WE ARE...

BELLEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL!

ONE SCHOOL | ONE COMMUNITY | ONE MISSION

TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVE MORE!

WE ARE...

RESPECTFUL	We treat everyone with kindness and respect.
RESPONSIBLE	We take ownership of our actions and strive for excellence.
INCLUSIVE	We welcome and value every voice and perspective.
ENGAGED	We are active learners who ask questions, think critically, and persevere.
READY	We come prepared, stay focused, and are ready for what's next.

Every Student.

EVERY DAY.

EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

BELLEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

LEARN | LEAD | SUCCEED

BELLEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
2026-2027 Welcome Packet

We are excited to welcome our students and families to BMS for the 2026-2027 School Year. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment for all students.

Below you will find important information to help you prepare for the upcoming school year. While this is not a comprehensive guide, it serves as a helpful overview of key procedures and expectations for the start of the school year.

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A Message from Mr. Giachetti, Principal:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your building principal. My name is Charlie Giachetti and I have proudly served the Belleville school community for more than 25 years. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of serving as a classroom teacher, Dean of Students at Belleville Middle School, Assistant Principal at Belleville Middle School, and Principal of School #8.

I am excited to continue working with our students, families, faculty, and staff and look forward to a successful school year together.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or fantastic ideas. I can be reached at charles.giachetti@bellevilleschools.org.

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The BMS Administrative Team

Mr. Charles Giachetti - Principal

Mr. Mario Pedro - Assistant Principal

Mr. Nicholas Campione - Assistant Principal

Dr. Aida Cardona - Assistant Principal

School Hours & Bell Schedule

- All students must enter through Door #5 on Holmes Street.
- The first bell will ring at **8:35am** for students who want to eat breakfast.
- The second bell will ring at **8:45am** at which time all students will proceed to their lockers and their first class of the day.
- The third bell will ring at **8:50am** signaling that all students should be seated in their first class of the day.
- All students will be dismissed from school at 3:02pm.

Late Arrival:

- Students arriving after the start of the school day must enter through Door #3 and follow the posted procedures.

Please see attached Bell Schedule for specific class times through the day*

Bus Students:

- All bus students must have their bus pass and arrive at their assigned bus stop by 8:25 a.m.

Bus Stop Locations -

- **Honnis/Heckel :** Honiss Street & Heckel Street
- **Amvets:** Newark Avenue & Florence Avenue
- **SOHO:** Harrison Street & Wallace Street
- **Rutan:** Continental Avenue & Celia Terrace

Daily School Attendance *MATTERS*... in the event that your child must be absent, please contact our BMS Main Office at 973-450-3500 Ext. 2002 or 2003.

Emergency Contact Information:

- All students must complete and return an updated yellow emergency contact card to their A day 1st block teacher as soon as possible.
- For student safety, students will not be permitted to leave with anyone who is not listed on the yellow emergency card or in Realtime.
- Please make sure all telephone numbers, emergency contacts, and authorized pickup information are current.

Keeping Informed at BMS:

There are multiple ways that students and parents can keep informed about what is happening in our school including via our Website, grade level Google classrooms, etc.

- BMS Website:
  - Families are encouraged to visit the BMS website regularly for important information, updates and school resource - https://ms.bellevilleschools.org/
- Student Handbook:
  - The BMS Student Handbook is available on the BMS website under the Students section.
- Daily Announcements:
  - Daily Announcements are available on the BMS website under the Menu tab in the About Us section.
- Google Classrooms Class Codes:
  - Grade 7 - zqrc22s3
  - Grade 8 - 7vapgvj

Important Phone Numbers:

BMS Main office:
973-450-3500 Ext. 2002 and 2003

Annex Main Office/Guidance Office:
973-450-3500 Ext. 2142

Nurse's Office:
973-450-3500 Ext. 2008

School Life:

- RealTime:
  - Students and parents can view schedules, grades, and other information via the student information system, RealTime. More information about RealTime can be found on the BMS or BPS website.

- Chromebooks:
  - Registered students who do not have a Chromebook may pick one up at Belleville High School.
    - For Chromebook information or assistance, parents/guardians may call: 973-450-3500, Ext. 1094
- Lockers:
  - All students will be assigned a locker.
    - 7th grade lockers will be on the Second and Third floor
    - 8th grade lockers will be on the First and Second floor
  - Lockers must be locked at all times
  - Students CAN NOT share lockers
  - Students CAN NOT use their own personal locks

- Electronic Devices:
  - Cell phones, iWatches, and/or any other type of internet enabled electronic devices are not allowed during school hours as per Belleville Public Schools Policy/Regulation 5516.
    - Students must keep their cell phones shut off or on silent and store them in their backpacks or in their lockers.
      - There are some exceptions for students with medical needs and/or 504/IEP accommodations.
    - Some teachers may utilize cell phones for academic purposes.

