



BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE October 9, 2023

**Reminder – No School
Monday & Tuesday October 9th & 10th
Professional Development – Act 80 Day**



MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are still accepting paper orders until Wednesday, October 11th. As a reminder, the online store will stay open until October 13th. So, if a student is close to 18 Sales (Dave & Busters), they have another week to make their goal!

The student's sale of the cookie dough helps to support the school, for the money raised goes towards the middle school's student activity fund, which helps to supplement the cost of the various 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade activities.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. REGISTER today at [ShopFund.com](https://shopfund.com).
2. SHARE with 5 or more supporters with the online tools. ***
3. WIN from over \$100,000 in prize giveaways.
4. Make checks payable to: Harrison Middle School

[Click for More Information](#)

800+ items available online PLUS take your order form to work, practice & other places to raise

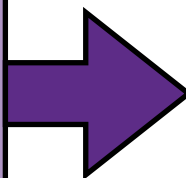
[Click for Cookie Dough Catalog](#)

[Click for Holiday Catalog](#)

Once registered, students can have customers use their "Student Code" to complete and pay for their orders online, or they can use their order sheet from their packet (Handed out during Homeroom) to record individual orders. When collecting money, please have checks payable to Harrison Middle School. Students may pick up additional order forms in the office.

UPDATED DELIVERY DATE! The cookie dough is scheduled to be delivered to the BHS on November 14th. More details will follow.

**Sell 18
ITEMS**



Dave & Busters Party

(Includes Lunch, \$20 Power Play card
and Unlimited Video Play)





UPCOMING EVENTS



**Halloween Dance
October 27th**

Halloween Dance: The Halloween Dance will be held Friday, October 27th in the BHS Small Gym from 7:00-9:00pm. This dance is for currently enrolled 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. **Students are encouraged to wear costumes, but please remember to follow the dress code and no masks or weapons.**

Tickets can be purchased the week of October 23-27.

BMS: Before school outside of room 305 and during lunches

HMS: During lunch

Ticket cost is \$8 which includes the D.J and dancing as well as face painting and tattoos. Students will be able to purchase Kona Ice, pizza, snacks, and drinks.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. YOUNGER SIBLINGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND.

Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign that is celebrated during the week of October 24th-31st. Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to Federal Drug Enforcement agent Enrique Camarena, who was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985. In response to his death, angered parents across the country began wearing Red Ribbons to symbolize their commitment to the creation of a drug-free America. In October of 1988, Congress officially proclaimed the first Red Ribbon Week. The Ribbon has now become a symbol for the drug-free movement.



Our annual fall door decorating contest is upon us. Student Council is challenging all 1st-period classes in the 6th, 7th & 8th grade to design their classrooms door to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The theme of the door must include Halloween/Fall with a message spreading awareness against Tobacco and Drug use! The winning door will receive a sweet treat!



2023 Annual Autumn Bowl: Please plan to attend our Annual Autumn Bowl Powder Puff Football Game on Monday, November 6th at 5:30 pm to cheer on our 7th and 8th-grade girls as they battle for this year's title. In addition to the Flag-Football game between the 7th and 8th-grade girls, there will be food and carnival games. We plan to fill the stands with students and their family members. We want each grade to represent their class spirit by wearing their designating class color.

6th - The Class of 2030 - Gray and purple

7th - The Class of 2029 - White and purple

8th - The Class of 2028 - Purple and white

Shirts are available for purchase by completing the form below and returning it by 10/16/2023.

[Click to Download the Order Form](#)

HMS - turn into the homeroom teachers BMS - turn into Mrs. Fisher is room 305

Mrs. Fisher mfisher@bwschools.net or Mrs. Carlson Kluczkowski ycarlson@bwschools.net

Attention 7th Grade Powder Puff Team

Attention members of the 7th grade powder puff team, there will be a brief meeting at the beginning of 1st period on Thursday, October 12th in the library with Mr. and Mrs. Kluczkowski.



UPCOMING EVENTS



6th Grade Bingo: The 6th grade teachers are excited to announce our upcoming annual Bingo for all 6th grade students. The Bingo will be during school on Thursday, October 26th. It will be a fun time for all and a chance to win prizes! We are looking for donations for individually wrapped and portioned peanut-free snacks. If you would like to donate, please complete the following google form below and send the snacks in no later than Tuesday, October 24th to your first period teacher.

All Donated Snacks must be Peanut Free.

