

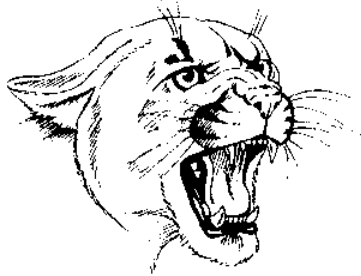
Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the Class of 2014:

For many years, Bloomington High School North has facilitated “Cougar Encounter” as a freshman transition experience. This year, I can promise you it will be bigger and better than ever before with our newly expanded full-day format to include full-service lunch in the cafeteria! Through the planning and preparation of our Cougar Leader program, we are offering this opportunity for all incoming freshmen. We believe that it is unquestioned that any freshman participant will have a head start as they enter Bloomington North. Research indicates that participants in these types of programs have earned higher grade point averages, been more likely to be involved in extracurricular opportunities, and have had fewer disciplinary situations than those who have not participated. There is no doubt that the experience will be informative and fun. I urge all incoming freshmen to attend our “Cougar Encounter - 2010.”

Jeffrey Henderson, BHSN Principal

Bloomington High School North
C/o Cougar Encounter/Cougar Leader program
3901 N. Kinser Pike
Bloomington, IN 47404

This is your **PERSONAL** invitation to:
Cougar Encounter – 8/13/2010



Cougar Encounter is planned & facilitated
by our Cougar Leader Program with the
support of BHSN faculty and staff.

Just for the Class of 2014 parents/guardians:

In addition to the activities provided for our incoming freshmen on the day of Cougar Encounter, there will also be an optional, but recommended, parent meeting in the auditorium from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. At this session, parents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with administrators, faculty and staff, and other BHSN parents. For those who are unable to attend the parents' session during Cougar Encounter, an additional evening session will be held for parents in the auditorium on Thursday, August 12th, from 7:00-8:00pm.



What is it?

Cougar Encounter 2010 is the first step in your orientation to Bloomington High School North. It is a one-day orientation for incoming ninth graders that is led by the Cougar Leader program, a group of Bloomington North students and teachers.

What will be accomplished?

- You will receive your schedule and have a chance to find your classes
- You will receive your locker assignment and have a chance to visit and open your locker
- You will learn how to get around the Bloomington High School North building
- You will learn about important issues from upper class students
- You will meet and hear from administrators, counselors, and other school personnel
- You will be made aware of the many activities available at Bloomington North
- You will meet incoming freshman coming from other schools
- You will make new friends
- You will have fun

When and where is it?

Bloomington High School North - 3901 N. Kinser Pk., Bloomington, IN 47404
Enter through the main entrance located in front of the flagpoles.

Friday, August 13th, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30)

BHSN sport and performing arts participants will be excused from practices and rehearsals

Fee? \$15.00

To be used to support our freshmen transition program, which starts with Cougar Encounter. All Cougar Encounter participants will receive a BHSN t-shirt and loads of informative fun. If you are paying by check, please make it out to BHSN and put Cougar Encounter on the memo line. *Students who receive free and reduced lunches or have extenuating financial circumstances should please note this on their registration form and a fee waiver will be granted.*

Questions?

Email Brittany Klein, freshmen transition coordinator, at bklein@mccsc.edu, or leave a voice message at 812-330-7724 ext. 50191. A future mailing will be sent by the beginning of August with specific information for the day, including schedule details, lunch procedures, check-in/registration, and times and locations of our two optional parent sessions.

To reserve a spot in this year's Cougar Encounter, please return your registration form and the \$15 fee, as soon as possible, in one of the following ways:

- 1) Mail to Bloomington High School North, Attn: Cougar Encounter, 3901 N. Kinser Pike, Bloomington, IN 47404.
OR
- 2) Drop off at Bloomington High School North front desk during school hours (call ahead for summer hours).

-----Cut and return the registration form below with \$15 -----

Student's name: _____ **Male** ___ **Female** ___ **Home phone #:** _____

Middle School: _____ **Shirt Size:** (Adult Sizes) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Home address: _____

Student's email: _____ **Student's cell #:** _____ (for contact by Cougar Leader mentor)

Parent/guardian's name: _____ **Daytime phone number:** _____

Become a **Cougar Encounter Patron** and help support on-going freshmen transition activities with an additional tax-deductible contribution of: \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ other _____