



Parent/Student Handbook 2024–2025

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The mission of the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School is to maximize the academic, emotional, physical, and social growth of ALL students.

Our distinguished torches will never be extinguished!

PURPOSE OF HANDBOOK

The information in this handbook is a summary of policies of the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School. It is designed to inform students and parents of the policies governing the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School., It is a guide for students while on the school campus, in transition to and from school, as well as at school-sponsored events.

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Bertha C. Boschulte



Bertha C. Boschulte was born on March 30, 1906 on St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.

The administrators, faculty, and staff of the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, as well as the entire Virgin Islands community, bid farewell to this female legend of the United States Virgin Islands on August 18, 2004. We mourned the passing of our beloved heroine, Miss Bertha C. Boschulte, at the delicate age of 98. To many who cherished her, her name will live on at the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School. It will stand as a memoriam of her laudable contributions to almost a century of students whom she touched and was a role model throughout the community.

Notwithstanding, being a positive advocate for school issues, Miss Boschulte made her way through the ranks of education, politics, and women’s issues, with slight interruption while becoming a public health statistician. Miss Boschulte exemplified a pioneer of social, educational, and political issues in bettering the livelihood of our U.S. Virgin Islanders as she used her voice to sound the clarion call while serving on many boards and commissions. Untiringly, over the years, Miss Boschulte became a member of many recognizable national organizations and other special committees of the government. She was the co-founder of the Independent Citizen’s Movement (ICM) – the third political party in the V.I. She was also instrumental in planning and organizing the St. Thomas Evening School and the St. Thomas Teachers’ Institute—geared towards certification and professional growth for educators. She served as an instructor in both programs for many years.

Miss Boschulte, our legend, our icon, our heroine, has held numerus significant positions of the highest caliber in government. It would be a monumental task for anyone to emulate her record of accomplishments.

Principal's Message

Blessings Parents/Guardians and Students

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School. "B.C.B. IS THE PLACE TO BE!" means we strive for positivity every day. For our faculty, staff, and students, this school is our "home away from home," providing an environment of peace and comfort for teaching, learning, and growth.

Our mission is to "maximize the academic, emotional, physical, and social growth of ALL students." We focus on data, ensuring every student knows their academic status regularly, with immediate support for improvement. Students will understand that "school is their job," and their "payment" is the grades and skills they acquire. They are expected to progress through each marking period and grade level successfully.

The entire B.C.B.M.S. faculty and staff pledge to educate and support our students, helping them become life-long learners with the skills needed for success. We will encourage them to keep the "torch of knowledge burning brightly for a better future." When our scholars are promoted they will make us all proud.

It is crucial to embrace and implement the information in this handbook, as well as other guidance from the *Virgin Islands Department of Education* and the *Virgin Islands Board of Education*. Please read and familiarize yourselves with this handbook as it guides our school community.

We look forward to working with you throughout this school year, celebrating your child's successes, building relationships, and ensuring that —

"Our DISTINGUISHED TORCH will NEVER be EXTINGUISHED!"

Educationally,



Terence I. Corbett
Principal

Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School Belief Statement

We Believe that:

- ♦ Quality education necessitates that home, school, and the community work together.
- ♦ All students can achieve their maximum potential.
- ♦ A safe, secure, nurturing, and non-threatening environment creates a successful and productive school.
- ♦ A committed faculty and staff guide our students toward success.
- ♦ Teacher input, collaboration, innovation, and positive morale are essential to achieving our goals.
- ♦ A curriculum that validates multiple intelligences meets the educational needs of all students.
- ♦ Teaming addresses the diversity of each individual student's academic needs and learning styles.
- ♦ Integration of educational technology throughout the curriculum prepares students for tomorrow's world.
- ♦ Successful students exhibit good social skills, academic achievement, and good behavior.

