BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE
January 30, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Party Like It's 98 Degrees: February 10th from 7:00-9:00pm join us in the BHS Small Gym for a beach themed dance party. Wear your best beach gear, grab your friends, and dance the night away. This dance is for currently enrolled 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Tickets will be on sale Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (2/7, 2/8, 2/8, 2/10) outside of room 305. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Cost is $5.00. Refreshments and Kona Ice can be purchased at the dance.

During ticket sales on Friday, students can purchase leis and sunglasses to wear at the dance. The cost is $2.00 apiece. .

Musical Theater Meeting:
On Wednesday, February 8, any student interested in this year's musical Xanadu is invited to watch the movie in the high school auditorium at 4:00 PM. A parent / student informational meeting will follow at 6:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

For more details check out the website at
www.hmsmusical.com

8th Grade History Trip Update: All students who have registered for the History Trip have been added to the Canvas page along with their parents. For parents to access the Canvas page they are to be registered to observe their students' classes.

Remind: Please use this link to join the Remind App. This is an easy way to communicate information about the trip. https:// www.remind.com/join/6ab63k

Attached is a copy of the important dates. All forms can be found in the Canvas page.
Click to Download the 8th Grade US History Tour 2023 - Initial Letter
Click to Download the 2023 History Field Trip Permission Slip
Click to Download the Code of Conduct 8th Grade History Trip 2023

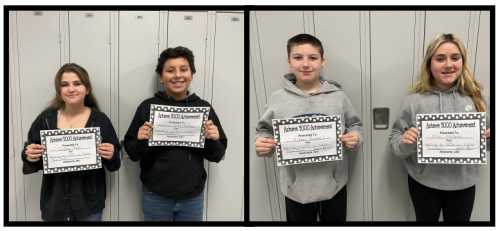
We still have a few spots for any students interested in attending. Complete the paperwork and turn it in with the $100 deposit to Mrs. Fisher or Mrs. Goetzman.

Upcoming Student Council Meeting:
There will be a Student Council meeting after school on Wednesday, February 8th.

HIGHLIGHTS

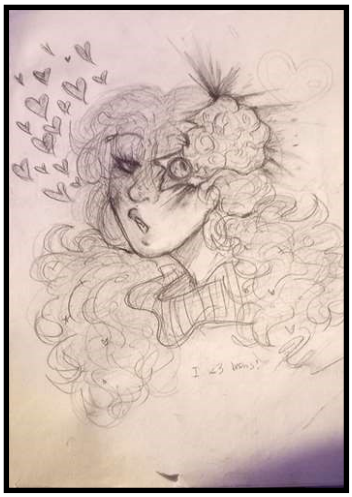
Student Teacher Introduction:

Baldwin Middle School would like to welcome Greta Winkler who is completing her student teaching experience in Mrs. Weber's 8th grade U.S. History class until the end of April. This will be Ms. Winkler's last student teaching experience before graduation. Ms. Winkler is a student at Penn State main, majoring in middle level education social studies. She is very passionate about volleyball as she has played competitively for 6 years and coached a variety of grades for 3 years. She is elated to be at Baldwin-Whitehall Middle School and looks forward to her time in the 8th grade social studies classroom.



Achieve All-Stars: Students is Ms. Bowman and Ms. Nath's 7th grade ELA class continue to excel on Achieve 3000, a program designed to improve reading comprehension and analytical thinking skills by reading high interest articles. Students monitor their own progress and earn rewards when they show growth. Pictured are students who earned a 75% on all or nearly all of the articles in the second nine weeks grading period. The 75% indicates students demonstrated skill mastery on that particular article. (Pictured are Aiden Rozboril, Mia McGee, Caylee Page, Antonio Diaz-Munoz. Not pictured- Andrew Davin)

2023 Scholastic Art Award Winners!: 8th graders, Carter Banderinko and Kamera Greene, from Baldwin Middle School, received awards for their entries in the Regional Scholastic Art Awards. This Awards program is celebrating 100 years of being the nation's longest running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Pittsburgh Regional Exhibit will be held at the Carnegie Mellon University College of Fine Arts & Kresge Theater. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievements in the Visual Arts!!



