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WEB - WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

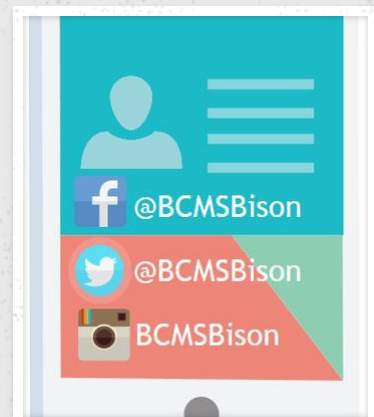
On September 4th, Where Everybody Belongs, or the WEB program, had an opportunity to welcome all 6th grade students to BCMS on their first day of school. WEB is a peer mentorship program that empowers and trains 8th grade students to guide 6th grade students through their transition to the middle school. This year BCMS has 90 WEB leaders that have been assigned to groups of 6th grade students. Our 8th grade leaders will mentor their "weblets" for their entire 6th grade year with an emphasis on building relationships and having fun. Our leaders and 6th graders agreed that one of the highlights of orientation was the lively school tour. (see picture below)

In September WEB leaders stopped by Prime Time classrooms and delivered a piece of candy to each 6th grader. It was a great way to follow up with each student and to see how they are feeling about the first weeks of school. In October our WEB leaders will host an exciting, music-filled Limbo Contest. As the year progresses students will have more opportunities to make connections with both their WEB leaders and the other members of their WEB groups. BCMS believes that WEB is "Doing What's Best for Kids!"



BUFFALO HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL		Calendar Report
8/27/2018 through 10/14/2018		8/27/2018 through 10/14/2018
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Buffalo Community Middle School	
Daily Schedule 2018-19	
Prime Time 8:50 - 9:10 1st hour 9:15 - 10:08 2nd hour 10:13 - 11:06 3rd hour 11:11 - 12:04 4th hour 12:09 - 1:29 Lunch 8th Grade: Lunch from 12:04 - 12:29 4th hour from 12:34 - 1:29 7th Grade: 4th hour starts at 12:09 - 12:34 Lunch from 12:34 - 12:59 4th hour continues from 1:04-1:29 6th Grade: 4th hour starts at 12:09 - 1:04 Lunch 1:04 - 1:29 5th hour 1:34 - 2:27 6th hour 2:32 - 3:25	





A/B DAILY SCHEDULE

The Buffalo Community Middle School offers some classes that use a daily A-B Rotation Schedule which is seen here. This typically applies to music and gym classes. Mon. & Wed. are "A" days. Tues. & Thurs. are "B" days. Fridays rotate A & B days.

BCMS DAILY SCHEDULE


BCMS Daily Schedule breakdown of hours and lunch times, along with a 2 hour late start adjusted schedule


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6th Grade BCMS Fall Conferences

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Welcome!

It's hard to believe that our summer is almost over and that fall is quickly approaching. As we look ahead, we'd like to invite you to our BCMS - Fall Parent Teacher Conference Nights.

- **Please find your child's 6th Grade Team.** Please note that all of your child's teachers may not be a part of just one team. Please choose the team where the majority of their classes fall.
- **Our Conference nights will be on Thursday, November 15th and Monday, November 19th. Please**

BCMS FALL CONFERENCES

Hello BCMS Families,

BCMS Fall Conferences will be held on November 15th and 19th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Conferences are optional, as you can also use the [Parent Portal](#), teacher websites, and Google Classroom to keep updated on your child's progress. We have made a few changes to our building conferences, moving us closer to a system that works for all.

We ask parents to select a start time in order to spread out our building traffic throughout the night. During the time you select, you will have the opportunity to meet with each of your child's teachers. Please note the entire process will take approximately 45 minutes. Find your child's section which is listed alphabetically by team or last name, unless your child is in the Quest Program - then please sign them up under Quest.

Questions? Contact Tonia Poncius at 763.682.8249

[6th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

[7th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

[8th Grade Student Sign Up](#)

COUNSELING CORNER: SUPPORTING STUDENTS ON THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL JOURNEY.

How can a School Counselor help my child?

The BCMS Counseling Team would like to inform parents of the services and resources they offer to students and their families. Counselors help students through personal counseling, group counseling, academic planning, goal setting and assistance accessing community and mental health resources. Counselors practice a solution focused and problem solving approach.

