

# Parents, Welcome to Beaumont!

*If this is your first child in high school, or your first daughter at Beaumont, these are “pearls of wisdom” passed down from parents that have come before you. Please take a minute to read them and always feel free to ask your own questions. Use the last page to take notes from your conversations tonight!*

## NEW BEGINNINGS...

- Transportation: Call or email Tina Fornara, Beaumont's receptionist and transportation contact [tornara@beaumontschool.org](mailto:tornara@beaumontschool.org) 216-325-7310. She can help connect you with other families who want to carpool or share the directory so you can research families who live nearby. Don't be afraid to reach out to classmates that live near you. You can share rides to events and school. The girls come from all over the area. Although car pools can be difficult, I learned the most information about what was going on with my daughter and at school through carpool conversations!
- Take the time to put credit on your daughter's lunch account.  
[www.myschoolaccount.com](http://www.myschoolaccount.com)  
It is easy to do online, even with a check. It should be part of your beginning of the year sign-ups/expenses. You can sign up to be notified by email when her balance falls below an amount you choose so she never goes hungry at lunch!
- Mr. Nick Beyer will be a fabulous principal and has led the effort to bring IB to Beaumont. Get to know Mr. Beyer!
- Get involved! Sign up for a committee. You will meet some of the best friends you could ever imagine.
- In the fall, if your daughter needs a little extra support with her transition, don't hesitate to call upon her guidance counselor. She will be discreet, sensitive to the big leap to high school and hold out a helping hand when needed. The Freshmen guidance counselor is NaNetta Hullum. She can be reached at 216.325.7321 or [nhullum@beaumontschool.org](mailto:nhullum@beaumontschool.org). Also consider sitting with her to brainstorm your daughter's entire schedule through senior year. This allowed us to see when and where she would have opportunities for electives. It was a great relief to know what to expect.
- Find out who your daughter's Link Crew leaders are, they are also a good conduit to a smooth transition.
- One of the most helpful tools is the Weekly Newsletter. It contains all of the timely facts and reminders a parent needs to know, given out in small dosages at the right time. Always, always, always, read these emails!
- Communicate with stuff: Identify who your daughter's "go to" people are early in the year. Preventative conversations eliminate a lot of stress for your daughter and anxiety for you. Knowing what to expect allows families to set daily, weekly and monthly goals.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED ATTENDANCE QUESTIONS

- If my daughter is going to be absent from school, what do I need to do? Please phone in your daughter's absence to the attendance line at 216-321-2954 x9, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., stating your name, the student's name and the reason for the absence.
- If my daughter is arriving late/leaving school early for an appointment or other reason, what do I need to do? Does she need to check in/out at the Main Office? If your daughter is arriving late/leaving school early, please call the attendance line at 216-321-2954 x9, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., stating your name, the student's name, the time the student is arriving late/leaving school and the reason why. OR, you may send in a note to the Main Office stating when your daughter is arriving late/leaving early and the reason why. All students must sign in and out at the Main Office when they are arriving late or leaving school early.
- Will my daughter's Doctor/Dentist Appointment be reported in her attendance record? An appointment verification card must be obtained from your daughter's Doctor/Dentist and submitted to the Main Office when your daughter returns to school from her appointment. The Doctor/Dentist appointment will be recorded in your daughter's attendance, but not included in her total number of absences.
- What is considered as 'tardy'? A student is tardy when she reports to school after 8:00 a.m., or reports after the start of homeroom or class, supervised study, ILT, or assembly. All tardiness is reported in a student's attendance record. There are no valid reasons for tardiness, regardless of parent contact. Please call the attendance line at 216-321-2954 x9, if your daughter will be late by 15 minutes or more.
- Because of Beaumont's unique block schedule, it's really important that the girls be on time and in the classroom as often as possible. Consequences for tardies begin after six per semester with a detention. If your daughter is healthy, make sure she goes to school! It's very difficult to make up the missed work from habitual absences, and this can cause anxiety. If she misses more than eight days of a class, she may have to secure private tutoring or arrange work sessions with the Dean of Students.

