

Barrington Middle School
BMS Connected Learning Newsletter: Week of 9.6.2026
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

- Labor Day/No School- Monday, September 7, 2026
- Election Day/No School- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- Yom Kippur/No School - Monday, September 21, 2026
- Start with Hello Week- Week of September 21, 2026 - September 25, 2026
- Picture Day - Wednesday, September 23, 2026
- BMS Open House- Thursday, September 24, 2026
- BMS PTO Meeting - Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7pm

2 Week Lookout

Week of 9.6.2026:

Day/Date	Monday 9.7.2026	Tuesday 9.8.2026	Wednesday 9.9.2026	Thursday 9.10.2026	Friday 9.11.2026
Odd/Even		S Odd		O Even	A Odd
Activities or Events	No School Labor Day		No School PD Day		

Week of 9.13.2026: Cycle 2

Day/Date	Monday 9.14.2026	Tuesday 9.15.2026	Wednesday 9.16.2026	Thursday 9.17.2026	Friday 9.18.2026
Odd/Even	R Even	S Odd	O Even	A Odd	R Even
Activities or Events					

BMS Connected Learning Briefs
 (note: click hyperlink for extended version)

BMS New Information

[Stay Connected with BMS](#)

Families can stay connected through barringtonmiddle.org, the daily student-run Morning TV Show, and the Daily Announcements overview.

[Student Handbook Review](#)

Families should review the student handbook and district policies, confirming completion by September 19.

[BMS Launches Artemis STEM Club — Aiming for NASA!](#)

BMS's new Artemis STEM Club kicks off this fall as part of the NASA TechRise Student Challenge, with winning teams earning a \$1,500 grant and hardware kit. No experience needed — the club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, starting September 17th at 3:20 PM in room 1217.

[BMS Open House](#)

Adult family members are invited to Open House on the evening of Thursday, September 24th, with a schedule coming home next week.

[Start With Hello Week](#)

From September 21–25, students and staff are encouraged to spread kindness and greet someone new.

[First Week Slides](#)

Teachers used shared introductory slides school-wide to help ease the transition back.

[Best Buddies Is Back!](#)

The first Best Buddies event of the year is Wednesday, September 23rd, 3:15–4:00 PM in the Student Union.

[Fall Enrichment](#)

Registration opens Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 PM on myschoolbucks.com, with options like volleyball, pickleball, badminton, filmmaking, and basketball skills.

[BMS Tennis](#)

This casual Tuesday/Thursday group requires signup via Signup Genius, with 16 slots and one session per week per student.

[BMS PTO Meeting](#)

The first PTO meeting is September 29th at 7:00 PM, in person with a Zoom option available.

[Volunteering](#)

Families interested in volunteering at BMS can find opportunities through the linked signup form.

[First View GPS Tracking App](#)

BMS is launching First View, a real-time GPS app letting families track student transportation and receive ETA alerts.

[Spotlight on Learning](#)

This week's spotlight honors Joanne Waite for her warm, dedicated presence during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

BMS Older Information

[Dropoff/Pickup Parking Lot Reminder](#)

The BMS parking lot may never be used for student dropoff or pickup, for everyone's safety.

[Dropoff/Pickup Map & Transportation Info](#)

Families can reference the district map for dropoff, pickup, and transportation guidance.

[Early Dismissal Procedure](#)

Early dismissals require a note or email to the attendance office and ID at pickup, with the last dismissal at 2:45 PM.

[Roll-Free Zones \(Scooters/Bikes\)](#)

The front and back of school are now roll-free zones, so scooters and bikes must be walked through.

Community News

[BEF Duck Race](#)

The Barrington Education Foundation's Duck Race is Saturday, September 26th, from 2–4 PM.

[Soil & Compost Microscopy Workshop](#)

Barrington Farm School's Soil and Compost Microscopy Workshop is Saturday, September 26th at 10 AM.

[BYBA Basketball Registration](#)

Registration for the 2026/2027 basketball season is open, with travel team sign-ups closing September 10th.

[Barrington Police "Clothes for Kids" Drive](#)

The Barrington Police Department is hosting a clothing drive — details available via the linked flyer.