CAMP SOLES

Attention 8th grade families. Below you find the link with all of the information you may need for the 8th grade field trip to CAMP SOLES this spring. The link has information about dates, payments, parent volunteers, parent meeting, and more. Please reach out to Mr. Kealey or Mr. Cherico with any questions you may have.

Click for Camp Soles Fieldtrip Information

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Freshman Baseball- 8th Graders Only:

Starting Friday January 6th the 8th graders interested in trying out for the 9th grade baseball team will have optional workouts on Fridays from 5:00-7:00 pm for pitchers and catchers. Saturdays will be hitting for all from 2-4pm . These will take place at Wallace indoors and run until Feb 24th. **If interested please reach out to Coach Bucci with contact information at Coachbucci@gmail.com**

All Sports Pass for Students and Adults:

The BWSD offers an All Sports Pass for students and adults. This pass gains entrance to all regular in season sporting events at BHS. Student passes are $30, adult passes are $50. Passes can be purchased in the Athletic Office during the school day. Payment options are cash or check, payable to BWSD. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the Athletic Office directly at 412.885.751

BMS Athletic Information:

Please see the attached file for information on the 22-23 Athletic Seasons. Here you will find the sports that are available to 7/8th graders within the Baldwin Middle School. The attached document also includes the coach's names, emails and approximate start dates to each season throughout the school year. Feel free to reach out to the coaches for more information!

GO HIGHLANDERS!!!!!!!! **Click to Download Baldwin Middle School Athletic Information**

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

1/30/23 -Athletic Schedule: (Dates and Times are subject to change)

Monday – 1/30/23:

- **Boys Ice Hockey– West Mifflin Area Middle School - Away - RMU-Island Sports Center - 9:20 AM**

Tuesday - 1/31/23:

- **Girls Basketball - South Park Middle School - Home - Baldwin High School #2 - 3:45 PM**

Wednesday - 2/1/23:

- **Boys Wrestling - Ringgold Senior High School - Home - BHS Gym #2 - 6:00 PM**

Thursday - 2/2/23:

- **Girls Basketball - Elizabeth Middle School - Away - Elizabeth Middle School - 3:45 PM - Dismissal 2:20 PM**

Friday - 2/3/23:

BMS Nurse Update

BWSD Nurse Canvas Page Launch

The Nurse Canvas course page has been enabled for open enrollment. Here you can find information regarding health exam requirements, immunization requirements, medications at school, Covid-19 information, school nurse contact information, and other resources.

Students and families can self-enroll in the course by clicking the following link: https://bwschools.instructure.com/enroll/Y3XMP6.
Alternatively, they can sign up at:
https://bwschools.instructure.com/enroll/Y3XMP6 and use the following join code: Y3XMP6.

REMINDERS

Baldwin Middle School Direct Phone Number: 412-885-7505

Early Dismissals

When notifying the school of an early dismissal for your child, please complete one of the following:

****Provide a note and call the BMS main office at 412-885-7505**

OR **Send an email to bms-attendance@bwschools.net

Students with an early dismissal, they are reminded that they must check-out with Mrs. Gregg or Mrs. Hutchinson in the BMS Office on the third floor. After checking out, they will go to the Security Office and meet parent or guardian. Middle School Parents/Guardians must enter the Main Entrance (Door 1 - Front of the Building), check-in with the security guard and present a valid ID when picking up a student for an early dismissal. Anyone picking up a student for an early dismissal must be listed in Skyward as a Family member or as an emergency contact.

