



2020-2021

Newsletter #26, March 15th-19th

Westport Schools COVID Reporting Hotline: if you've tested positive or have been directly exposed to a positive case, please call: 203-341-1016

**DISTANCE/REMOTE
LEARNING TECH HELP
CENTER LINK**

PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHEDULE ALERT


To provide opportunities for our staff to receive their second Covid-19 vaccination dosage, BMS and CMS are making the following adjustments to the weekly middle school schedule; these changes only apply to the dates highlighted in the listing and calendar below.

Staff vaccination clinics are on April 1st and April 8th; the middle school schedule has been adjusted accordingly:

- Wednesday, March 31st: Full Day In-Person Learning
- Thursday, April 1st: Half Day Remote Learning (Vaccine Clinic Day)
- Wednesday, April 7th: Full Day In-Person Learning
- Thursday April 8th: Half Day Remote Learning (Vaccine Clinic Day)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2
E Day	D Day	A Day FULL DAY IN-PERSON 8:30-2:45	C Day ½ DAY REMOTE LEARNING; STAFF VACCINATION CLINIC 2nd DOSE 8:30-12:30	NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY
4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9
A Day	B Day	C Day FULL DAY IN-PERSON 8:30-2:45	D Day ½ DAY REMOTE LEARNING; STAFF VACCINATION CLINIC 2nd DOSE 8:30- 12:30	E Day

NEW: Representative's Essay Contest in honor of Women's History Month

<p>REPRESENTATIVE Stephanie Thomas</p>	<p>Essay Contest for 7th and 8th grade students in Norwalk, Westport, and Wilton</p> <p>Celebrating Women's History Month</p> <p>The top two entries will be recognized by Rep. Stephanie Thomas and receive state citations.</p> <p>Prompt Who is a woman you admire? What do you admire about her? Please include the name of the person (500 words maximum).</p> <p>Submit Entries to max.delorenzo@cga.ct.gov by March 31st Subject Line: Essay Contest / Rep. Thomas</p> <p>For questions, contact: brittany.kane@cga.ct.gov or max.delorenzo@cga.ct.gov</p>
	

On behalf of State Representative Stephanie Thomas, 7th and 8th Grade Norwalk, Westport and Wilton Students are invited to participate in the Representative's Essay Contest in honor of Women's History Month. Students are invited to submit essays about the following:

1. Who is a woman you admire?
2. What/why do you admire her?
 - The top 2 essay composers will be recognized by Rep. Thomas and receive a state citation of recognition!
 - The deadline to participate in March 31, 2021 with all essays being submitted to Max DeLorenzo: Max.DeLorenzo@cga.ct.gov

Important Notes:

- The students can pick any woman figure, past or present
- Maximum of 500 words
- Standard format of 12 size font, Times New Roman, Calibri or Cambria.
- Please have students include:
 - First Initial and Last Name (example: B. Kane)
 - School and grade
 - Name/email for Teacher to serve as direct contact
 - Teacher contacts will assist in coordinating with our office to congratulate the student winners!

If you or anyone has questions or concerns, please email Brittany.Kane@cga.ct.gov. Thank you in advance!

NEW: The Calm Room (online)

BMS subscribes to Teen Health and Wellness and it's packed with wonderful mental health information and resources. **They've just added the [Calm Room \(LINK\)](#)**. In addition to the great visual and auditory relaxation tools, they also have videos and articles about mindfulness and meditation. All students and teachers have access to this resource; feel free to use it and share it widely among the BMS school community.

- Direct Link to the [Calm Room](#)
- Direct Link to the [Teen Health and Wellness Home Page](#)
- Username: bedfordms
- Password: bears

Teen Health and Wellness provides advice and support on all sorts of topics, from improving your mental and physical health to making positive changes in your community. You can find a full list of topics [here](#), or check out some of these popular articles:

- [Anxiety and Panic Attacks](#)
- [Conflict Resolution](#)
- [Depression](#)
- [Meditation](#)
- [Mindfulness](#)
- [Rejection, Break-Ups, and Moving On](#)
- [Self-Esteem and Confidence](#)
- [Sleep](#)
- [Staying Fit](#)
- [Stress](#)
- [Volunteering and Activism](#)
- [Yoga](#)

UPDATE: Transition to Staples High School

- The 8th grade counseling team is almost finished meeting with all of the 8th graders for their course selection reviews. The deadline to submit override forms to the counseling suite and/or make any changes to course requests is Friday, March 26, 2021.
- Here again is the link to the recording of the "SHS Transition Night" held on 02/10/2021 as well as additional resources: [Grade 8 to 9 Transition Homepage](#)

March is Women's History Month at BMS

For information on Women's History Month, please visit the amazing [BMS Library Media Center Site \(LINK\)](#)

Music Lessons for Band and Orchestra Students (starting 3/22/21)

As we continue to take steps towards returning to our normal program of studies in the music department, music lessons for students in band and orchestra will resume starting on Monday, March 22nd.

