



2020-2021

BMS Newsletter #33 May 10th-14th

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Bedford Middle School's
Student Newspaper

PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT: PHASE II FULL-OPEN MODEL

Looking ahead: Our leadership team and staff have been actively planning for the 2021-22 school year. At this time, pending health and safety conditions in late August, we intend to fully open school for all students and staff with normal school-day operating hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. We plan to welcome back daily homeroom, student lockers, live student performances in music and theater, before and after school clubs and activities, and more. Prior to the start of school we will welcome all new BMS families to a special orientation; we will also welcome our incoming 6th graders to a special orientation at BMS prior to the first day of school, which is Tuesday, August 31, 2021. There are 24.5 school days remaining this year; the last day of school is a half-day on Monday, June 21st.

BMS Science Olympiad State Champs Compete at the Nationals

Bedford's team won this year's CT State Science Olympiad Tournament; they will represent Connecticut at the National Science Olympiad competition on Sat, May 22, 2021; the awards ceremony was presented virtually and can be viewed at this [link](#). The [Science Olympiad National Tournament](#) is the pinnacle of achievement for 120 of the country's best Science Olympiad teams and our Global Ambassador Team from Japan, representing more than 2,000 students. The 37th Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament will be hosted in partnership with Arizona State University from May 17 to May 22, 2021.

BMS Marching Band in Westport's Memorial Day Parade 2021!

BMS's marching band is teaming up with the CMS and SHS band to create a Westport Schools marching band...come see, listen and cheer for our kids as they take part in this time-honored tradition! On [Memorial Day \(Monday, May 31, 2021\)](#), the Parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. The route begins on Riverside Avenue, continues east on Post Road East, to Myrtle Avenue, to Main Street and ending at Parker Harding Plaza.

SCHOOL ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE SCHOOL CLOTHING

Learning how to dress appropriately for the occasion is an essential life skill that our adolescent students must acquire; parents play a central role in this development learning process. At BMS, we want students to be comfortable and express personal choice. At the same time, we want our students and families to recognize that we are a learning environment and expectations for students' school attire are distinctly different from what

is acceptable for beachwear. At Bedford, the occasion is academics and learning; we fully expect students to wear attire commensurate with and respectful to our learning environment.

The following guidelines apply to all regular school activities:

- Shoes appropriate for school activities must be worn at all times. Footwear standards are maintained for the prevention of accidents and injury. High-heeled shoes or sandal styles that make walking, running, or other activities less safe for students are discouraged.
- Clothing and jewelry should be safe and free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive or which advocate violence, racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice, or the use of drugs or alcohol.
- No clothing, article of clothing, or manner of wearing clothes that is inappropriately revealing is permitted. Underwear/undergarments may not be visible; 'see-through' material is prohibited.
- Clothing or jewelry which is distracting, or disruptive to the educational program, or which is gang-related, or which poses a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the students or others, shall not be worn on campus or at school activities.
- The principal and staff at each school may establish additional dress and grooming regulations, when necessary, for regular school activities and/or for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or any other special school activities.
- Teachers may find it necessary to impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports activities and/or classes, for example, close toed shoes in science lab.
- School staff may provide suitable attire substitutes or contact parents to provide a change of attire during the school day.
- Parents are advised to be sure that students have outerwear appropriate to the weather and to the activities they will engage in, e.g., warm clothes for recess, rain/snow boots when needed and appropriate clothing in inclement weather.
- PE Attire:
 - The PE uniform must be a change of clothes, not something worn to school that day. Items include: sneakers, white athletic socks, gym shorts and a light colored T-shirt. Please launder your gym clothes regularly.
 - Sweatpants and sweatshirts are recommended for colder weather.
 - For safety, jewelry should not be worn in class. Long hair should be secured back off the face.

Navigating Middle School During a Pandemic

Parent presentation: [Navigating Middle School During a Pandemic](#) by Mrs. Jessica Rabine, School Counselor, Bedford Middle School and Dr. Valerie Babich, Coordinator of Psychological Services

Save the Date: BMS Moving Up Ceremony 2021

The BMS Moving Up Ceremony 2021 will take place on Tuesday, June 15th, 6-7 p.m. (rain date Wednesday, June 16th, 6-7 p.m.). We will send additional information including e-tickets, paperless programs and more as we draw closer to the event.

UPDATE: Transition to 9th Grade

Each 8th grade student will have the opportunity to meet individually with their Staples High School counselor. During this brief meeting, the SHS counselor will review their 9th grade schedule and answer any questions your child may have. The SHS counselors will be coming to BMS on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 10th (11:18-2:45)
- Monday, June 14th (11:18-2:45)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- No courtesy riding on school buses through to the end of this school year; you can only ride your assigned school bus/van
- Students may not walk out of BMS for parent pickup without first signing-out in the main office; this is an important safety requirement

Math Mentors for Distance Learning Students

Now open to all middle school students, this is a great opportunity to ask math questions and receive support from a SHS math honor society student! [LINK MA@ Extra Help](#)

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 17th-21st		
DAY, DATE	IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT	SCHEDULE ROTATION
Monday, 5/17/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	A-Day
Tuesday, 5/18/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	B-Day
Wednesday, 5/19/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:40 p.m.	C-Day
Thursday, 5/20/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	D-Day
Friday, 5/21/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	E-Day

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