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MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Hello BMS Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we embrace the month of February.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner- February 15 from 2:30-6:00. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for you to connect with your child's teachers, discuss academic progress, and collaborate on strategies to support your child's learning journey. If you would like to schedule a conference, please email the teacher directly. Your involvement in your child's education is crucial to their success, and we look forward to fostering open communication between home and school.

It's hard to believe we're already beginning the scheduling process for the 24-25 school year! Please be sure to check out "Counselor's Corner" on page 2 for important information about each grade level's scheduling process. Our amazing school counselors will be busy in classrooms all month!

At BMS we believe all students and staff should Do the Right Thing, SOAR Together, and Pursue Excellence. In class meetings last month we started a Do the Right Thing Challenge: "leave no trace" in 6th period classrooms. Each day students can earn or lose points- winners will get extra recess time in the gym! I'm looking forward to our February class meeting focused on SOARing together!

Wishing you a wonderful February filled with love, learning, and meaningful connections.

Soaring together,
Jenna Hill

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT- STUDENT CLUBS

Do you know about all of our BMS student clubs? This month we wanted to highlight the work of just a few!

Chess Club

Chess club was started by 7th graders last year and all grades are welcome to join. They meet up every other Tuesday during Eagle and play different students. There are currently about 25-35 students signed up. We hold a tournament every once in a while to challenge each other. We are always looking for donations of chess boards!

"Board at School" Gaming Club

Board at School club is back and meets every other Tuesday after school in the library. Right now we are focusing on D&D and getting ready to paint characters. Anyone is welcome!

NJHS

NJHS is a club future 8th grade students can apply to join. Right now, NJHS is looking for donations to support "The Other TP" initiative! "The Other TP" stocks the girls' bathrooms with free feminine products. If you would like to support this cause, you can donate feminine products of any kind to the front office at BMS. Thanks so much!

Engineering Club

BMS Engineering club has about 45 student participants in the 7th and 8th grade. This winter they attended 2 robot events. The first VEX competition was in December at Coy Middle School. 8 BMS teams participated and 3 teams made it to the elimination round. One team earned the Judges Award! The second competition was in January at Bellefontaine. Of our teams that attended, one made it to the elimination round (losing by only 1 point). The club is now working on fun activities for Bellbrook's STEAM night on March 14th at BMS.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Shea Bongers



Hope Anderson



Matthew Ruff



Natalie Baldinger



Noah Baker



Dakota Johnson

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Scheduling information for 8th graders – February is an important month for our 8th graders as they start to prepare for their High School classes for next year!

- February 8th, the High School counselors will be over to speak to our 8th graders about the scheduling process and high school graduation requirements..
- February 15th, starting at 4:30 pm there will be a High School Curriculum night sponsored by the High School Guidance Department. The questions and answers portion with the Counseling Dept. will begin at 5:30-6:00 and the College Credit Plus information meeting will start at 6:30. 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. *Correction from last month's letter- this is an in-person event!
- March 5th, 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 6th and 7th grade students –

In addition to Math, Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies our students will have their encore courses and one elective. The school counselors will be meeting with the 6th graders on Feb 26th and 7th graders on Feb 27th 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 student's scheduling options, please contact their school counselor.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2- Winter Sports/Activities Pep Rally
- February 8- Board of Education Meeting
- February 10- Sweethearts Dance, 5pm-7pm (all proceeds benefit Supportive Peers)
- February 13-14- Benchmark Testing (Practice test for the ELA OST)
- February 13- PTO Meeting
- February 14- Valentine's Day
- February 15- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:30-6:00
- February 15- High School Curriculum night (starting at 4:30 @ BHS)
- February 16- No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
- February 19- No School, Presidents Day
- February 20- Winter Sports Awards, 6pm
- February 20-23- HOPE Week (sponsored by HOPE Squad)
- February 23- 7th/8th Grade Winter Dance, 2:30
- February 23- End of 2nd Trimester
- February 29- March 2- Middle School Winter Play



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- MARC PARENT