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**GOLD CROWN
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Bedford Middle School's
Student Newspaper

PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT

BMS enjoyed a positive and, despite a temporary facilities setback and tropical storm, a very smooth opening week back at school. Thank you parents and guardians for sending us exceptionally well-prepared students. This week, our students upheld their responsibilities regarding active learning and also health, hygiene and safety practices. It is evident that our school community has joined together to make the complex task of schooling at Bedford work well in the best interest of our students and school community.

I want to express my utmost admiration and sincere gratitude for the masterful teaching, ever present professionalism and joyful creativity demonstrated by our faculty and staff who continuously act in the best interest of our students.

SCENES FROM BMS

MASK BREAK RECESS



TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES





LUNCH



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6th-10th

<i>DAY/DATE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>
Monday, 9/06/21	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, 9/07/21	No School - Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, 9/08/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)
Thursday, 9/09/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)
Friday, 9/10/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13th-17th

<i>DAY/DATE</i>	<i>SCHEDULE</i>
Monday, 9/13/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)

Tuesday, 9/14/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)
Wednesday, 9/15/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)
Thursday, 9/16/21	No School - Yom Kippur
Friday, 9/17/21	Full School Day (8:30am-3:15pm)

BMS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

BMS Back to School Night will be held virtually; recorded video presentations will be made available to all parents and guardians on:

- BMS Grade 6 Back to School Night, Sept. 13th
- BMS Grades 7 & 8 Back to School Night, Sept. 14th

Parents and guardians will receive an email from BMS with instructions on how to navigate our Back to School Night site to access the presentations; please stay tuned for further information.

SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE POLICY

The Safe School Climate Policy states that each and every school community member should be treated with dignity, should have the opportunity to learn, work, interact, and socialize in physically, emotionally and intellectually safe respectful and positive school environments as well as the opportunity to experience high quality relationships. We work together with staff, students and community members to promote conditions designed to create, maintain, and nurture a positive school climate. The Bullying Intervention and Prevention Policy states that we are responsible for creating and maintaining an educational environment that is physically, emotionally and intellectually safe and thus free from bullying, teen dating violence, harassment and discrimination. In accordance with state law and the Board's Safe School Climate Plan, the Board expressly prohibits any form of bullying behavior on school grounds, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function or program, whether on or off school grounds, at a school bus stop, on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased or used by a local or regional board of education, or through the use of an electronic device or an electronic mobile device owned, leased or used by the Board of Education. We will be reviewing all of this information in school with all students attending CMS/BMS. Please review these policies and discuss them with your children.

LINKS:

- [Bullying Intervention and Prevention Policy](#)
- [Safe School Climate Plan](#)
- [Westport Guiding Principles](#)

SCHOOL POLICY SPOTLIGHT: STUDENT ATTIRE

As a timely reminder, we expect our students and families to recognize that Bedford Middle School is a learning environment; expectations for attire are distinctly different from what may be deemed acceptable for beachwear or SCUBA diving. At Bedford, the occasion is academics and learning in a public school environment; the Bedford Middle School teachers and staff fully expect our students to wear attire to school that commensurate and respectful to our learning environment. For additional information, please refer to the [school attire guidelines found in our handbook](#).

VISIT THE BMS STUDENT NEWSPAPER **URSUS.NEWS**

Comments on articles are encouraged, and if you have a letter to the editor or an op-ed, we'd be glad to consider publishing your thoughts. [LINK TO URSUS](#)

VISIT THE AMAZING BMS LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER SITE

So many amazing titles! Please visit the [BMS LMC website](#) for more details. We have the ebooks and audiobooks available in Sora.

AWESOME ONLINE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

- [BMS Students Online Learning Resources Organized by Subject Area](#)
- [Parent Tutorial \(video\): Basics on Using Schoology and PowerSchool \(for parents\)](#)
- [BMS Library Media Center Presents: READING FROM HOME \(for students and parents\)](#)
- [Schoology: Calendar Tips \(for students\)](#)
- [Schoology: How to View All of Your Courses \(for students\)](#)
- [BMS Homepage](#)
- [Schoology](#)
- [PowerSchool](#)

PARENT TECH HELP

Please contact the parenthelpdesk@westportps.org or 203-341-1214 for technical issues with accessing district resources or district supplied Chromebooks.

Here are helpful directions for student Chromebooks: [Connecting at Home](#) and [Printing at Home](#)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

Many of our Bedford families have been seeking ways to reach out and help members of our community who experience food insecurity. Here are three ways you can help support our community and Homes with Hope Westport:

1. Drop off non-perishable food and/or toiletry donations as usual at the center, but with no contact. Families can leave the food/toiletries at the door. Link to needed items: [Food/Toiletry List](#)
2. Send food/toiletries via Amazon and have it delivered to the center. [Food/Toiletry List](#)
3. Donate funds via the "donate" link on their website. <https://www.hwhct.org/>

Acts of compassion and kindness may help reduce stress, boost immune systems, and help reduce negative emotions such as anger, anxiety, and depression. Furthermore, reaching out and helping others may also increase one's sense of self esteem and emotional wellbeing. Thank you for supporting our community!

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