ESTABLISHED
August 1978

SCHOOL COLORS
Maroon and Gold

SCHOOL SYMBOL
Torch (Blazer)

School Day

The school day for students begins at **7:25 a.m.** and ends at **2:25 p.m.** Breakfast is served from **6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.**

SCHEDULE



**Campus is closed to visitors during lunch to allow for full supervision.*

COMMUNICATION

Students should check their emails and Microsoft Teams on a regular basis. Whenever needed, correspondence will be sent home with students or via email to parents. Students are expected to hand deliver notes to parents/guardians when given. **It is important that parents keep their contact information current in case of an emergency.** Please provide the school with an email address to facilitate paperless contact when possible.

Students and parents can also obtain information by visiting our Facebook page: Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School or scan the code.



Phone Numbers: (340) 775-4222
Mailing Address:

VI Dept. of Education, 1834 Kongens Gade St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

OR

P.O. Box 308088 VDS, St. Thomas, V.I. 00803

Physical Address: # 9-1 & 12 A Estate Bovoni St. Thomas V.I. 00802

PERSONS WHO ARE VISITING THE CAMPUS

- **Must** sign in and obtain a visitor's pass from the main office.
- **SHOW** proper identification.
- **BE** escorted to the person they wish to visit.
- **RETURN** visitor's pass at the end of the visit and sign out.

Student School Pledge

I pledge myself to uphold and cherish the rules,
policies and principles of the Bertha C.

Boschulte Middle School...To always respect
myself, my fellow peers, all adults, my uniform,
and to dedicate my time, talent, and energies
toward the betterment of my school, as I
demonstrate excellence through discipline.

Uniform Policy

per VI Board of Education



- All students must wear a button-down collar shirt, blouse, or polo shirt in their school color. All shirts, blouses or polos must always be tucked into the uniform bottom.
- Students may wear either skirts or pants as uniform bottom. **Skirts must be pleated and have no frills or ornamentation**, and must be worn at the student's knee or below. Pants with loops must be worn with a belt. Leggings **CANNOT** be worn in place of skirts or pants.
- Shoes or footwear **MUST** be black or dark colored and closed. **No open toe shoes, bare feet, slippers, or Crocs are allowed.** Footwear such as flats, dress shoes, sneakers and athletic shoes should not be neon or bright colored.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, beanies, visors, hoodies, or other non-religious or medical (note required) head coverings are not allowed. Sunglasses are not allowed during the instructional day or any related events.
- Hair styles (facial and head) must be clean and not create a distraction.
- Jewelry is limited to: One (1) watch, small pair of earrings no larger than a quarter or longer than one inch, and bracelet.
- Clothing and accessories should not advertise or depict alcohol, drugs, nudity, tobacco products, gang memberships, obscene language or graphics and phrases that are offensive to others or promote fear, violence, or illegal activities.
- Headphones and earbuds are not to be worn anywhere but cafeteria and during class instruction / testing that requires its use.

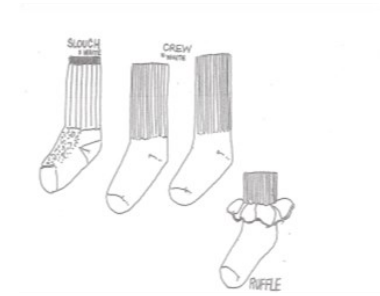
For the full uniform policy, please visit the VI Board of Education at:
<https://www.myviboe.com/policies>

Socks & Outerwear

The styles of socks shown here are the only acceptable/allowable socks that students should wear to school.

Acceptable colors for socks are:

- White
- Yellow
- Beige
- Maroon



If the student is wearing hi-top sneakers, the socks must be clearly visible or pulled up higher than the sneakers.

Jackets and sweaters can only be worn in the classrooms; they must be removed as students move from one class to another. Parents should ensure that jackets and sweaters are properly cleaned.

We continue to require that parents make sure their child (ren) leave home properly dressed, according to the above dress code. Parents will be called to pick up or bring proper attire for their child (ren) who are not in full uniform.

****At B.C.B. Middle School, we strive to maintain a positive and hygienic school atmosphere.**

To ensure a healthy, clean, and comfortable learning environment, we kindly remind parents and students to practice proper hygiene protocols every morning. This includes morning bathing, brushing teeth, and maintaining personal cleanliness. Additionally, school uniforms should be washed regularly to maintain a fresh and presentable appearance.**

Student Identification Cards

Students must wear a current picture ID at all times during school hours.

