



MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

An International Baccalaureate World School
800 Middle River Road, Baltimore MD 21220

"Exploring the World One Classroom at a Time"

Principal
William L. Brown

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Dear Students and Parents / Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Middle River Middle School, I am excited to welcome our community back for the 2023-24 school year. As the new and proud principal of our school, I can assure you that our administration has worked diligently all summer to put new processes, procedures, and strategies in place that will support our mission: *to provide a safe, diverse, and rigorous academic experience for all students. In order to prepare students for high school, college and careers, we will (1) promote high academic standards through collaborative learning (2) encourage appropriate and responsive behaviors (3) establish good values and citizenship.*

Start Date(s)

The official school year begins on **Monday, August 28th**. However, BCPS has designated **Thursday, August 24th** as **Early Entry Day** for **6th grade students ONLY**. Early Entry Day is a half day of school following the 3-hour early dismissal schedule. Therefore, 6th graders will arrive to school at the start of the normal school day and will be dismissed at 12pm. Bus riders will have the opportunity to ride the bus at their designated bus stop and time. Although Early Entry Day is not mandatory for incoming 6th graders, it is an opportunity to experience the building, meet teachers, and gain information before everyone begins the following Monday.

School Supply List

A suggested school supply list can be found on our School Website - <https://middleriverms.bcps.org/>
It is important that returning BCPS students bring their charged device to school daily. New BCPS students will be issued a device throughout the opening week of school.

Arrival Procedures

The school doors will open at 8am daily. 6th graders will have a designated entry to the building using the doors near the music building. 7th and 8th graders will enter the building at the main entrance and (or) the entrance closest to the parking lot. Only the entrance doors in front of the school should be used during arrival. The front loop of the school is reserved for buses **ONLY** between 8am and 8:30am. Car riders should use the entrance across from the gas station and enter the parking lot for drop off.

Dismissal Procedures

Students will be dismissed at 3pm daily. Bus riders will need to be on the bus no later than 3:06pm. Car riders will use the parking lot to connect with their rides during dismissal.

Lockers

Since the return from Covid, lockers have not been a part of our arrival or dismissal procedures. However, lockers are available upon request through the grade level counselor.

Breakfast & Lunch

All enrolled students of BCPS will receive breakfast and lunch, free of charge, every day. Please review the School Nutrition attachment for all relevant information related to breakfast and lunch.

Schedules

All Schedules will be available for review through FOCUS after August 11th. Reminder, as students continue to be enrolled and withdrawn from classes, the administration will continue to balance classes and make scheduling decisions for students and teachers. Therefore, initial schedules may be subject to change before the start of the school year.

Directions to Access Class Schedules in FOCUS

Click on the link - <https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>

- Sign in using your BCPS email and password
- On a computer, from the menu on the left, click "Class Schedule"
- On a phone, click the three menu lines at the top right and select "Class Schedule"

***Creating a Parent Account in Schoology has also been attached to the email and will also be in the summer mailing.

Back to School Night

Our Back-to-School Night will be **Wednesday, August 30th from 5:30pm – 8pm**. To better accommodate our families, this event will be facilitated in an Open House format. Therefore, students and families can arrive at any time between 5:30pm and 8pm to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and learn more about our school / programs.

Transportation

Transportation information will be posted on the MRMS website days before August 24th. Any student who lives 1 mile or further from MRMS will be considered a bus rider. Bus drivers, bus stops, times, and routes are all determined by the Office of Transportation. School Website - <https://middleschoolverms.bcps.org/>

Health Suite

Our school nurse, Laura Montgomery (lmontgomery@bcps.org), is available to address any specific medical needs.

Fall Sports

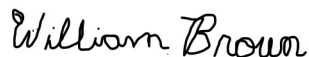
BCPS offers Cross Country, Badminton, and Allied Soccer as interscholastic sports at the middle school level. Fall sports will not begin until September 11th. All athletes must have up-to-date physical and parental permission to participate. More information will be forthcoming from our Athletic Advisor Dustin Reider (dreider2@bcps.org).

Grade Level Administrators, Counselors, and Team Leaders

Please use the following information below to direct any specific questions or concerns you may have throughout the school year.

Grade Level	Administrator	Counselor	Team Leaders
6 th Grade	Caitlin Roh croh@bcps.org	Jamie Rudden & Stacey Jones jrudden@bcps.org sjones37@bcps.org	Jessica Laatsch & Jeff Snelling jlaatsch@bcps.org jsnelling2@bcps.org
7 th Grade	Sarah Atwood-Starkey satwoodstarkey@bcps.org	Evan Sullivan esullivan3@bcps.org	Mike Duklewski & Tim Baldwin mduklewski@bcps.org tbaldwin4@bcps.org
8 th Grade	Evan Rothman erothman@bcps.org	Leigh Ridgell lridgell@bcps.org	Alicia Kollmorgen & Britney Hodge akollmorgen@bcps.org bhodge2@bcps.org

Sincerely,



William L. Brown
Principal
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