Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter: Week of 11.15.2026
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.

Important Dates

- Picture Retake Day - Tuesday, November 17, 2026
- Fall Festival- Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 4th period
- BMS SIT- Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 3:20 am - 4: 20 am.
- No School- Thanksgiving Break- Wednesday, November 25, 2026 - Friday, November 27, 2026.

2 Week Lookout

Week of 11.5.2026:

Day/Date	Monday 11.16.2026	Tuesday 11.17.2026	Wednesday 11.18.2026	Thursday 11.19.2026	Friday 11.20.2026
Odd/Even	S Odd	O Even	A Odd	R Even	S Odd
Activities or Events		Picture Retake			

Week of 11.22.2026: Cycle 2

Day/Date	Monday 11.23.2026	Tuesday 11.24.2026	Wednesday 11.25.2026	Thursday 11.26.2026	Friday 11.27.2026
Odd/Even	O Even	A Odd			
Activities or Events		Fall Festival	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break

BMS Connected Learning Briefs

Note: Please scroll down for our extended version!

High Caffeine/High Sugar Drinks
Starting in the 2026–2027 school year, high-caffeine and high-sugar drinks are not allowed on campus, including drinks brought from home. Please send your child with a reusable water bottle that they can refill at the water fountains.

PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00–8:00 pm. You can join in person or on Zoom.

Fall Festival
Our 4th Annual BMS Fun Fall Festival is Tuesday, November 24, during 4th period. Three cluster teams will compete head-to-head-to-head, with every grade represented in each event.

Winter Sports Family Meetings

- Girls Basketball: Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 pm, Student Union
- Boys Basketball: Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 pm, Library
- Wrestling: Thursday, November 19, 6:00 pm, Student Union

All paperwork is due before the first practice: registration, a physical, the notarized risk form and the insurance form. Athletes can't practice until everything is in. Questions go to George Finn.

Thanksgiving Food Drive
SAGA and the Community Service Club are collecting Thanksgiving basket items for local families. Drop donations at the BMS Guidance Suite through November 23. Holiday meal staples, baking supplies and $25 grocery gift cards are especially welcome.

BMS Spotlight on Learning
Know a student or staff member who is shining bright? Nominate them to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Best Buddies
The next whole-school event is Wednesday, November 18, 3:15–4:00 pm, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome!

8th Grade Baby Pictures
Upload one baby or toddler photo of your 8th grader for the yearbook. You must be signed into a Gmail account to upload.

Yearbook Orders
Order your 2026–2027 yearbook now for $40 with code BMS27. Don't wait, because they sell out!

Drop-off and Pick-up Reminder
The BMS parking lot is never to be used for drop-off or pick-up. Please follow the posted traffic

map.

Early Dismissal
Send a note or email before homeroom. An adult with ID must come to sign the student out, and the last early dismissal is at 2:45 pm.

Roll Free Zone
Scooters, bikes and skateboards must be walked through the front and back entrances of the school.

Eagle Apparel
New Barrington Eagles gear is available from Liv Rhode Island, a local family business. 10% of each sale supports BMS.

Americanism Essay Contest
The Elks are sponsoring an essay contest on the theme “Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it Affects You and Your Family.”

Composting Tip from Barrington Farm School
Compost helps soil soak up heavy rain and hold water during dry spells. It makes our community more resilient to extreme weather.

Competitive Swim:

Is your child interested in competive swim! Please see information below for further information.

BMS Connected Learning Extended Version

High Caffeine/High Sugar Drinks on Campus:

As a school community, the consumption of high-caffeine energy drinks and drinks with a high sugar content is having a detrimental effect on student learning. As a school, we aim to promote healthy lifestyles and a positive learning environment. Middle school marks a period of critical brain development, rapid skeletal growth, and the establishment of lifelong dietary habits. Research from major health organizations indicates that the consumption of sugar-sweetened and caffeinated beverages poses severe, demonstrable risks to the physical, behavioral, and academic well-being of adolescents.

Starting with the 2026-2027 school year BMS will not allow students to drink high-caffeine or high-sugar-content beverages on campus. This includes beverages purchased and brought into school. All students have access to water throughout the day. All students are encouraged to bring in a reusable water bottle that can be refilled at break and lunchtime using the cooled water fountains.

PTO Meeting:

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are unable to make it in person, please use the zoom link below:

Join BMS PTO's Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6451753989?pwd=kJWS8ItBte8J0mVeFfq4J4JX1WWZxs.1&omn=81643621988

Fall Festival:

We are excited to host our 4th Annual School-Wide BMS Fun Fall Festival during the 4th period on Tuesday, November 24, 2026.

- Team 1: Yellow Cluster, Red Cluster, Purple Cluster
- Team 2: Aqua Cluster, Orange Cluster, Green Cluster
- Team 3: Lime Cluster, Razz Cluster, Blue Cluster

Format:
Head-to-head-to-head competition.
Each event will require at least one player from each grade level.