[Click to Complete Donation Form](#)

Pepperoni Roll Fundraiser: The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise individual funds that can be applied to the 8th grade events (History Trip, Camp Soles, Dance). We are offering to our 6th and 7th grade students this year so they can start saving individual funds for their 8th grade year. Anyone who participates in the individual fundraisers will receive a balance total at the end of each school year. Funds can only be applied to the 8th grade events, they cannot be refunded or transferred to another student.

All forms and funds must be turned in at BMS BY 10/12 to Mrs. Fisher in room 305 and HMS BY 10/11 to the homeroom teacher.

Please include the sellers name and contact phone number on the form. Students earn \$6.50 for each pack sold. All checks must be made out to Harrison Middle School.

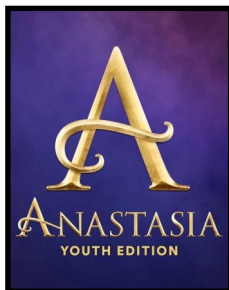
Pick up is 10/19 from 4:00-6:00pm in the BHS South Parking Lot, the pool entrance. All orders must be picked up by 6:00pm. We will not store orders over night.

This is not required, just an option since the cost of everything continues to rise. We want to make the events accessible to all interested students.

[Click to download 6th Grade Pepperoni Fundraising Form](#)

[Click to download 7th Grade Pepperoni Fundraising Form](#)

[Click to download 8th Grade Pepperoni Fundraising Form](#)



BMS Musical Final Reveal

Tune in next Friday, October 13 to our Tik Tok challenge to see what the BMS musical will be. We are down to our final two shows, Anastasia and Peter Pan. I hope we won't have bad luck choosing a show on Friday the 13th!

What could go wrong?!?!?!?



HIGHLIGHTS



Successful Event Planning with 7th/8th STUCO

This past week the members of the 7th & 8th grade Student Council met to start planning for the upcoming events at BMS. Keep a look out for theme days, Red Ribbon Week, Door Decorating Contests in October and much more. The school year is off to a great start!!



UPDATED SCHEDULES

Both 6th Grade at HEC and 7th & 8th Grade at BMS will follow slightly adjusted Bell Schedules starting on Wednesday, October 11th.

2023-2024 Baldwin Middle School

6th Grade Daily Schedule	
Teacher Sign-in	8:10 AM
Teacher Assigned Stations	8:55 AM
Student Arrival	8:50 – 9:15 AM
Morning Homeroom	9:15 – 9:30 AM
Period 1 (44 Minutes)	9:30 – 10:14 AM
Period 2 (44 Minutes)	10:18 – 11:02 AM
Period 3 (44 Minutes)	11:06 – 11:50 AM
Period 4 (44 Minutes)	11:54 AM -12:38 PM
Period 5 (44 Minutes)	12:42-1:26 PM
Period 6 (30 Minutes)	1:30 – 2:00 PM (Lunch)
Period 7 (44 Minutes)	2:04-2:48 PM
Period 8 (44 Minutes)	2:52-3:36 PM
Dismissal Homeroom	3:36 – 3:40 PM
Start of Bus Dismissal	3:40 PM
Teacher Dismissal	4:10 PM

Updated 10/06/23

[Click to Download 6th Grade Updated Schedule](#)

2023-2024 Baldwin Middle School

7 th & 8 th Grade Updated Schedule	
Teacher Sign-in	7:00 AM
Teacher Assigned Stations	7:10 AM
Student Arrival	7:10 – 7:30 AM
Period 1 (46 Minutes)	7:30 – 8:16 AM
Period 2 (46 Minutes)	8:20 – 9:06 AM
Period 3 (46 Minutes)	9:10 – 9:56 AM
Period 4 (46 Minutes)	10:00-10:46 AM
Period 5 (46 Minutes)	10:50-11:36 AM
Period 6 (46 Minutes)	11:40 AM-12:26 PM
Lunch 6	11:40 AM – 12:10 PM (Partial 8 th Grade Lunch)
Homeroom 6	12:10-12:26 PM
Period 7 (46 Minutes)	12:30-1:16 PM
Lunch 7	12:30 – 1:00 PM (7 th & 8 th Grade Lunch)
Homeroom 7	1:00-1:16 PM
Period 8 (46 Minutes)	1:20-2:06 PM
Start of Bus Dismissal	2:06 PM
Teacher Dismissal	3:00 PM

[Click to Download 7th & 8th Grade Schedule](#)



ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

10/9/23 -Athletic Schedule: (Dates and Times are subject to change)

