



Baldwin Union Free School District

Baldwin Middle School

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Dear Baldwin Middle School Families,

It is with great joy and heartfelt enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year! As I begin my 19th year as a servant leader in this incredible school community, it remains both an honor and a privilege to serve as the proud principal of Baldwin Middle School.

I hope your summer was filled with rest, laughter, and meaningful moments with family and friends. We are excited to welcome back our returning Bruins and extend a heartfelt Baldwin welcome to all of our new students and families joining our school community this year!

Middle school is a remarkable time of growth, self-discovery, and possibility. It is a time when students begin to develop their identities, strengthen their independence, and build the academic and personal skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond. At Baldwin Middle School, our dedicated team of educators and support staff is committed to ensuring that every child feels seen, heard, valued, and inspired each day they walk through our doors.

Our instructional programs and learning experiences are intentionally designed around the 6 C's— Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking. These essential competencies prepare students to thrive in an ever-changing global society through engaging, innovative, and meaningful learning opportunities. Whether participating in civic engagement projects, collaborative problem-solving, or project-based learning, our students are challenged to become confident learners, compassionate leaders, and responsible citizens.

We also recognize that academic success is closely connected to social-emotional well-being. Our exceptional team of school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and support staff is here to partner with families in nurturing the whole child. In addition, the Baldwin Schools Wellness Center, conveniently located within our building, offers valuable resources and services to support the mental health and well-being of our students and families.

As a Gold Star *"No Place for Hate"* school, we remain deeply committed to cultivating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming learning environment grounded in our core values of **Care, Kindness, and Respect**. Our Code of Conduct and school expectations are designed to ensure that every learner is healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and appropriately challenged.

As we begin this school year, we ask for your partnership in reinforcing our expectations regarding technology use. In accordance with New York State law, the Baldwin Union Free School District prohibits the use of internet-enabled personal electronic devices during the instructional day; from the first bell until dismissal. This includes cell phones, smartwatches, Google smart glasses, personal laptops, and tablets. We also encourage families to monitor their child's social media activity, as many peer conflicts originate through digital interactions outside of school and often impact the learning environment.

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As the first day of school approaches, please take time to check in with your child regarding their summer reading and mathematics assignments. These assignments count toward first marking period grades and are an important part of helping students begin the year with confidence and success. If your child still needs access to these assignments, they can be found on the Baldwin Middle School homepage under Academic Departments and Programs.

As we prepare for a successful year, please review the following key building norms:

- **Student ID Requirement:** All students must wear their student ID visibly throughout the day. IDs, lanyards, and holders will be distributed during the first week of school. IDs are also required for bus transportation.
- **Electronic Devices:** Cellphones and personal devices are not permitted during the school day. Students must store all personal devices such as cell phones, smartwatches, air pods, headphones, and laptops in their lockers for the entire school day. If a device is collected three or more times, a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up from the main office **before 4:00 PM**.
- **Bags and Purses:** We strongly recommend using string bags to safely carry Chromebooks between classes. Small purses are also permitted.
- **Food in Common Areas Only:** Eating is only allowed in the Dining Hall or Commons during lunch. Snacks or food seen outside these areas will be collected or must be put away.
- **No fast-food deliveries are permitted during the school day.**

We also want to ensure that families stay connected through clear and timely communication:

- **ParentLink** will continue to be used for important messages and reminders. If you receive a call or text prompting you to check your email but do not see a message in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folders or contact our office at **516-434-6201** to confirm your email address is up to date.
- **Parent Portal:** If you have not yet registered for the Parent Portal, we encourage you to do so, as we no longer mail paper report cards or progress reports. Visit www.baldwinschools.org to register. For assistance, please call **516-434-6233**.

There is so much to look forward to this school year, and we are excited to partner with you in making it a successful one. When schools and families work together, students thrive. We encourage you to become an active part of our Baldwin Middle School community by joining our BMS PTA and supporting your child's participation in the many academic, extracurricular, and community-building opportunities available throughout the year.

We cannot wait to welcome our Bruins back on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026!** Prior to the first day of school, please be sure to review your child's schedule to determine their dismissal time. Students whose last class is **Period 8** will be dismissed at **2:07 p.m.**, while students whose final class is **Period 9** will be dismissed at **2:52 p.m.**

As we begin another extraordinary year of learning, growth, and achievement, please know that our doors are always open. If you have any questions or need assistance before or during the school year, do not hesitate to contact the Baldwin Middle School Main Office at **(516) 434-6201**.

We look forward to welcoming your family and making the 2026–2027 school year our best yet!

With Baldwin Pride,



Dr. Erica D. Banks (formerly Taylor)
Principal, Baldwin Middle School

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