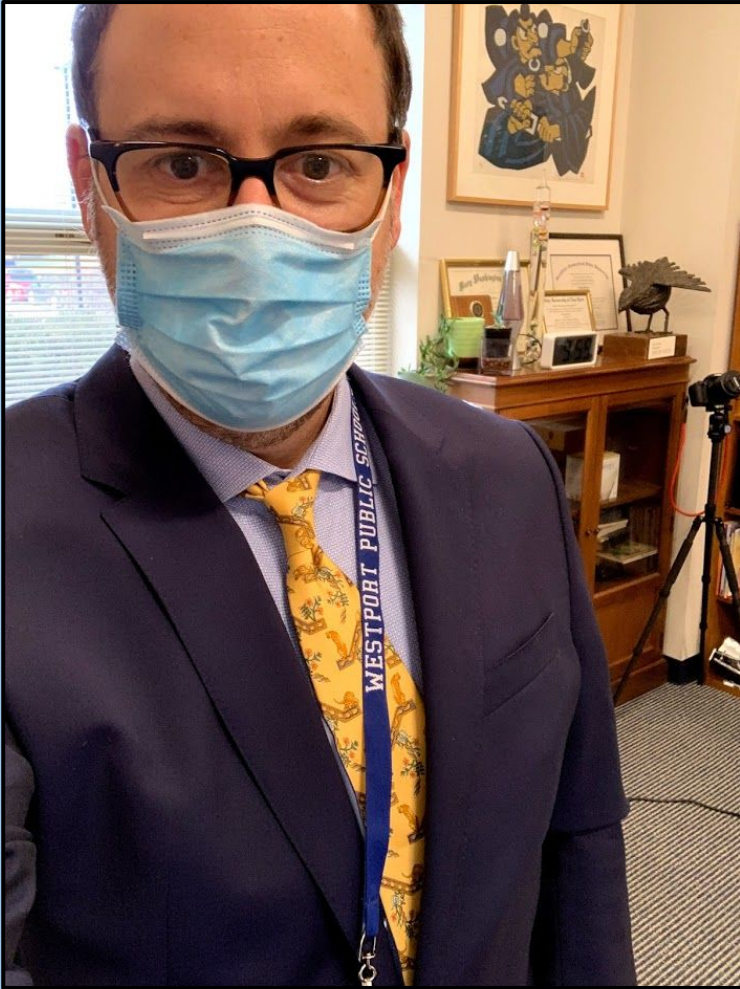


**Welcome to the Bedford
Middle School 6th Grade
Virtual Visit for the
2021-2022 School Year**





STAFF

INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Rosen, BMS Principal



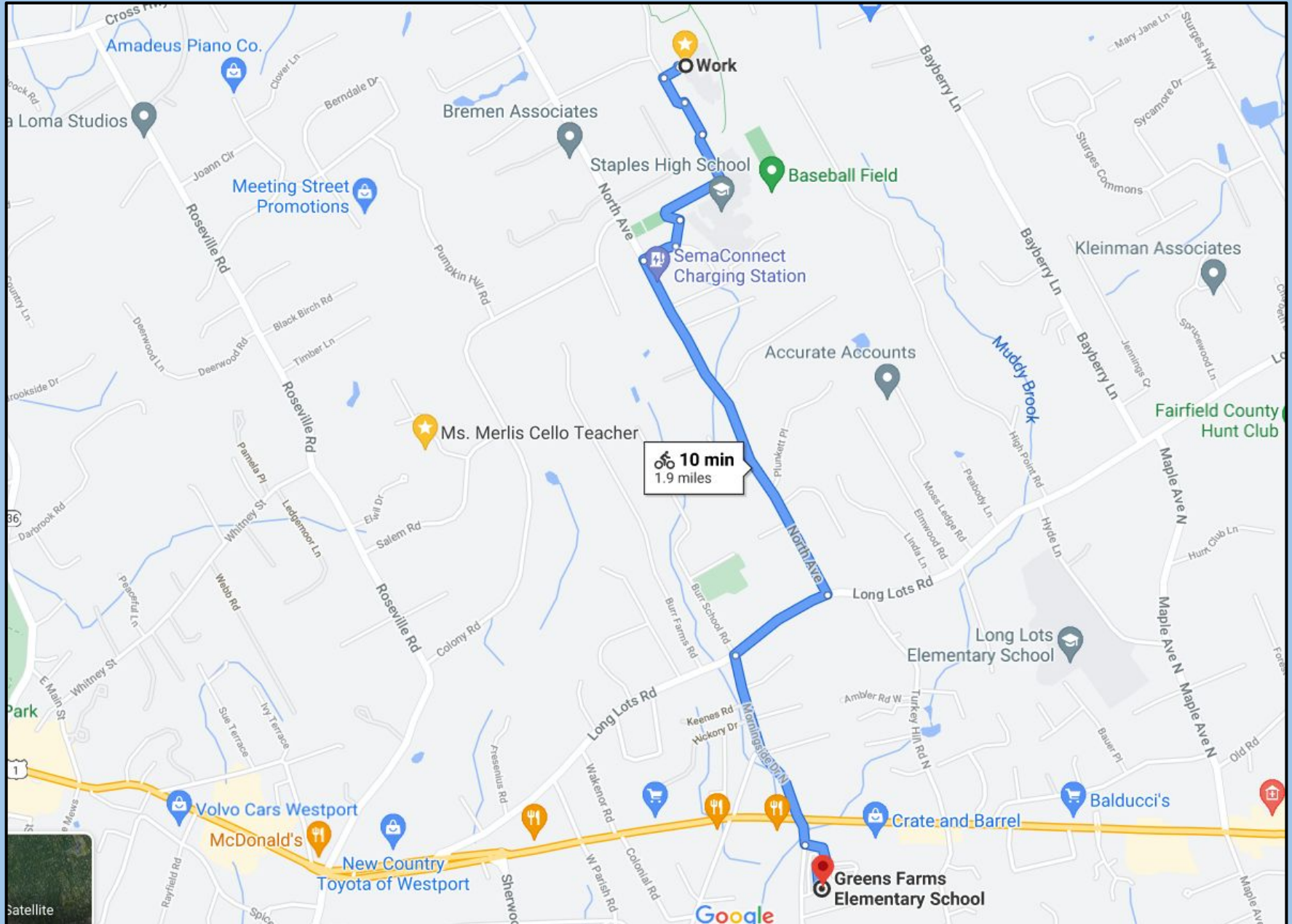
**We are proud to welcome all incoming
6th graders from our 3 feeder schools:
Long Lots, Saugatuck and Greens Farm
Elementary Schools!**