- Lunch Applications:
  - All families are encouraged to complete a lunch application. Even if you don't think you qualify, you can complete it online -https://aptg.co/qKq0J2 . **Email the completed application** to **lunchapplications@bellevilleschools.org**

- The Annex:
  - Some students may have classes at the Annex building.
    - Students who need to travel between the main building and the annex will exit through Door #2. Students will then travel along the High Street sidewalk to the appropriate building.

Belleville School District
2026-2027 School Calendar

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

May 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

June 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Number of Days

	Staff	Students		Staff	Students
September	19	17	February	18	18
October	22	22	March	19	19
November	14	14	April	20	19
December	17	17	May	20	20
January	19	19	June	19	19
Students - 184	(182 Contact + 2 Emergency)				
Staff - 187	(182 Contact Days+2 Emergency+ 3 Pd)				

September 2026

- 2 & 3 Staff Professional Development
- 4 & 7 Labor Day Observance-District Closed
- 8 First Day for Students

October 2026

- 1 Single Session-Staff Professional Development
- 12 Single Session
- 22 Single Session-Staff Professional Development

November 2026

- 2-4 District Closed
- 5 &6 NJEA Convention-District Closed
- 11 Veterans Day-Single Session
- 25 Thanksgiving Eve-Single Session
- 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Recess-District Closed

December 2026

- 9 &10 Single Session-Parent Conferences
- 23 Single Session
- 24-31 Holiday/New Year Recess-District Closed

January 2027

- 18 Martin Luther King -District Closed
- 28 Single Session-Staff Professional Development

February 2027

- 12 Single Session
- 15-16 Winter Recess-District Closed

March 2027

- 1 Single Session-Staff Professional Development
- 26 Good Friday -District Closed
- 29-31 Spring Break Schools Closed

April 2027

- 1-2 Spring Break-Schools Closed
- 14 Staff Professional Development-Schools Closed

May 2027

- 20 Single Session-Staff Professional Development
- 31 Memorial Day-District Closed

June 2027

- 22-24 Single Session-Students Only
- 25 Last Day of School- Single Session

Should additional days be required to be made up due to exceeding the three (4) allotted emergency closing days, additional days will be added in the following order:3/30,3/31,4/1,4/2
The Superintendent reserves the right to make adjustments to the calendar as deemed necessary.

School Schedule

School	Regular Day	Single Session	Delayed Opening
Pre-K	9 15 AM - 3 15 PM	9 15 AM - 12 50 PM	10 45 AM
Elementary	8 35 AM - 3 15 PM	8 35 AM - 12 50 PM	10 05 AM
Middle School	8 50 AM - 3 02 PM	8 40 AM - 1 19 PM	10 20 AM
High School	7 57 AM - 2 32 PM	7 57 AM -12 15 PM	9 27 AM

Board of Education Approved- August 12, 2026

Regular Day (A/B Days)

A Day

Breakfast/HR	8:35am-8:50am
Block 1	8:50am-10:12am
Block 2	10:15am-11:37am
Block 3	11:40am-1:37pm
Lunch A	11:40am-12:12pm
Class A	12:15pm-1:37pm
Class B (Part 1)	11:40am-12:21pm
Lunch B	12:23pm-12:55pm
Class B (Part 2)	12:56pm-1:37pm
Class C	11:40am-1:02pm
Lunch C	1:05pm-1:37pm
Block 4	1:40pm-3:02pm

B Day

Breakfast/HR	8:35am-8:50am
Block 1	8:50am-10:12am
Block 2	10:15am-11:37am
Block 3	11:40am- 1:37pm
Lunch A	11:40am-12:12pm
Class A	12:15pm-1:37pm
Class B (Part 1)	11:40am-12:21pm
Lunch B	12:23pm-12:55pm
Class B (Part 2)	12:56pm-1:37pm
Class C	11:40am-1:02pm
Lunch C	1:05pm-1:37pm
Block 4	1:40pm-3:02pm

Single Session (A/B Days)

A Day

Breakfast/HR	8:35am-8:49am
Block 1	8:49am-9:47am
Block 2	9:50am-10:48am
Block 4	10:51am-11:49am
Lunch A	11:52am-12:21pm
Class A	12:21pm-1:19pm
Lunch B	12:21pm-12:50pm
Class B (Part 1)	11:52am-12:21pm
Class B (Part 2)	12:50pm- 1:19pm
Lunch C	12:50pm-1:19pm
Class C	11:52am-12:50pm
Block 3	11:53am-1:19pm

