

The Schoology page has helpful information:

[HTTPS://WWW.FORTBENDISD.COM/PAGE/83209](https://www.fortbendisd.com/page/83209)

Technology Help

Technology can be a challenge. We are here to help.

If you are not able to find answers to your questions, please reach out for help.

- Check with your child's teacher.
- You can also go to the technology resources page:

[HTTPS://WWW.FORTBENDISD.COM/PAGE/83209](https://www.fortbendisd.com/page/83209)

- You can also call the help desk at 281-634-1300

Clubs and organizations

HERE ARE SOME OF THE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS WE'VE HAD AT BAINES:

- ❖ Art Club
- ❖ *Cheerleaders
- ❖ Coding and Robotics Club
- ❖ Destination imagination
- ❖ International/Multicultural Club
- ❖ Longhorn Book Club
- ❖ Matchbook Club
- ❖ Math Counts
- ❖ *National Junior Honor Society
- ❖ *Pals
- ❖ Pep Squad
- ❖ Spanish Club
- ❖ Student Council

* *Requires trying out or qualifying*

Contact information

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8TH GRADE

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7TH GRADE

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Ms. Brockie 281-634-6887 Maria.Brockie@fortbendisd.com

Counselors' Schoology Group for students:

7TH GRADE SCHOOLOGY GROUP ACCESS CODE:

7HN4-P99G-88VD4

8TH GRADE SCHOOLOGY COURSE ACCESS CODE:

FC4N-TV6R-KWGRB

QUESTIONS?

General questions

Grade level questions:

8th grade – meet Mrs. Burr by the bus ramp windows

7th grade – meet Ms. Brockie by the patio windows