



2020-2021

Newsletter #24, March 1st-5th

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

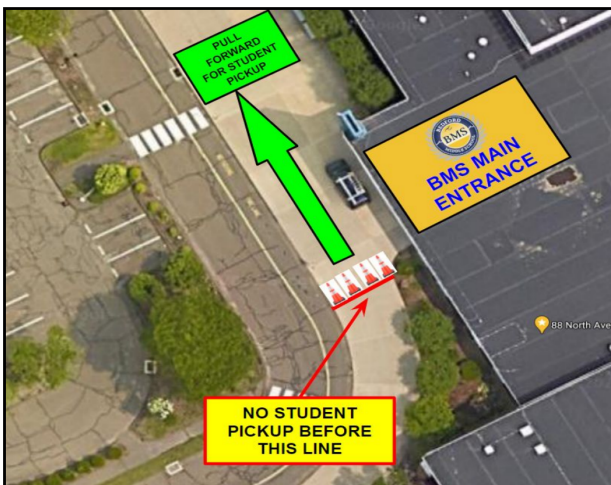
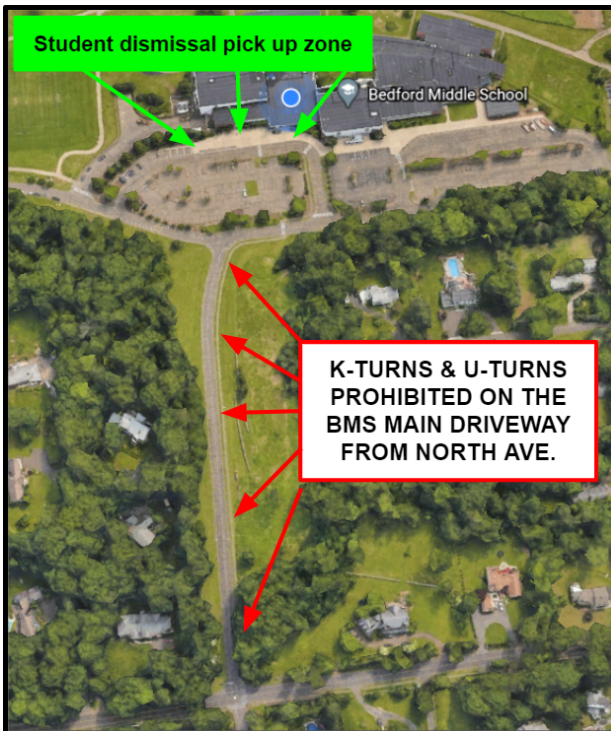
BMS and CMS will continue to implement the [Full-Open Model](#) (included in the table below) until further notice; we will provide our entire school community with ample notice if future conditions allow for additional changes. Here are the updated attendance policy and procedures: [Middle School Attendance Policy & Procedures](#)

FULL-OPEN FOR BOTH COHORTS WITH REMOTE LEARNING WEDNESDAY					
Begin at start of 3rd marking period on Monday, February 1st					
Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:30	Student Arrival Supervision		½ day remote learning (8:30-12:30)	Student Arrival Supervision	
8:30-2:45	Full-open for Cohorts A and B			Full-open for Cohorts A and B	
2:45-3:00	Dismissal			Dismissal	
3:00-3:30	Distance Learning Cohort			Distance Learning Cohort	

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.



NWEA MAP Assessments

Next week, students will take the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth test from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). Testing will occur during regular school hours in core-academic periods. These are full school days (8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.) and this will be administered to students on the following dates:

- BMS 6th Grade Red Team: March 9 & 11 (Tuesday & Thursday)
- BMS 6th Grade Green & Purple Teams: March 8 & 12 (Monday & Friday)
- BMS 7th Grade Teams: March 9 & 12 (Tuesday & Friday)
- BMS 8th Grade Teams: March 8 & 9 (Monday & Tuesday)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

- Students must arrive at school on time and with a fully charged Chromebook especially during testing days.

- Please have your student bring a book to read; students will not be permitted to leave the classroom or be on an electronic device other than for the test.

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. The music teachers designed a modified lesson schedule that allows for maximum physical spacing and assures that lessons occur during different classes for each rotation; the frequency of music lessons is reduced this spring due to space limitations. Students with classroom assessments or other in-class projects that can't be made up, may be able to attend an alternate lesson period or may be excused if one isn't able to be scheduled; should a conflict occur, students are to email or contact their music teacher prior to their lesson. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's music teacher.

PTA Reflections Contest Announcement

We are proud to announce that each of our local middle school PTA Reflections Contest winners placed at the state level as well! The artists will receive recognition from the CT PTA for the following awards:

- Alexandra Emmert CMS - 1st Place in the category of Film Production
- Nina Katz, BMS - 2nd Place in the category of Dance Choreography
- Julia Rabinalek, BMS - 2nd Place in the category of Music Composition
- Veronica Rodrigo, BMS - 2nd Place in the category of Visual Arts

Unfortunately, the state will not be holding their in-person celebration this year, but each winner will receive a medal and recognition in their winners' presentation. We are so proud of these artists for representing our school and community so well. Congratulations to all of you!

UPDATE: Transition to Staples High School

- This week, 8th graders on the Green and Red teams had individual meetings with their 8th grade school counselor regarding their 9th grade course registration.
- During the week of March 15th, the 8th graders from the 8th grade Purple team will have their meetings with their school counselor.
- Individual students who did not have their meeting or are in the Distance Cohort will be notified of their scheduled meeting during the week of March 15th.
- Parents are encouraged to view their student's grade 9 course requests in Powerschool at this time.
- 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

Did You Know ...

Women's History Month started in California as Women's History Week

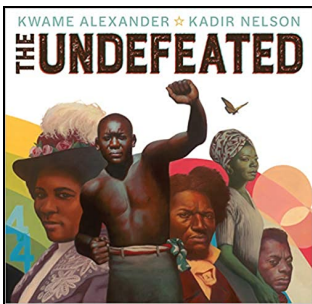


Women's History Month began as a **local celebration in Santa Rosa, California**. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

Our Final Black History Month Entry

[Watch Kwame Alexander read *The Undeclared*](#)

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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 \(MAO Extra Help\)](#)

BMS THEATRICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS!

Bedford Theater Company Presents: "BMS Without Borders: Scenes, Songs & Monologues from Around the World." All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to audition. Please visit the [Bedford Theater Company Homepage \(LINK\)](#) for all information relating to the auditions and performance.

NEXT SCHOOL WEEK'S SCHEDULE: MARCH 8th-12th

DAY, DATE	IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT	SCHEDULE ROTATION
Monday, 03/08/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	B-Day
Tuesday, 03/09/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	A-Day
Wednesday, 03/10/2021	REMOTE LEARNING ½ DAY	C-Day
Thursday, 03/11/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	E-Day

Friday, 03/12/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	D-Day
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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](#)

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