The B.C.B. ID is a part of the school uniform and will be treated as such. Any student not wearing an ID will be considered out of uniform.

ID badges must be worn in order to board the school bus, upon entering the campus, to attend classes, to enter the Media Center, cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium. Thus, it is imperative that the ID is secured, protected and worn to school daily.

The ID badge is not to be written on, colored on, stickered on or defaced in any manner. Students who deface the ID will be required to purchase a new ID.

The ID can be replaced for **\$15.00** from the main office. This ID can be purchased during the student's lunch period or between classes.

Temporary IDs may be purchased for one day only from the main office for \$2.

If a student is unable to purchase the temporary ID, the parent or guardian will be contacted and the parent may elect to:

- a. Bring the student his/her ID
- b. Allow the student to return home to get the ID
- c. Incur obligation fees to be paid prior to receipt of progress reports/ report cards/ transcripts etc.

**Note: The ID policy is mandatory to ensure the safety of all students at B.C.B.
Full parental/guardian cooperation is required.**

School-wide Rules

Good Behavior is Expected!

BE RESPECTFUL TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

BE THERE AND BE READY.

FOLLOW DIRECTIVES AND DIRECTIONS.

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS' PERSONAL SPACE.

STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

All students are entitled to a quality education. Therefore, students must comply with academic and behavioral standards established in order for this to take place. At B.C.B., a positive behavioral approach will be utilized to ensure recognition of all students who contribute to a positive, learning environment.

All students are entitled to respect from faculty, staff and fellow students. Students also have the responsibility to treat others with respect. Students are not allowed to infringe on the rights of others.

Students should arrive to class on time, in full uniform, and bring the necessary materials to be successful—pen, pencils, paper, required text, devices, assignments, etc. and to actively participate in the lesson presented.

Students must follow all directives and directions given to them by all adults on the BCB campus.

Students are encouraged to refrain from hand-play, rough-housing, running, and jumping as this tends to lead to physical altercations which can result in bodily injury and disciplinary consequences.

Each student is held responsible for his/her own actions. Violation of school rules will result in disciplinary action. Forms of discipline include in-team suspension, detention, suspension, expulsion.

Note ~ Rules for student behavior also extend to school-sponsored and school-related activities, regardless of time and location.

Student Behavior

In order to maintain a safe, healthy learning atmosphere the following rules must be adhered to all times.

Be respectful to ourselves and others.

- Communicate appropriately with adults and peers.
- Use low voices inside classrooms, in hallways, and in the cafeteria. Save loud voices for the playing field.
- Avoid the following behaviors:
 - * Using profanity or obscenity (verbal/non-verbal)
 - * Engaging in abuse such as, but not limited to harassment, sexual harassment, cyberbullying, showing disrespect, teasing, bullying, instigating conflict.
 - * Destroying, defacing, or misusing of the school's or other people's property.
 - * Stealing or touching others' property.
 - * Sitting, spitting in/on water fountains.

Be there and be ready.

- Adhere to the School Uniform Policy. An **ID (and tie for 8th graders)** must be worn as part of the school uniform.
- Students must be in class in their assigned seat at the beginning of class/bell.
- Students must bring the appropriate materials everyday (Ex. paper, pencils, pens, books, etc.).
- Students must do their own work.
- Students are dismissed by the teacher.
- Students must complete classwork and homework on time.

Follow directives and directions.

- Follow the four basic school rules.
- Follow directions of school administrators, teachers monitors, and all other staff members.
- Be sure to follow classroom instructions, including instructions and directions for class assignments, tests, and homework.

Be respectful of others personal space.

- Walk, don't run.
- Avoid horseplay and play-fighting.
- No throwing objects.

Academic Achievement

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

To be listed on the Honor Roll:

Students must receive a minimum overall average of 83% per marking period.

