

# Brass Castle School

*August 25, 2023*



## A Message from Dr. Garcia

Dear Brass Castle Families,

It's hard to believe we are just a few days away from the start of the school year! The Brass Castle Team and I are looking forward to welcoming all returning and new Brass Castle students for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Below are a few reminders, as we get ready to embark on this year's school adventures:

### Student Arrival

- Arrival Time - 8:30am - 8:45am (late bell rings at 8:50am) Student arrivals after 8:45 am must be dropped off at the main entrance of the building. Please do not drop students off before 8:30am, as staff supervision is not available.
- Students report directly to homeroom upon arrival, so please ensure your student knows his/her homeroom teacher's name. Staff will be available throughout the building to assist.
- Student drop off (car riders or supervised walkers) - Families must drive through the Brass Castle Loop on the Midland Ave. side of the building (closest to the school playground area). Safety is always a priority. Therefore, students and parents should follow the car line and remain in their cars until directed by a staff member to exit the car. Parents/guardians of students requiring assistance to exit the car, may assist at this time. We kindly request parents/guardians walking

their student to school not walk through the bus lane/sidewalk area during arrival or dismissal times for safety and security reasons. Your understanding is appreciated.

- Student walkers (no supervision required) may enter the building on the Midland Ave. side of the building.

#### Student Dismissal

- Dismissal Time - 3:10pm - 3:20pm.
- Please ensure your student(s) and their teacher(s) know how students will get home each day. ***A goldenrod form was sent home with the school mailing this summer. This form should be used to indicate a change in the student's dismissal transportation for the first day of school or thereafter. This includes students enrolled and attending the AlphaBEST Extended Care Program.*** Changes to dismissal procedures for your student must be called/emailed to the main office **and** your student's teacher by 2:00pm, as needed. Note, if you do not receive a confirmation email, please call to confirm the message was received.
- Student pickup (car riders or supervised walkers) - Families must drive through the Brass Castle Loop on the Midland Ave. side of the building (closest to the school playground area). Safety is always a priority. Therefore, parents should follow the car line and remain in their cars. Please do not call your student over to the car. A staff member will direct students, when it is safe, to a designated coned area. Parents/guardians of students requiring assistance to enter the car/buckle seatbelts, may assist at this time. *Note, a staff member will be providing pickup signs to display on your car window during student pickup.* We kindly request parents/guardians walking their student to school not walk through the bus lane/sidewalk area during arrival or dismissal times for safety and security reasons. Your understanding is appreciated.
- Student walkers (no supervision required) will be dismissed at 3:20pm.

#### Student Meals

- Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase on each school day. Please visit <https://www.washtwpsd.org/cafeteria/> for more information, including menus, student lunch accounts, etc.

We ask for your patience during the first week of school, as we all adjust to the new school year routine. Buses may be running late, the car rider line may take a little extra time, and more. Safety is our #1 priority, and each day will get better!

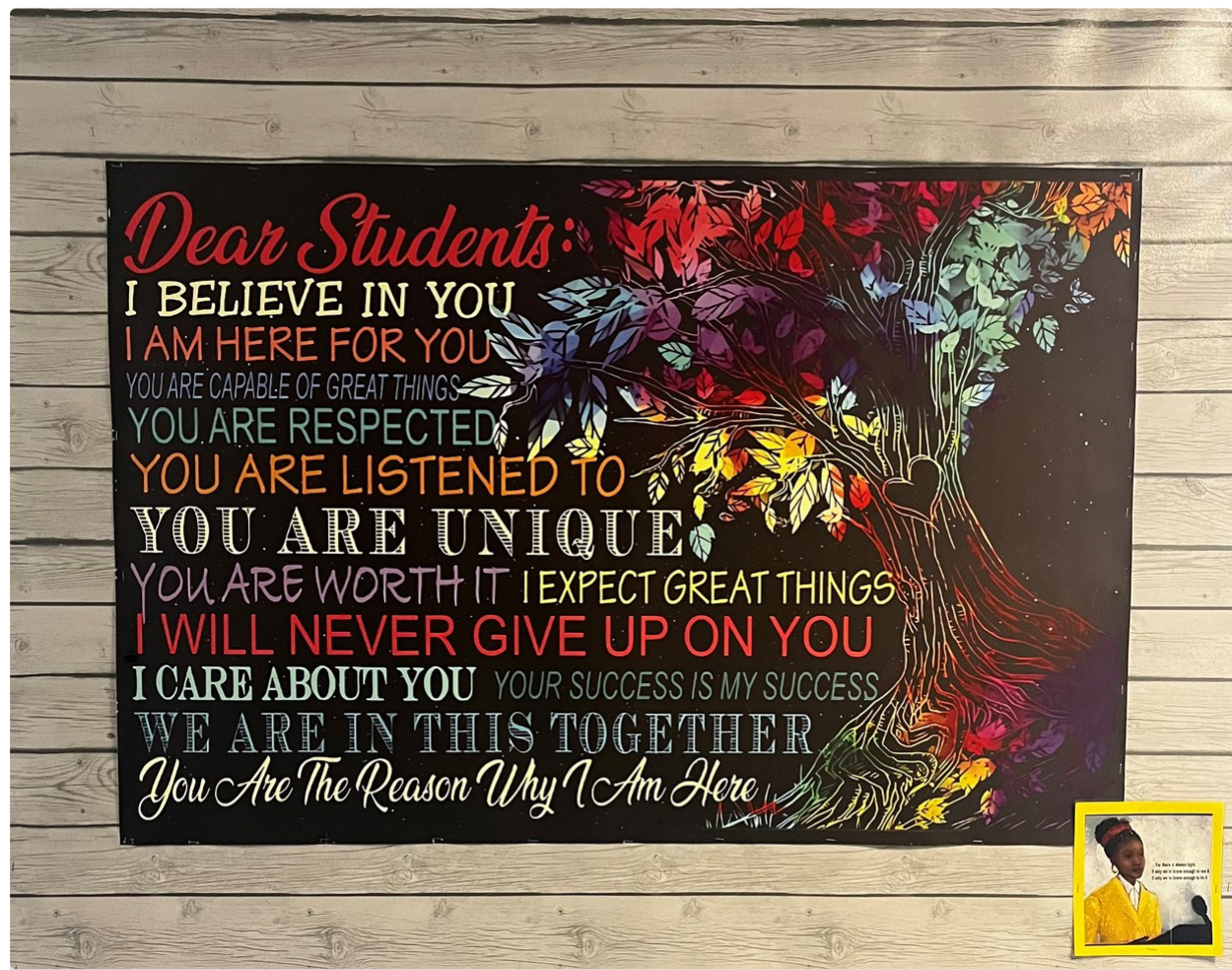
Thank you for your support. It's going to be an AMAZING school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jessica L. Garcia  
Brass Castle School Principal  
Child Study Team Director

