Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
5/31/2026
The BMS Learning Community is Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Excel!

Mission:
Barrington Middle School's Mission is to empower all students to excel in character, citizenship, collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking, so that they may positively impact the future.

Welcome
Bienvenidos, Yōkoso, Benvenuto, 欢迎, Labas, Jasu,
स्वागत छ ।, सुस्वागतम्, Hosgeldin, Üdvözlöm, Bem-vindo,
Swagatam స్వాగతం, Ahlan wa sahlan, Hoş geldin, Bienvenue, مرحبا....اهلا, 欢迎,
Welkom, Καλώς ορίσατε, khosh amadid (خوش آمدید), Herzlich willkommen!, સ્વાગત (Namastē), స్వాగతం,
B'ruchim haba'im (ברוכים הבאים), Ahlan wa Sahlan,
Bienvenidos, வணக்கம் (Vanakkam), స్వాగతం, 환영합니다, , ברוכים הבאים
Witamy, Nnọọ, ようこそ。Hoşgeldiniz, Merhaba, Привіт, dobro pozhalovat, dobro pozhalovat, Ⲛⲟⲩⲣⲓ

To BMS!

This year, we would like to celebrate and recognize the various languages spoken at Barrington Middle School. If you would like to include the language spoken in your home, please complete the following link.

Let's Celebrate the Languages Spoken at BMS 2025 - 2026

~ BMS Important Dates ~

Important Dates:

- HMS Student Visit: Monday, June 1, 2026, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and Friday, June 5, 2026
- Spring Band Concert: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 beginning at 7:00 pm.
- One Amazing Night: Monday, June 8, 2026 beginning at 5:30 pm

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 6.1.2026	Tuesday 6.2.2026	Wednesday 6.3.2026	Thursday 6.4.2026	Friday 6.5.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even
Activities or Events			Spring Band Concert 7:00 Pm		

Day/Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

	6.8.2026	6.9.2026	6.10.2026	6.11.2026	6.12.2026
Odd/Even	**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**
Activities or Events	**One Amazing Night**				

Day/Date	Monday 6.15.2026	Tuesday 6.16.2026	Wednesday 6.17.2026	Thursday 6.18.2026	Friday 6.19.2026
Odd/Even	**Odd**	**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**	**No School**
Activities or Events	**8th Grade Kendbrin Field Day**		**8th Grade Semi-Formal 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**	**8th Grade Bridge Ceremony 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**	

Stay Connected with BMS:

- Barringtonmiddle.org
- BMS Morning TV Show
- BMS Daily Announcements 2025 - 2026
- BMS Club/Activities Schedule 2025 - 2026
- @bms_ri
- #bmsshines

~ Important Transition Information ~
Note: Keeping in this document until Friday, June 5, 2026

Attention Current 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Families:

The BMS Hopes and Dreams forms were sent to families by email on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. We ask that you please complete the form by Friday, June 5, 2026.

- Upcoming 6th Grade Hopes and Dreams Form
- Upcoming 7th Grade Hopes and Dreams Form
- Upcoming 8th Grade Hopes and Dreams Form

Cluster Placement Process 2026 - 2027:

We empathize that the cluster placement process can be anxiety-provoking for both students and families. It is important to note that after careful consideration, we have made a few shifts for the 2026 - 2027 academic school year.

Below are a few important notes about the process:

- Emphasis placed on creating balanced clusters and balanced classes
    - Student/Teacher ratio
    - Equal number of girls and boys
    - Equal number of students in each performance sub groups
    - Special Education support in all clusters

- Determination is made by
    - Student's individual records
    - Student's performance assessments
    - Grade averages
    - Special education documents

- Additional Notes:
    - ***Beginning with the 2026 - 2027 school year, families will no longer be able to "identify their cluster experience preference."***
    - Due to the integrity of the cluster placement process, we are unable to accept and grant requests for specific clusters, and we will not be able to make changes to cluster assignments by request.
    - Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances, we reserve the right to make changes to cluster placement and classes if necessary to support educational programming.
    - In addition, we will continue to balance schedules up until the first day of school.

Please stay tuned for more information in your incoming Hopes and Dreams email sent on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Attention Current 6th Grade Families: World Language Update

Beginning with the 2026 - 2027 school year, incoming 7th-grade students will be able to identify their world language preference (Spanish or French) through a lottery process. Students will take Part 1 of either Spanish 1 or French 1 in 7th grade, and Part 2 of either Spanish 1 or French 1 in 8th grade. These classes will meet every other day, rather than an every day experience.