Students must **not** receive a grade of less than 70 in any subject per marking period.

Students must not receive "Needs Improvement" or Unsatisfactory" for attitude in any subject per marking period.

STUDENT AWARDS

Each year the following awards MAY presented to outstanding students:

Departmental Awards - awarded by each department to students receiving an average of "90-100" for the first three marking periods and the midterm exam.

Honor Roll Awards - awarded by the counselors to students who have appeared on the Honor Roll during the first three marking periods.

Competitions - Participants in extra-curricular activities and competitions are recognized.

Most Improved Academically - recognize students whose grade has significantly improved.

Most Improved Behavior - recognize the student in each team whose behavior has improved greatly, selection made by team teachers.

GRADE REPORTING

- Progress reports are distributed five weeks after the start of the marking period.
- Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week marking period.
- Quarterly report cards reflect only work done during that particular marking period.
- Final grades are computed by averaging the marking period grades and the two examination grades for each class, if applicable.

Grading Weights & System

PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS FOR ASSIGNMENTS

Classwork	20%
Homework	10%
Projects	20%
Quiz	15%
Test	35%

NUMERICAL/LETTER GRADING SYSTEM

Numerical Value	Letter Grade
100	A+
95 – 99	A
90 – 94	A-
87 – 89	B+
83 – 86	B
80 – 82	B-
77 – 79	C+
73 – 76	C
70 – 72	C-
0 – 69	F



Promotional Policy

per VI Board of Education

PERTINENT LAW INFORMATION

The promotional policies of the Public Schools of the Virgin Islands were developed on the premise that students shall be engaged in instruction for 180 days as mandated in the Virgin Islands Code Title 17 Section 61. A school calendar reflective of a minimum of 180 days of instruction is mandatory for promotion of students from one grade to another.

SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION

Promotion from the sixth grade shall be based upon the completion of at least 70% of the skills checklist for sixth grade in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Computer.

A student will be classified as a seventh grader if he or she has been promoted from the sixth grade.

SEVENTH GRADE PROMOTION

Any student who passes all scheduled seventh grade courses with a minimum grade of 70 will be classified as an eighth grader.

A seventh grade student who has failed only one class of either English, Science, or Social Studies may, during the eighth grade year, take the eighth grade course and be scheduled into either (1) a remedial course in the subject, or (2) a make-up seventh grade course in the subject, which will be scheduled instead of one of the eighth grade electives.

A seventh grade student who has failed only Math must repeat seventh grade Math as an eighth grader. This prohibits the student from taking Mathematics 7 and Mathematics 8 concurrently.

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION

Any student who passes all the scheduled eighth grade courses with a minimum grade of 70 will be classified as a ninth grader.

If a student has failed none of his/her courses, except English, he/she may be promoted with a deficit and must attend summer school for a fifth marking period grade.

For the full promotional policy, please visit the VI Board of Education at:
<https://www.myviboe.com/policies>

Athletics Program

BCB Middle School generally participates in the following sports:



Cross Country (Track & Field)

Baseball

Basketball

Flag Football

Soccer

Softball (girls)

Volleyball



SPORTS PARTICIPATION:

Students who wish to participate in sports must be in good academic, behavioral and attendance standing. Students must pass three (3) out of four (4) academic courses in the semester immediately prior to the start of the season and maintain a cumulative average of 70 or above during the athletic season.

Students can not participate in any sport activity (practice nor games) if they have been absent from school or class that day.

The following are required for participation in athletics

1. Completion and submission of medical form (both parental and physician sides)
2. Copy of Personal Insurance or payment of School Insurance
3. Payment of Athletic Fee (\$50)

SPORTSMANSHIP

Every team player should:

- Respect team members, coaches, referees, umpires and also opposing teams and coaches.
- Practice hard and perform at his/her best.
- Display modesty in victory and grace in defeat.
- Model a good attitude on and off the playing field.
- Respect the final decision of the referees/umpires.

Every spectator should:

- Applaud good team play, individual skills, and fair play.
- Treat visiting teams/officials as guests; extend courtesy to them.
- Encourage team members.
- Respect the final decision of referees/umpires.

