July 19, 2022

Dear Booker T. Washington HSPVA Students and Parents:

We are looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year here at Booker T! As you may know, we are in the midst of celebrating our 100 year anniversary as a school! You will be part of learning and honoring the legacy of this amazing institution. We are definitely two schools with one story. Our theme this year is “THIS IS HOME”. I am truly excited that you will always have BTWHSPVA as your school home.

Below you will find important information regarding what you will need to do for a successful start to your school year. During Pegasus Pickup, you will have the opportunity to pick up your class schedule, secure your textbooks, receive your NEW laptop, obtain your locker, parking permit, have your school ID/yearbook picture made, join the largest PTSA in the state of Texas, and more!

*Those students who choose to use the new school-issued MacBook will be required to pay a $15 fee for a required clear protective cover.

All students MUST register online BEFORE attending the enrollment the Pegasus Pickup dates below. The link to register is https://choose.dallasisd.org/login. Although you will be completing the registration process online, students are still required to complete the enrollment process on the days listed below. Please plan to attend Pegasus Pickup as follows:

**SENIORS:** Monday, Aug 1, 2022
Last Name A - M: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Last Name N - Z: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

**JUNIORS:** Tuesday, Aug 2, 2022
Last Name A - M: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Last Name N - Z: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

**SOPHOMORES:** Wednesday, Aug 3, 2022
Last Name A - M: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Last Name N - Z: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

**FRESHMEN:** Thursday, Aug 4, 2022
Last Name A - M: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Last Name N - Z: 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

*Please allow at least one to two hours for Pegasus Pickup. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.*
BTW FLIGHT SCHOOL for ALL new students (No parents please)!
All Freshman and new students will need to plan on being at BTW Flight School! Flight School will take place August 5, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Registration at 8:30am). Freshman will come to Pegasus Pickup August 4th according to the schedule above. Freshman families are encouraged to complete online registration as soon as possible. The Freshman schedules cannot be made until the online registration is completed so the earlier you complete this, the sooner we can start creating Freshman schedules.

Please be aware that MOST of the schedules (for all grade levels) in Powerschool are incomplete and/or inaccurate. The schedules will not be ready until Pegasus Pickup.

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School will start promptly at 9:10 AM on August 15, 2022. You will attend your A day classes on Monday, August 15th and your B day classes on Tuesday, August 16th. Upon arriving at school on Monday, August 15th, ALL students will report to their designated Conservatory areas.

Specific locations are as follows:

- Dance—Zero floor dance studio (Rooms 046 and 048)
- Theater—2nd floor historic building—Brierley Experimental Theater (Black Box)
- Music—Montgomery Arts Theater (MAT)
- Visual Arts—Commons (Cafeteria)

Conservatory teachers will distribute final student schedules and assist with the completion of enrollment information (as needed). Students will also receive student handbooks, the code of conduct and other important information during this time.

When you receive your schedule on August 15th, please be reminded that schedules will ONLY be changed to correct errors! REQUESTS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN ERRORS CAN ONLY BE APPROVED BY MRS. COUNTRYMAN, MR. WILLIAMS OR MYSELF. These will only be approved in extenuating circumstances! No schedule changes will be made after August 26, 2022 in accordance with Dallas ISD policy and Texas Education Agency regulations. Specific information may be obtained by contacting your counselor.

Please note our NEW school hours: 9:10 AM to 4:30 PM daily. Traffic becomes very congested around the school particularly the first week of school. Parents and students are advised to arrive early to avoid the congestion. Students arriving before 8:15 AM are reminded that they must report to the Commons until 8:15 AM. Parents are NOT allowed to drop off students in the Staff Parking Lot! Bus schedules will be posted on the DISD website after August 1, 2022.
Students should bring basic supplies with them to the first day of school. Each teacher will give students a specific list of needed supplies in class during the first week of school. **Students must wear their ID EVERY DAY!**

Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, all DISD students in 6th through 12th grade will be required to use clear or mesh backpacks. Other bags will no longer be allowed. Students will be able to carry in their backpack a non-clear pouch no larger than 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches to hold personal items, such as cellphones, money, and hygiene products. Further information and FAQs can be found at https://www.dallasisd.org/backpacks

Parents are always welcome at Booker T. Washington HSPVA. As a visitor to our campus, please come by the security desk to receive your visitor pass. You will be asked to present a picture ID to receive your visitor badge. We welcome and encourage all parents to be active participants in your student's educational experience. Please be mindful that teachers are only available for conferences by appointment only.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you on August 15th and am honored to be part of your educational and creative journey! (Remember, wear your ID!)

Sincerely,

Scott M. Rudes, PhD
Principal