



## Parent Frequently Asked Questions 2022-2023

**How will my child know the assigned teacher and classroom?** Teachers will mail out welcome postcards to students. Meet the Teacher" will be held on August 8th.

**What time does school begin and end?** Carline begins at 7:20am. Students should be in the classroom by 7:45. Our dismissal process begins at 2:50pm.

**What time should my student arrive at school for breakfast?** 7:20 am

Students arriving by car should arrive early enough to unload near the front of car line. Many parents (especially those who have work or multiple school drop offs) line up as early as 6:45am; however, students are not to unload until 7:20 when teachers are on duty. Bus students will have breakfast upon arrival. Bus students are never counted tardy.

**How can I sign my student up to ride the bus?** Bus service is available for all students in the J. Larry Newton School Zone. For more bus information, you can call the front office and ask for assistance. Bus students are never counted tardy.

**My child is a car rider in the afternoon. How do I pick up?** We will have two assigned areas for pick up again this year. Kindergarten (and siblings of Kinder students) will be picked up in front of the cafeteria. Students in grades 1-6 will be picked up in the horseshoe area near the service road. **Please see important carline information document that was emailed to you. The document will tell you which lane to follow.**

**CARS MUST HAVE CAR NUMBERS DISPLAYED** from the mirror. Anyone without a number may be asked to circle in order to not slow traffic flow. Once cars have stopped, students will quickly load, and parents will turn the car tag around. This indicates the student has loaded. Students must sit quietly and "look and listen". Students will look for their car to arrive and listen for their number to be called. Parents of students who do not load when called several times will have to circle back through the carline.

**Can my child walk home from school?** For safety purposes, only students living in the adjoining neighborhoods are allowed to walk home. These students will have a special walking pass from the front office. Parents should meet students at the bridge.

**How can I change my child's dismissal procedure?** **Consistency in dismissal is very important.** Emails, texts, or phone calls will not be accepted. If a change in dismissal is necessary, a written note must be sent to the office for approval. Please do your best to plan ahead for dismissal. Consistency and routine are essential.

**How can I contact my child's teacher?** Communication between the teacher and parent is very valuable. You may send a note in your child's school agenda, send an email to the teacher, or call and leave a message for the teacher. Email or written note is the preferred method. Please give teachers 48 hours to respond. If there is an emergency situation, please contact the front office.

**How can I check my student's grades?** Parents will be able to check student grades on PowerSchool this year. Progress reports will be sent mid-quarter and a report card at the end of the quarter. Weekly grades and papers will be sent home in the J. Larry Newton Pirate take home folder. These should be delivered soon.

**How can I find out more information about school topics?** Please read your weekly classroom newsletters from your child's teacher. Also, visit our webpage at <https://www.bcbe.org/newton> and like our Facebook page by searching J. Larry Newton School at <https://www.facebook.com/JLarryNewtonSchool/>. Emails are sent frequently with information and reminders. In addition to the school website and Facebook, teachers have a classroom page that includes classroom activities, photos, helpful academic links, and other informative items.

**Can I drop off snacks or other forgotten items?** Please plan ahead so that snacks and school items come to school with your child. In order to protect instructional time, please do not drop off items after 8:00am. Critical items (ex. glasses) will be taken at the front door.

**Can I volunteer?** PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Please schedule a volunteer time in advance with your child's teacher or the front office. The teacher will notify the office when to expect a helper on campus. This year, we will send out volunteer opportunities through email for sign up. You can also serve through our PTO. Visit their table at Meet the Teacher or by contacting PTO President, Savannah Hannon, at [newtonpto@yahoo.com](mailto:newtonpto@yahoo.com).

**Can I eat lunch with my child occasionally?** Our school has grown and cafeteria space is very limited. After the first few weeks of school, we will determine if space is available.

**Do students have snack or a break?** Yes! Please send a healthy snack and drink daily with your child to school. Students have a 10-15-minute break to refuel with snacks, restroom, movement, and a brain break. Those with an early lunch, have an afternoon snack. Those with late lunch have a morning snack time. Students have a special ice cream snack for \$1 once a week. Teachers will share their designated day with you. Educators are trained to pace their teaching and give students opportunities for engagement, movement, and brain breaks throughout the day during instruction. Physical Education allows students to engage in interactive play, release energy and develop social interactions through team challenges.

**Are birthday celebrations allowed at school?** Birthdays ice cream will be sold again this year but must be ordered 2 weeks in advance. Ice creams are provided for the entire class plus teacher and come individually wrapped. They can be shared during snack on a day approved by the classroom teacher during the birthday week. Outside items are not allowed at this time.

**Are students allowed vacation days during the school year?** The only vacation days are those on the official Baldwin County Public School System Calendar. Please schedule vacation days when school is not in session. Students are allowed nine absences during the school year to be excused by a parent note. Any absences (other than doctor notes) will be unexcused after this time. Any missed work during absences will be assigned once the student returns to school. Attendance procedures through the Baldwin county court system will be followed. For attendance questions, please contact our school registrar.

**What is the uniform policy at JLN?** We have several special dress up and Spirit days at JLN. The daily uniform attire is below. Please note that alternate uniforms/t-shirts/team attire/jerseys/ etc. from schools other than JLN or outside entities are not allowed except on approved dress up days.

<b>Tops</b>	<b>Bottoms</b>	<b>Shoes</b>	<b>Sweatshirts and Sweaters</b>
Navy, White or Light Blue (Polo, Collared Shirt, or Turtleneck)	Navy, Khaki, or Denim (Pants, Shorts, Jumpers, Capris, Skirts, or Skorts)	Closed toe shoes	preferred solid (Navy, White, Tan, Gray, Black or Brown)  JLN sport tek pullovers, hooded sweatshirts, crew neck and half zip fleece pullovers are sold in the office. Limited amounts are available.  Coats & Jackets Outerwear items must not have lettering, or logo of alcohol, tobacco, and/or controlled substance, nor pictures, symbols, art work that might be offensive in nature and cause a substantial disruption to the educational day.
Newton Pirate T-shirt in white, light blue, or yellow (available in office).	No holes, cuts, slits, or overalls Corduroy ok Leggings may be worn under skirts <b>only</b> .	Athletic shoes recommended-students will not change shoes for physical education class.	
*GRADE LEVEL Field Trip/Friday/Special Events T-shirts should be worn to all field trips and may be worn on Fri.			Coats may be worn outside the building.
PTO Shirts may be worn on Monday.			