Failure to adhere to sportsmanship expectations may result in removal from team and/or activity.

Music Program

Participation in outside music activities, such as Carnival or other events, is not guaranteed for students enrolled in music classes. These events are voluntary, sponsored by the school, and not mandated by the school board. Therefore, participation is at the sole discretion of the teacher and or school administrators. A major determining factor in extracurricular music activities is academic success and behavior.

Additionally, students in the music program or those participating in any outside music activities are required to pay a music fee. This fee is determined by the cost of the mouthpiece needed or the cost of participation in the activity itself.



Torch Services

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Derrick Venzen
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The Dean of Students at B.C.B. Middle School is an extension of the Administrative team and is responsible for supporting the daily operations of the school, including student activities, events, and discipline. The Dean communicates with students, staff, parents and other stakeholders to help ensure the positive school culture .

COUNSELORS

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Vaniqua Gumbs-Smith
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The Counselors are here to help students with personal, social, emotional, and academic concerns. Counselors also help students in matters pertaining to classes and requirements leading to promotion. Please utilize this service to ensure that you are given every opportunity to experience success at B.C.B Middle School.

Each counselor is assigned to students based on last name OR grade level. However, the counselors collaborate and provide assistance where needed. Please take time to find out which counselor you have been assigned.

STUDENT SUCCESS SPECIALIST

Meki'ya Thomas
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The Student Success Specialist is here to provide personalized support by reaching out to students through TEAMS chat, phone calls, emails, and one-on-one both in person and online. The student success specialist is also responsible for working with teachers and students to ensure student academic success by visiting and observing students in class and following up with teachers.

ATTENDANCE COUNSELOR

Laurine Richardson
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The Attendance Counselor is responsible for analyzing attendance data and communicating with teachers and parents to ensure that attendance records are accurate. The attendance counselor consults with parents via telephone, email, and sometimes home visits with a truancy officer to address irregular or unusual attendance patterns. If students are absent from school, upon their return they should report directly to the office of the attendance counselor to submit a pass from parents or doctor in order to obtain an excused pass for class and for attendance records to be updated.

SCHOOL REGISTRAR

Carol Benjamin
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The school Registrar initiates and completes all registration and withdrawal of students in the school. The registrar also corresponds with school officials and parent inquiries regarding students' transcripts as well as PowerSchool access for students and parents.



Suspension Policy

Suspension of students from school occurs only after careful study of the facts surrounding each individual case. There are two kinds of suspension:

- ⇒ **PASS – Positive Alternative to School Suspension (In-School Suspension (ISS))**
- ⇒ **Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)**

Note: Suspension can be given from one to ten days depending on the level of infraction.

Students must attend all parent conferences/hearings in full school uniform.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION GUIDELINES

Guidelines were adopted by the Virgin Islands Board of Education on March 19, 1975, Pursuant to 17 V.I.C. #91:

Referral to the principal or his designees; the first referral will result in a warning or some punitive action. The second referral will result in an in-school suspension. Any further referral can result in a one to ten day suspension, depending on the nature of the offense.

School administrators can recommend expulsion for certain behaviors.

The Superintendent makes the final decision based on reviews of the referrals, previous disciplinary actions taken, and hearings with the family and the administration.

SUSPENSION AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A student who is suspended from school is not allowed to come on campus for any reason. He or she will not be allowed to participate in any school-related activities during suspension.

If a student is suspended, it is the teachers' discretion whether they receive make-up work or not. Teachers are not obligated to provide work during a period of suspension.

Criminal Acts

Certain actions are criminal acts and are punishable by law. Thus, in addition to involvement of the law, other school recommendations will be made for the safety of all students. In some cases a referral to *Department of Human Services or Virgin Islands Police Department* may be necessary.

Trespassing—students who do not have a viable after school activity should not be on campus after school. Trespassing on school campus is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine upon conviction.

Loitering – Loitering on school property or the willful disruption of classes, or other school activities are misdemeanors and subject to a fine upon conviction.

