Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter
3/15/2026
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.

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:
- 7th Grade Career Day: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- Semi-Formal: Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Saturday, March 28, 2026 beginning at 11:15 am at Providence College

~ 2 Week Outlook ~

Day/Date	Monday 3.16.2026	Tuesday 3.17.2026	Wednesday 3.18.2026	Thursday 3.19.2026	Friday 3.20.2026
Odd/Even	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	
Activities or Events				Last Day of 2nd Trimester	No School Eid Al-Fitr

Day/Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

	3.23.2026	3.24.2026	3.25.2026	3.26.2026	3.27.2026
Odd/Even	**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**	**Odd**	**Even**
Activities or Events					**Winter Semi-Formal 6:00 pm - 8:00 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

~ BMS New News ~

Inappropriate Game App: "Five Nights at Epsteins"

Families - please remind your student that they are not to download any games/addon to their school chromebook. In addition it is our understanding that many students have started to play a game called "Five Nights at Epsteins". There are different versions of the game but all seem to contain violence and adult themes. We have addressed it with students when it is brought to our attention but having families in the loop is always helpful. Please let Ms. Slaughter know if you have any questions.

Garden Time!

BMS has 6 raised beds next to the Lincoln Ave driveway. The harvest is donated to TapIn from April-October. The garden is student-run, but we need a little help from parent volunteers.
- seeking volunteers 12:10-1:30 or 2:25-3:10pm- day is flexible
Garden Volunteer Form
-seeking seed donations: spinach, lettuce, kale, swiss chard, radish, snow/sugar snap peas, cherry tomato only, zucchini and yellow squash, cucumber, and pole beans- green not wax. Donations can be brought to the office or Ms. Texeira Room 1215.
Thank you for your support!
Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS Best Buddies Walk:

Best Buddies Friendship Walk- Saturday, March 28, 2026

Providence College

Opening Ceremony: 11:15 AM

Walk Begins: 11:25 AM

Celebration Continues Until: 12:30 PM

Please join our team, the Barrington Buddies, by clicking the link below:

Join the Barrington Buddies Team Here!

We hope to see you there. Be sure to wear your Barrington Best Buddies gear if you have it! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

BMS Spring Enrichment Now Open:

BMS Spring Enrichment is now live for families to register on myschoolbucks.com!

1. Monday: 7:20-8:20 AM (15 Students) Volleyball with Ms. Scanlon
2. Tuesday: 7:20-8:20AM (14 students) Learn Cursive with Ms. Tags
3. Tuesday 7:20-8:20 AM (15 students) Badminton with Ms. Gower
4. Tuesday/Thursday 4 weeks 3:20-4:20PM (14 students) Ultimate Frisbee Enrichment with Mr. Magee
5. Thursday 7:20-8:20 AM (15 students) Volleyball with Ms. Scanlon
6. Friday 7:20- 8:20AM (15 students) Basketball with Mr. Promades

If you are having trouble with your myschoolbucks.com account please email Christine Francis at francisc@barringtonschools.org Phone: 401-245-5000 ext 335. If you have questions about programming, email bmsenrichment@barringtonschools.org

~ BMS Current and Relevant News ~

Student Council Update:

Website:
One of the main goals of the student council this year has been to make the student council more accessible to the student body. To help accomplish this goal, the student council has put together a website that will help students see updates, meeting dates, and ways to communicate with the student council. View the website with this link:
https://sites.google.com/barringtonschools.org/bmsstudentcouncil/home

Peer Tutoring:
The Student Council is happy to announce that Peer Tutoring will be starting soon at BMS! This is a great opportunity for older students to help younger students learn and collaborate. This study time will be available for 7th and 8th grade students. If any students are interested in being a tutor, or if

any teachers or staff have students they think would benefit from peer tutoring, please see the links below.
Student Application Teacher Referral Form

BMS Student Council Email:

For easier communication between the student council and the student body, we have put together a student council email address. This is the perfect way to express your ideas and concerns and to try and see them addressed. You can find this email on the BMS Student Council website, or with the email address, bmsstudentcouncil@barringtonschools.org. Feel free to send in any ideas or concerns you may have.