## DANCES

- Girls may come home during the first week(s) of school talking about the October homecoming dance, called the "Fall Fling." The Fall Fling is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 7:30-11:00 in the Gym. Beaumont usually does a "staggered start" with freshmen arriving first, probably around 7:00. *All students are breathalyzed!* Girls' dresses shouldn't show too much skin (too short, too low-cut). You can drop your daughter off in the North Park entrance. All students need to be checked in by 7:30. If your daughter is going to be late or will need to leave early, you (the parent) should call Michele Bernot, Dean of Students, at 216-325-7318. Unless there is a special circumstance, Beaumont expects girls will be at the dance the whole time.

Information about “bids” (tickets) will go out in the fall. Beaumont girls do not need permission slips signed, but their dates do. The girls are responsible for making sure their date gets the slip signed and returned to them; Beaumont’s main office does not fax back and forth to other schools, but girls are free to use the computer lab scanner to email the slip to/from their date.

- Many girls go to dances without a date, in a group of friends, without any negative consequences. It is not like the “old days” when a young lady would have been unwelcome at a Homecoming dance without a date or escort. Many groups of girls get together and plan to have dinner prior to the dance. Try to include girls who are not part of another “group”... don’t let your daughter be excluded. Dances can cause a lot of stress for freshmen, “Do I have a date? Do I have a “group?” If parents are aware of this in advance, they can be proactive in helping their girls form a plan that works for them and encourage their girls to go. My experience is that they have a great time and often meet new friends.

## SPORTS AND CLUBS

- There is something for everyone! Don’t worry about being too busy, you will meet parents and faculty members in a relaxed and fun atmosphere! Fall sports are a great way to get on campus early in the school year and make new friends, and even get to know some upperclassmen who can be a great resource for questions. Participation looks great on a college application too. Whether it is the Harry Potter Club or soccer, it is all good! And remember to support the athletes by attending their games!
- Get to know the Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Ertle! His contact information is 216-325-7342 or [tertle@beaumontschool.org](mailto:tertle@beaumontschool.org)
- There is an opportunity for girls to participate in the Benedictine Marching Band and/or Spring Concert Band. Transportation is provided from Benedictine back to Beaumont on Tuesday and Thursday band practice days in time for school. It’s a great way to keep musical skills up and engage in an activity with boys, who end up being their friends. Also undoubtedly good for the college resume for anyone interested in pursuing music/band scholarships.
- Fall/Winter Monday night lacrosse begins in November. It is not mandatory, but it is a great venue for freshmen to meet their team mates.

## UNIFORM

- Beaumont collects gently used uniforms. Polos and sweatshirts at \$5 and skirts and sweaters are \$10. They will be available at the Pre-Freshmen Picnic. You can also see the wares throughout the year by contacting the FAME club moderator, Nanetta Hullum, at [nhullum@beaumontschool.org](mailto:nhullum@beaumontschool.org). Also, if you find a graduating senior, you may be able to buy their old upperclassmen blue shirts from them directly. Finally, if you’re headed to Schoolbelles, go by early July for the best selection.
- Keep an extra pair of tights and a crest sweater in your locker in case you forget when it is a full dress uniform day.

## ACADEMICS

- Homework: Try to do a little bit every day to keep on top of upcoming projects and tests. Beaumont is academically rigorous but not impossible. If you are falling behind, take advantage of tutoring services offered through school.

## AND FINALLY...

- Relax! If your child entering Beaumont as a freshman is your oldest, or your first daughter entering high school, it may feel like new, uncharted territory with some amount of anxiety regardless of what grade school she is coming from. Try to be patient and let her and you “grow” into Beaumont and into the high school experience. Don’t be afraid to talk with other moms, whether it be at an open house, meet the teacher night, or at a sporting event. I found that other moms felt the same way that I did and were honest and friendly. It feels better to know that someone else is going through this novel experience too. Also reach out to Beaumont staff. I was always treated with open arms and felt listened to.
- Be patient. Girls are going to drift toward what they know the first few weeks of the first year. But “it gets better”.
- Encourage your daughters to make an effort to reach out to the quieter girls. They may discover a new friend.

# My Notes...