

News and Updates from BBMS!

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Dear BBMS Families:

Are you getting ready for the last weeks of school? We are! We have a lot of exciting things planned to help celebrate our students and especially our 8th graders who are heading off to high school. We have field days planned for June 1 and 4, a celebration on June 11 (*rain date is June 14 if needed). We hope this is a fun time for students as they celebrate the milestone of completing middle school.

In other news, the 2021 BBMS Yearbook is here! We need to thank Mrs. Tiffany Wendt, Media Paraeducator at BBMS, for organizing the book; along with the help of 8th grade student Anasia Harrington! Anasia and Mrs. Wendt made a great team as they oversaw all of the page development, pictures and activities. We have many students who did not submit a photo this year, but we do understand. We are thrilled that so many students did come for pictures or submitted ones of their own from home. I think when you see the yearbook you will be impressed. Thank you Mrs. Wendt and Anasia!

Lastly, please review the notes below. We hope the news and resources helps you get ready for summer and gives you ideas for how to get extra help in classes if that is needed.

Below are important dates and notices. Please call our office at 410-313-2580 if you have any questions that we can help you with.

Go Sharks!**Dr. Andrew Cockley, Principal**

"NEWS-WORTHY" TOPICS

(1) Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours:

Every student in HCPSS has a requirement to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours in order to graduate from high school. Most students will need to earn 75 hours (*please refer to the Approved Catalog of High School Courses for specific hour requirements for students who enter HCPSS after 6th grade). Students at Bonnie Branch will earn 25 hours of service through activities designed in homeroom. Homeroom meets every Wednesday at 10:30am. Students must complete the required activities in their grade in order to earn the 25 hours of service for that year. Teachers and Grade Level Team Leaders are tracking the hours students earn and there will be a makeup process for students who have fallen behind schedule. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher if you want an update on those hours - thank you! We want all students to leave BBMS with the SSL hours they need to graduate.

(2) IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 31** - schools and offices are closed. **Memorial Day.**
- **June 1** - 8th Grade "Field Day" for Hybrid A and E Group students.
- **June 4** - 8th Grade "Field Day" for Hybrid B and E Group students.
- **June 9** - 8th Grade students virtual high school visit day.
- **June 11** - 8th Grade Promotion "Ceremony"/Celebration at BBMS!
*This event will begin around 1:30pm due to dismissal times at Ilchester ES. ***June 14** - RAIN DATE.
- **June 10-11-14-15: 3 Hour Early Dismissal Days for Students. BBMS students will dismiss at 12:15pm each day.**
 - **Period 1 = 8:30 to 9:15**
 - **Period 2 = 9:20 to 10:05**
 - **Period 3 = 10:10 to 10:55**
 - **Period 4 = 11:00 to 11:45**
 - **Grab and Go Lunch and Dismissal = 11:45 to 12:15**

(3) 8th Grade Celebration - June 11:

*This event will begin around 1:30pm due to dismissal times at Ilchester ES. We need to ensure that buses are not impacted by our event. The design of the 8th grade celebration will include a drive through process where parents and students drive from station to station (remaining in vehicles) to collect awards, promotion certificates, and have a chance to take selfies in a photo booth, collect mementos, and received recognition from teachers. Students will be given an opportunity to walk through the parade early (as well as through the school hallways) before they go home if they are a bus rider and cannot get back to school at 1:30pm. We will provide more details to you in a separate email explaining the route and instructions so you are prepared to have a great celebration. Parents can decorate cars, students can dress up, and we will make this a festive parade through the BBMS campus one last time as BBMS Sharks! ***June 14** - RAIN DATE.

(4) Grades / Summer School:

- As we near the end of the school year, it is very important for students to continue to try their best and to keep working in each class. We want students to pass their classes with the skills and concepts needed to be successful in the fall. There may be times when students just need a little extra boost. If you feel that your child would benefit from a summer program in English (ELA) or Math please contact a teacher, your counselor or one of the administrators.
- **8TH GRADERS:**
 - There are two (2) summer school classes for 8th grade students.
 - The first class runs from June 21 to July 9. The second course runs from July 12 to July 30.
 - Students take one class at a time (ELA or MATH).
 - Classes run from 8am to 12:50pm.
 - Bus transportation is available.
 - Students will be Hybrid and Virtual and can earn 0.5 credits for high school.
 - Location: Oakland Mills High School
- **6TH AND 7TH GRADERS:**
 - Dates for summer school are July 6 to July 30.
 - Classes run from 8:30am to 12:00pm.
 - Students take two classes: ELA and Math.
 - Bus transportation is available.
 - Location: Bonnie Branch Middle School

(5) HCPSS Prep Courses - Math

- Are you looking for good resources to help your student in math class?
- Go to the HCPSS Family Math Page: <https://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/middle-school-math.html>
- There are great classes titled "Get Ready For..." the next math class for your child.
- These are great tools to help students strengthen their math skills.

(6) BBMS Yearbooks - pick up dates June 8-9-10:

- **The 2020-2021 Bonnie Branch Yearbooks are here!!**
 - We have a few dates for yearbook distribution that we want you to be aware of:
 - **June 8 to 10: Virtual Students** can come to BBMS and pick up their yearbook between **8:30am and 2:30pm**. Families can stop by BBMS, come to the main office, and we will have yearbooks ready for pick up.
 - **June 8 to 10: Students In-Person** at BBMS will be able to pick up their yearbook during lunch at school.
- **Did you miss the ordering deadline? Do you want to order a yearbook now?**
 - We have about 70 extra books that are for sale.
 - Cost = \$27.00
 - Online Ordering is Available: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?categoryid=DA068>

(7) Make Up MAP Testing - June 2:

- Makeup testing for Reading and Math MAP will take place this Wednesday, June 2. Students may join the google meet session: *BBMS-MAPmakeup* any time between the hours of 8:30-10:30 and 11:30-3:00. Please note that we are breaking for students to attend homeroom. This will be the only makeup sessions offered for completing unfinished MAP tests or working on tests that were not yet started from the first two sessions. Please contact the school with any questions.

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