At the end of the two years (7th and 8th grade) If your student meets the criteria (60 class average, 70 midterm/final avg) this world language class will be included on your child's high school transcript and noted as a "Pass" and will not be weighted into their BHS GPA.

Please stay tuned for more information in your incoming 7th Grade Hopes and Dreams email sent on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Attention Current 8th Grade Families:

For planning purposes, please see the important year-end dates for our 8th graders.

- 8th Grade Kendbrin Field Day: Monday, June 15, 2026, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (New Date)
- 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance: Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 8th Grade Bridge Ceremony: Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Attention Current 8th Grade Families:
Graduation lawn signs are now available to honor our amazing 8th grade students! Show your BMS pride and support the Class of 2026 as they move on to high school. Order yours today at: LivRhodeIsland.com

BMS Cluster Tournament:
The BMS student council is proud to once again sponsor our 2026 BMS Cluster Tournament! This annual tradition is a critical component to the culture of our school, and provides important camaraderie as we conclude the academic year.
This year's BMS cluster tournament will be held from Thursday, June 11th through Wednesday, June 17th. If your student is interested in ordering a T-shirt to wear during the tournament - or at any other time please click here for a picture of the shirt
and then order here at this qr code!

Volunteers Needed:
This Friday, June 5, 2026, BMS will be providing our AMAZING faculty and staff with a BBQ lunch! In order to make this lunch a success, we need parent support. Please consider signing up to assist with grill and serving duty, as well as recess support duty. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

BBQ Lunch Sign-up Genius

BMS Artemis Generation STEM Club:

Next school year, BMS aims to launch a pilot science club focused on space exploration, and it is seeking a club advisor/advisors. If you are interested in serving as a club advisor please reach out to Dr. Anderson at andersona@barringtonschools.org. Below is a brief summary of the club's focus.

The Artemis Generation STEM Club immerses middle school students in one of the most historic moments in space exploration, using NASA's Artemis II lunar mission as a real-time, living curriculum. Students will track actual mission data, design lunar habitats and rovers, grow crops in lunar soil simulant, and compete in national NASA challenges including TechRise, Lunabotics Junior, and the Future Engineers Challenge. Each week connects hands-on engineering projects to authentic NASA science and engineering practices, with students taking on roles ranging from Mission Control flight directors to space food system designers. The club culminates in a midyear Artemis Engineering Expo where students present their work to families, teachers, and community partners. Whether students dream of becoming astronauts, engineers, or scientists, this club puts

them at the center of humanity's return to the Moon.

One Amazing Night:
Join us on **Monday, June 8, 2026 from 5:30 - 7 pm** for a showcase of student work from our Allied Arts classes! This will be a fun-filled evening and include henna, mini-golf, face painting, inflatable games, Ninja warrior obstacle course, balloon twisting, community art showcase and a photo booth! This is BMS's biggest fundraiser of the year! All ages and our community are invited!

Volunteers needed for One Amazing Night:
BMS's largest community event of the year is happening on **Monday, June 8, 2026 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**.
To make this evening a success, please consider volunteering for a slot that evening. Volunteers should be 18 years or older. We welcome children to help their adult volunteers at stations. Thank you! **One Amazing Night Volunteer Sign up**

Sibling Dismissal for 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony (Action Required):
If you would like your 8th grader's sibling(s) to attend the 8th grade Bridging Ceremony on Thursday, June 18, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, please complete the form below to have them **dismissed at 12:30 pm.**

- Only siblings on our list will be dismissed to the ceremony
- An adult must meet a BMS staff member at the BMS flagpole to pick child(ren) up. We cannot dismiss students to the ceremony without the adult listed below present and with id.
- Traffic/parking is very congested on this day. To ensure a smooth dismissal for your younger students, please meet BMS staff at the flagpole no later than 12:30 pm.
- Dismissed siblings will NOT have time for lunch. Please have them bring their lunches with them when they are dismissed or bring them lunch. They can eat with you before the ceremony.
- Sibling Dismissal Permission for 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony

Is your student not returning to BMS or not moving on to BHS in the fall?

Moving over the summer? Changing schools? If your BMS student will not be returning to BMS next year or attending a different school, please email Kelly Nelson in our School Counseling office at nelsonk@barringtonschools.org to let her know. This will help with a smooth transition. Please plan to have your student return any BMS library books or property including their chromebook and charger before their last day.