"Embrace Progress, Cultivate Potential"





## Annual Registration Process

All returning students must complete the annual registration process in the OnCourseConnect Parent Portal - <https://www.onscourseconnect.com/login>. As a reminder, the portal will provide access to important contact information, student progress, and more.

## Opt In To School Messenger

School-Home communication is very important. Please stay connected to the school by ensuring you have signed up for School Messenger. To receive text messages from the school and district, please opt-in to school messenger!

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
"Y" or "Yes"  
to 67587**

**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.



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## Padres y Tutores

### Ustedes pueden aprovechar nuestro Servicio de Mensajes de Texto

Nuestra escuela utiliza el sistema de SchoolMessenger para entregar mensajes de texto, directamente a su teléfono móvil con información importante sobre eventos, cierres de escuelas, alertas de seguridad y mucho más.

Usted puede participar en este servicio gratis\* con sólo enviar un mensaje de texto de "Y" o "Yes" al número de código corto de nuestra escuela, **67587**.

También puede optar por no recibir estos mensajes en cualquier momento simplemente respondiendo a uno de nuestros mensajes con "Stop".

SchoolMessenger es compatible con el **Student Privacy Pledge™** (Compromiso Con La Privacidad de Los Estudiantes). Puede estar seguro que su información es segura y nunca será entregada o vendida a nadie.



**Opte por recibir  
mensajes de texto  
en su teléfono  
móvil ahora!**



**Sólo tiene  
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a 67587**

**i** Información sobre los mensajes de texto SMS y códigos cortos:

SMS significa "servicio de mensajes cortos" y comúnmente se conoce como un "mensaje de texto". La mayoría de los teléfonos celulares son compatibles con este tipo de mensajes de texto. Nuestro proveedor de notificación, SchoolMessenger, utiliza un cierto protocolo SMS desarrollado por la industria de las telecomunicaciones específicamente para enviar mensajes de texto en masa, referido como mensajes de texto "código corto." Este método es rápido, seguro y muy confiable, y está estrictamente regulado por los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos y sólo permite el acceso a los proveedores aprobados. Si alguna vez ha enviado un voto de texto para un programa de televisión a un número como 46999, usted ha usado los mensajes de texto de código corto.

\* Términos y Condiciones -las frecuencias de los mensajes pueden variar. mensajes y datos estándar pueden aplicar. Responda HELP para obtener ayuda. Texto STOP para cancelar. Los operadores móviles no son responsables por los mensajes retrasados o los que no se entregan. Mire [schoolmessenger.com/txi](http://schoolmessenger.com/txi) para mas información.

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## Save the Dates!

- August 29th - Preschool & Kindergarten Orientations
- August 30th - First Day of School (Full Day)
- September 1st - Early Dismissal Day (Student Dismissal begins at 12:40pm)
- September 13th - 6th Grade Back to School Night
- September 14th - Brass Castle School Picture Day
- September 19th - PS, K, 4th thru 5th Grades Back to School Night




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