B Day

Breakfast/HR	8:35am-8:49am
Block 1	8:49am-9:47am
Block 2	9:50am-10:48am
Block 4	10:51am-11:49am
Lunch A	11:52am-12:21pm
Class A	12:21pm- 1:19pm
Lunch B	12:21pm-12:50pm
Class B (Part 1)	11:52am-12:21pm
Class B (Part 2)	12:50pm- 1:19pm
Lunch C	12:50pm-1:19pm
Class C	11:52am-12:50pm
Block 3	11:53am-1:19pm

1 ½ Delaved Opening (A/B Days)

A Day

Breakfast/HR	10:14am-10:29am
Block 1	10:29am-11:28am
Block 2	11:31am-12:30pm
Lunch A	12:33pm-1:02pm
Class A	1:02pm-2:00pm
Lunch B	1:02pm-1:31pm
Class B (Part 1)	12:33pm- 1:02pm
Class B (Part 2)	1:31pm- 2:00pm
Lunch C	1:31pm- 2:00pm
Class C	12:33pm- 1:31pm
Block 3	12:33pm- 2:00pm
Block 4	2:03pm- 3:02pm

B Day

Breakfast/HR	10:14am-10:29am
Block 1	10:29am-11:28am
Block 2	11:31am-12:30pm
Lunch A	12:33pm-1:02pm
Class A	1:02pm-2:00pm
Lunch B	1:02pm-1:31pm
Class B (Part 1)	12:33pm-1:02pm
Class B (Part 2)	1:31pm- 2:00pm
Lunch C	1:31pm- 2:00pm
Class C	12:33pm- 1:31pm
Block 3	12:33pm- 2:00pm
Block 4	2:03pm- 3:02pm

2026 – 2027 Bell Schedule

DID YOU KNOW?

MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YOUR CHILD CAN SUFFER ACADEMICALLY if they miss 10% of school (18 days).

That's just 2 days per month!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THESE ABSENCES ARE EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED.

They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity for your child to learn.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Arriving late or leaving early can also negatively impact a student missing instructional time as well as the teachers and other students whose learning/teaching is disrupted when a student leaves early or arrives late.

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL PER MONTH, THEY WILL MISS...

- **20 DAYS** PER YEAR
- **64 HOURS** OF CORE INSTRUCTION
- **A FULL YEAR** OF SCHOOL BY THE END OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 4 DAYS OF SCHOOL PER MONTH, THEY WILL MISS...

- **40 DAYS** PER YEAR
- **128 HOURS** OF CORE INSTRUCTION
- **2 FULL YEARS** OF SCHOOL BY THE END OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

DON'T FORGET!

PLEASE make **EVERY** effort to schedule appointments after school or on scheduled breaks and days off.

LOST TIME = LOST LEARNING

Absent Time / Day	Time Lost Per Year
5 absent minutes/day	= 3 days/year lost!
10 absent minutes/day	= 6.5 days/year lost!
15 absent minutes/day	= 10 days/year lost!
20 absent minutes/day	= 13 days/year lost!
30 absent minutes/day	= 19 days/year lost!

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABSENCE REPORTING REMINDERS:

CALL THE OFFICE:
If your child is absent, notify the main office/attendance line before the start of the school day (by 8:30 AM).

SUBMIT NOTES:
Provide an official written/doctor's note to the office or school nurse upon your child's return to excuse the absence.

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Where Learners Become Leaders

A Reminder of Our

DRESS CODE

TOGETHER, WE SHOW OUR B.U.C.C. PRIDE!



Our dress code helps create a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment where every student can thrive.

Thank you for partnering with us to instill **character, respect, and unity** across our schools.

BELONGING | UNITY | CHARACTER | COMMITMENT

BELLEVILLE EXCELLENCE *One Standard. One Community. One Belleville.*

WHAT TO WEAR

In accordance with Belleville Board of Education Policy 5511

GRADES K-12

SHIRTS

- Solid Navy Blue
- Collared shirts (short or long sleeve) (Golf or Polo style)



SWEATERS, FLEECE & VESTS

- Navy Blue only



PANTS, SKIRTS, JUMPERS & SHORTS

- Khaki or black bottoms
- Leggings: Black only
- Skirts/Jumpers must be at or below the knee
- Shorts may be worn May 1 – November 1





FOOTWEAR

- All shoes and sneakers must cover the entire foot.
- Footwear with laces must be tied.
- No open-toed shoes, sandals, or molded foam clogs (I.e., Crocs) are permitted.