As a reminder to parents/guardians, if your child is feeling ill, he/she should notify the teacher and request a pass to visit the nurse. Additionally, the student may request to use the phone in the BMS Office to call a parent / guardian. Please remind your student that they should not be using their cell phone, during school hours, while in the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vacation Requests: When requesting excused vacation days, please fill-out the vacation request form https://www.bwschools.net/hec/parents/forms Once filled-out, please forward it to both Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. Hutchinson at agregg @ bwschools.net and thutchinson@bwschools.net, at least two weeks prior to vacation departure. Once approved, Mrs. Gregg or Mrs. Hutchinson will notify parent/guardian.

Versatrans MyStop App

Highlander Families! Don't forget that you can download the Versatrans MyStop app to estimate the arrival of your child's bus. Visit the Apple Store or Google Play Store to download the app and then use your child's student ID number as the user name and your child's date of birth as the password.

Forgotten Items

No matter how hard we try, Middle School Students often forget their lunches, Chromebooks, and/or other items. We ask parents/guardian to call the Middle School Office at 412-885-7505 to notify our secretaries when they are able to drop off the forgotten items. Our secretaries will then notify your child that they should report to the security office to pick up the item that was dropped off. All items are to be dropped off at the security office at Entrance #1.

Lost and Found

Please ask your child to check the "Lost and Found," in the BMS Office, on the third floor, for missing items. We have a number of jackets, hoodies, water bottles and jewelry. Thank you.

PARENT RESOURCES

Creating Responsible Kids on Smartphones SHAPE the Sky

Internet and social media are here to stay. Good can come from this kind of connectedness online, but the flipside is filled with false information, risky behavior, cyberbullying, sexualized and concerning content. Shape the Sky is dedicated to spreading awareness to help parents and professionals create safe and responsible children online. **Click to Access *Shape the Sky* Website**

common sense media

The Common Sense Media website provides lessons, suggestions and resources for parents to help their children navigate the challenges of the evolving technology and media that is impacting their children's' world. Parents are encouraged to visit the Common Sense Media website to explore additional resources designed for parents.

Click to access the Common Sense Media Website

TECH CORNER

The Tech Office is located on the 3rd floor of the school building. Mr. Elias and Ms. Firek, BHS/BMS computer techs, are there to help students with their technology issues. If your child is having a problem with their Chromebook, place a Student Help Desk ticket by clicking "Help" on the left side of Canvas, or stop by the Tech Office on the 3rd floor as soon as possible. Please remember, do **NOT** attempt to fix your child's Chromebook. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Elias (nelias@bwschools.net) or Ms. Firek (rfirek@bwschools.net). Please click to access the District Technology webpage.

Student Tech Tips:

- Remember when your Chromebook is in your backpack, do not to throw your bag in your locker or on the floor. To prevent a cracked screen, be sure there is nothing between your screen and keyboard when you close it.
- Eating and drinking while using your Chromebook is not a good idea. Even water bottles in your backpack may leak onto your device. If liquid does get on your Chromebook, do not power it on. Keep the lid closed and bring it to the Tech Office as soon as possible.
- The Tech Office does not lend out Chromebook chargers. If you lose yours, they are $29.95 to purchase from the Tech Office. Insurance does not cover lost chargers (or lost Chromebooks). Please do not purchase an off-brand charger. Those chargers will not be accepted when you turn in your device.
- If you are moving from the District, please leave your Chromebook AND charger with a staff member. Do not take it with you. It belongs to BWSD. Remember, you are borrowing the device while you are here.

Middle School PTSA

PTSA
everychild. onevoice.
Join the Middle School PTSA

Become a PTSA member! **- *https://harrison.memberhub.com* Check you our PTSA webpage. It includes our meeting dates, upcoming events, any forms you might need and contacts. https://hmsptsa.weebly.com/**

Find the Meeting Link on either on Facebook or Harrison Webpage

Fundraiser, wait, what??? Don't want to sell anything but still want to support your kids and your school. What better way to do it than a fundraiser, non-fundraiser

Remember to join our Facebook page to stay up to date on all the happenings going on for 6th - 8th grade at BW Middle School PTSA (6th-8th).