



BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE September 11, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS



6th Grade Picture Day– Tuesday, September 12th

Tuesday, September 12th will be the school picture day for 6th Grade.

Student pictures will be taken in the front of the auditorium during their Physical Education, Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or study hall class periods. Students who do not have any of these classes should report to the front of the auditorium at the beginning of the 7th period to have their pictures taken. If a student misses the picture day on September 12th, the makeup date will be Wednesday, September 13th in the afternoon.

All orders are prepaid and due on picture day. Customer satisfaction guaranteed. Items returned will be replaced at no charge. Smiles, hairstyles, and overall appearance are the student's responsibility. Mirrors, combs, and wipes will be available to check appearance.

All items in the packages are of the individual only. Envelopes are not open on picture day, so notes inside will not be seen until a later time. If you desire Blemish Removal, it must be marked on the order form with an additional fee included.

Students received the order form from Prints Charming during their Homeroom period. Students can pick up additional order forms in the Middle School Office.



Middle School Pink Out Football Game!

Attention all BMS Students and Families in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, Please plan to attend the Baldwin Middle School Football Game on Thursday, September 20th at 5:30 pm to cheer on our 7th-grade boys against Trinity and 8th-grade boys at 7:00 against Peter Township. We plan to fill the stands (students and family members) with pink to support the fight against Breast Cancer. Students are to wear their Pink Out t-shirts that support the METAvivor -Metastatic Breast Cancer Research, Support, and Awareness Foundation.

All 7th and 8th-grade fall athletes and band members will be recognized at halftime of the 8th-grade football game.

Pink Out Accessories

7th and 8th grade students can purchase pink accessories to wear to school and the Pink Out Game on Wednesday, September 20th. Accessories can be purchased outside of room 305 (7th & 8th Grades) before the start of school and during lunch periods (6th, 27th & 8th Grades) on 9/18, 9/19, and 9/20.

Prices for pink out gear Leis

\$1.00 Hair extensions- \$3.00 Bandanas- \$4.00 Glasses- \$3.00 Beaded necklaces-
\$1.00 Rubber bracelets- \$1.00 Cloth bracelets- \$2.00 Wristbands- \$3.00



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Pink Out Theme Week

The Pink Out is Wednesday, September 20th. To help celebrate we are hosting a Theme Week! Encourage all 6th, 7th & 8th Grade students to participate in the following Theme Days:

- **Monday - 9/18 - Black and Gold to support Steelers Monday Night Football**
- **Tuesday - 9/19 - Wear your favorite team gear - Baldwin, College, Professional**
- **Wednesday - 9/20 - Pink Out! Wear your favorite pink clothing and accessories**
- **Thursday - 9/21 - Hat Day - Wear your favorite hat**
- **Friday - 9/22 - Purple and White to cheer on our Fighting Highlanders**



REACHWELL INFORMATION

This fall, the Baldwin-Whitehall School District, in an effort to improve communication with all our families, began to use the ReachWell communication App. This communication App will be used to enhance our current modes of parent communication, which are the Skylert Messaging System, Teacher's Canvas Pages, and email.

Teachers will continue to use the Canvas Pages and tools, along with email, to communicate with parents and guardians on a regular basis. The middle school administration will continue to use the Skylert system to send out weekly updates and reminders of upcoming events. As always, parents/guardians can phone the school to speak with a staff member.

BMS 412-885-7505 & 6th Grade – 412-885-7530 (Ask for the 6th Grade Office)

We appreciate your patience as we work to implement this new communication tool.

Getting Started with ReachWell:



To receive important messages from your child's teachers and the District via ReachWell, we kindly request you to download the app. The process is straightforward:

Download the App: Head to your device's app store, search for "ReachWell," and install the app.

1. Add Your School: Once installed, add your child's school to the app to receive tailored notifications.
2. Request a Code: Select the option to text a code to your device. ***When requesting a code, please use the cell phone number and/or email address in Skyward.***
3. Stay Informed: Prepare to be informed! With ReachWell, you'll receive timely updates in your preferred language.