Invitation to Upcoming 9th Graders for FBLA:

Hello incoming 9th graders,

On behalf of our officer team, BHS FBLA would like to welcome you to the high school, and we are encouraging you to join our chapter of FBLA!

Joining FBLA is one of the best ways to start high school with a purpose. Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization that helps students build real leadership, communication, and career-ready skills! As a member, you'll have the opportunity to compete in your choice of over 70 events ranging from public speaking to entrepreneurship! You can compete at the state and even national levels. These competitions challenge you, help you discover your strengths, and allow you to stand out in future college and job applications.

FBLA also offers workshops, guest speakers, community service opportunities, and leadership roles that help you grow both personally and professionally. If you're looking for an organization that helps you get involved, challenge yourself, and join a motivated community, FBLA is the perfect place to begin your high school journey. If you want to learn more about FBLA or have any questions, please email lucierl27@barringtonschools.org or freedmans27@barringtonschools.org!

Looking forward to seeing you at the activity fair on the first day of school and our first chapter meeting soon after!

Lily Lucier, RI FBLA Co-President, Barrington FBLA Vice President

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

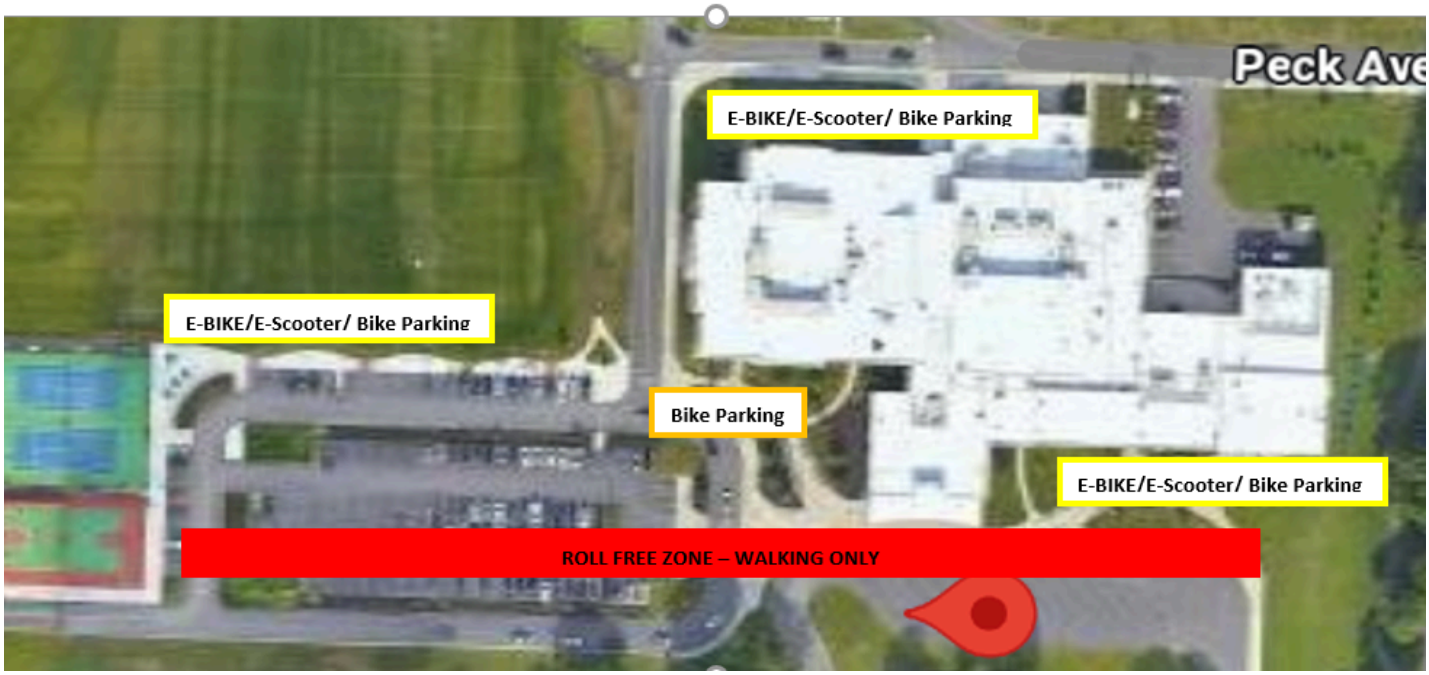
Eagle Apparel:

We are excited to introduce a brand new collection of Barrington Eagles apparel and accessories from Liv Rhode Island, a Barrington family-owned and operated company. 10% of each sale goes back to BMS - show your Eagle pride and click Eagles Apparel to get your gear!

