

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to wear my uniform on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school?  
Answer: **You must ALWAYS be in uniform for school unless you are notified of a dress down day. Please listen to announcements as there are "theme" dress down days and directives for that particular dress down day.**
2. I can't find my BC shoes, and I only have 1 pair.  
Answer: **Before school starts see an administrator for instructions.**
3. Do I have to remove my nose ring for school?  
Answer: **Yes**
4. Do I need to listen to announcements in the am and in the pm?  
Answer: **Yes, important directives are given during the daily announcements.**
5. Do I need to notify my teachers if I am going to be missing some classes due to vacation?  
Answer: **Yes, there is a vacation request form in the Main Office that needs to be completed and signed by your teachers and handed in to the Main Office 48 hours prior to the trip.**
6. Can I text my parents when I'm not feeling well?  
Answer: **No, the procedure is to get a pass from the teacher whose class you are in to go to the nurse. If the nurse is unavailable go to the Main Office. The nurse or main office will make the necessary arrangements if needed.**
7. Where do I pick up my mom's SCRIP?  
Answer: **SCRIP will be available for pick-up after 2:30 on Friday's in the Main Office.**
8. If I come in late or leave early for a doctor appointment do I need to get a slip from the doctor's office?  
Answer: **Yes and it will count as an excused late or dismissal.**
9. Where do I report if I am late for school?  
Answer: **You are considered late after the 7:50 AM bell rings, students must report to the Main Office and sign in for a late pass. Unless a student has a doctor's note for being late, they will be issued a detention.**
10. If a friend texts me and asks me to open one of the doors to let them in after school has started, is that okay?  
Answer: **NO, due to security once school is in session only the main entrance is to be used.**
11. Who do I talk to about Service Hours?  
Answer: Mrs. Hartline
12. Who do I talk to about a class or teacher issue?  
Answer: **Mr. Latchum**
13. I'm not Catholic, do I still have to do a retreat? Or go to Holy Mass?  
Answer: **Yes, all students are required to serve one retreat per year and attend Holy Mass as a school.**
14. Who do I go to if I'm being mistreated by a fellow student?  
Answer: See Mr. Hess, Mrs. Vilardo or any Administrator or Faculty member.
15. Do I need a pass to go to the library?  
Answer: **Yes, you must get a pass before homeroom from the librarian. Before reporting to the library, you must report to your study hall and show your proctor your library pass then report to the library.**
16. Can I walk through the halls without a pass?  
Answer: **No**

17. Can I use my cell phone in between classes?  
Answer: **No, cell phones may only be used during lunch in the cafeteria. Cell phones or other electronic devices may be confiscated if used other than at lunch. Confiscated phones may be retrieved at the end of the day in the Main Office with a \$10.00 fine.**
18. Is it okay to facebook, tweet, instagram or any other kind of social media site regarding another student that is hurtful or harmful in any way?  
Answer: **No. Never.**
19. Can I get in trouble for posts on facebook, twitter, instagram or any other social media site?  
Answer: **Yes**
20. Can I eat in the library, hallways or stairwells?  
Answer: **No, food is only permitted in the cafeteria**
21. Can I bring beverage to school with me?  
Answer: **Only if it is in your lunch bag for lunch time. No beverages are allowed to be carried in the hallways. i.e. coffee, soda, water bottles, milkshakes.**
22. My ride doesn't come until after 3pm, am I allowed to roam the building? Where should I wait?  
Answer: **Students waiting for their rides are not allowed to roam the building. They may wait in the front vestibule or the cafeteria.**
23. What is the Website for Berks Catholic?  
Answer: **[www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org), please get in the habit of checking our website daily as information is updated daily.**
24. Who should I follow on twitter?  
Answer: For information on BC follow:  
@BCHalo- BC Student Government  
@CollegeDitsky – Mr. Josh Ditsky, College and Career Counseling  
@WeAreBC55 – Mr. Bill Hess, Athletics
25. What do I bring to school on the first day?  
Answer: Students are permitted to bring backpacks. Bring your BC issued Ipad, pen, lunch or lunch money. No list is given prior to school regarding supplies. Each teach will give a Class Requirement paper when you visit their class.
26. Do I need to take placement test?  
Answer: **Freshman take placement testing in the Spring prior to freshman year. This is not something you study for it is to gauge where your best fit is based on the BC curriculum.**
27. How will I know when to sign up for different clubs?  
Answer: Listening to announcements, checking the website and canvas.

For detailed information on the above, please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook located on the Student/Parent Tab on our website.