

# BMS Newsletter

Summer 2023

The hallways are quiet at Brown Middle School, which means that summer vacation has officially started. It was a great year at BMS with many things to be proud of. Many events that stopped due to COVID were back in full effect. We knew things were back to normal when we had our Halloween Dance. Students had a ball dressing up and dancing the night away. This event set the stage for all of the great things that were to come. More dances, assemblies, field trips...much fun was had at the middle school.

As we reflect on the many things that we accomplished this year, none of it would have been possible without partnerships with our families. Thank you for entrusting us with your students and working together with us to ensure that students had a great year. We look forward to the start of the 2023-2024 school year when many new and innovative things will be introduced. More will be shared as we get closer to the beginning of the school year, but here's a little taste.

We feel it's important that every student has a trusted adult in the building. With that being said, students will be assigned to a mentor teacher. They will meet daily for advisory time with the goal of building connections with both the students in their advisory class and the mentor teacher. Friday advisory time will be dedicated to Passion Fridays. Teachers have signed up to teach something that they are passionate about and students selected which passion they would like to partake in. Once again, this will give students the opportunity to build relationships with staff and have fun while doing it. We are excited about this new initiative and are hopeful that it will be one more way to make the middle school experience a good one.

If you have any questions prior to the school year starting, please feel free to reach out. I'm always available to answer questions. We look forward to seeing your students in the fall.

Mrs. Burwell  
Brown Middle School Principal  
#ProudRaven



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## Important Dates

### August

- Aug 9 - 6th Grade Schedule Pick Up 9-11am
- Aug 10 - 7th Grade Schedule Pick Up 9-11am
- Aug 10 - 5th Grade Orientation 5-6:30pm - BMS Gym
- Aug 11 - 8th Grade Schedule Pick Up 9-11am
- Aug 16 - 1st Day of School for 5th and 6th Grade
- Aug 17 - All BMS Students Report to School
- Aug 23 - BMS Open House 6th-8th Grades 5-6:30pm
- Aug 31 - BMS Fall Fundraiser Begins

### September

- Sept 4 - No School - Labor Day
- Sept 16 - Balloon-A-Fair Parade



### Need information?

Check out the school website - [Ravennaschools.us](http://Ravennaschools.us). You can find Brown Middle School under the SCHOOLS tab. Here you will find many helpful items:

- Staff Directory - staff email addresses
- Lunch Menus - breakfast and lunch options for Brown Middle School
- Daily Announcements - important dates, announcements, supply list, etc.
- Sports Physical Forms (forms and documents tab) required for all student athletes
- Medication forms (forms and documents tab) - required for any student needing to take medicine during the school day
- Student Handbook (forms and documents tab) rules and expectations for students

You can also access your student's schedule and monitor their grades and attendance on Home Access Center (HAC) from Quick Links box. This is an excellent way to stay informed about your student's progress!

### Final Forms

**Please be sure to review and sign every page in Final Forms as we head into the new school year.** Update email addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical information, etc. as necessary throughout the year. This ensures that we have current information for you and your student. The link can be found on the District webpage under the Parents tab. Change of addresses need to be made through the BMS main office with proper documentation (an updated lease/mortgage statement and a current gas or electric bill).

**Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc.  
2023 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 **12 open sites** located throughout Portage County. **NO PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED.** All sites will be closed on July 4, 2022.

**RAVENNA:**

1. **Renaissance Place, 5660 South Prospect Street, Ravenna  
June 5-August 11, 2023 Lunch 12:00-1:00**
2. **Community Estates Fairfield St Ravenna  
June 5 - August 11, 2023 Lunch 12:00-1:00**
3. **Terrill Suites, 858½ Cleveland Road, Ravenna  
June 5 - August 11, 2023 Lunch 12:00-1:00**
4. **Reed Memorial Library, 167 East Main Street, Ravenna  
June 5 - August 11, 2023 Lunch 11:30-12:30**
5. **Ravenna City Park, 165 Oakwood St, Ravenna  
June 5 - August 11, 2023 Breakfast 8:00-9:00 Lunch 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](mailto:kkunze@cacportage.net)

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## KIDS SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

**May 30 - August 15, 2023**

**Monday - Friday • 11:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**UH Rainbow Babies & Children's  
invites your child to join us for free lunch  
at UH Portage Medical Center!**

This summer, children ages 1-18 are eligible to receive a free, healthy lunch in the cafeteria. Each meal will include a special entrée, vegetable, fruit, milk and whole grain side. Registration is not required and the program is open to all children, but meals must be eaten in the hospital cafeteria to be eligible.