If you have a concern about how your child is performing in school, how they are functioning personally or socially, or you're just wondering if your pre-teen/ teenage child's behavior is developmentally appropriate, please contact your child's grade level counselor.

The Student Services google page explains all of the different ways that we assist and advocate for students and links to community resources. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel there is something we can do to help your child.

[BCMS - Student Services Website](#)

[Student Services Google Page](#)

Looking for ways to connect with your middle school student!?

*Have your student show you their grades - Your student is really excited about that good grade they received in that class

*Attend school events - Even though your student might not admit it, they want you to be involved and interested in their schoolwork.

*Go for a walk together - Do an internet search for "middle school conversation starters." You'll be amazed at what you can find out about your kid during a short walk together!

*Create Memories - Pick their favorite meal and make it together.

*Set aside time - When you are riding in the car with your child, make that a positive time to talk about his/her day

* Be available - Let your student know you are there to listen, you don't need to solve the problem.



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BCMS PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

This year's picture retake day at BCMS will take place on Friday, October 5. Please see the attached form for more details. To place an online order or view what is available, follow this [link](#).

Parents will also have up to 48 hours after picture day to complete their online order.

Picture Day is Coming

Order before Picture Day at **mylifetouch.com**

Picture Day is:

Friday, October 05, 2018

Retake Day! Buffalo Community Middle School

1 VISIT:
mylifetouch.com

2 ENTER
your Picture Day ID
MI218044Y2

3 ORDER
your perfect package—and
don't worry about returning
anything on Picture Day!

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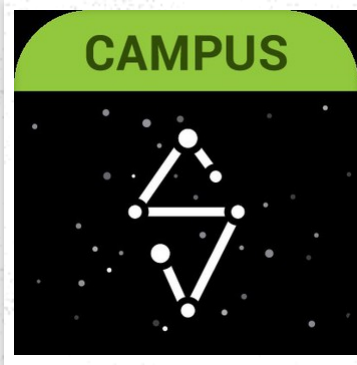
NEW CAMPUS PORTAL APP FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Infinite Campus has two NEW and IMPROVED mobile apps: Campus Student (for students) and Campus Parent (for parents). Download your free app for real-time access to the following: announcements, assignments, attendance, grades, schedules and much more!

If you are using the old Infinite Campus app, you will need to download the new app. The old app will no longer be supported. You can download the apps from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



**CAMPUS
PARENT**



**CAMPUS
STUDENT**

BCMS KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM WANTS YOU!

Ready for Knowledge Bowl?

KB is a team contest in which students compete in written and oral rounds by answering questions related to all areas of learning. The questions test students' recall, problem solving and critical thinking skills. The major emphasis at this level of competition is to enjoy participating and to experience team competition.

KB is an interdisciplinary academic program for students. Question sets will include questions from a mix of disciplines, including American history, world history, government, current events, economics and law, geography, literature, English, math, physical science, life science, earth science, health and psychology, art and music, and general knowledge of Minnesota.

We attend meets where we compete with area schools. Teams consist of six members and all six members compete in both the written and oral rounds.

Sign up begins October 1. <https://bhmschools.feepay.com/>

Practice begins in November and runs through December.

BCMS GOES TO WASHINGTON DC!!!



GET YOUR BCMS YEARBOOK!

There's nothing like getting your copy of the Buffalo Community Middle School official yearbook. It's the limited edition collection of our school's stories for this year. Don't let your student miss out on sharing and reliving the big events that will make this year special. The online store is now open to order a yearbook. Book price is \$34.00 and if you order before 10/12/18 you receive free icons!


You may also with cash or checks. Make any checks payable to BCMS. You or your student can turn them into the front office, Natasha, or Jeannie. You can order online using the link below:

<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1062892/Buffalo-Community-Middle-School/>

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There's nothing like getting your yearbook. It's the limited edition collection of our school's stories of the year. Let your student share and relive the big events that will make this year special.

Yearbooks are now on sale for the lowest price of the year. ORDER NOW AND SAVE \$2.00!

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SIGNATURE PACKAGE <small>Includes: Yearbook, Personalization, 8 Multicolored Signing Markers, Autograph Section</small>	\$48.00
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BCMS WELLNESS CORNER

School Health Services – Providing Health Promotion and Support for students.

World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10th every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.

