



*Brentwood School District*

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night

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**BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 2028**

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# Key People to Know

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## Administration & Counseling Department

**Mr. David Radcliffe**  
*Middle School Principal*

**Mr. Jim Cassell**  
*Middle/High School Assistant Principal*

**Mrs. Whitney Reynolds**  
*Middle School Counselor*

**Mrs. Kate Klein**  
*Counseling Secretary*

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Teachers

**Mrs. Jaime Staab**  
*English Language Arts 6*

**Mrs. Jennifer Loshelder**  
*Math 6*

**Mr. Mike Cramer**  
*Science 6*

**Mr. Casey Phillips**  
*Social Studies 6*

## Special Education

Diana Kleinhampl  
Caitlin Caponi

## ESL

Kate Kostuch

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

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## 4 Core Courses

- English Language Arts 6
- Math 6
- Science 6
- Social Studies 6

## Physical Education

## Cycle Classes

- CS Discoveries I  
*(Problem Solving and Web Design)*
- Art 6
- Media Literacy 6
- Music 6

## Electives

- Tutorial
- Band
- Chorus

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

Time	Class Period	Course
8:00-9:10 am	Block 1	Core Class
9:15-10:15 am	Block 2	Core Class
10:20-10:55 am	Lunch	
11:00-12:00 pm	Block 3	Core Class
12:05-1:08 pm	Block 4	Core Class
1:13-1:57 pm	Period 7	Tutorial/Band/Chorus & PE
2:01-2:45 pm	Period 8	Cycle Class

# Student Support Services

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## **Special and Gifted Education**

The middle school has 2 special education teachers who teach resource math and language arts classes. Inclusion math and language classes are offered based on students' individual needs outlined in their IEPs. Students who have GIEPs will work with the Gifted Coordinator and participate in various enrichment activities throughout the year.

## **English as a Second Language**

Middle school ESL classes are taught by an ESL teacher. The number of periods students receive ESL instruction per day is dependent on their WIDA scores and other assessment data.

## **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

SAP is a voluntary program that offers supportive services to students experiencing academic, behavioral, and/or emotional difficulties that may pose barriers to school success. The SAP team is comprised of specially trained teachers, administrators, school counselors, and a mental health and/or drug and alcohol consultant. The SAP team collects data in conjunction with your input to identify appropriate interventions and supports that will help your student find success in school.

# Student Support Services (cont'd.)

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## Counseling Services

Brentwood Middle School's counseling program is based on the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model.

Focuses on three domains of student development: academic, career, and social/emotional.

The school counseling program also emphasizes the school counselor's role in removing barriers to learning so that all students are performing to their highest potential.

## Key Components of the School Counseling Program:

1. Classroom core curriculum lessons
2. Small group counseling
3. Individual student planning
4. Individual brief counseling and crisis response
5. Counselor participation on the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team
6. Special events
7. State standardized testing coordination
8. Consultation and coordination with parents, school faculty, and community members

# Testing

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## PSSAS

Grades 6-7 are tested in two subject areas: ELA and Math

Grade 8 is tested in three subject areas: ELA, Math, and Science

PSSAs take place during the month of April over a span of 3 weeks:

- Week 1: ELA (3 days)
- Week 2: Math (2 days)
- Week 3: Science (2 days) and Make-Ups

## MAP TESTS

Measure of Academic Progress Testing

MAP Tests are adaptive, computerized tests that measure students' individual academic growth

Measures growth in Math, Science, and ELA

Administered 3 times throughout the year: fall, winter, and spring

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# Policies

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# Truancy Legislation

Truant (3 unexcused absences) vs. Habitually Truant (6 or more unexcused absences)

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If a student continues to accrue absences after the family has been formally notified of the absences,

- We must hold an Attendance Improvement Meeting and
- Refer the student to a school- or community-based attendance improvement program and/or file charges with the local magistrate

**The easiest way to stay in compliance with this policy is to**

- Send your student to school every day and
- Provide a WRITTEN excuse to the school when your student is absent
  - You can call ext. 2114 to report an absence BUT must also provide a written note when the student returns

Attendance



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# Student Activities & Involvement

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletics

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WPIAL athletic teams do not start until 7<sup>th</sup> grade

6th grade athletics options include:

- Middle School Intramurals (6-8)
- Little Dribblers (K-6)

7th grade fall athletics will rely on 6th grade 4th nine weeks grades to determine eligibility

To be eligible to start a fall sport, students must have

- 2.0 GPA or above
- Less than 2 E's

# Clubs and Activities

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- BMS Literary Magazine
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Teens that Care (TTC)
- Yearbook
- Garden Club
- Computer Club
- National Junior Honor Society

# Fine Arts Activities and Electives

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## ACTIVITIES

- Spring Musical

## COURSE ELECTIVES

- Chorus
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (Marching Band)

# Other Student Activities and Programs



Camp Kon-O-Kwee



Learning coding using Code.org with Mrs. Schweitzer





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# Parent Involvement

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# Parent Involvement Dates to Remember

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6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation.....**August 2021**

Open House.....**September 2021**

Parent-Teacher Conferences.....**November 2021**



# Ways to Stay in Contact with BMS

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- Phone calls and emails to teachers, counselor, and administrators
- Skyward
- Canvas
- Skylert System
- Student agenda books
- Remind App
- Afterschool homework help



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# Transition to the Middle School

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# Transition Activities

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade tour of the middle school .....**March 2021**
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students provide tours to small groups of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation.....**August 2021**
- Classroom Lessons.....**September 2021**
- Middle school procedures & expectations, study skills, organization

# Tips for Middle School Parents

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- Oversee and supervise social media usage
- Assist with organization, especially at the beginning of the year
- Talk about school at home
- Communicate with the school

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