Monday – 10/9/23:

- Girls Soccer- 3:30 PM vs. Mellon Middle School @ Baldwin HS Field 2
- Girls Volleyball - 6:00 PM vs. Moon Middle School @ Baldwin HS Gym 1

Tuesday - 10/10/23:

- Coed Swimming - 5:00 PM vs. Trinity Middle School @ Trinity High School
- Boys Soccer- 3:30 PM vs Canon-Mcmillan Senior HS Canon Mac Blue MS @ Baldwin HS Field 2
- 7th Grade Football - 3:30 PM vs. Moon MS @ Moon MS
- Girls Soccer- 4:00 PM vs. Trinity Middle School @ Trinity Elementary

Wednesday - 10/11/23

- 8th Grade Football - 6:00 PM vs. Duquesne MS/HS @ Baldwin HS Stadium
- Coed Cross Country - 4:00 PM - Invitational @ Baldwin HS Track
- Coed Swimming - 5:00 PM vs. Elizabeth Forward @ Baldwin High School
- Girls Volleyball - 6:00 PM vs. Chartiers Valley Middle School @ Chartiers Valley Middle School

Thursday - 10/12/23:

- Boys Soccer- 3:30 PM vs Canon-Mcmillan Senior HS Canon Mac Gold MS @ Canon Mcmillan MS
- Coed Swimming - 5:00 PM vs. MS Swim Invitational @ Upper St. Clair High School
- Girls Volleyball - 3:30 PM vs. Canonsburg Middle School @ Canon Mcmillan Middle School

Friday - 10/13/23:

Saturday - 10/14/23:



UPCOMING EVENTS

★ **BALDWIN MS BOYS BASKETBALL** ★

BASKETBALL



**PLEASE BRING A
BALL AND WATER!**

OPEN GYM AND TRYOUTS

**OPEN GYMS:
BHS SMALL GYM
6-8 PM
EVERY TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY STARTING
OCTOBER 3RD**

**TRYOUTS:
MONDAY OCT. 23RD AND
TUESDAY OCT. 24TH
3:00-5:00 PM**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT
PHYSICAL DATED AFTER JUNE 1ST IN ORDER
TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS!!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT COACH BARBANO
ROOM 315  ABARBANO@BWSCHOOLS.NET**





Meet the BMS Counselors

School Counseling Department Update

Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians, The Baldwin-Whitehall Middle School Counseling Department wants to welcome our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students back to school! We look forward to assisting our students and families during the upcoming school year.

As our school community is aware, the 6th grade is located at Harrison Educational Center, and the 7th and 8th grades are at Baldwin High School. Our counseling department is a dedicated group of educators who collectively work as a cohesive team that has seamlessly established a rotation schedule between the two buildings to ensure that the students, families, and facility needs and concerns are being addressed and met.

Each counselor can be reached via phone; however, due to splitting our time between buildings, we request that parents and guardians communicate through email. Email guarantees that each counselor is aware of any concerns or issues and can address the situation within the appropriate setting in a timely and efficient manner.

Ms. Rachel Johnson, School Counselor A - L - rjohnson@bwschools.net

Ms. Jessica Thomas, School Counselor M - Z - jthomas@bwschools.net

Ms. Jean Williams, School Social Worker A - Z - jwilliams@bwschools.net



BMS Nurse Update

Please remember a Pennsylvania school requirement, to enter 7th grade, is the submission of updated Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations. We still have not received these for several students. If you are among those still needing to complete this requirement for school attendance, please see that you take care of this as soon as possible. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer nurses from JRMC-AHN will be helping the BWSD nurses with annual vision screenings for our 7th and 8th graders on September 26 and 27th. These will be done during the physical education classes. The high school students will also be screened on these dates.

Current COVID Guidelines for Students were shared with families recently. Please follow this guidance as you note symptoms and positive testing for Covid in your families. Five days of isolation, from the start of symptoms (day zero), followed by 5 days of mask wearing (days 6-10) when returning to school and public life, should be the plan if positive test results are noted. The student's PCP should always be the first point of contact, but also feel free to call or email the school nurses with your questions or concerns.



PARENT RESOURCES



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](#)



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](#)



REMINDERS

Food Service Department Update

Menus are posted each month on the [Food Services page](#) of the website. Please stay connected with us on Twitter @BWFOODSERVICE for updates to menus. Food Services will provide a variety of meal services to meet the needs of BWSD enrolled students. Expanded vegetarian options will be available at all schools to meet the growing trends of our district students.