Here in Buffalo, community agencies are teaming up to provide a free event titled “Let’s Talk About It” on Wednesday, October 10th at Buffalo High School PAC. Come at 5:30pm for Dinner and Resource Fair / 6:30pm program. The goal of this event is to raise awareness of mental health issues and create a space to have community conversations, resources, and support in the hopes of improving the lives of all Wright County residents.

This Free event is brought to you by the Bounce Back Project and SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education). People of all ages and families are encouraged to attend.

In addition, October is National Dental Hygiene Month. Buffalo High School will be hosting a free Dental Clinic for Middle School and High School students during school hours. This clinic is provided by local dentists and Operation Grace. This is our 3rd year of hosting this clinic and it has had great success!! Middle School students are welcome to attend; transportation to the High School will be provided. To sign your Middle School student up for this free clinic please call Mary at the Middle School Health Office: (763) 682-8208.

EMERGENCY TEST MESSAGE—OCTOBER 11

BHM Schools want to ensure that we are communicating with parents in the most effective way possible. On Thursday, October 11th, 2018, mid-morning, the district will send out a district-wide emergency test message to parents and guardians from our parent notification system. You should receive a call, email and text message (whatever information you have on file with your child's school). Especially with the upcoming winter months, we want to be sure parents/guardians don't miss any important messages from the school or the district about cancellations or delays. Remember this is ONLY a TEST and NO action will likely be necessary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED TO JOIN OUR BCMS TEAM!

Substitute teachers and ESPs needed to join our BCMS team

The District is looking to hire substitute teachers and educational support professionals for the 18-19 school year. If you love working with kids, this is the perfect job. You get to choose when you are available to work!

You can help with substitute teaching if you hold any four year degree. If you hold a 4-year degree, but not in the field of education, you may apply to become a Limited Short Call Substitute Teacher through MDE.

If you are interested in subbing as a teacher or ESP, go to the [BHM Website](#) to fill out an application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Human Resources Office at 763.682.8712

UPCOMING ELECTION INFORMATION



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BHM Operating Referendum

Vote: November 6, 2018

Just the Facts

The Question

The BHM School Board has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$119.87 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,067.87 per pupil. The net difference is \$950 per pupil. Beginning with taxes payable in 2019, the new net authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation for over a 10-year period.

Our Goals

Help
Reduce
Class Sizes

Address
School Safety
Through
Personnel &
Infrastructure

Expand
Middle
School
Opportunities

Address
Special
Ed
Funding
Deficit

Historical Timeline



Why Now?

- The district can no longer spend down the district's fund balance to maintain class sizes.
- Addressing school safety and security issues and providing more mental health support is a top priority.
- Expanding opportunities for middle school students to receive extra help and have more elective class choices is very important.
- The state is not fully funding special education programs forcing our district to fill the \$760 per pupil funding gap.

Tax Impact

Year taxes payable		2019 Revoke Authority -\$119.87	2019 Proposed Authority \$1,069.87	2019 Net Change \$950
Property Type	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for BHM Operating Referendum Only		
Residential, Homesteads,	\$150,000	-\$17	\$279	\$262
Apartments,	\$200,000	-\$22	\$371	\$349
Commercial,	\$250,000	-\$28	\$464	\$436
Industrial Property	\$300,000	-\$34	\$557	\$523

More Information: www.bhmschools.org Questions: Call--763-682-0877 | Email-- election@bhmschools.org



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Financial Q & A

Q If you need to fill the \$760 special education funding gap and you are asking for \$1,067.87 (net \$950) for this operating referendum, doesn't that mean 71% of this money will go towards special education?

A No. The state and federal government continue to underfund the special education mandates they have placed on school districts. BHM Schools is already spending money for special education from our general fund to cover the cost. The funds raised through this referendum will free-up those funds to be spent in areas that benefit all students such as **reducing class sizes, expanding middle school opportunities, addressing school safety and security through personnel and infrastructure, and addressing the budget deficit.** Specific amounts have not been determined for each of these four areas because it could fluctuate from year to year—especially with class sizes.

Q Why the big jump from \$119.87 to \$950?

A The last voter approved operating referendum was 16 years ago. The district asked for an increase in operating funds in 2007 and 2008 and was unsuccessful, resulting in two years of budget reductions and a loss of 40 teachers. Since then, the district has used one-time state and federal funds and has begun to spend down the fund balance. The school board has been committed to class size reductions and over the last several years has hired back 18 teachers. With the lack of school funding, we can not sustain what we have, make additional investments in educational programming, improve student safety with personnel or make further reductions in class sizes. Even with the additional funding request of \$950, we are still below the state average for general education revenue.