We are looking forward to coming together and celebrating as a school!

Winter Sports TEAM MEETINGS for FAMILIES:

- **Girls Basketball:** Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the BMS Student Union
- **Wrestling:** Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the BMS Student Union
- **Boys Basketball:** Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the BMS Library

Registration and paperwork information is also included below. All paperwork must be turned in before the first scheduled practice of the season.

Registration Information

1. Online Registration - please complete **Online Registration Link Here**
2. Physical: An athletic physical completed by your physician on or after December 1, 2025. The form must be completely filled out, dated, and signed by your physician. **Physical Form**
3. Rhode Island Interscholastic Middle School Risk Form for Grades 6 to 8: Students in all grades must completely fill out one form and have it notarized. This form will only need to be completed once in each athlete's middle school athletic career. **RIIL Grades 6 to 8 - Middle School Risk Form**

4. School Insurance: Every student athlete must be covered with health insurance. The minimum required is the “school time” insurance policy. This form needs to be completed every year. **2026-2027 School Insurance Form**
Any paperwork to be turned in (Physical, Risk, Insurance) can be put in a sealed envelope - "Attention Athletics" and dropped off in the blue collection box just inside the high school main entrance doors or the first time the team meets for practice. Athletes will not be permitted to practice unless all information has been completed.
Please let us know if you have any questions.
George Finn
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Director of Athletics and Student Activities
Barrington Public Schools
Barrington, Rhode Island

Community Care: Thanksgiving Food Drive!
Co-Sponsored by SAGA & Community Service Club

As the holiday season approaches, our school community is coming together to ensure all of our families can enjoy a warm holiday meal. Over the next two weeks we invite students, staff, and families to contribute items to complete Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.

Donations can be dropped off to the GUIDANCE SUITE at BMS starting Thursday the 12th and finishing up on 11/23, to provide time for the baskets to be organized and delivered.

Homeroom teachers, please feel free to remind students of this amazing opportunity to help their community members.

Together we can make a significant difference for all families in our community!!

Requested Donation Items

- **Core Thanksgiving Meal Essentials**
  - Boxed stuffing mix (e.g., Stove Top)
  - Instant mashed potatoes or boxed/au gratin potatoes
  - Jarred turkey gravy or gravy mix packets
  - Canned cranberry sauce
  - Canned yams or sweet potatoes
  - Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, or mixed veggies)
  - Green bean casserole essentials (cream of mushroom soup & French fried onions)
  - Cornbread, roll, or biscuit mix (e.g., Jiffy)
- **Baking Supplies & Desserts**
  - Canned pumpkin or pumpkin pie filling
  - Evaporated milk
  - Boxed cake mix & frosting, or brownie mix

    - Pie crust mix or graham cracker crusts
    - Small bags of sugar and flour
- **Pantry & Breakfast Extras**
    - Macaroni and cheese
    - Rice and dried beans
    - Chicken or vegetable broth (cartons or cans)
- **Perishables Support & Packaging Essentials**
    - **$25 Grocery Store Gift Cards** (to help families purchase turkeys, hams, eggs, and butter)
    - **Packaging Items:** Reusable laundry baskets, plastic storage totes, or sturdy cardboard boxes
    - **Cooking Items:** Disposable aluminum turkey roasting pans

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us create a culture of care and belonging for every family in our school!

BMS Spotlight on Learning:

Do you know of a BMS Faculty/Staff/Student member who is shining bright? If you do, please complete the form below and we can include the nomination in an upcoming newsletter.
BMS Spotlight Nomination

BMS Important (but older) Information

BMS Best Buddies:

BMS Best Buddies' next whole-school event is scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, November 18**
- 3:15 -4:00 pm
- Cafeteria

Everyone is welcome!

BMS Yearbook - 8th Grade Baby Pictures:

It's tradition! See how much the 8th graders have grown! Each year we have pages in the yearbook dedicated to 8th grade baby/toddler pictures and it's always fun to see how far they've come. Please complete this form and upload your child's baby/toddler photo directly. To avoid confusion, please ensure only one photo is uploaded per student.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be signed into your or your child's gmail account. If not, you will not be able to upload the photo.

BMS Yearbook:
Order a 2026-2027 yearbook at www.coffeepond.com. Code BMS27 Only $40!
Trust me! Buy it now! Every year, students and families put this off and then there is a desperate rush for them at the end of the year and they are not available. You can avoid this by buying it now!

