

BMS Newsletter

June 2021

Greetings to all BMS Families!

I hope this newsletter finds our BMS families enjoying a safe and healthy summer season. As we close another school year at Brown, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. I would like to thank all BMS families for collaborating with our school staff to make this past school year the best experience it could be for our students, given the extraordinary circumstances we faced. Unlike many other Ohio communities, our district offered a 5-day per week in-person learning experience. Our in-person learners were diligent with mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing. We asked our in-person students to adjust to our new normal this past school year, and they exceeded our expectations with their compliance with new protocols. We created a remote learning option for families that felt more comfortable with their child(ren) staying home rather than entering our buildings. Our remote students rose to the occasion and interacted with our teachers over Google Meets. We collaborated with families throughout the year to successfully transition over 100 students back to in-person learning over the course of the school year. Our teachers rose to the occasion and offered a synchronous learning experience all year with students both in their classrooms and online via Google. Our staff and students worked together to make this school year the success it was.

Now, we look forward to a return to a sense of normalcy within our building. We look forward to all of our students returning to the in-person learning experience. We look forward to our students using their lockers again and congregating with friends at appropriate times to enjoy the sense of camaraderie and family that comes with the BMS experience. We look forward to seeing our students' faces again and they seeing ours, as it is quite difficult to show someone a smile from behind a mask. We look forward to a return of full recess where students can go outside with all of their peers and enjoy that much needed break from their studies. We look forward to continuing our work with technology that was implemented during the pandemic. Google Classroom and the educational tools associated with Google will continue to be used by our staff and students. We look forward, rather than backward, with a sense of appreciation for the little things and the life experiences that were taken from us over the past year. The future is bright for our BMS family!

I would like to remind BMS families that we are still accepting registrations for Summer School Session II. BMS Summer Session II will take place Monday-Thursday from 8-11:45am from July 12-August 5. Any student who just completed 5th-8th grade will register for BMS Summer School if your family chooses to take part in this free academic opportunity. To register your student for summer school please go to www.ravennaschools.us and click the link at the top of the page to register for the Summer Learning Bonanza.

As always, please reach out to me at Brown if you need anything along the way!

Sincerely,

Jonathan C. Lane - Principal



Need information?

Check out the school website. Here you will find the staff directory, breakfast and lunch menus, daily announcements, important dates, and more. Go to Ravennaschools.us. You can find Brown Middle School under the Schools tab. You can also monitor your student's grades on Home Access Center (HAC) from the Parents tab.



Important Dates

August

- Aug 11 - 6th Grade Schedule Pick-up 9:00-11:00 am
- Aug 11 - Back to School Bash 5:00-7:00 pm at RHS
- Aug 12 - 5th Grade Orientation 1:00-3:00 pm
- Aug 12 - 7th Grade Schedule Pick-up 9:00-11:00 am
- Aug 13 - 8th Grade Schedule Pick-up 9:00-11:00 am
- Aug 17 - BMS Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
- Aug 18 - 1st Day of School

September

- Sept 6 - No School - Labor Day
- Sept 24 - School Picture Day

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BMS Summer Band is back!

The Ravenna School District is offering an instrumental musical enrichment program for students entering 6th through 8th grades. This is a great opportunity for NEW players and experienced players alike! The camp runs 8:00 am – 11:30 am August 2nd- August 13th. The camp is free and busing is provided. Please contact Mrs. Copeland at clarinda.copeland@ravennaschools.us for more information or visit the BMS page on the district website for the flyer and registration form! We can't wait to make music with you!

Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. 2021 Summer Food Program for Children

The Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. is sponsoring the Summer Food Program for Children at sites around Portage County. The program is funded through the US Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Community Action Council of Portage County. Any child age 1 to 18 can receive a **FREE**, nutritious lunch and breakfast (at most sites) at one of the agency's 16 open sites located throughout Portage County. **NO PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED. All sites will be closed on July 5, 2021.**

RAVENNA:

1. **West Main Elementary 639 W Main St**
June 1 - August 13, 2021
Mon & Thurs Only 11:00-1:00
2. **Renaissance Place, 5660 South Prospect Street**
June 1 - August 13, 2021
12:00-1:00
3. **Terrill Suites, 858½ Cleveland Road**
June 1 - August 13, 2021
12:00- 1:00
9. **Reed Memorial Library, 167 East Main Street**
June 1 - August 13, 2021
11:00-12:30
10. **Community Estates, Fairfield Street**
June 1 - August 13, 2021
12:00-1:00
11. **Maple Del Manor 6556 Linda Lane**
June 4-August 27, 2021
11:00-12:00
12. **Countryside Estates 6605 SR 5**
June 4- August 27, 2021
11:00-12:00

For more information, please contact the Community Action Council of Portage County, PO Box 917, 1036 West Main Street, Ravenna, OH @ (330) 297-1456 ext 265 Kathy Kunze FAX: (330) 297-1463; E-Mail: kkunze@cacportage.net
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May 21, 2021

Dear 6th grade parents,

Vaccine requirements for 7th graders

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 7th grade to have the meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menevo or Menactra) in addition to one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis).

