

Barons Today...Royals Tomorrow



Bleckley County Middle School



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6th and 7th grade Band students are required to keep their class music in a 1 inch binder.

Be sure your child has this for class when we return from holidays.

Eighth Grade Math Tutoring

- Tuesdays until 4:00 p.m.
- Students must have a note
- Parents must pick up students in front of the school on time.

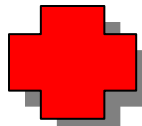


Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff:

Don't forget to turn in your Community Surveys as soon as possible. These are very important!!!

Fall Sports Athletic Program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

The BCMS Annual Christmas Program is scheduled for December 18th. Time will be announced soon!

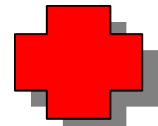


Is your child's personal information at school updated? If not, please update their information as soon as possible. Some of you may recall getting a phone call from me informing you of events that happen at BCMS. If you received a call, then your information is correct. If you did not receive a call, you may need to call the

Crisis Update

school to update your child's information.

The Bleckley County BOE purchased a license for every student that allows principals to call all or groups of students at one time. The company's name is Notification Technologies and the system is Crisis Communication System.



If your child's personal information changes at any time, please remember to inform the school so that we can update their information. Keeping the information updated is extremely important, because we would not want you to miss an important phone call.

Jr. Beta will be sponsoring a food drive for our local Food Closet as well as Toys for Tots during the month of December. Canned goods (listed on the right) will be taken Wednesday, December 17th to the food closet. The toys need to be new unwrapped toys. They will be due Thursday, December 18th.

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orange juice
apple juice
tomato juice
applesauce
peaches
pineapple
oatmeal
grits
green beans
corn
peas
saltines

powdered milk
hot chocolate mix
evaporated milk
peanut butter
beef stew
toilet tissue
soup
tuna
chili
jello
rice



Websites of the Month: www.studyisland.com



Study Island is a great resource we have purchased for use by students at school and at home. Each child has their own ID and password. Students log in to www.studyisland.com and can review subject mate-

rial in Social Studies and Science. Students can then take quizzes to earn Blue Ribbons. Games are also available for students to play as they answer questions. Many students have had the opportunity to use

Study Island at school. If you have internet access, please encourage your child to use it at home also. We believe this will increase their CRCT scores.



STUDY ISLAND

Baron Sports...

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleaders finished second in Region Competition on November 11th in East Laurens. Congratulations to the girls for all of their hard work this season!

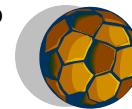


FOOTBALL

The Baron Football Team finished the season with an 8 and 2 record. The Barons finished in 2nd Place in the Middle Ga. Middle School Athletic Assoc. region. This was the best Middle School football season in a long time. The Football team had their post season banquet, Nov. 18th, in the BCMS lunchroom and former NFL player and Bleckley County coach Cory Harris was the guest speaker. The BCMS Touchdown Club treated the team to a meal and t-shirts for all the players.

SOCCER

The BCMS soccer teams will have tryouts in January, with the season beginning the second week in February. Any student wanting to tryout, must be academically eligible and have a physical on file with the coaches.



BASKETBALL

Game time for the basketball games is 4 PM. The Barons first home game will be December 1st, hosting West Laurens Middle. Most of the Baron basketball games will be on Mondays and Thursdays, during December and January. Admission is \$4.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for students. The coaches for this year's teams are: for the girls, Coach Janice Bryan and for the boy's, Coach Greg Collins.

Career Development Tips for Parents of Middle School Students

1. Encourage your child to use the local library as a resource on careers and information gathering. Invite your child to help you to do research if you are conducting a job search yourself.
2. Have your employer sponsor learning activities at your child's school. For instance, if your employer is a bank and your are a bank teller, provide assistance to the students and teachers by helping them to establish a school bank. Prior to starting the bank at the school, arrange a tour of your worksite.
3. Help organize field trips for your child's class related to the world of work.
4. Participate in parent involvement activities at your child's school, particularly those related to career exploration.
5. Have your child volunteer for a charity or community organization. This will encourage your child to be of service to the community and develop interpersonal and organizational skills.



Congratulations to the 2008-2009 BCMS Eighth Grade Superlatives.

Most Friendly: Brodie Stoddard and Lexi Moon

Most Intellectual: Luke Moseley and Darci Bell

Most Popular: Dalton Floyd and Makayla Mullis

Most Shy/Quiet: Colby Carr and Yussi Morales

Most Athletic: Ken Hughes and Ashley Burton

Most Dependable: Lee Jump and Morgan Fordham

Most School Spirit: Dytrez Nelson and Lindsey Dabbs

Most Likely to Succeed: Jim Wimberly and Carissa Leek

Most Talented: Desmond Josiah and Chrinesha McRae

Most Comical: DeAareon Flemming and Nyasia Anderson

Best All Around: Dominic Ligon and Juliette Grantham

Pictures Coming up on December 3rd

Holiday Pictures and **Basketball Pictures** will be taken on December 3rd. Holiday pictures are pre-pay! Be sure to bring your money if you want your picture made alone or with a friend.

Superlative Pictures will also be taken on this day. Students should be sure to dress appropriately. Superlatives will walk to Uchee Trail Golf Course for pictures and will then enjoy a special breakfast on campus. Proper attire for Superlative pictures will be dress casual. (No jeans, t-shirts, shorts, or sweatshirts!)

