



Bluffton-Harrison Middle School

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Week-At-A-Glance

February 10 – 15, 2025

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK! Each day we will have kindness challenges, and students can nominate another student or staff member with a kindness shout-out to win a prize. **Monday and Tuesday, we will be selling candy grams over lunch times for 25 cents/each.** Students can buy a candy gram and they will be delivered during the school day. **Wednesday-Friday, we will be selling carnations for \$2/each.** Students can buy carnations to share with a friend, family member, or teacher. Our goal is to create a culture of kindness throughout our school building!

Monday, February 10

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

CANDY GRAM SALES DURING LUNCH

Wrestling & Swim pictures with Fredericks Photography (order online or extra order forms are in the office)

3:00-4:00 English Academic Team practice w/Coach Xayyachack

3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team practice w/Coach Alspaugh

Tuesday, February 11

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

CANDY GRAM SALES DURING LUNCH

3:00-3:30 Student Council meeting

3:00-4:00 Math Academic Team practice w/Coach Claghorn

4:00-6:00 eSports – Cyber Tigers match (could end anytime between 5:30-6:00)

5:00 Swim @ Norwell Girls Invitational

Wednesday, February 12

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

CARNATION SALES DURING LUNCH

3:00-4:00 Science Academic Team practice w/Coach Gerber

3:30-5:00 eSports – Cyber Tigers practice

5:30 Wrestling @ Heritage w/Adams Central

Thursday, February 13

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

6:45-7:30am Campus Life student breakfast w/Brad Nelson in the upper gym (open to all students)

CARNATION SALES DURING LUNCH

3:00-4:00 English Academic Team practice w/Coach Xayyachack

5:00 Swim @ Norwell Boys Invitational

Friday, February 14

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

CARNATION SALES DURING LUNCH

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)

3:00-4:00 Math Academic Team practice w/Coach Claghorn

3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team practice w/Coach Alspaugh

Saturday, February 15

NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DAY – Thank you, Officer Kurut, for all you do for the safety of our students and staff!

7:00 Boys Basketball Shoot-Out (call the athletic department at the high school for details 824-3724)

FALL/WINTER SPORTS: Dates and times are subject to change. All changes & additions from week-to-week 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
Wrestling: Coach Ben Sprunger, 824-3536 ext 6302 or bsprunger@bhmsd.org
Swimming/Boys : Head Coach Justin Uptgraft, 824-3536 ext 6201 or juptgraft@bhmsd.org
Swimming/Boys : Assistant Coach Caleb Geimer, cmgeimer0311@gmail.com
Swimming/Girls : Head Coach Kristi Searles, 824-3536 ext 6110 or ksearles@bhmsd.org
Swimming/Girls : Assistant Coach Jenny Boyd, 824-0333 ext 5605 or jboyd@bhmsd.org

WRESTLING

Feb 4, 5:00pm @ Norwell w/Southern Wells
Feb 6, 5:30pm – Home vs Woodside
Feb 12, 5:30pm @ Heritage w/Adams Central
Feb 18, 5:30pm @ Summit
Feb 20, **5:00pm** @ Harding w/New Haven
Feb 27, 5:30pm – Home vs South Adams
Mar 1, 9:00am @ Jay County Invitational
Mar 6, 5:30pm – Home vs Jay County
Mar 8, 9:30am @ Adams Central
Mar 11, 5:30pm –Home vs Heritage w/Woodlan
Mar 13, 5:30pm – ACAC @ Adams Central

SWIM

Feb 11, 5:00pm – Girls Invitational @ Norwell
Feb 13, 5:00pm – Boys Invitational @ Norwell
Feb 18, 5:30pm – Home vs Memorial Park
Feb 20, 5:30pm @ Woodside
Feb 25, 5:30pm – Home vs Adams Central
Feb 27, 5:30pm @ Riverview
Mar 3, 5:30pm @ South Adams
Mar 5, 5:30pm @ Belmont
Mar 6, 5:30pm – Home vs Jay County
Mar 11, 5:30pm – Home vs Summit MS
Mar 13, 5:30pm @ Norwell
Mar 14, 5:00pm – ACAC @ Jay County

REMINDERS

LUNCH WITH YOUR STUDENT – NEW SAFETY POLICY: Parents are permitted to bring lunch to school to eat with your student occasionally. However, parents are no longer allowed entry into the cafeteria during the school day. Please call ahead to reserve a conference room in the office. If you have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact our principal, Mr. Stacy Herrold, at (260) 824-3536 ext 6000 or sherrold@bhmsd.org.

LUNCH TIMES FOR 2024-25

5TH GRADE: 10:53-11:23 (2-HR DELAY 11:53-12:23)

6TH GRADE: 11:12-11:42 (2-HR DELAY 12:12-12:42)

7TH GRADE: 11:40-12:10 (2-HR DELAY 12:25-12:55)

8TH GRADE: 11:59-12:29 (2-HR DELAY 12:44-1:14)

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. **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.

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 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.

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 district website.** We have a link to final forms on our school website, www.bhmsd.org. Click on the menu option at the top right corner. A red bar will show across the top of the page. Click on Extracurricular and then choose Athletics (a link to the physical form is on this page). On the top red bar, click on Final Forms. **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 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

TRANSPORTATION NOTES: Students will be assigned to one bus only w/exceptions considered. (ex: AM rides from home, PM goes to babysitter.) 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

will be able to ride an alternate bus to the Boys & Girls Club which will not impact their regular bus assignment. Students will not be able to eat or drink on the bus.

Families will not be 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. If a bus to a car rider/walker transportation change happens during the school day, please call the office. Thank you so much for your help with this! **If you have any questions regarding transportation, please reach out to our routing coordinator, Cassandra Osborn at 824-2620 ext. 1008.**

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.

RELATED ARTS CLASSES

The following related arts classes are on a 6-week rotation: 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 Mr. Chad Grieser, Assistant Principal.

| Course | Start Date | Midterm Date | End Date |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Rotation 1 | August 8 | August 28 | September 18 |
| Rotation 2 | September 19 | October 9 | November 6 |
| Rotation 3 | November 7 | November 26 | December 19 |
| Rotation 4 | January 6 | January 24 | February 14 |
| Rotation 5 | February 17 | March 7 | April 9 |
| Rotation 6 | April 10 | May 1 | May 22 |

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 ACCIDENT INSURANCE: If you wish to purchase student accident insurance, use this link: 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

- 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

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: Current yearbooks will be for sale in the spring. We have a limited number of yearbooks for sale from last school year for \$15.00. Inquire at the office.

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.