



# Buffalo Community Middle School

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The place to  
**dream, believe  
and achieve.**



# Welcome to Buffalo Community Middle School!



**"I've never met a group of people who cared so much about my kid."**

—Kim, BCMS Parent

**DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR KIDS** drives every decision we make at Buffalo Community Middle School. Our focus on attitude, character, compassion, courage, integrity, respect and service creates a positive, inviting environment for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders who call BCMS home.

## Relationships Come First

Our students are able to meet rigorous academic challenges because we get to know them personally and demonstrate how information and learning are relevant to their lives. This personalized approach to learning promotes the connections, skills and accountability necessary for success for all students. Every student has an advisor to guide her or him through all three years.

## Our Students Belong

We organize 6th and 7th graders into teams to promote a collaborative small-group atmosphere. Our peer mentorship program, WEB (Where Everybody Belongs), pairs 8th graders with 6th graders to ease the transition to middle school and create a school culture of belonging and contributing.

## Everything We Do is for the Good of our Students

Our students quickly learn that BCMS teachers can be counted on for support. We listen to our parents and youth – to their ideas and needs – and involve them meaningfully in decision-making.

## All Truly Means All at BCMS

We believe in the abilities and talents of every student and meet our young people where they are at, with the resources and a supportive community that they need to be successful. All students are equally important and all students have the opportunity to succeed at BCMS.



**"Quest kept my older son challenged throughout his three years. My younger son receives special education services, and it gives us such a secure feeling knowing that the dedicated staff really have their eyes on him."**

—Terry, BCMS Parent

# Buffalo Community Middle School Stands Out from the Herd



## Personalized Learning & Electives

Innovative classes and elective opportunities in tech ed, Family and Consumer Science, physical education, health and technology promote personalized learning. Students also have access to a top-notch music program with many vocal and instrumental options.

## Talented & Caring Faculty

Our staff understand the importance of helping students set and achieve their goals. In every classroom at BCMS, every day, you'll see relevant and rigorous curriculum delivered. Our staff are certified experts in their content area, with more than 80% of our teachers having earned their master's degrees.

## Unmatched Learning Opportunities

Our school-wide **AVID** program helps students find their passion and prepare for college and careers. All students receive a Bison Binder with a planner and supplies to increase their organizational skill-set.

**Quest** is an accelerated learning program, serving the top 3-5% of the student body who need more challenging subject matter. Students take accelerated English, social studies, math and science classes, and mix in with their grade level for music, art, physical education, electives and lunch.

By adding an arts component to the concepts of science, technology, engineering and math (STEAM), BCMS offers 6th grade elective courses with enhancements. These innovative classes integrate creative expression, inquiry, critical thinking and collaboration into learning. During their first year of middle school, students gain strong foundational skills in technology and engineering processes that promote understanding of real-life experiences.

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## Specialized Education

We pay attention to the needs of our students. A system of academic and behavioral interventions makes sure that those who need help get it.

Our special education services are second to none. We offer specific programming and support for students with different abilities and needs. Students are placed in the most appropriate setting to meet their educational needs. In addition, many students have the opportunity to work with an 8th grade mentor to help develop social skills and build relationships.

## Exceptional Facilities

Because BCMS was once a high school, our students benefit from exceptional indoor and outdoor spaces. Oversized science, music and art classrooms allow students the space to be creative and grow. We also have a pool, two gyms, a football field, track, two new health classrooms, and green spaces for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse.

## Smart Technology

BCMS uses technology to support high quality instruction and student learning. We are a leader in integration, with sophisticated computer labs, Chromebooks, SMART Boards, iPads, laptops, LCD projectors and wireless access points available throughout the building to support learning. Increased access to technology provides our students with opportunities to process ideas, collaborate with their peers and extend learning beyond the classroom walls.



## Engaged Parent Community

A parent advisory council builds community relationships and plays a key role in deciding the future direction for BCMS. The group provides input on such topics as conferences, school safety and methods of communication to improve our middle school culture and climate.

**Daily Schedule**  
8:50 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.



**BCMS is on a quarter system, providing students with opportunities to take a variety of courses throughout the year.**

Each day begins with **Prime Time**, when students focus on character education, positive relationships, study skills and strategies. There are six classes daily.



## Explore All the Extras at BCMS

The middle school years are a great time to explore school-sponsored sports and activities. The BCMS activities program is designed to help students have fun, develop new friendships, advance skill levels, and have challenging and rewarding experiences. Our coaches and advisors share a holistic philosophy about the well-being of the middle school child.

### 7th & 8th Grade Sports

All 7th and 8th grade students, regardless of ability or experience, are invited to join a sport at BCMS. Students must have a current physical on file (good for three years). Parents and students complete an online registration form. Depending on family income levels, students may qualify for free or reduced activity fees; this will appear on the online registration form.

#### SPORTS INCLUDE:

- **Fall:** Football, Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Soccer, Cross Country and Girls Swimming and Diving
- **Winter:** Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Boys Swimming and Diving
- **Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field, Girls Golf and Boys Golf

### Intramurals & Clubs

To complement sports options, BCMS offers several student-driven intramural and club activities, designed strictly for fun and recreation! These activities are student-driven and change every year based on student interest. Students participating in these activities do not compete against other schools.

Intramural and club examples include: Bowling, Flag Football, Environmental Club, Chess Club and more.



### Activities

All students are encouraged to get involved in some type of activity at BCMS. Clubs and groups form after the start of the school year. Parents and students should watch the school monitors, call the Activities Line at 763.682.8221 and check our website for information regarding registration and schedules.

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

6th Grade Singers, Yearbook, 7th and 8th grade Jazz Band, Student Council, Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Drama, Knowledge Bowl, Speech, Chess Club and Math Counts.

**"Our daughters took full advantage of the opportunities at BCMS— student council, speech team, tennis and more. The administration, teachers and staff left a positive mark, and we are forever grateful!"**

—Krista, BCMS Parent

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