Dear Parent or Guardian,

In support of our students’ successful transition to Grades 9, we invite students to participate in an Early Entry Day program. Baltimore County Public Schools is excited to announce that it will again host a half-day “Orientation Day” on Thursday, August 25, 2022, for students entering Grade 6 or 9 for the 2022-2023 school year. Doors open at 7:45 am. Students will participate in a wide variety of activities – designed based on student feedback – to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. Students will meet all their teachers by visiting each class of their A Day and B Day schedules. Be certain to check Schoology to know your 1A class teacher and room number. “Orientation Day” concludes at 11:30 am. As a reminder, the Orientation Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities.

Transportation will be provided for those students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students, and students will be able to add funds to their cafeteria accounts in preparation for the first day of school.

Helpful videos have been prepared for viewing by students and families at home. These videos share experiences and helpful information about transition to high school. The video is available via Vimeo from the main BCPS website as follows:

Making the Transition to High School

The following links offer valuable information for parents regarding registration and access to Focus and Schoology:

Parent Access to Focus and Schoology Registration

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Grade 9 students on Thursday, August 25, 2022, and while not required, we hope your child will take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding Orientation Day, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Monday, August 29, 2022.

Sincerely,

Dr. Monica Sample
Overlea High School