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# MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

## PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

### Hello BMS Families!

We have a lot of exciting events coming to BMS in February. For the shortest month of the year, it always seems to be filled to the brim!

### Parent-Teacher Conferences- February 13

One of the most important events this month is Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 13th. If you have specific concerns about your student's progress, please reach out directly to your child's teachers to arrange a time to meet between 2:30-6:00.

### Tournament Competition

Our winter athletes have had a great season so far! All of their hard work comes to a culmination in tournament play. Best of luck to our basketball, cheer, and wrestling teams!

### Ohio State Testing

It's hard to believe that state testing is just around the corner! In order to help staff and students prepare, all BMS students will be taking practice ELA tests February 11th and 12th. This will help students understand the length and setup of the test while providing staff important data to guide instruction for the coming months!

### 3rd Trimester

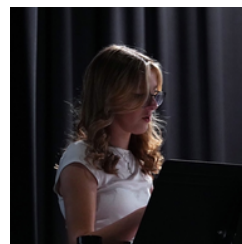
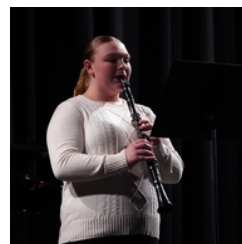
The last day of the 2nd Trimester is February 21st! On Monday, February 24th students will move to their 3rd trimester classes for encores and electives.

We hope you have a wonderful start to February. As always please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns!

**Soaring together,  
Jenna Hill**

## SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT- CHAMBER MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Saturday, January 25th the amazing talents of our middle school band members were on full display! As part of their class requirements, over 150 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Chamber Music Showcase. For over a month students worked on their solo or small group piece. Although the music was picked by our band teachers, the learning and work was student-led during class. Congratulations on a wonderful, music filled day!



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Seth Lockwood



Alexis Wolf



Cyrus Lockwood



Jeliyah Wheaton



Dylan Fair



Riley Dengel

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER- SCHEDULING

**Scheduling information for current 8th graders** – February is an important month for our 8th graders as they start to prepare for their High School classes for next year! Here is the link to the High School Course Selection Guide for your reference [Course Guide 2024-2025.pdf](#)

- February 13th 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Department tables set-up in the hallway outside the gym highlighting their courses. Starting at 5:30 pm - Scheduling Q&A session (8th grade parents highly encouraged to attend). The High School Counselors will go over graduation requirements, scheduling options for your incoming freshmen and there will be presentations from the various programs discussing their curriculum.
- February 13th 6:30 pm - mandatory CCP meeting for any student interested in taking CCP classes next year.
- April 2nd HS counselors meet with all 8th grade students for scheduling presentation
- April 9th the students will input their course requests during their Science classes with the support of the HS Counseling staff.

Once a student inputs their schedule requests, changes must be done through the High School counseling department. Counselors are Khris Scohy (A-G), Andy Hartley (H-O), and Debra Sandeman (P-Z).

### **Scheduling for current 7th graders and 6th graders** –

In addition to Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies our students will have their encore courses and one elective. The school counselors will be meeting with the 6th graders on Feb 27th and 7th graders on Feb 20th to review their scheduling options for next year. Below is the list of ENCORE classes and the elective choices for our 7th and 8th graders. If your 6th or 7th grade student is dropping band class for next year, we MUST have parent permission via phone call, email or written note to their counselor.

**7th Grade Encore:** (12 week courses for ALL students)

Physical Education, Health, Automation and Robotics (STEM)

**7th Grade Electives:** Band, Choir or Elective Rotation which includes the three courses below:

Flight (STEM), Eagle Outreach (community service project), ART

**8th Grade Encore:** (12 week courses for ALL students)

Introduction to Family Consumer Science, Design and Modeling (STEM), Physical Education

**8th Grade Electives:** Band, Choir, or Elective Rotation which includes the three courses listed below.

Food and Fitness, Medical Detectives (STEM), Digital Literacy

If you have any questions regarding your students scheduling options, please contact their school counselor.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 3- Board of Education Meeting, 5pm
- February 8- Little Sweetheart Parent/Child Dance
  - Purchase tickets (<https://www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us/BuyTickets.aspx>)
- February 11-12- ELA Benchmark Testing (practice for OST)
- February 11- PTO Meeting, 7pm
- February 13- PT Conferences
- February 14- No school (Teacher Professional Development)
- February 17- No School, President's Day
- February 19- Washington, D.C. Parent Meeting (for current 8th graders attending this year's trip), 6pm, Cafetorium
- February 21- Eagle Outreach Open House
- February 21- February Dance, 2:30-4:00 (for 7th and 8th BMS students only)
- February 24- 8th Graders to GCCC (rescheduled)
- February 28- Club Pictures
- March 6-8- Winter Play
- March 10- 7/8 Band Concert, 7 pm, BHS
- March 11- 6th Grade Choir Concert, 6pm/ 6th Grade Band Concert, 7pm
- March 13- STEAM night, 4:30pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BMS is in need of another lunch monitor! This is a paid position for 1.25 hours from 10:15-11:30. If you or someone you know is interested please call Mrs. Hill in the office!

PTO needs your help! We are "stocking the break room" for our wonderful BMS teachers on Thursday, February 13th. Please visit the link below to sign up for snacks and drinks. They can be brought to the office anytime!

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CABAF28A3FD0-54643549-bmsstock>

Attention Middle School Parents: The BHS Athletic Department will be sending out a survey to gauge student interest in forming a bowling team at the High School level. While the survey does not guarantee that bowling will be added to the school's athletic program, results will play an important role in helping the BHS Athletic department with future planning. Please share your student's input!

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**“THOUGH FEBRUARY IS SHORT, IT IS FILLED WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND SWEET SURPRISES.”**

CHARMAINE J. FORD

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