Menu Special Features:

- Vegetarian Meals Available Daily
- Taste It Tuesday Program (BHS/BMS -New recipes, Global recipes, new items coming)
- A la carte options for 6th grade at HEC (Middle School Students a la Carte Selections)

Breakfast—FREE!

- **Every student is eligible to receive a free breakfast.** Students can get a Grab & Go Breakfast as they enter the building each morning and eat the breakfast in their classroom.
- New this year for the 6th Grade/BMS program is the **inclusion of a mid-morning snack item of a cereal/nutritional bar**



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.

BWSD Nurse Canvas Page

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.



6th Grade Information

6th Grade Office - Direct
Phone Number: 412-885-7530

When calling, please let the secretary know your child's Grade and Name

Arrival: We open our doors at 8:55am for children. All car riders need to enter in the main entrance (Entrance # 12) and buses enter through the gym lobby entrance.

Breakfast: Breakfast is free this year and kids are encouraged to take a breakfast from the Grab and Go cart before they head to class. Please make remind your child to make sure they know their lunch numbers.

Water bottles: Non-glass water bottles are permitted for students to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Tardies: Students are considered tardy at 9:15am. Please bring your child to the front door (entrance #12) and our office staff will let them in, provide a pass, and send them to class.





6th Grade Information

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 6th Grade office at 412-885-7530 email hecoffice@bwschools.net. Students with an early dismissal must check-out with a Middle School Secretary in the 6th Grade Office. After checking out, they will wait for their parent or guardian in the 6th grade office. 6th Grade Parents/Guardians must enter the Main Entrance (Entrance 12) , check-in with the secretary 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, students may request to use the phone in the 6th Grade Office to call a parent / guardian. While in the building, students are to not use their cell phone during school hours.

PikMyKid: Please continue to communicate with your child's 8th period teacher and the hecoffice@bwschools.net email to update dismissal schedules. It is required in writing any update or changes to a dismissal plan to ensure the safety of all students. Please send an email to hecoffice@bwschools.net and your child's 8th period teacher for any dismissal updates or changes by 2:45 PM. After communicating with the 8th period teacher and hecoffice@bwschools.net , please update the dismissal schedule in PikMyKid. All walkers will be checked out through PikMyKid when exiting the school.

Vacation Requests: When requesting excused vacation days, please fill-out the vacation request form. Once filled-out, please forward it to the 6th Grade Secretaries - hecoffice@bwschools.net, at least two weeks prior to vacation departure. Once approved, you will be notified by the 6th Grade secretaries.

Forgotten Items: No matter how hard we try, 6th grade students often forget their lunches, Chromebooks, and/or other items. We ask parents/guardian to call the 6th Grade Office at 412-885-7530 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 office to pick up the item that was dropped off.

Lost and Found

Please ask your child to check the "Lost and Found," in the 6th Grade Office for missing items. We have a number of jackets, hoodies, water bottles and jewelry.

Champions Program: For any families who are interested in the Champions After School Program, please see the contact below: Gus: 412-580-2322 gus.goedel@discoverychampions.com



7th & 8th Grade Information

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 a Middle School Secretary 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.



7th & 8th Grade Information

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Forgotten Items

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Lost and Found

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TECH CORNER



6th Grade Tech Corner

For 6th grade students, the Tech Office is located at the far end of the hall beyond the cafeteria, Room 118. Mr. Bonidie, the HMS/HEC computer tech, is 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 as soon as possible. Please remember, do **NOT** attempt to fix your child's Chromebook. If you have any questions, please contact

Mr. Bonidie (gbonidie@bwschools.net). [Please click to access the District Technology webpage.](#)

7th & 8th Grade Tech Corner

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(jbonidie@bwschools.net) or Ms. Firek (rfirek@bwschools.net).

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Student Tech Tips:

- Remember when your Chromebook is in your backpack, do not 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.



TECH CORNER

Student Tech Tips (continued):

- 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 a student lost their device. They can stop by the Tech Office for a replacement device. A damage report will be written for the cost of the lost device which can range from \$290.00 - \$353.47.
- If a student needs to borrow a device or charger for the day. There is a chromebook cart located in the 6th grade office. Where a device or charger can be signed out and collected at the end of the day, or when the student is done using it. The number of devices and chargers are limited. If a student is repeatedly borrowing a device they will be asked to see the Tech Office.
- 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.
- Remember to keep your password private. Anything done on your chromebook is your responsibility.



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