SPIRIT DAYS & ACTIVITIES

On approved Spirit Days, district-approved Belleville Public Schools spirit wear may be worn with the approval of the Superintendent or designee.



Halloween is celebrated in all schools. Middle and high school students will be informed of appropriate attire guidelines.

INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE

The following are not allowed:



Ripped Jeans



Clothing with a "Hood" (for safety reasons)



Very tight or revealing clothing that inhibits movement and/or causes a classroom distraction



Open-toe shoes, sandals, or molded foam clogs (i.e., Crocs)

DRESS CODE MATTERS

Our dress code promotes school pride, minimizes distractions, and ensures a safe and respectful environment for all students. Thank you for supporting our shared commitment to ...

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

Please contact your child's school administration if you have questions or need clarification about the dress code.



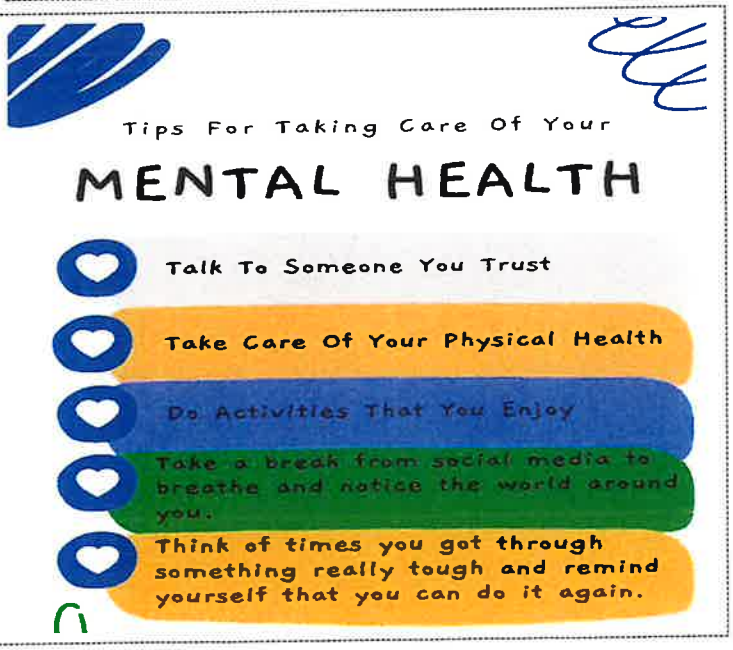
Belleville Board of Education Policy 5511 – Dress and Grooming

Thank You, Families! WHERE LEARNERS BECOME LEADERS Your Path. Our Purpose. Their Future. Belleville is B.U.C.C. Strong.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWSLETTER
BMS-2026/2027

MEDICATIONS

- **NEW DOCTOR'S ORDERS ARE NEEDED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER** for students that need any medications during the school day. This includes asthma, seizure and allergy plans, ADHD medications etc.
- Parents **MUST** send medications to the School Nurse in the original container with the pharmacy label including the student's name and medication matching the doctor's orders. Parents can drop off medications directly to the School Nurse at the beginning of the school year if possible.
- Medical forms are available at Nurse's corner https://www.bellevilleschools.org/, or at the nurse's office.
- **DIABETES:** please send **Diabetes Medical Management Plan from the endocrinologist or physician on the first day of school** with needed supplies and snacks.



INJURIES/SURGERY

Students with casts, crutches, slings, boots, etc., **MUST** have a return to school note from the ER or physician including any activity restrictions and/or special accommodations needed during the school day such elevator key, gym restrictions, etc..



SCHOOL HEALTH SCREENINGS

- **Height, Weight, Blood Pressure**: All students
- **Hearing**: 7th graders
- **Visions and Scoliosis**: 8th graders

Scoliosis consent letter will be sent home with 8th graders.

ILLNESS

* Student can return to school if **FREE** of fever, vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hr. Student must feel well enough to do school activities.

* Follow pediatrician's instructions.

* A Doctor's note is needed to excuse absences for medical reasons.

Astrid Valencia, MSN, BSN, RN-CSN
School Nurse
Astrid.valencia@bellevilleschools.org
(973)450-3500, Ext 2008

Opening your locker

Before you begin, make sure it is **your locker** and that you are using the **correct locker combination**. Make sure to land each number **EXACTLY**.

1. Rotate **RIGHT many times** to clear the memory. Continue rotating **Right** to get to the **first number.**

2. Rotate **LEFT** but **skip** the **second number** ONCE (Do not land on it the first time around.)

3. Rotate **RIGHT** to the **third number**