Vandalism—The willful destruction or defacing of property (including writing on the walls) is punishable by Virgin Islands law.

Impersonating another student—Students who go to another school campus in that school's uniform and is not a student of that school are committing a criminal act punishable by law.

School Resource Officer

Like all schools, BCB Middle School has one or more School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the campus. The SRO is a sworn law-enforcement officer of the VIPD with arrest powers. The SROs are armed and carry other restraints that are used if necessary to maintain order and security on the campus. The primary goal of the School Resource Officer is to provide a safe learning environment for students and teachers, and to uphold all laws of the US Virgin Islands. The presence of officers on the school campus and at school-sponsored events helps deter criminal activity. Whenever incidents of crime or threats to safety occur, the SRO can and will respond within his or her capacity.

For the full discipline policy, please visit the VI Board of Education at:
<https://www.myviboe.com/policies>

School Bus Privileges

School bus transportation is provided for students to and from school daily. Bus schedule information will be disseminated at orientation at the opening of school and school personnel will make every effort to assist students in catching the bus at the end of the school day. Students are required to be courteous to the bus driver and others while riding the bus. **Misbehavior on the school bus will result in loss of bus privileges for the offending student.**

The school bus driver will make a bus conduct report to the school administration for student misbehavior on the bus. That student will be spoken to, for the 2nd offense the parent will be contacted and for the 3rd offense the student will lose bus privilege after meeting with the parent, student, bus driver, and school administrator. **NOTE: Students may immediately lose bus privileges depending on the severity of the offense.**

The following rules for boarding and disembarking the bus are given for the safety of all.

While boarding the bus:

1. Be sure the bus has come to a complete stop.
2. Wait until instructed to board bus by the driver.
3. Board the bus one at a time in an orderly manner.
4. Be seated immediately after boarding the bus.

While the bus is in motion:

1. Remain seated and face forward.
2. Refrain from loud talking and or yelling.
3. Remain in seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.

While leaving the bus:

1. Let those individuals closest to the door leave first.
2. Exit in a prompt and orderly fashion.
3. Remain in full view of the driver at all times.
4. Wait for the bus driver to signal that the road is clear before crossing in front of the bus.

Notes: Traffic should stop, but the student should still be careful when crossing the street.



Only students with a valid **TOWN** address will be allowed to ride the town bus, unless written permission is given from Pupil Transportation Services (340-775-2250 Ext. 8523).

NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!

School Cafeteria

Hot, nutritious breakfast and lunch is served daily free of charge for B.C.B. students. To ensure the smooth and safe operation of the cafeteria, students are encouraged to follow cafeteria rules. **Breakfast is served from 6:45 am to 7:15 am daily.**

CAFETERIA RULES

- Stand in line quietly (be patient and polite).
- Do not cut the line.
- Use a low voice when talking.
- After eating, walk quietly to garbage bins and empty your tray in a trash can.
- Please leave cafeteria in a neat and clean manner.
- Exit the cafeteria in an orderly manner.
- Be polite, courteous, and respectful to all cafeteria staff.
- Observe school dress code and follow all school rules.
- Sit in chairs provided, **not** on cafeteria tables. Also, please assist by pushing chairs under the tables after eating.
- Sodas, chips, cookies, candies, chewing gum, etc. are not allowed in the cafeteria.
- Disregard of these rules may cause suspension of cafeteria privileges or other disciplinary action as necessary.

Students are expected to eat during their scheduled lunch period.

Students who do not participate in the school lunch program may bring their lunch from home. Students are **NOT** allowed to leave campus during lunch time. Microwave ovens are provided in the cafeteria.

Parents are **NOT** allowed to bring outside food (fast food) for students during the day. Child must leave home with their lunch.

Students with special dietary needs are encouraged to bring their own lunch and snacks from home to avoid any medical emergencies.



