



2020-2021

BMS Newsletter #38 June 14th-18th (final edition)



PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT

You've likely heard of the tragic news within our school community; a mother and sister of a CMS student passed away yesterday. Our school counselors, psychologists, nurses and administrators are available to provide our students and staff with support and resources. We encourage students or staff in need of support to please reach out to us for assistance. Here are resources helpful for parents and guardians:

- [Discussing Death with Your Children \(PDF\)](#)
- [Helping Children Cope - for Teachers and Parents \(PDF\)](#)



HONORING OUR 8th GRADE STUDENTS

This week, the BMS school community congregated on the Wakeman Field for our 8th graders' Moving Up Ceremony; it was a wonderful affair. Congratulations to our 8th grade class on their matriculation to the high school level.



BIG THANKS: Izzo & Son Country Garden Westport

Izzo & Son Country Garden in Westport partnered with our PTA to donate plants for decorating our Moving Up Ceremony. They were incredible to work with and permitted our PTA to pick out the plants, use them in our setup and then return them all free of charge!



BMS School Materials

Books: Return any BMS library books and class texts from core classes that may be in your possession. Not sure what you have out? Log in to [Destiny](#) to see your information (use your network username & password, then click on the "My Info" tab). All students and parents/guardians will get an email notice before the end of the day on Friday with a list of all overdue materials.

Chromebooks: Grades 6 & 7 will keep their devices over the summer break. 8th grade Chromebooks are being collected today, Friday, June 18th. Notices of missing components will be sent home with students. Emails regarding missing Chromebooks will be emailed to parents/guardians and students before the end of the day on Friday.

School Supply Drive

Students can drop-off any unwanted items for donation (ex. Binders, pencil cases, folders, packs, etc.) in the BMS main entrance lobby; items will be collected, organized and quarantined. The BMS Spirit and Leadership group will provide labeled boxes throughout the school for students to donate gently used school items. More information will be shared regarding school supplies for the 2021-22 school year as well as the opening 6th grade orientation.

[LINK: SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS](#)

Calling All Rising 9th Graders!

Join the Staples High School Library Media Specialists to gear-up for the Fall at Staples! Join us in the SHS Library Media Center's Maker Space and library to make custom Staples swag and brush up on your technology readiness skills. Learn the top Google and Schoology tips and tricks and get organized so that you are ready for a smooth start to high school!

There will be two sessions offered:

- Workshop #1(5 sessions): July 26th through 30th; 9:30-11:30 am; Instructor: Mrs. Moeller
nmoeller@westportps.org
- Workshop #2 (5 sessions): Aug 2nd through 6th; 12:30-2:30 pm; Instructor: Ms. Cirino
jecirino@westportps.org

Please register for this free course by June 10th: [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

8th Grade Chromebook Collection Process

This year, your 8th grader was assigned a district 1) Chromebook with 2) charger and 3) protective case. On Friday, June 18, 2021, the 8th grade teaching teams will be collecting these three items.

Please note:

- Students participating in the summer extended school year program are asked to keep their device through the end of the summer program. ESY teachers will collect school assigned Chromebooks, chargers, and cases at the end of the summer program.
- Distance learning students are asked to drop off their Chromebooks, chargers, and cases on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 to the designated drop off location in the main office.

Here is the cost list for any component not returned; an accountability will be assessed based on each missing item:

- \$230 for a Chromebook
- \$30 for the Chromebook charger
- \$25 for the Chromebook case

Staples High School is a BYOD (bring your own device) school; every SHS student will bring their own personally-owned device to school fully charged every day. For more information please click on <http://byod.westportps.org>. Families that qualify for free/reduced lunch, or the Westport Warm Up program through the Town, can be provided with a student laptop for high school; please contact SHS for the application. Incoming 9th grade students can bring their laptops to their assigned high school orientation day prior to the start of school to connect to SHS's network prior to the first day of classes. Technical help will be available; Staples will send out additional information in August.

6th & 7th Grade Chromebook Collection Process

This year your child was assigned a district 1) Chromebook, 2) Chromebook charger, and 3) Chromebook case. Students participating in the summer ESY program will be expected to bring their assigned Chromebook to class each day. All other students will be expected to safely store their assigned Chromebook over the summer; this will be your child's assigned Chromebook for the 2021-2022 school year. To safely store it, please do the following:

- Completely power it off and close the lid fully with nothing stored between the screen and the keyboard
- Wrap up the assigned charger and keep the charger with the device inside the case
- Store the case flat with nothing on top of it in a relatively cool, dry place

The assigned Chromebook can be used by your child over the summer, if you so choose, but it is not mandatory. Please note there is no tech support or repair services for student devices until the start of school in August.

If your child returns to school in the fall and is missing a component an accountability will be assessed and must be paid before a replacement will be provided.

- \$230 for a Chromebook
- \$30 for the Chromebook charger
- \$25 for the Chromebook case

If you know you are transferring from the Westport schools over the summer, please have your child return their Chromebook, Chromebook charger, and Chromebook case to their team leader on Friday, June 18th. If you transfer over the summer please return the items to the main office with your child's name clearly marked on each component.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: June 21st (last day of school!)

DAY, DATE	IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT	SCHEDULE ROTATION
Monday, 6/21/21	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:40pm	E-Day

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