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Welcome Back to School!

We are ready to accept the challenge of a new school year with a common theme that you will see and hear throughout our schools: **“Back to Basics- Forward to Greatness”**. A good foundation for growth is to make sure the basics are understood. We’ll be covering and reviewing the basics in content for our students and providing motivation and encouragement for them to excel. Among our staff we are challenging ourselves to remember what worked well and using our experiences to move forward to greatness.

**Academic Achievement** will remain our #1 goal with emphasis placed on mastery of State Standards. **Teacher and Administrator Quality** will be enhanced with the continuation of the Teacher Advancement Program and more opportunities for professional development. **Parental Involvement** will be strengthened by an increase in parent workshops throughout the year at each of our schools. We also plan to engage parents and community more frequently in extracurricular activities. Our staff wants everyone to feel welcome. Our schools have been getting a full inspection with maintenance needs being addressed and new smiling faces added to our existing “Hawk” Family. This helps in meeting our goal of creating a **Positive School Climate**.

We invite all community members, parents, and businesses to join us in making 2015-2016 a great year. We need everyone to join in and contribute time, effort and resources to move our students from good to great. If you have ideas to share, time to volunteer, or can refer us to outside agencies or individuals to assist us, feel free to contact any district/school level administrator or staff member. The quality of life for all citizens in Blackville is

impacted by the quality of education provided for its’ youth.

Our school year begins with staff returning on August 10, 2015. The first day for students is August 17, 2015. Events are listed on our website <http://www.barnwell19.k12.sc.us>. Monthly events are listed in the Town Newsletter. Important reminders of upcoming events are listed below. We’re all in this together, please make a commitment to work with us to educate our students.

Thank you to all citizens of Blackville and Hilda for supporting our schools. Welcome Back to a new school year as we are ready to move “Back to Basics- Forward to Greatness”!

“Our Children are Our Future - Striving for Excellence” the motto of Barnwell School District #19 - established in 1874.

**Important Reminders:**

**Registration for Macedonia 4K –6th Grade (9:00-2:00) on Mon. August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tues. August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration for BHJH/BHHS will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 -4:00 and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-7:00**  
**School Board Meeting on August 10, 2015 (Regular meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)**  
**Teachers Return on Monday, August 10, 2015**  
**Macedonia Elementary- “Meet and Greet” on Thursday, August 13, 2015 (4:00 – 6:00)**  
**Students return on Monday, August 17, 2015**  
**Blackville-Hilda Junior High and High School Open House on Thursday, August 20, 2015 (5:30-6:30)**  
**Macedonia Open House on Thursday, August 27, 2015 (5:00-6:00)**

- ✓ ***We need School Improvement Council (SIC) and Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) members and officers for each of our schools. Please sign up at any of the school offices.***

Respectfully Submitted by:

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**MEETINGS**

- **August 6**, Blackville Community Dev. Corporation, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **August 10**, BHHS Board of Ed., District #19, Board Conference Room, 7:00pm
- **August 11**, Neighbor Hood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- **August 11**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00PM
- **August 17**, Blackville Town Council, Town Hall, 6:30pm
- **August 24**, Barnwell-Blackville Branch NAACP, Barnwell Masonic Lodge, 7:00pm

**NO MEETINGS**

Blackville Downtown Development Association & Blackville Civic Club

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- August 1**, Queen E. Byas
- August 1**, Alice Armstrong
- August 2**, A.A. Williams
- August 5**, Rev. James (Bo) Johnson
- August 6**, Trina McKnight
- August 6**, Treva (McKnight) Williams
- August 7**, Phillip Felder
- August 8**, Dwayne Black
- August 12**, Steven (Steve) Jowers
- August 15**, Letha Johnson
- August 16**, James Brown
- August 19**, Kenneth Hagood
- August 22**, Teresa Ashmore
- August 23**, Mary Ann Reed
- August 23**, Tyon Foust
- August 28**, Andre' Kinslow
- August 28**, Josephine Byas

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**August 31**, Albert and Rose Johnson-Raysor

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*S. C. Tax Free Week-end*

*August 7-9, 2015*

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**Enter account number and phone number, you can use "0000" as phone number**

**Phone: 1-844-223-4141**

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**"FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADER REGISTRATION"**

**Blackville Town Hall – until August 7, 2015**

**Ages 6-12, Fee is \$30.00**

**For more information contact:**

**Bridget Brown-803 300-1624**

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**No registration after August 10, 2015**

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The following seats will be up for election:

Michael Beasley, Mayor

Vivian T. Alston, Councilmember

Kelvin Isaac, Councilmember

Martha Ann Pernell, Councilmember

Books will open on August 1<sup>st</sup> and close August 14<sup>th</sup>

Filing fee for Mayor \$150.00; Council \$75.00

Election will be held November 10, 2015

Location of all filing:

Board of Voter Registration

367 Fuldner Road

Barnwell, South Carolina 29812

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