**We also welcome-in many new students
that move into Westport!**

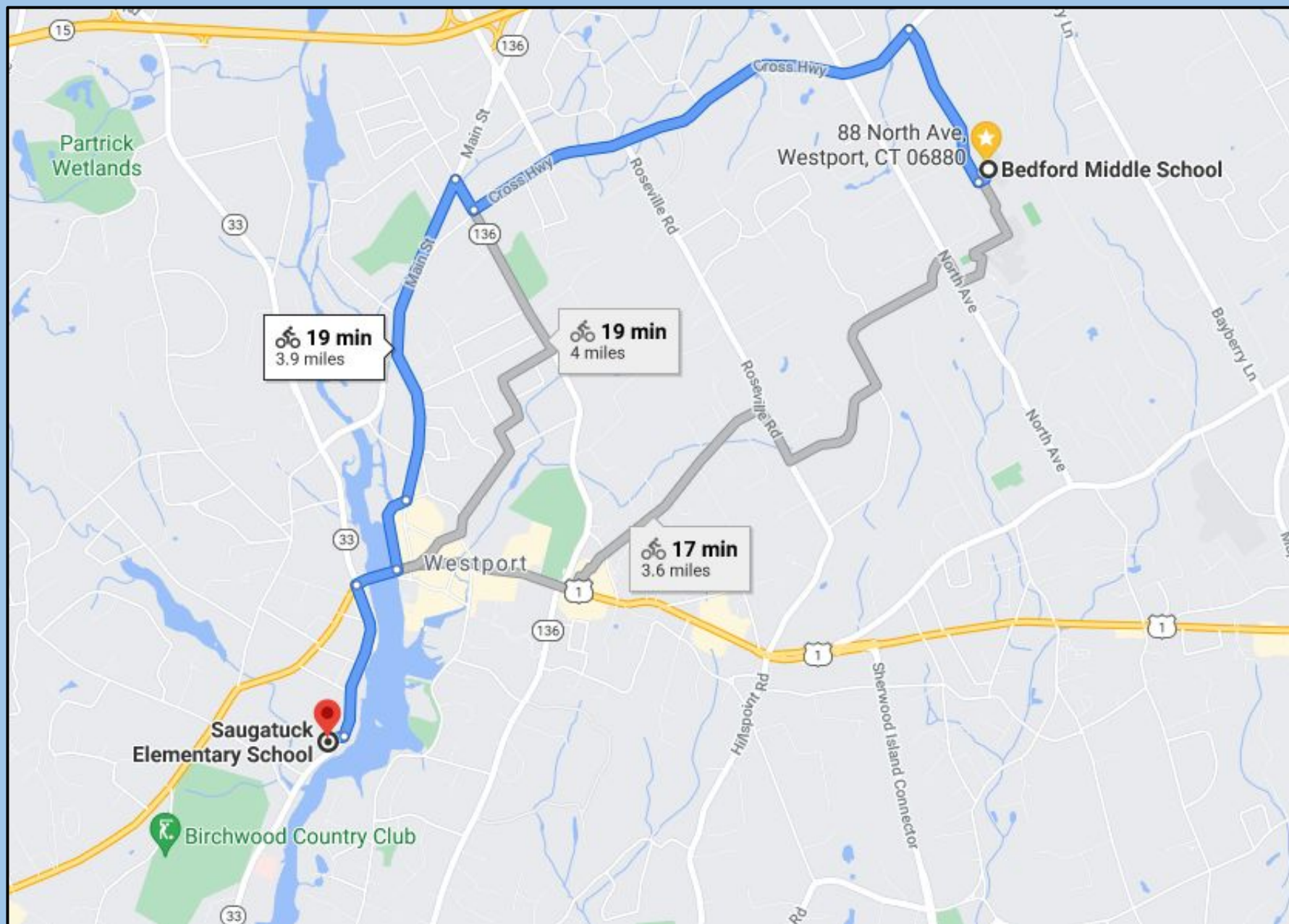
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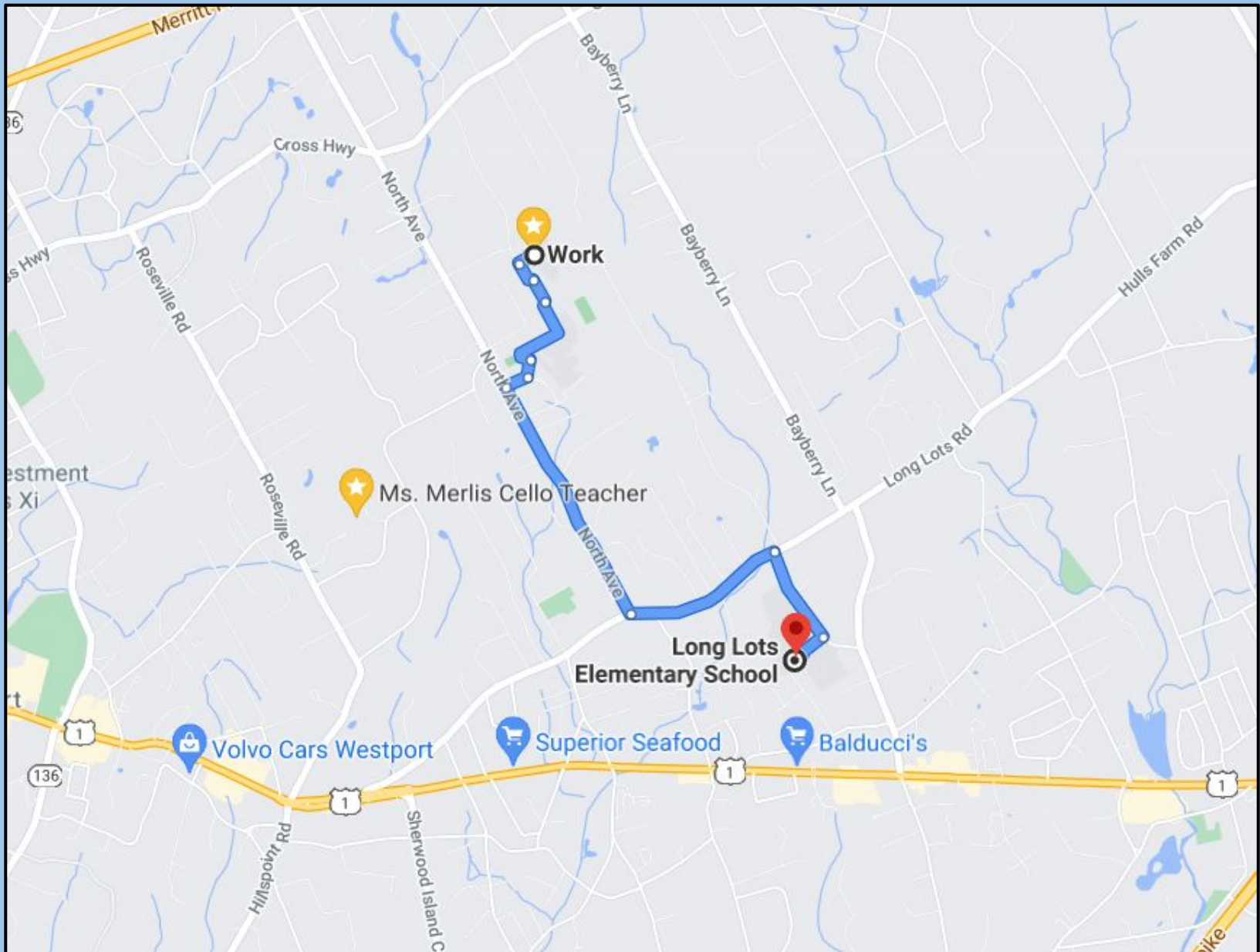
GFS to BMS



SES to BMS



LLS to BMS



Setting the Stage: Our Core Beliefs

1. Middle school should be a happy and joyful place for our students and staff.
2. Students should have positive and supportive relationships with each other and our staff.
3. Students should have a sense of belonging in an area of special interest and emerging talent.
4. Students, teachers and staff should withhold assumptions and treat each other fairly.
5. Students and staff should be physically, emotionally and intellectually safe.