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 \(MAO Extra Help\)](#)

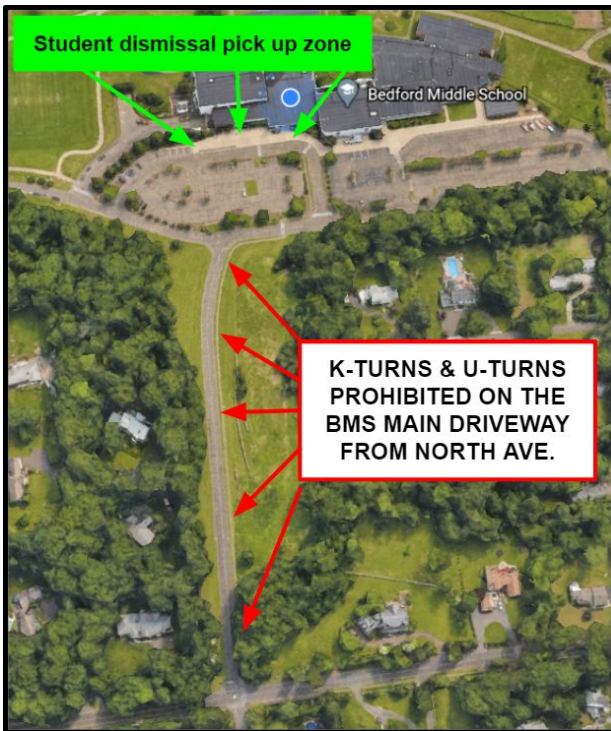
NEXT SCHOOL WEEK'S SCHEDULE: MARCH 22ndh-19th		
DAY, DATE	IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT	SCHEDULE ROTATION

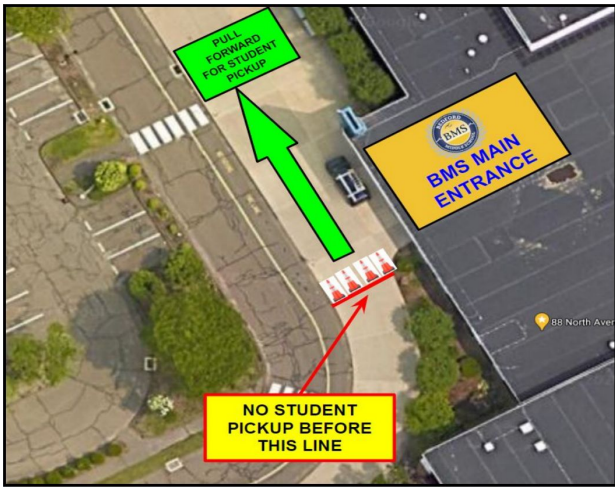
Monday, 03/22/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	D-Day
Tuesday, 03/23/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	C-Day
Wednesday, 03/24/2021	REMOTE LEARNING ½ DAY	E-Day
Thursday, 03/25/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	B-Day
Friday, 03/26/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	A-Day

NOTICE TO ALL DRIVERS PICKING UP BMS STUDENTS DURING AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

K-turns and U-turns on the BMS main entrance driveway coming from North Avenue are strictly prohibited! BMS is in receipt of numerous complaints from alarmed and concerned parents and guardians. I have directly observed this dangerous driving behavior and urgently request your full cooperation. This hazardous driving behavior needs to stop immediately for the safety of our students, your children.

- All student pick ups must happen in front of the school building;
- K-turns and U-turns on the BMS driveway are dangerous and prohibited;
- If you are sending an older sibling, nanny, caretaker or relative to BMS for pickup, please share this message with them, thank you.





IMPORTANT STUDENT TECH REMINDERS!

Students need to bring their school-issued Chromebooks to school CHARGED and in the protective case every day. BMS does not have spare devices or chargers on hand. Students are not permitted to bring their personal devices to school, however, they are welcome to use them at home on distance learning days.

- If students have a technical or physical issue with their device, they can report to the LMC, and the LMC staff will evaluate it and troubleshoot. If the device can not be repaired by the LMC staff, they may swap it out with another device OR provide a loaner while the device is being repaired by a Westport Public School IT technician.
- Please remember that if students have technical issues while learning from home an adult at home can contact the Distance Learning Tech Support. Here is a [link](#) (it is also a button on the bottom left of the BMS homepage)

Prior Newsletters

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #1 Week of Sept 8th-11th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #2 Week of Sept 14th-18th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #3 Week of Sept 21st-25th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #4 Week of Sept 29th-Oct 2nd](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #5 Week Oct 5th-9th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #6 Week of Oct 12th-16th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #7 Week of Oct 19th-23rd](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #8 Week of Oct 26th-30th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #9 Week of Nov 2nd-6th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #10 Week of Nov 9th-13th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #11 Week of Nov 16th-20th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #12 Week of Nov 23rd-25th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #13 Week of Nov 30th-Dec 4th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #14 Week of Dec 7th-Dec 11th](#)

[BMS/CMS Newsletter #15 Week of Dec 14th-Dec 18th](#)

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[BMS Newsletter #18 Jan 11th-15th](#)

[BMS Newsletter #19 Jan 19th-22nd](#)

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