Spring Transportation:

In order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal process for the entire school community the front of the school is a ROLL FREE ZONE. This zone stretches in the sidewalk area from the dismissal lane for car pick up across the front doors of the school to the sidewalk closest to Lincoln Ave. This will ensure the only transportation happening in this zone is on foot (no rolling wheels of any kind). See above map above. Students riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, etc. must WALK their method of transportation until they get to the edge of the ROLL FREE ZONE.

ROLL FREE ZONE 2025-2026



~ BMS Student Activities ~

BMS Spring Tennis:

BMS Spring Tennis is coming to an end. This week (6/1-6/3) is the final week and all abilities and grade levels may sign up for either day (Monday or Wednesday) but please limit your student's sign up to one day per week to give others a chance to participate. There is no cost to participate! Please reach out to Riley Spillane (spillaner@barringtonschools.org) with any questions.

HERE is the Sign-Up Genius for Week 5

~ Spotlight on Learning ~

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on all who made our trip to Washington, DC, possible. Thank you to those who donated and contributed, thank you to our 8th-grade teaching teams for assisting in the organization of the groups/buses, thank you to our BMS faculty chaperones Jen Gladney, Amy Boyle, Maddie Crowell, Danielle Sands, Manny Canario, Kyle Villella, Mike Magee, Jeff Blanchet, and George Promades. Thank you to our BMS family chaperones, Tom Estrella, Ellen Estrella, Glenn Tanzman, Jacob Brier, Sarah Allden, Jon Orent, David Clegg, Josh Brown, Andy Evans, Ann Clausen, and Kristen Lombardi. Finally, thank you to Amy Skadberg for her logistical efforts. This trip was only possible due to the support of our families and faculty.

~ Community News ~

Marine Summer Camp:
Register Before It Fills Up!
Marine Science Camp is coming to Barrington for the first time this summer!

This summer, give your child an adventure where curiosity meets the coast. Campers discover the wonders of the ocean through hands-on field experiments and real-world research. They will explore marine habitats, catch and release animals with seine nets, test water quality, and contribute data to citizen science projects.

Engaging lessons on everything from Tiger Sharks to Axolotls bring the ocean to life. With nearly two decades of experience and national recognition, our award-winning camp makes learning about the sea unforgettable.
Camp weeks:
- June 22–26
- August 10–14
- August 17–21
Programs for ages 5-14 taking place at Barrington Beach.

Composting Information from Barrington Town Farm:

Why compost?

According to a study by the RI Food Policy Council, almost a third of what ends up in the RI landfill could be composted. And, it's often the stuff that makes your trash smelly. Composting food scraps reduces garbage smells in your kitchen, and you don't have to empty your trash as frequently. Barrington residents are fortunate to have several affordable options for composting food scraps. You can still sign up for Barrington's curbside composting program at https://blackearthcompost.com/barrington/ Or, you can drop off your food scraps for free at one of Barrington Farm School's community compost drop-off sites (at the BFS Farm Stand, behind the Barrington Library, or by the Kent St. tennis courts). Drop-off sites are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are free of charge all year long!

Karen Griffith
Compost Educator and Outreach Manager
Barrington Farm School

Creative Wanderings Summer Art Camp:
Click here for more information about these art summer camp opportunities!

BEF Fundraising STARS:
Our S.T.A.R (Staff Teacher Appreciation Recognition) certificate makes a great gift, the gift that gives back to our schools! Let's recognize our teachers, administrators and staff for being the STARS that they are! Your donations will help fund innovative, educational grants for our six

Barrington Schools throughout the school year. Make a tax-deductible donation to Barrington Education Foundation, and we will send each of your honorees a beautiful S.T.A.R. certificate (minimum $10 per certificate). **Orders are due by Monday, June 15th** for timely delivery before the summer break. BEF champions extraordinary educational opportunities in the Barrington public schools (est. 1992)

Click HERE to order your STAR!

Summer Field Hockey Clinic:

Click here for more information!