



BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE November 21, 2022



HIGHLIGHTS



Steelers Promote STEM Education at BMS: This past Friday, our 7th & 8th Graders from the Middle School Student Council participated in an event sponsored by the Pittsburgh Steelers that focused on promoting the importance of STEM Education. Representatives from the Pittsburgh Steelers and US Steel teamed up to help the participating students further explore the world of STEM and discover the career opportunities available to them. Steeler Alum, Arthur Moats, helped to lead the engaging presentation as representatives from the Steelers and US Steel discussed how they use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math on a daily basis. This program is an extension of [EVERFI's Endeavor - STEM Career](#)

[Exploration Activities for Middle School](#) web-based lesson, which is designed to inspire and excite middle school students about possible careers they can select from in their future. A special thanks to the Steelers, US Steel, and EVERFI for visiting Baldwin Middle School and sharing with our students their insights into the importance of STEM-based education.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention 6th, 7th, 8th Grade!

BMS Yearbook Cyber SALE!

Please email hbianchi@bwschools.net with any questions.

Early Dismissal—

November 23rd

**[Click for Early Dismissal
Schedule](#)**

No School –

November 24th–28th

Thanksgiving Break

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Yearbook Cyber SALE

Friday, November 25th -Monday, November 28th

\$23

After November 28th - Book Price Increases to **\$25**

Purchase **ONLINE ONLY** at

www.yearbookforever.com

School Name: **Baldwin Middle School**



BMS Student Council is sponsoring **The Annual Turkey Trot** on Wednesday, November 23rd during school. This tradition has been a success in the past and is a much-anticipated event. The students will engage in physical activity while working to give back to others!!!

During the school day, students will walk around the school grounds as many times as possible to raise money for the Baldwin-Whitehall School District Angel Tree! We are asking every middle school student to **donate at least \$1.00 in a pledge** in order to participate in this activity.

We plan to incorporate music, a Staff vs. BMS 8th Volleyball game, and other surprises to make the Turkey Trot a fun and energizing experience for the students. We also hope to promote the goals of physical fitness and the development of a healthy lifestyle.

Students should turn in their money (at least \$1.00) and the permission slip below to their homeroom teacher. Please refer any special circumstances to Mrs. Fisher or Miss. Carlson.

Students who do not want to participate in the Turkey Trot will remain inside the building with adult supervision. Please email us if you have any questions or concerns related to this event. mfisher@bwschools.net yarlson@bwschools.net

Thanks for your support, Baldwin Middle School Student Council

[Click to Download Permission Slip](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Incomplete Grades:

Students: Now that you have officially received your report card for the first nine weeks, if you have received an "I" for Incomplete, you have until November 30 to turn in any incomplete work that is owed to your teachers. Please check with your teacher(s) for the work that you owe so that your grade will change from an "I" to a percentage grade.



8th Grade Update

We have exciting events planned toward the end of the school year to help celebrate the completion of middle school. All 8th-Grade students will have the opportunity to attend the 8th Grade History Trip, the 8th Grade Dance, and Camp Soles. To help offset the costs of the events we will offer several group and individual fundraisers throughout the school year. If you participate in individual fundraisers, the proceeds will go toward the events you choose to attend. If you do participate in the individual fundraiser, but do not attend any of the events, the proceeds will be applied to the 8th Grade Class.

Current Fundraiser

Pepperoni Rolls - That's A Wrap

Sell from 11/14/22 - 11/22/22

[Click for Pepperoni Order Form](#)

- Order forms and payment for the pepperoni roll fundraiser are due to Mrs. Fisher in room 305 by noon on Wednesday, November 23rd.
- Checks are to be made out to Harrison Middle School.
- Pick up will be Thursday, December 8th between 4:30-6:00pm at the South Lot (pool entrance).



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.



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Gratitude Is The Best Attitude:

The 7th and 8th grade homeroom classes discussed gratitude during our Thoughtful Thursday lessons and completed activities on gratitude this month. Each student traced their hand and wrote who or what they were thankful for. The hands became part of three gratitude turkeys and a cornucopia. The students also delivered post-it notes to someone that they were thankful for at school and finally wrote letters of gratitude to someone that they were thankful for in their lives.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Winter Wear

Tuesday, November 29

4:00-6:00

SHIM Family Center

41 Macek Drive

Pittsburgh, PA. 15227

Available items...

**All sizes of winter coats, hats,
gloves, scarves, boots
and personal care items**



BWSD CULTURAL CLOTHING DAY



**Proudly wear clothing that
represents your culture!**



UPCOMING EVENTS



Announcing the

Baldwin-Whitehall School District 2022 Holiday Toy Drive in partnership with Toys for Tots.

The toys will support local families in need as well as Toys for Tots, an organization sponsored by the U.S. Marines.

All donations must be new and unwrapped toys.

- Donations accepted through **Friday, December 9th**
- Donations will be accepted at each BWSD building during regular school hours
- Santa & his elves will be collecting donations on Friday, December 9th

QUESTIONS: Contact Diane Kennard in the Baldwin High School Athletics Department 412-885-7515 or dkennard@bwschools.net



HIGHLIGHTS

Dia de Los Muertos: The Spanish I classes created Ofrenda boxes for Dia de Los Muertos. The Ofrendas were made to remember a relative, pet, celebrity, or historical figure that had passed away that they would like to honor and remember. The students also practiced their speaking, listening and writing skills in Spanish by interviewing three of their classmates about their Ofrendas.



Spreading Positivity at BMS! 7th grader Amiya Bates is inspiring teachers and students, classroom by classroom. With support from the Counseling Department, Amiya found a way to promote positive thinking in the middle school. Amiya and her friend Jayda Luft visited each classroom to ask teachers which positive affirmation card the girls could to tape by the classroom door.

Over time, reciting daily positive affirmations can literally rewire our brains for a brighter outlook. According to the article, "The Science Behind Positive Affirmations," self-affirmation "fires up your neural pathways and makes changes to those areas of the brain that makes you happy and positive." Like

everything else, be patient with yourself and be consistent with this daily practice. If you commit to this daily habit, you may notice feeling more motivated and less anxious throughout the day.

Give it a try! Begin each day with a short affirmation like "I create my own happiness" or "My challenges are actually opportunities." Choose affirmations that are meaningful to you or that you hope to incorporate in your own life. .



ATHLETIC INFORMATION



Middle School Girls Basketball - Open Gym

Any girl that is interested in trying out for the Middle School Basketball team, there will be an open gym on Monday November 28, 3-4:15 in the small gym. Please make every attempt to be at the open workout. If you have any questions you can contact Sue Brady at bradys98@aol.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

11/21/22 -Athletic Schedule: (Dates and Times are subject to change)

Monday – 11/21/22

Tuesday - 11/22/22:

- Boys Basketball - Mellon Middle School - Home - Baldwin High School Gym 2 - 3:45 PM

Wednesday - 11/23/22:

Thursday - 11/24/22:

Friday - 11/25/22:

Saturday - 11/26/22:



REMINDERS



2022—23 BWSD Calendars Are In!!!!

The 2022-23 Baldwin-Whitehall School District Calendars are in and ready for distribution. If your family is interested in having a district calendar to help manage your busy schedules, please have your son or daughter stop by the Baldwin-Middle School Office to pick-up a calendar.

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](mailto: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.

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.



REMINDERS

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



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](#)



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).