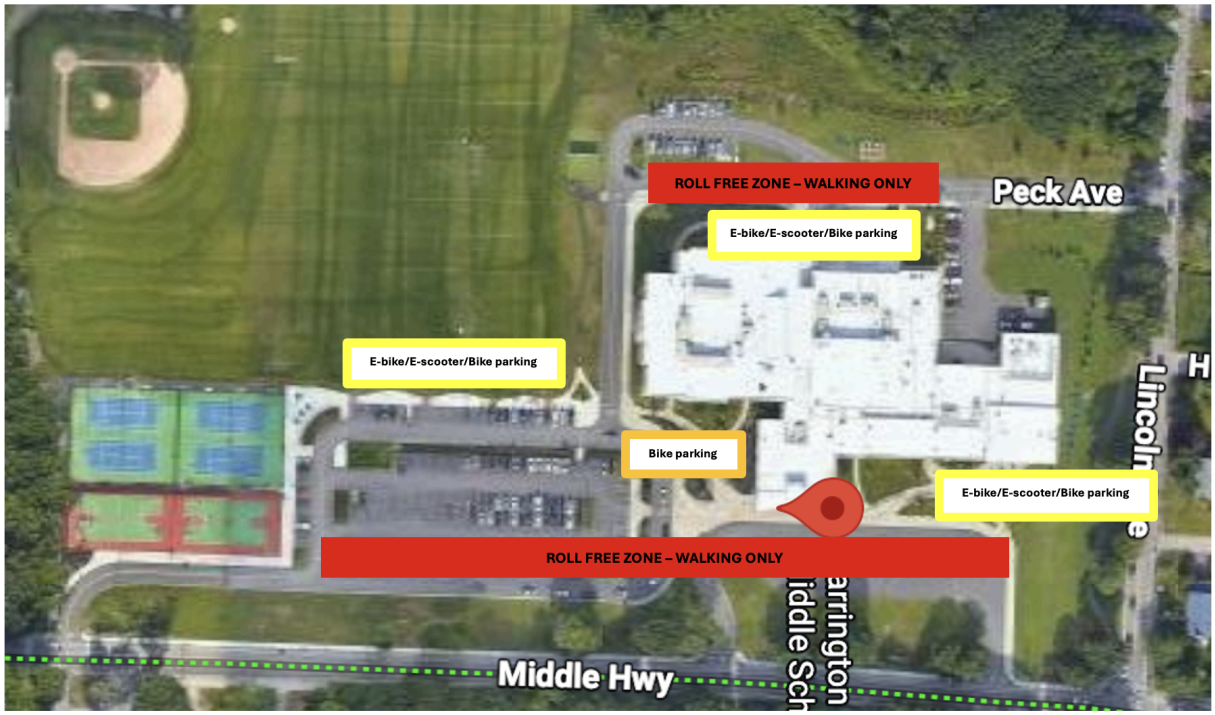
BMS Procedures

- The BMS parking lot **may never be used** for dropoff and pickup of students. We have safety protocols in place and dropping off and picking up students in the parking lot is not safe for students nor for staff who are arriving and leaving from school.
- **Dropoff/Pick Up Process** - If you choose to drop-off and pick-up your student from BMS, please see this map for directions. **Barrington School District Transportation Information**
- **Early Dismissal**: Handwritten notes brought to the office before homeroom or emails to bmsattendance@barringtonschools.org are needed every time you need to dismiss your student prior to the end of school. Middle School level students are **not** allowed to bike home early, even with permission by note. ID and a physical presence is required to dismiss your student early. Please note that the **last early dismissal of the day is at 2:45 pm**. Please click here for full details about dismissing your student early from school.

Electric Scooter, Electric Bike and anything with wheels Information:

In order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal process for the entire school community the front and the back of the school will both be a ROLL FREE ZONE. In the front of the school this zone will stretch 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. In the back of the school this zone will stretch from the sidewalk area in front of the doors by the gym exit to the corner of the building.

This will ensure the only transportation happening in this zone is on foot (no rolling wheels of any kind). See map below. Students riding scooters, bikes, skateboards, etc. must WALK their method of transportation until they get to the edge of the ROLL FREE ZONE.



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!

Community Information

Competitive Swim Team:
It is that time of year again - we are prepping for the middle school swim season!
We are planning on beginning the week after Thanksgiving when all of the winter sports begin.

Sign up here! https://bms.swimtopia.com/

This is the practice schedule: Practices are on Sunday's at Pods 12:15pm-1:15pm

Sunday 12/6,12/13, 12/20, 1/3,1/10, 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31, 2/7, 2/14

Meets will be on 1/9, 2/20- meet start time 1:15pm

As always if anyone has any questions, please have them email Susan Pascale - Frechette at susan@podsswimming.com

Americanism Essay Contest:
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is sponsoring an Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year is "Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it Affects You and Your Family". Click here for more information and the application form.

Composting Info from Barrington Farm School:

Why compost?

The weather reports lately have been intense! In just the past week, many areas of New England got damaging rains and flooding, while there is also a historic wildfire in the White Mountains of New Hampshire due to drought. Did you know soil enriched with compost is more porous and can hold FIVE to TWENTY TIMES its weight in water? This allows the soil to more quickly absorb rainwater, reduce storm water runoff, and limit erosion, reducing the damage done by heavy rains. At the same time, the absorbent compost allows the soil to retain water longer, making it available to plants during dry periods. Compost can be an important tool to make our communities more resilient to extreme weather!

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