Kind People
Are **OUR**
Kinda People
BMS

BMS Basics

- **Three elementary schools feed into BMS; two feed into CMS**
 - Greens Farms, Saugatuck, Long Lots → BMS
 - Kings Highway and Coleytown → CMS
- **We serve students in grades 6, 7 and 8**
 - Each grade level supported by a counselor and psychologist
 - The counselor and psychologist move up each year with their cohort of students
- **Each grade level is supported by an administrator**
 - BMS Grade 6 Administrator is Adam Rosen
 - BMS Grade 7 Administrator Megan Gallant
 - BMS Grade 8 Administrator Jackie Mellin



BMS Basics

What is a teaching team?

- Teams consist of students approx 90 and 4 core subject teachers, and support staff
- BMS has 9 teaching teams; 3 teams per grade level
- Team colors: GREEN, RED, PURPLE
- Student are 'reshuffled' when assigned to teaching teams each year, 6 to 7 to 8



BMS Basics

What is a pod?

- Pods consists of the 4 core subject classrooms for each teaching team: Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies
- Shared 'pods' for all teams

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 9 period schedule
 - 5 periods core instruction; daily double block
 - 3 periods Encore courses
 - 1 period lunch

BMS Basics: Core & Encore Courses

Core Courses - Daily

- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

Encore Courses (each week)

- Art (2x)
- World Language [Spanish, French, or Mandarin] (daily)
- Engineering & Design (STEM) (6th & 7th 1x; 8th 2x)
- Physical Education (3x)
- Health (1x)
- Theatre Arts (1x for gds. 6, 7 only)
- Music [Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Music Technology] (2x)



- **Arrival and dismissal**
- **Student daily schedule 8:30-3:15**



BMS Basics: Co Curricular Programming (Clubs & Activities)

- **NOTE:** Some activities may not run at all while we are in the hybrid/distance learning models;
- Please check the BMS homepage for the updated booklet approx. 2-3 weeks into the new school year!

- Intramurals (afternoon sports)
- Student news program
- Theater
- Image Literary Magazine
- Ursus Student Newspaper
- Robotics/Maker Club
- Biotechnology Club
- Science Olympiad
- History Day Club
- Art Collective
- Comic Book Club
- Math Club
- Spirit and Leadership Committee
- Jazz Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Chamber Orchestra
- Camerata
- Percussion Ensemble
- Steel Drum Band
- School Garden Club

BMS Basics: Tech That May Be New To You

- **PowerSchool:** Our student information system; teachers, students and parents all have separate logins to access.
- **Schoology:** Every teacher maintains a Schoology page to manage all aspects of their course, i.e. assignments, assessments, due dates, etc. All students start their day in Schoology.
- **Google Classroom:** Some teachers include Google Classroom; students are redirected from Schoology
- **ZOOM:** Platform for live online synchronous classes and meetings
- **Google Meet:** Google's version of ZOOM meeting
- **Google-Suites** (Google Apps for Education): Every student assigned a school-based gmail address; we use docs and sheets
- **MySchoolBucks.com:** Students' touchless and cashless payment system for school lunch

Instructional Tech for Students

- Parents do not need to purchase a laptop
- All students will be assigned a Chromebook with case and charging cable
- Students must use their assigned Chromebook at school; personal devices are not permitted
- Students are to bring their Chromebook to school, and charge at home overnight.



OUTDOOR SEATING FOR LUNCHTIME!





4-Square and Basketball at
Recess Every Day!



Keys to Success:

- **6th Grade Orientation - At BMS on Monday, August 30, 2021, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
- **Back to School Night for Parents in September, 2021**

Dr. Rosen's doggie...



SIZZLES!



BMS Parent Teacher Association

- **PTA membership**
 - Online access to BMS Family Directory
 - Volunteering at PTA Events
- **PTA Emails**
 - Automatic upon registration
 - PTA web page on the BMS school website (<http://bms.westportps.org/>)
- **PTA General Meetings**
- **PTA Online Updates and Calendar**
 - For PTA updates, go to the BMS website and click on the PTA Tab

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