Eagle Honor Society- Declaration of Intent:

We are excited to hear that many students and families are interested in joining BMS's Eagle Honor Society. To help streamline communication, below is the Declaration of Intent for those students who will commit to the process. We will use this form to provide ongoing, specific communication and support to students committed to becoming an Eagle Honor Society member.

BMS Eagle Honor Society Declaration of Intent

In addition, below you will find our BMS Eagle Honor Society one-pager:
2025 - 2026 Barrington Middle School Eagle Honor Society

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!

Join BMS's School Improvement Team

BMS is seeking family members to join our School Improvement Team. The purpose of the SIT is to provide input on and monitoring of SMART Goals (School Improvement Plan) for continuous improvement based on the District Strategic Goals (Scorecard), data, and feedback provided by the school and district-based teams such as the data teams, the Health and Wellness Committee, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) teams, and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support teams.
Teams will provide voice and an avenue for communication from each building to their school community and the larger district community regarding progress toward our strategic goals and objectives. Teams will also be integral to the participatory governance of the school. Student representatives are needed as well!

2025 - 2026: BMS School Improvement Team (SIT) Task Force

BMS Family Learning Walks:

Over the course of the school year, BMS will be hosting family learning walks. This is an

opportunity for families to tour the building and see teaching/learning in action. Families may or may not see their own child's classrooms.
The next Parent Learning Walk is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am for the following dates this year:

- Tuesday, March 31, 2026

If you are interested in attending a walk, please sign up for ONE of the walks using the link below (first-come, first-served basis). Space will be limited to 15 individuals per visit. A confirmation email will be sent to individuals confirming their participation.
BMS Family Learning Walk Sign Up

~ BMS Student Activities ~

Seeking Donations for the BMS Winter Semi-Formal:
We are looking forward to the Winter Semi-Formal on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6 - 8pm. Snacks and drinks are a big part of every sports night. Please consider donating to the evening. Click here for the list of requested items and to sign up. Thank you!

Unified Basketball T-Shirt and Schedule:
The BHS and BMS Unified sports programs are collaborating on t-shirt orders this year. The Unified coach at BHS made this Unified logo and we are selling this assorted apparel to the whole BPS community. Order your apparel here:
Barrington Eagles are Unified

The season starts today. Hope to see you at a home game:
Unified Basketball Schedule

~ Spotlight on Learning ~

This week we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Ms. Halnon. Abby is an incredible special education teacher who is always willing to step in and help wherever she is needed. She truly cares about our students and consistently supports the teachers around her. This week alone, she stepped in several times to chair IEP meetings, and in my eyes she absolutely earns an A+ as an LEA. When Abby chairs a meeting, you know you are supported—she asks thoughtful questions and makes the whole team feel at ease. As a veteran teacher, Abby has shared so much knowledge and guidance with me, and she never hesitates to offer support to anyone who needs it. I feel very lucky to work alongside her each day and to have her as a service provider for my students. YOU ROCK MISS HALNON!!!

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Ember Sturniolo. Ember is an amazing ally. She always makes my kiddo feel accepted and loved. Ember is respectful and understanding when

it comes to gender and preferred names. My family is grateful for Ember's kindness and inclusiveness. She is a beautiful soul. (Nominated by a member of our BMS Learning Community).

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

~ Community News ~

BEF Annual Giving Drive:
The Barrington Education Foundation's Annual Giving Drive is now underway. BEF funds innovative programs, classroom resources, and enrichment opportunities for Barrington Public Schools. Last year alone, BMS received more than $13,000 in BEF grant funding supporting projects across science, art, music, and the school garden. Our goal this year is to raise $15,000 to provide even more funding for our schools. Please consider supporting BEF and helping expand opportunities for Barrington students. You can donate now at the following link: BEF 2026 Annual Giving Drive

Thank you very much for your continued support of BEF and our schools.