UH Portage Medical Center  
6847 N. Chestnut Street, Ravenna, OH 44266

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June 6, 2023

Dear parents,

### **Vaccine requirements for 7<sup>th</sup> graders**

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> 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,

Kelly Norton, BSN, RN

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## Student Supply List 2023-24 School Year

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

### All Students will need:

- **A supply pouch** with 2 glue sticks, 1 pack of colored pencils, 1 pack of markers, 1 pack of crayons, 24 pencils, 1 hand held pencil sharpener, 4 dry erase markers, 3 highlighters, an eraser or pencil top erasers, and scissors. All students will also need earbuds.
- **2 boxes of tissues and 1 package of disinfectant wipes** - 5th, 6th, & 7th grades turn in to 1st period teacher; 8th grade turn in to 2nd period teacher.

<p><b>Grade 5 Additional Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 - 1" binder</li> <li>● 2 - spiral bound wide-ruled notebook</li> <li>● 1 - pack wide ruled notebook paper</li> <li>● 2 - (2 pocket) folder</li> <li>● 1 - composition notebook</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 6 Additional Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 - basic calculator</li> <li>● 1 - 1" binder with 5 tab dividers</li> <li>● 1 - 2" binder</li> <li>● 2 - pack wide ruled notebook paper</li> <li>● 1 - spiral bound notebook</li> <li>● 1 - ruler</li> <li>● 1 - pack red pens</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade 7 Additional Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 - spiral bound notebook</li> <li>● 6 - (2 pocket) folders</li> <li>● 1 - pack notebook paper</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grade 8 Additional Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4 - (2 pocket) folders</li> <li>● 1 - pack notebook paper</li> </ul>

### Class Specific items needed:

- 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 *(choir members only)*

**Mrs. Coyle's class will only need:** earbuds, 4 packs of pencils(12/pk), 2 large Clorox/Lysol wipes, 2 boxes of tissues, 4 glue sticks 1 bottle Elmers glue.

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

- **Some teachers may require additional items once the school year begins.**

## Ravenna School District 2023 – 2024 Calendar

### Important Dates

August 2023						
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January 2024						
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	Staff Only – No Students
	School Closed
	End of Grading Period

#### August

- (14) Staff Convocation Day
- (15) Staff Preparation Day
- (16) First Day of School - Students

#### September

- (4) Labor Day – No School

#### October

- (13) NEOEA Day - No School
- (20) End of 1st Grading Period  
(.46\_\_ days)

#### November

- (7) Staff Professional Development Day – No School
- (23-24) Thanksgiving Break
- (27) Conference Day – No School

#### December

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

#### January

- (1) New Year's Day
- (3) Return to School – Winter Break
- (11) End of 2nd Grading Period  
(.45\_\_ days)
- End of 1st Semester (.91\_\_ days)
- (12) Record's Day - No School
- (15) Martin Luther King Day – No School

#### February

- (16) Staff Professional Development Day – No School
- (19) President's Day - No School

#### March

- (15) End of 3rd Grading Period  
(.42\_\_ days)
- (29) Good Friday

#### April

- (1) Start Spring Break
- (5) Conference Day – No School
- (8) Return to School - Spring Break

#### May

- (23) End of 4th Grading Period  
(.43\_\_ days)
- End of 2nd Semester (.85\_\_ days)
- (24) Record's Day – No School
- (27) Memorial Day - No School

#### June

- (19) Juneteenth

#### July

- (4) Independence Day

February 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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July 2024						
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### OST Testing