Q We just gave you money in the 2014 bond referendum election to help with safety and security. Do you need additional funds to do more or did you not budget those projects adequately?

A Yes we budgeted adequately, but we need to do more. The funds from the 2014 bond referendum could ONLY be used for building projects and upgrades. We improved the safety and security of our buildings by building new, secure entrances at Discovery Elementary, Hanover Elementary and Tatarika Elementary STEM School. We also added video cameras, updated intercom systems, fixed roofs, repaired parking lots and sidewalks, and upgraded the phone system (along with many other improvements).

Since 2014, many factors have changed in the way we want to protect our students in our schools and other safety measures we want to put in place. This referendum will address the need to reduce class sizes and hire personnel to deal with student mental health issues and provide funds for school improvements such as bullet resistant window film, a blue light alert system (notifies students when they can't hear announcements), open door indicators and other identified safety improvements.

Q Can you use the 2014 bond referendum funding to help pay for more teachers?

A No. The funds from the 2014 bond referendum could ONLY be used for the building projects and upgrades as identified and could not be used for operating expenses such as teacher salaries. Funds from the 2014 bond election can only be placed in Fund 06 (Construction Fund) which can only pay for construction related costs. Teachers are not an allowable expenditure in the Construction Fund.

Q If this operating referendum passes, how much will my taxes go up each year?

A See the tax impact chart on the front page. If this operating referendum passes, it will be in effect for the next 10 years. As you will see on the tax impact chart, the estimated tax on a \$250,000 home would be \$436 for the year or \$36.33 per month. This amount will fluctuate each year based on the rate of inflation. If inflation goes up by 1%, that amount will increase \$4.36 to \$440.36 or \$36.69 per month.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - 2018/19

Annual Notifications from Buildings and Grounds

2018-2019 School Year

Asbestos: Annual Notification of Availability of the Management Plan and Related Activities

The Management Plan is available for viewing by interested parties, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Principal's Office at each school site. Copies of the management plan are available from the District for nominal cost. The Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that each school district notify parents, guardians, and staff annually regarding asbestos-related activities. All of the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District buildings have been inspected for asbestos-containing materials according to AHERA protocol, using accredited inspectors.

As required by Federal law, the condition of asbestos in our school is surveyed every six months as part of an ongoing operations and maintenance program. The most recent survey was completed in June 2017. A comprehensive inspection is conducted every three years. The latest three-year inspection was completed in December 2014. Concerns identified from these inspections are remedied by professional asbestos abatement contractors in a timely manner. The remaining asbestos in the district buildings will remain unless its condition deteriorates, or it becomes necessary due to renovation. ISD 877 has on file a complete and updated

management plan dealing with asbestos containing building material (ACBM) within the school district's buildings. The management plan is available for viewing by interested parties, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Principal's office at each school site. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to the District "Designated Person" for asbestos management, John Heltunen, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at 763.682.8773.

• **Janet B. Johnson, Parents Right-To-Know Act, August 2003**

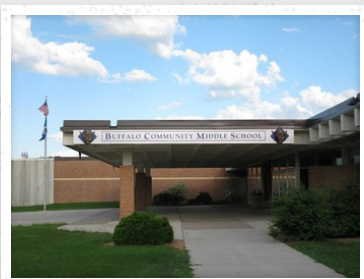
A Minnesota state law went into effect in the year 2000 that requires schools to inform school employees and parents if they apply pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to employees and parents for review or copy at each school's office. If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please contact John Heltunen at 763.682.8773. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

ISD 877 is continuing to work closely with its health and safety resources to comply with integrated pest management guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to John Heltunen, Director of Buildings and Grounds.




• **Indoor Air Quality Management Plan**

As an additional requirement by the Department of Education, ISD 877 has developed and implemented an Indoor Air Quality Management Plan that addresses indoor air quality issues throughout the District. Walkthroughs and inspections of the buildings are performed annually to detect current problems and prevent future problems from occurring. Information is also available from the Minnesota Department of Health at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/schools/index.html>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding indoor air quality, please contact the District's IAQ Coordinator, John Heltunen.



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