



# Bluffton-Harrison Middle School

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## *Week-At-A-Glance*

**November 27 – December 2, 2023**

### **Monday, November 27**

RELATED ARTS – **BLACK DAY** (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

3:00-4:30    Talent show rehearsal in cafeteria  
5:30         Girls BB @ South Adams  
5:30         Boys BB – Home vs South Adams

### **Tuesday, November 28**

RELATED ARTS – **RED DAY** (Girls Swim/Boys PE)

3:00-5:00    Robotics Club (pickup at door #5)  
5:30         Girls BB – Home vs Eastbrook  
6:00         Boys BB @ Eastbrook

### **Wednesday, November 29**

RELATED ARTS – **BLACK DAY** (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

MIDTERMS FOR RELATED ARTS, ROTATION 3

### **Thursday, November 30**

RELATED ARTS – **RED DAY** (Girls Swim/Boys PE)

6:45-7:30am    Campus Life student breakfast w/Garrett Bucher in the upper gym (open to all students)  
3:00-5:00       Robotics Club (pickup at door #5)

### **Friday, December 1**

RELATED ARTS – **BLACK DAY** (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

**FRIDAY ICE CREAM SALES AT LUNCH** – Student Council will be selling ice cream products during lunch every Friday. Items are priced at 50¢, \$1.00, and \$1.50 (cannot use lunch account funds – only cash accepted)

### **Saturday, December 2**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**FALL SPORTS:** Dates and times are subject to change. All changes & additions will be bolded.

The Athletic Department is located at the high school. Contact coaches for practice schedules or Kelli Kistler at the athletic department with any questions.

**Athletic Secretary** - Kelli Kistler, 824-3724 ext 7001 or [kkistler@bhmsd.org](mailto:kkistler@bhmsd.org)

**Girls Basketball, 7<sup>th</sup> grade** - Coach Lauren Brinneman, 824-3536 ext 6104 or [lbrinneman@bhmsd.org](mailto:lbrinneman@bhmsd.org)

**Girls Basketball, 8<sup>th</sup> grade** - Coach Jeff Blair, 824-3536 ext 6155 or [jblair@bhmsd.org](mailto:jblair@bhmsd.org)

**Boys Basketball, 7<sup>th</sup> grade** - Coach Brett Bothast, (765) 348-9079 or [bbothast@gmail.com](mailto:bbothast@gmail.com)

**Boys Basketball, 8<sup>th</sup> grade** - Coach Matthew Sturgeon, (260) 273-5116 or [mathewsturgeon311@gmail.com](mailto:mathewsturgeon311@gmail.com)

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Nov 13, 5:00pm @ Riverview

Nov 16, 5:30pm – Home vs St. Joseph Catholic

Nov 20, 5:30pm @ Adams Central

Nov 27, 5:30pm @ South Adams

Nov 28, 5:30pm – Home vs Easbrook

Dec 4, 5:30pm – Home vs Southern Wells

Dec 7, 6:00pm @ Jay County

Dec 11, 5:30pm – Home vs Heritage

Dec 14, 5:30pm – Home vs Paul Harding JH

Dec 18, 5:30pm – Home vs Summit

Dec 19, 5:30pm @ Norwell

Jan 3, 5:30pm @ Blackford

Jan 4, 5:30 pm @ Woodlan

**Jan 6, 9:00am @ Adams Central Tournament**

Jan 11, 5:30pm – Home vs Northfield

Jan 16, 5:30pm @ McCulloch JH

Jan 22, 5:30pm – ACAC Round 1 – TBA

Jan 24, 5:30pm – ACAC Round 2 – TBA

Jan 27, 10:00am – ACAC Championship @ Southern Wells

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Nov 13, 5:30pm – Home vs Riverview

Nov 16, 5:00pm @ St. Joseph Catholic

Nov 20, 5:30pm – Home vs Adams Central

Nov 27, 5:30pm – Home vs South Adams

Nov 28, 6:00pm @ Eastbrook

Dec 4, 6:00 pm @ Southern Wells

Dec 7, 5:30pm – Home vs Jay County

Dec 11, 5:30pm @ Heritage

Dec 14, 5:30 pm @ Paul Harding JH

Dec 18, 5:00pm @ Summit MS

Dec 19, 5:30pm – Home vs Norwell

Jan 3, 5:30pm – Home vs Blackford

Jan 4, 5:30pm – Home vs Woodlan

**Jan 9, 6:00pm @ Union City**

Jan 11, **6:00pm** @ Northfield

Jan 16, 5:30pm – Home vs McCulloch

Jan 22, 5:30pm – ACAC Round 1 - TBA

Jan 24, 5:30pm – ACAC Round 2 - TBA

Jan 27, 10:00am – ACAC Championship @ Southern Wells

## **REMINDERS**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** You need to enroll your student(s) online EVERY school year. If you haven't done so yet, you can find the link on the homepage of our district website at [www.bhmsd.org](http://www.bhmsd.org) and click on the ENROLL box (listed as an option on the right side of the homepage). If you have any questions regarding this process, please call or come in. We have a computer set up in the office to help with enrollment.

**NURSE:** **Bethany Clem has office hours of 7:25am – 2:55pm.** If you need to speak with her or drop off medications for your child, you will need to do so during these hours. You can call her at 824-3536 ext 6006 or email at [bcllem@bhmsd.org](mailto:bcllem@bhmsd.org).

