# BRITTANY WOOD DS MIDDLE SCHOOL www.ucityschools.org/BWMS 8125 Balson Avenue • University City, MO 63130 • 314-290-4280

Justin Davis, Principal

Welcome to Brittany Woods Middle School. We are committed to academic excellence for all students, and we strive to be a place where everyone belongs. Academic offerings include core subject areas with regular and advanced courses, as well as electives for music, foreign language, art and industrial technology. Students learn not only in the classroom, but also through extracurricular activities like the Soaring Eagles robotics club, coding club and more.

## **Assistant Principals**

Sixth Grade: Darrin Young Seventh Grade: Yvonne Rooks, EdD Eighth grade: Ife Williams

## **School Mission**

The Four Cs: Commit, Communicate, Collaborate, Create

#### History

Brittany Woods Middle School was originally built as a junior high and named for the nearby subdivision. Designed by William B. Ittner during the city's peak population growth, it opened in 1955. The 2009 Prop. U bond issue supported the building of a new library media center and classroom addition that opened in 2011 when sixth-graders joined the middle school population. Additional renovations funded by the 2013 bond issue include offices, science labs and new lockers. An outdoor pavilion/classroom was added to the school's courtyard in the summer of 2021.

# Academic Program

Accelerated Classes:

Brittany Woods Middle School strives to prepare every student for success in high school and beyond by providing a curriculum that includes core academic work and a broad range of electives to develop individual interests and talents.

#### Electives:

French Band Choir Dance Latin Orchestra Drama Computer Spanish App Creators Industrial Tech. Science

Geometry

Family & Consumer Science Design & Modeling Automation & Robotics Sustainability

Talented And Gifted Development (TAGD)

Career Pathways: Project Lead The Way

Algebra

Join us on our journey of **Learning Reimagined**, a path to Humanize, Personalize and Problematize student education through modern, rigorous and relevant learning experiences.













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Pre-Algebra







#### Well-Being and Joy

Students learn better when they feel loved, safe, included and challenged. District teachers are expected to teach with the head and heart with the understanding positive relationships are the foundation of learning. Teachers and staff are trained to be trauma-informed and culturally responsive. All schools participate in restorative practices to build community and relationships and repair harm when a wrong has been done. A multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) is employed for students facing academic or social-emotional challenges. The social-emotional climate in all district schools is measured twice a year through a Panorama survey system. Students and staff participate in mindfulness activities, restorative circles and community service projects to build self-awareness, empathy and student voice.

# A Community School

Brittany Woods operates under the Community School model. A model that promotes children's learning and development by expanding educational, health, social and recreation services through partnerships with outside groups and resources, intense coordination of services, and extra programs to enhance parent and community engagement. Under this model, Brittany Woods offers unique programs and services:

- Extra learning opportunities through educational enrichment
- Advisory program incorporating social emotional learning, reading time and ALEKs math supports
- Consistent access to adult guidance and support
- · Convenient student and staff access to health, dental and mental health services
- · A comprehensive parent involvement program that includes special events and activities

#### **School Partnerships**

Alive & Well Communities • Big Brothers Big Sisters • One U City Collaborative • COCA • Gateway to Oral Health Foundation • Global Hack • Kids Vision for Life • Lutheran Family & Child Services • Preferred Family Health • Special School District • TWIGS • UC Public Library • Visiting Nurses Association • WYMAN Teen Outreach Program • many more

#### **School-sponsored Activities**

Black Heritage Program • College Tours • Eighth-Grade Career Fair • HistoryMakers • Honors Assemblies • Parent-Student Workshops • 5th to 6th Grade Transition Programs and Events • Teacher Appreciation Receptions Sister Circle, Drum Line, Environmental Club, Civil Rights trip, Chicken- and Beekeeping, Giving Garden

#### **Extra-curricular Programs:**

Sports: Archery • Baseball • Basketball • Cheerleading • Cross Country • Flag Football • Golf, Soccer • Softball • Swimming • Tennis • Track & Field • Wrestling

Tutoring/Learning Lab: English Language Arts • Math • Science • Social Studies

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Clubs/Organizations: Art Squad • Board Games • Book Battle • Coding • Drama • Equations • Gay Straight Alliance • Lego Club • Makerspace • Piano • Pop Orchestra • Robotics • Step Team • Yearbook

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All schools in The School District of University City are designated as Title I. Each school receives federal funding to provide extra services to students, coaching and professional development for teachers and parent involvement activities.