USED SPORTING GOODS SALE 3/28/26!!:

- Donate Your Gently Used Sports Equipment & Apparel Sponsored by Barrington Boosters
  Donate Your Gently Used Equipment & Team Apparel for a GREAT Cause! Donate Your Gently Used Equipment & Team Apparel for a GREAT Cause! The Barrington Boosters Club is planning a Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale, and we need your help! We're collecting donations of gently used equipment and Eagles apparel for all sports and activities. Clean out your closets and give your gear a second life while supporting the Barrington Boosters and our athletes!

Currently Scheduled Drop-Offs: General Public: Barrington High School: 3/14 & 3/21 From 8:30 AM - Noon Outside at Eagles Nest (behind bleachers) Additional locations COMING SOON! As we arrange more drop-off areas, we will announce them. You may also email us at boosters@barringtonschools.org to arrange a special dropoff.

News from the Barrington Farm School:
Why compost?
Did you know it costs the Town of Barrington $63 per ton to dispose of municipal solid waste? The Barrington Farm School processed 72,663 pounds of food scraps last year, saving the town $2,288 in tipping fees! In the first few months of the curbside pilot program with Black Earth, that program diverted an additional 10 tons of food scraps, saving $630 more!

That's great! But, there's a lot more potential for cost savings. A recent report from the RI Food Policy Council found that around 32% of municipal solid waste in our state could be composted. The Town of Barrington budgets around $500,000 each year for tipping fees to dispose of waste. As a

community and a state, how do we want to spend our money? As individuals, what are we willing to do to reduce what goes into our trash?
Karen Griffith
Compost Educator and Outreach Manager
Barrington Farm School

East Bay Lacrosse:
Click here for registration information.

Row with East Bay Rowing:
Click here for registration information.

BHS Student Senior Project:
For my senior project I am creating a cookbook with the goal of representing all the unique communities that make up Barrington! To bring this project to life, I am gathering recipes from community members across town. Each submission to the Google form will be included in the final product and ensure that it truly represents the variety and richness of our community!
Thank you so much for your help!

Katharine LaRoche
BHS Student

Barrington Earth Hour:
Click here for information about a kick-off event for action leading up to Earth Day. Unplug. Connect. Give back to Earth. Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

Building Brave Kids Presentation at Nayatt:

Dear Barrington Caregivers,

With end-of-year transitions approaching and RICAS testing around the corner, many families notice an increase in their child's worries. The Nayatt School PTO is pleased to sponsor a special presentation to support parents and caregivers in understanding and responding to childhood anxiety.

Building Brave Kids: Practical Tools to Manage Childhood Anxiety
Wednesday, March 25
6:00 PM
Nayatt School

Researchers from the Pediatric Anxiety Research Center (PARC) at Bradley Hospital will lead an informative talk designed for caregivers of Barrington students. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with two PARC researchers, giving families the opportunity to ask questions and discuss common challenges.

As the school year comes to a close and children prepare for new routines, classrooms, and expectations, it's common for anxiety to increase. This talk will help parents:

- Recognize what anxiety can look like in young children

- Understand behaviors anxiety often drives, such as avoidance, reassurance-seeking, or behavioral concerns
- Learn how anxiety typically develops over time
- Gain practical strategies to support children's bravery at home while reducing patterns that can unintentionally maintain anxiety
- Discover evidence-based programs and resources for childhood anxiety
- Learn how to find a therapist trained in exposure-based treatment if additional support is needed

This program is open to all caregivers of Barrington students, and we encourage anyone interested in learning more about supporting children through worry and change to attend.

We hope you can join us for this helpful and timely conversation.

Warmly,
Nayatt School PTO

Barrington Pop Warner Registration:

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration now open! Click here for details.

Barrington AfterProm:

To our BPS school community,

Please Support Barrington AfterProm's largest fundraiser of the year - our Online, Silent Auction! Items can be previewed now - bidding begins Sunday, March 15th at 9am. We have wonderful items for you to bid on from artwork and jewelry to overnight stays, luggage, local services and more!

Each year, our entire Barrington community plays a pivotal role in keeping our seniors and their guests safe on a high-risk evening. This event would not be possible without the generous contributions and volunteer support of so many in our district. Thank you!

Preview the Auction Now