**CHROMEBOOKS:** Students have received their Chromebooks with a charger and stylus. Replacement stylus & chargers can be purchased in the office throughout the school year for \$30.00 each (cash or checks payable to BHMSD). Chromebook damage fees for breaks or lost or stolen Chromebooks will be assessed and a statement emailed to the first 2 contacts listed in PowerSchool. Students will also receive a paper copy of their statement if damages occur.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS:** If your child plans to participate in a sport this year, a physical MUST be on file before they can participate in practice. Yearly physicals must be done April 1 or after to qualify for the current school year. Bluffton HS & MS will continue to use Final Forms to house and collect all Pre-Participation

Physicals, Tiger Contract, IHSA requirements and Waivers. Students will only need to turn in a paper copy of the physical form. All required paperwork to participate in Middle School and High School athletics need to be gathered electronically. **Physical forms are available at most doctor's offices as well as the school office.** We also have a link on our school website, [www.bhmsd.org](http://www.bhmsd.org). Click on the menu option at the top right corner. At that point a red bar will show across the top of the page. Click on Extracurricular (do not choose from the drop down menu, just click on Extracurricular). A page with options will show on the screen. Choose IHSA Physical Form. **For questions, please call the high school at 824-3724 and ask for Kelli Kistler in the athletic department.** Steps to complete:

1. Parents complete information and sign waivers (sign-in or create a new account)
2. Students logs in to their school email and signs waivers
3. A paper copy of the physical may be needed at the doctor's office (most doctor offices will provide one)
4. Physicals are to be turned into the school athletic office after exam or uploaded directly to Final Forms.
5. A full set of directions for Final Forms can be found on our website at [www.bhmsd.org](http://www.bhmsd.org)

**BUS POLICY & TRANSPORTATION CHANGES:** Students are not permitted to ride a different bus home with a friend. Students are assigned to one bus only w/exceptions considered. (ex: AM rides from home, PM goes to babysitter.) **Families are not able to change a student's after school transportation for a short-term solution, other than to change the student's status from a bus rider to a car rider or walker.** Parents must communicate with their bus driver prior to the start of the school year. If the driver is not aware that your child will be riding, the student cannot ride the bus. Students are able to ride an alternate bus to the Boys & Girls Club which will not impact their regular bus assignment. Students are not able to eat or drink on the bus. If a transportation change happens during the school day, please call the office or email [mstrans@bhmsd.org](mailto:mstrans@bhmsd.org) by 2:30pm. **If you have any questions regarding transportation, please reach out to our routing coordinator, Cassandra Osborn at 824-2620 ext. 1008.**

**MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the responsibility of the student to check with the teacher(s) for make-up assignments. Students are discouraged from taking family vacations during the school year. Students who travel during the school year are responsible for meeting with the teacher prior to the absence. Teachers are NOT expected to have work available for students prior to their vacation time. A teacher email and extension listing is attached to the Week-at-a-Glance posted to Parent Square every Friday.

**STUDENT INFO:** It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact information for you and your student(s) in case of an emergency. **Please call the office throughout the year with any changes** in address, phone numbers, email addresses, medical info, bus changes, etc. This goes for you, your student, and their emergency contacts' information.

**STUDENT LUNCHES cost \$2.75/day, \$13.75/5 days, \$55.00/20 days.** If you qualify for reduced lunches, they are 40¢/day. These prices include one milk, but do NOT include extra items for purchase, such as chips, cookies, and water bottle/juice/extra milk (checks payable to BHMS Lunch – Please write student's name on check). Contact our head cook, April Engle, with any questions about your student's lunch account by calling the office or emailing [aengle@bhmsd.org](mailto:aengle@bhmsd.org). **NOTE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES: TRCF (lunch assistance) expires each year, so you will need to apply by October 1 if you believe your income qualifies.** Forms are available in the office if your income changes at any point throughout the year.

#### **LUNCH TIMES FOR 2023-24**

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 11:05-11:35** (2-HR DELAY 11:30-12:00)

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 11:55-12:25** (2-HR DELAY 12:40-1:10)

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 11:30-12:00** (2-HR DELAY 12:05-12:35)

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 12:40-1:10** (2-HR DELAY 1:10-1:40)

## RELATED ARTS CLASSES

The following related arts classes are on a 6-week rotation: Exploring World Languages 8, Art, Basic Skills-Digital Citizenship, and Health. If your student has these classes, teachers will be sending progress reports on the following dates. Swimming and Physical Education are semester-long classes and are the same as core classes in terms of grade reporting. If you have any questions, you may contact Stacy Herrold, Assistant Principal.

Course	Start Date	Midterm Date	End Date
Rotation 1	August 9	August 25	September 15
Rotation 2	September 18	October 6	November 3
Rotation 3	November 6	November 29	December 21
Rotation 4	January 8	January 25	February 16
Rotation 5	February 20	March 14	April 12
Rotation 6	April 15	May 2	May 23

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** If you wish to purchase student accident insurance, use this link: [www.studentinsurance-kk.com](http://www.studentinsurance-kk.com)

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:** If you have any questions regarding our policies at BHMS, you can locate our student handbook on our website at [www.bhmsd.org](http://www.bhmsd.org)

- Click on the “Students” link on the red bar at the top of the page
- Choose “Middle School Student Handbook” on the right hand side
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school policies, please contact Mr. Stacy Herrold, our assistant principal. He can be reached at 824-3536 ext. 6001 or [sherrold@bhmsd.org](mailto:sherrold@bhmsd.org)

**PAPER GATOR - Located behind the school by Door #4:** All paper, newspaper, hardcover & paperback books, phone books, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail can all be collected in the Paper Gator. BHMS receives a commission every time we fill the Gator. Please consider dropping off your paper items here. Thank you for your support of this program! **NO CARDBOARD ACCEPTED!**

**YEARBOOKS: Last year’s yearbooks have sold out!** 2023-24 yearbooks will be for sale in the spring of 2024. Order forms will go home with students then.

**LOST & FOUND:** We encourage student names be written on lunchboxes, coats, clothing tags, etc. to help cut down on unclaimed lost & found items that are donated to the Bargain Hut every quarter.