

Middle School Monthly

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Mr. Jeff Eckley - Principal

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Principal's Piece

Time marches on and it is hard to believe we are already starting the planning process for next year. In this edition of the Middle School Monthly you will find info on Parent Teacher conferences on February 16 as well as important scheduling dates for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call the office or send an email.

As a staff, we are so blessed to have such wonderful students to work with. Each day we see several examples of students working hard academically and reaching out to one another to make a positive difference in our school. Stewart Scott the former ESPN anchorman upon finding out about his terminal cancer diagnosis was credited with saying "What is really important is how you live, why you live and the manner in which you live."

Make it the Best Today!

Jeff Eckley - Principal BMS

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Second semester Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, February 16th. If you have a specific question or concern about a class, please contact that teacher directly to setup a conference. Fifteen minute time slots are available from 3:00- 5:45. As always, if you have any immediate concerns please contact the teacher via email

(firstname.lastname@bss.k12.oh.us) at any time.

NJHS Announcement

Our NJHS committee, "The Other TP," is running very low on supplies and is asking for donations! The girls in this committee spend time each week to make sure each bathroom is stocked with free feminine products for our female students. They are also adding bags of supplies to each individual stall.

If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation to this committee, your generosity would be greatly appreciated by our students! Feminine products of any kind or brand can be dropped off in the office!

January Students of the Month



Cristian Schrock, Sydney Auld, Libby Bunsold, Braeden Felgenhauer, Ava Stephens, Nate Fisher

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'23-'24 Scheduling Information



Scheduling for current 8th Graders

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

- **February 9th** the High School counselors will be over to speak to our 8th graders about the scheduling process and high school requirements..
- **February 16th at 5:00 pm** There will be a High School Curriculum night sponsored by the High School Guidance Department. 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. We will send out a link to the virtual Curriculum at a later date via email.
- **February 24th** 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 6th and 7th graders

In addition to Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies our students will have their encore courses and their one elective. School Counselors will be talking with students this month regarding their elective options for next school 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

- Home Ec
- Design and Modeling (STEM)
- Physical Education

8th Grade Elective-: 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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For Your Calendar



Sat. Jan. 21 - District Chamber Music at the High School
 Mon. Jan. 30 - Fri. Feb. 3rd - Spirit Week
 Sat. Feb. 4th SWBL Wrestling Tournament @ Eaton 8 am
 Sat. Feb. 4th - 11 Boys SWBL Basketball Tournament @ Monroe
 Sat. Feb. 4th - 11 Girls SWBL Basketball Tournament @ Waynesville
 Mon. Feb. 6th NJHS Leadership Day
 Thurs. Feb. 9th - High School Counselors scheduling assembly during school
 Thurs. Feb. 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3 - 6 pm
 Thurs. Feb. 16 - Curriculum Night at HS for 8th grade parents 5 pm
 Fri. Feb. 17th - No School
 Thurs. Feb. 23rd- STEAM Night (district-wide)

Spring Sports Information

Baseball Tryouts (7th - 8th Grade) start Tues. Feb 21 - Thurs. Feb 23 2:45 - 4:30
Softball Tryouts (7th - 8th Grade) start Tues. Feb. 21 - Thurs. Feb. 23 2:45 - 4:30
Track (7th - 8th Grade) Starts Monday March 6th 2:45 - 4:30
 *** All athletes must have a Current Physical on file with Final Forms. ***
 Questions email Amy Rodenroth at amy.rodenroth@bss.k12.oh.us

Buy your yearbook!

Don't let those school memories be forgotten, buy a yearbook. Yearbook orders can be purchased online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> or bring checks or cash into the office. They are \$40 but have your student see a member of the yearbook staff for a \$5 off code! ,

Tech Tips

#1

"I don't feel like I know what is going on in my child's education/daily school life!"

As a parent or guardian, you have the option to accept the invitation to receive a daily or weekly email summary and other class activities for every Google Classroom your child is enrolled in. There is even a link to the Daily Announcements that go out to each student so you can stay up to date with what is going on at BMS.

Contact your child's Eagle teacher or school counselor to get signed up!!

#2

If you would like a copy of your student's MAP scores, please email Mrs. Benson. shelly.benson@bss.k12.oh.us

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