Grade-Level Teams

6th Grade

Team Dynamite
Team Explosive
Team Ignite

7th Grade

Team Blaze (ESL 7/8)
Team Inferno
Team Spark

8th Grade

Team Buhn
Team Fyah

Special Education (6-8)

Team Firestorm

****Parents, please note your child's team and team teachers and make contact with the teachers on a regular basis via email to maintain communication regarding your child's progress.**



School Song

Arranged by: James H. Gumbs Jr.
Words and music by: Gloria Gumbs & James H. Gumbs Jr.
Written: June 28, 1997

In the new horizon,
Dawns a school
That always will shine through,
Growing strong, moving forward
In all we say and do

CHORUS-1

B.C.B. stands for courage,
B.C.B. stands for honor
Always doing the best we can,
And showing our precious land,
That we are the best,
We are the best.

At Bertha C. Boschulte
We stand proud to be a part of you,
You're investing in me
So I can achieve,
All I want to be,
All I want to be

Repeat CHORUS-1

B.C.B. how I love you,
I will always represent your name
With knowledge and honesty,
With faith and generosity,
I'll help build this world,
Help build this world.

CHORUS-2

B.C.B. stands for courage,
B.C.B. stands for honor B.C.
Always doing the best we can,
To show the Virgin Islands,
That we are the best,
We are the best.

We're Bertha C. Boschulte
Middle School.
This is the place
Where we prepare our race,
And all that you see, is top quality

B.C.B. We Love You!



2024-2025 Calendar

NOTES

UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2024-2025 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR
PreK-12 & ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	H	H	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	SR	24	25	SR	27
28	AR	TR				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					PR	PD 3
4	SS		6	7	8	9
10			11	12	13	14
15			16	17	18	19
20			21	22	23	24
25			26	27	28	29
30			31			

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	H	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

LEGEND

AD

Administrative Leave

AL

Administrators' Last Day

AR

Administrators Return/Report

AFT

AFT Teach

CP

Classroom Preparation Day

GC

Graduation Ceremonies (HS)

HTD

High School Turnaround Day

H

Holiday

KML

Kitchen Managers Last Day

KSL

Kitchen Staff Last Day

MB

Marking Period Begins

ME

Marking Period Ends

MS

Middle School Exams

MUD

Makeup Days

PC

Parental Conference-Open House

OH

Open House

PD

Professional Development Day

PE

Promotional Exercises

PL

Professionals Last Day

PR

Professionals Return/Report

SS

Students Return/School Starts

SB

School Break

SB

Semester Begins

SC

School Closes

SE

Secondary Exams

SE

Semester Ends

SL

Staff Last Day

SR

Staff Return

SX

Senior Exams

TL

Teachers Last Day

TR

Teachers Return

WK

Workshop/New Professionals

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	1st ME	2nd MB	9	10	11	12
13	H	15	16	17	AFT	19
20	AFT	22	23	24	PC-OH	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					H	2
3	4	H	6	7	8	9
10	H	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	H	SB	30

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	SX	SX	14
15	SE	SE	1st SE	SB	SB	21
22	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	28
29	SB	SB				

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	SB	SB	19
20	SB	22	23	24	25	26
27	SB	SB	SB			

MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					SB	SB 3
4	SX	SX	SE	SE	SE	10
11	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	17
18	GC	GC	GC	GC	GC	24
25	H	27	AL	29	SL	31

JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	KSL	KML	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	H	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

ACCREDITED

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TRANSFORMING TODAY'S LEARNERS
INTO TOMORROW'S LEADERS





SCHOOL MOTTO:

"Torch of Knowledge for a Brighter Future"

NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

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DRUG-FREE POLICY STATEMENT

"These laws prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on school premises or as part of any of its activities."

(Drug Free Schools and Communities Act,
20 U.S.C. Section 1145, 34 CFR Part 86.1 et seq.)

Declaración de misión del BCBMS en ESPAÑOL:

La misión de Bertha C Boschulte Middle School es aumentar el desarrollo académico, físico, emocional y social de todos los estudiantes.

Deklarasyon misyon BCBMS an Kreyòl:

Misyon lekòl presegondè Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School se maksimize kwasans akademik, emosyonèl, fizik ak sosyal tout elèv yo.