Library News

Box Tops

Please send in your Box Tops.

Box Tops are being collected by the library to purchase educational supplies. Please send in your box tops today! The homeroom that collects the most box tops will be rewarded with a party!

Junior BETA



Jr. Beta projects: Food Drive and Toys for Tots in December. See front page article for more details!



Trivia Madness

1. Which 2 companies developed the CD in 1979?
 2. What was the surname of King Camp who invented the safety razor?
 3. Which sauce did Henry Heinz invent?
 4. What was unusual about Mark Button's invention (koosh ball)?
 5. Why was the electric iron useless in the USA in 1882?
- The Trivia Cliff Hanger...**Who invented the electrical current used in our homes and what is it ?

Answers located on page 4.

BCMS Student Council

We are completing our Military Care packages this week. Student Government will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd to wrap our packages for shipment!!

Attendance at Regular Meetings is Required!

It is a month before Christmas and the school is buzzing. It is cold outside and the wind is gusting. FCA has been meeting two days a week. Lots of games, movies, and doughnuts to eat. Now the time has come to focus on the one true present. Christmas is more than material gifts we'll be sharing. Remember - For unto us a CHILD was born. The One we should remember to always adore. Take time this season to focus on the meaning. The true meaning is more than gift giving. Share this precious gift with all around. Watch and see how his love will abound.



- Upcoming events
- Canned food drive
 - Christmas program – I need ideas
 - Meetings weekly – (6th – Thursday & 7th/8th – Friday)

Collect HARVEY's Receipts!!!!

“YOU SCREAM...I SCREAM...WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!!!!!!”

This is what the winning home room will be chanting at the end of our HARVEYS SLIP COLLECTION. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BRING IN ANY AND ALL Harvey sales slips you can. The room with the most will be treated to an afternoon of cake, ice cream and fun!!!!!! So start collecting and turn them in to your Homeroom teacher each week from Monday thru Thursday. Weekly winners will be announced each Friday.



Congratulations to Logan Nobles for winning the Name the Newsletter Contest! We had so many entries to select from and it was very difficult to choose the winner! Special thanks go to all of you who submitted entries!



Counselor's Corner

Middle School students are busier people. They will also start to see long-range assignments that require more organization and planning - skills that will be crucial in high school. Here are some tips that can help with this transition.

Organize First - Encourage your child to plan each evening's studying carefully. Tackle assignments due tomorrow first.

Then work on the project due next Monday. An assignment book is essential.

Special Supplies?? - Each afternoon, ask whether tonight's assignments require special books or supplies. Make that trip to the library or hardware store early!

Offer feedback - Encourage your child, but don't offer answers. Questions like, "Does that answer look correct to you?" will help your child without doing her work for her.

Don't procrastinate - Leaving a large assignment until the last minute can

be tempting. Push hard to encourage your child to start projects early.

Enforce a routine - Middle schoolers have more distractions, activities, and friends. Remind them that these are all important, but homework is essential. Homework first; friends, computers, and hobbies later.

Take it with you! - Middle school students have LOTS of distractions. Encourage your child to be sure everything is packed up for tomorrow before he goes to bed.



<p>GOOD HEALTH HABITS:</p> <p>Avoiding close contact with individuals that are sick, staying home when you are sick, if possible, Covering mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, Washing Hands often, Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth</p>		Common Cold	Flu
	Description	Respiratory Illness caused by any one of a number of viruses	Respiratory illness caused by one of the following viruses:
	Symptoms	Runny Nose, Sneezing, Tiredness, Stuffy Nose, Mild Cough	Fever, Extreme tiredness, Body Aches, Dry Cough
	How to Distinguish	Milder Symptoms, Usually does not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalization	More intense symptoms, Tests can be performed within the first few days of the illness to determine if individuals have the flu, Can result in more serious health problems such as, pneumonia, hospitalization,
	How to Prevent Illness and the Spread of Infection	Practicing good health habits	Best method is vaccination every fall, Practicing good

Bleckley County Schools

Vision: Expect Excellence

Mission Statement: The Bleckley County School system strives to form a successful partnership with students, faculty, family members, and the community to assure the education of every individual.

We believe that...

- Schools exist for students.
- Every student can learn, achieve, and succeed given a supportive and challenging learning environment.
- Every student needs love and acceptance.
- Students must learn a positive work ethic and be motivated to become competent, contributing members of society.
- Learning is directly related to the quality of leadership, instructional, and support personnel.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- A challenging and aligned curriculum taught by highly qualified teachers helps ensure success in our schools.
- A safe, orderly, and caring environment is conducive to learning.
- The future of our society is shaped by our educational process.
- Students, families, teachers, and community members should form a partnership to ensure the education of every individual.

Mark Your Calendars...



- December 1** Basketball @ Home against W. Laurens
- December 3** Student Council Meeting @ 7:15 a.m. in Media Center
- December 10** Fall Holiday, Basketball and Superlative Pictures Advisement
- December 17** Fall Athletic Program @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 18** Junior BETA delivers collected food items to the local food closet
- December 19-January 5** Christmas Holidays (19th is a Teacher Workday)
- January 5** Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- January 6** Students return to school

Expecting Excellence...the Bleckley County Way.

We're on the Web
bcmiddle.ga.bcm.schoolinsites.com/



1. Sony and Phillips, 2. Gallett, 3. Tomato Ketchup, 4. It didn't Bounce, 5. There was no electricity in homes yet

Trivia Answers