Assistance and Support:

We understand that technology can sometimes be challenging. If you encounter any difficulties while downloading or using the ReachWell app, their dedicated support team is ready to help. Reach out to them at support@reachwell.com, and they will gladly assist you.

[ReachWell FAQs](#)

[ReachWell Directions](#)

[Translated Directions](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



8th Grade Curriculum Night

This evening is designed to help parents/guardians become familiar with the building, teachers, and expectations at Baldwin Middle School.

Where: Baldwin High School Auditorium

When: September 14th

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This event is for parents/ guardians only.

- **6:30-6:50 p.m. – Presentation by Administration**

Meet the administrative team who will review important information and review procedures and student expectations.

- **6:50-8:30 p.m. – Teacher Sessions**

Parents/guardians will participate by selecting the sessions they wish to attend. During each of the five sessions, teachers will present curricular information to help parents/ guardians develop a deeper understanding of the expectations for the various courses.



Schedule for the Evening

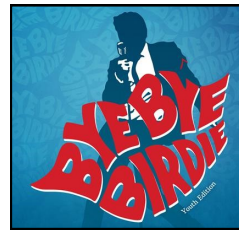
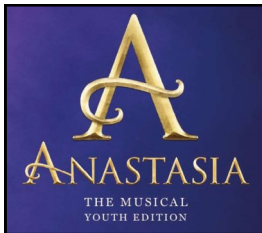
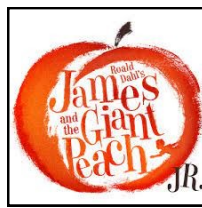
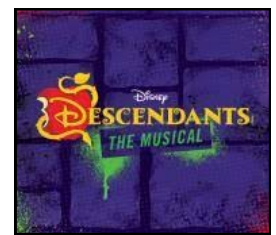
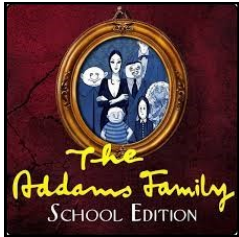
Auditorium	BMS Administration Presentation	6:30-6:50
Session 1	Various Classrooms	6:55-7:10
Session 2	Various Classrooms	7:15 - 7:30
Session 3	Various Classrooms	7:35 – 7:50
Session 4	Various Classrooms	7:55 – 8:10
Session 5	Various Classrooms	8:15 – 8:30



MUSICAL THEATER

Vote for your 2024 Middle School Musical

Are you interested in participating in the BMS musical this year? Would you like to have a say in what musical we do? Visit the musical website www.hmsmusical.weebly.com and vote fill out the survey!



ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

9/11/23 -Athletic Schedule: (Dates and Times are subject to change)

Monday – 9/11/23:

- Girls Soccer- 3:30 PM vs. Char Valley MS- Baldwin Stadium

Tuesday - 9/12/23:

- Girls Volleyball- 3:30 PM vs. Char Valley MS
- Boys Soccer- 3:30 PM vs Mellon MS- Baldwin Stadium

Wednesday - 9/13/23:

- Girls Soccer- 4:00 PM @ Mellon MS, Bird Park
- 8th Grade Football- 5:15 vs. Steel Valley MS @ Harrison Field

Thursday - 9/14/23:

- Girls Volleyball- 3:30 PM vs. Canon Mac MS
- Cross Country- 4:00 PM vs. Peters Township MS @ Baldwin HS
- 7th Grade Football - 5:30 PM @ Independence MS (BP HS Turf Field 1)

Friday - 9/15/23:

- Boys Soccer- 3:30 PM @ Pleasant Hills (Breisinger Field)

Saturday - 9/16/23:



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

Principal Meetings:

This week Ms. Alicia Johnson (Assistant Principal) will visit all 6th Grade Social Studies and Science classes to connect with students. During these meeting Ms. Johnson will review and highlight student expectations and discuss any student questions.

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

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.

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 the 7th & 8th Grade Secretaries at bms-attendance@bwschools.net, at least two weeks prior to vacation departure. Once approved, the middle school secretaries will notify the parent/guardian.

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TECH CORNER

For 7th & 8th grade students, 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.



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](#)