



BISON BLAST

AUGUST 2026 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

BCMS

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WELCOME BACK, BISON FAMILIES!

We are excited to welcome students and families back to Buffalo Community Middle School for the 2026–2027 school year. Middle school is an important time for students to grow, build confidence, make connections, and prepare for high school and beyond. Our staff is committed to helping every student feel supported, challenged, and connected throughout the year. We look forward to partnering with families to make this a positive and successful school year for all students.

Go Bison!

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 3	Schedules shared online
AUGUST 24	Open House, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 31	First day for 6th graders, Welcome and WEB Day
SEPTEMBER 1	First day for 7th and 8th graders
SEPTEMBER 9	Make up day for school picture
OCTOBER 8	Retake for school picture
OCTOBER 8 AND 12	Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

- Starting August 10, 2026
- BCMS will be open Monday through Thursday
- 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Families should use the Main Entrance.
- Students are welcome to practice walking their schedule & set up their locker with an adult.

WELCOME, NEW TEACHING STAFF!

We are excited to welcome the following new teachers to BCMS:

Christina Boeckers, Special Education
Madi Drasher, 6th and 8th Grade Math
John Gunderson, Art
Josie Hillestad, 8th Grade Math
Tracy Johnson, AVID Coordinator
Kristine Wiese, 6th Grade Orchestra

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BISON BINDER

Bison Binder packages, including the necessary school supplies, are available for \$35, cash or check made payable to BCMS. Families may also choose to purchase a similar zipper binder and supplies on their own. Students will use it daily, so please make sure it is labeled clearly with the student's first and last name.

BCMS ACTIVITIES

BCMS offers a variety of athletic programs for students in grades 7 and 8. In addition, several activities including art, music, academic clubs, and other enrichment opportunities are available to students in all grade levels.

For more information, contact the Activities Office at 763-682-8201. Details about activities and athletics can also be found on the BCMS website.

BEFORE SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check schedules online on August 3.
- ☐ Plan for Open House on August 24, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
- ☐ Update information in Campus Parent Portal.
- ☐ Check sports physical status before activity registration.
- ☐ Review transportation plans and make sure your child knows how they will get home on the first day.
- ☐ Encourage your child to look over their schedule and this back to school information to identify any questions before Open House.
- ☐ Pick up a Bison Binder and lock at the BCMS front desk. Starting August 10, BCMS will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Binders will also be available at Open House.
- ☐ Label the Bison Binder with first and last name.
- ☐ Make sure students have a school-issued purple lock.
- ☐ Practice opening the school lock.
- ☐ Talk with your child about all the items on the next page.



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PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD

☐ WHY SCHOOL MATTERS

Daily work and assessments in middle school matter. Teachers use grades, classroom performance, and multiple assessments to understand each student's skills, identify areas for growth, and provide the instruction and support they need.

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☐ STUDENT HOURS

Students arrive after 8:25 a.m. and school begins at 8:50. After school, students must leave the building, be with a staff member, or wait in the front office after 3:35 p.m.

☐ RIDING THE BUS

The same rules that apply at school also apply on the bus. Students are expected to be safe, respectful, and responsible. Stay seated, keep hands and feet to yourself, listen to the driver, and ride only your assigned bus.

☐ FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Students may only have water in hallways and classrooms. Drinks such as soda must be finished in the Mall, and energy drinks are not allowed at school. Simple snacks may be kept in lockers.

☐ CELL PHONES AND DEVICES

Students do not need a phone during the school day. Phones must be stored in lockers all day. Students may not take pictures of or record others. Phone misuse: teacher warning, front desk pickup, then admin referral.

☐ BCMS ACTIVITIES

Activities and athletics are a great way to meet new people, build school spirit, and try something new. Families may register through the Campus Portal once the sports physical is current.

☐ WIN TIME

Twice each week, students have a 28 minute WIN Time block for retakes, questions, missing work, enrichment, or support. Students should sign up for what they truly need.

☐ LOCKERS

Students must have a school locker with a school issued lock and should keep it locked. Coats, backpacks, and snacks should be stored inside lockers. The school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

☐ BIKES AND BOARDS

Students may ride bikes to school and lock them in the bike racks located on three sides of the building. Skateboards, longboards, and rip sticks are not allowed on buses or inside the school.

☐ TARDINESS

Students are expected to be in class when the bell rings. Each tardy sends an email home. After the third tardy, Morning Make Up Time will be scheduled. Continued tardiness will lead to family follow up.

☐ DRESS CODE

Clothing must be appropriate for school and may not disrupt learning. Clothing may not advertise drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything inappropriate. Costumes, face paint, and flags are not allowed during the school day.

🔒 LOCKERS & COMBINATION LOCKS



**ALL STUDENTS
MUST USE A
LOCKER AND A
SCHOOL-ISSUED
BCMS LOCK.**

HOW TO USE YOUR COMBINATION LOCK