Meningococcal meningitis

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious disease that develops rapidly and can claim a life in as little as one day. Of those who survive, approximately one in five are left with serious medical problems like amputation, deafness, and brain damage. Teens are at increased risk of meningococcal meningitis. This increased risk may be due to activities like sharing utensils and kissing.

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)

Tetanus causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over your body; diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of the throat and can also lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death; pertussis causes coughing spells and can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death, particularly in infants.

Vaccination is the best way to protect someone from getting the disease.

You may obtain these vaccines from your child's health care provider or other community resource.

Vaccines are also available at your local health department.

Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school this fall are subject to exclusion. If there are medical, religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Thank you,

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Ravenna School District 2021 – 2022 Calendar

Important Dates

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July 2022						
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- August**
 (16) Staff Convocation Day
 (17) Staff Preparation Day
 (18) First Day of School - Students

- September**
 (6) Labor Day – No School

- October**
 (8) NEOEA Day - No School
 (22) End of 1st Grading Period
 (_46_ days)

- November**
 (2) Staff Professional
 Development Day – No School
 (25-26) Thanksgiving Break
 (29) Conference Day – No School

- December**
 (20) Start Winter Break
 (25) Christmas

- January**
 (1) New Year's Day
 (3) Return to School – Winter Break
 (13) End of 2nd Grading Period
 (_45_ days)
 End of 1st Semester (_91_ days)
 (14) Record's Day - No School
 (17) Martin Luther King Day – No
 School

- February**
 (18) Staff Professional
 Development Day – No School
 (21) President's Day - No School

- March**
 (18) End of 3rd Grading Period
 (_42_ days)

- April**
 (11) Start Spring Break
 (15) Good Friday
 (18) Conference Day – No School
 (19) Return to School - Spring Break

- May**
 (26) End of 4th Grading Period
 (_43_ days)
 End of 2nd Semester
 (_85_ days)
 (27) Record's Day – No School
 (30) Memorial Day - No School

- July**
 (4) Independence Day

OST Testing

Key

	Staff Only ~ No Students
	School Closed
	End of Grading Period



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BMS Student Supply List 2021-22 School Year

The following is a list of items students will need for the upcoming school year.

All students will need:

- 1 - 1 ½" 3-ring binder
- 1 - spiral bound wide-ruled notebook
- 2 - pack of wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- 2 - 2 pocket folder
- 1 - pair of scissors
- 2 - glue sticks
- 24 - pencils
- 4 - dry erase markers
- 1 - 12 pack of colored pencils
- 1 - 10 pack of markers
- 1 - pair of earbuds or headphones
- 1 - supply pouch
- 1 - handheld pencil sharpener

Grades 6, 7, 8 will also need:

- 1 - pack of tabbed insertable dividers
- 5 - 2 pocket folders with 3 holes to place in binder
- 1 - pack of index cards
- 1 - ruler
- 3 - highlighters
- 1 - pack of erasers (pencil top or large pink eraser)
- 1 - 24 pack of crayons
- 1 - pack of red pens
- 1 - TI-30XIIS scientific calculator

Class Specific items needed:

- 2 - boxes of Kleenex and 1 container disinfectant wipes (**5th grade**)
- 1 - 9x12 Sketchbook (**5th grade art only**)
- 1 - *Standard of Excellence Book I* (**5th grade band members only**)
- 1 - *Standard of Excellence Books I and II* (**6th grade band members only**)
- 1 - 1" binder for sheet music (**6th grade band members only**)
- 1 - poly or plastic folder for sheet music (**6th grade choir members only**)
- 1 - 1" binder, 5 tab dividers, and plenty of paper and pencils (**6th grade math**)

Mrs. Coyle's, Mrs. Hudock's, and Mrs. Ruff's classes: Instead of the items listed above, will receive a supply list from the teacher.

Specials teachers may require additional items once the school year begins.

Teachers' Wish List (can be given to homeroom teachers on the first day of school): Tissues, antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizer, permanent markers, duct tape, baby wipes, sandwich size ziploc bags, paper towels, gallon size ziploc bags.