[Barrington Girl Scouts Enrollment](#)

Families can join the Barrington Girl Scouts, where "friendship grows."

BMS Connected Learning Extended Version

Stay Connected with BMS:

Did you know that families can stay connected with BMS a few different ways.

[Barringtonmiddle.org](#): Our website provides our students and families with updated BMS information, links to our newsletters, as well as additional district resources.

[BMS Morning TV Show](#): Families can watch our daily student run morning tv show. This is the same morning show students watch in the morning for daily announcements.

[BMS Daily Announcements 2026 - 2027](#): Families can get a quick overview of our daily announcements.

Student Handbook Review

Families should review the student handbook and district policies, confirming completion by September 19.

BMS Launches Artemis STEM Club — Aiming for NASA!

BMS is thrilled to announce our new Artemis STEM Club, launching this fall as we enter the NASA TechRise Student Challenge! Students will design and build a real experiment for a chance to fly it 15 miles into the stratosphere aboard a NASA-sponsored flight vehicle — with winning teams earning a \$1,500 grant and hardware kit.

No experience necessary — students will learn physics, electronics, and coding from the ground up while taking on real aerospace roles like Project Manager, Software Programmer, and Structural Designer.

Artemis STEM Club will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. With the first meeting being Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 3:20 pm in room 1217.

Please use the following link to signup: [BMS Artemis STEM Club](#)

BMS Open House:

BMS would like to invite our adult family members to our BMS Open House scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 24, 2026. Next week, we will be sending home the schedule to our families.

BMS Picture Day:

Picture day is Wednesday, September 23, 2026. Online ordering of picture packages is available at <https://www.coffeepond.com/>. If you'd prefer a paper flyer, they are available for your student to pick up in the front office. Even if pictures are not being purchased, we encourage all students to have their picture taken in order to be included in the BMS yearbook but this is not mandatory. If your student happens to be absent on picture day or would like to have their picture retaken, we will have a retake day typically in November (date to be determined).

Start with Hello Week:

The BMS Start With Hello Week will be September 21-25th. Throughout the week, BMS students and staff members are encouraged to perform random acts of kindness and say hi to people you may have never interacted with throughout our BMS learning community. [Click here for the schedule of events.](#)

BMS Student Handbook:

All families should annually review the [student handbook](#) as well as district policies. Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to confirm that you have done so. We ask that families complete this by September 19, 2026.

[HERE](#) are introductory slides teachers used school wide on the first week to help remind/guide a smooth transition back.

BEST BUDDIES IS BACK!

Get ready to kick off an AMAZING new school year with Best Buddies! 💙💛

Join us for our **FIRST Best Buddies event of the year!** We'll be hanging out, making new friends, playing some fun games, and starting the year off with lots of smiles and laughter! 😊

 **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

 **3:15–4:00 PM**

 **Student Union**

Bring your friends, bring your smiles, and come ready to have some FUN! 🥳

We can't wait to see you there! 💙💛

Fall Enrichment:

BMS FALL Enrichment will be live for families to register on myschoolbucks.com Thursday, September 17 at 4:00PM. 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.

Fall opportunities include: volleyball, pickleball, no-stress book, badminton, filming a short film, and basketball skill workshop. [Click here for the full schedule!](#)

BMS Tennis

This casual group will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall.

Participants must sign up on the Signup Genius each session. Students are only allowed one session per week to allow more students to participate.

There are 16 slots for each session.

[Sign Up for 9/10](#)

Questions? texeiraj@barringtonschools.org

BMS PTO Meeting:

The BMS PTO invites you to join us for the first general meeting of the year on **September 29th at 7:00 PM**. Meetings typically last about one hour, and will be held in person with a Zoom option.

The link will be sent out on the day of the meeting. In the meantime, please complete this form to find out more information about how you can get involved. You are not committing to anything by filling it out. [BMS PTO Information](#)

Volunteering:

Interested in volunteering at BMS? [Please check out the link here for opportunities!](#)

New app for real-time GPS vehicle tracking of student transportation:

In collaboration with our transportation partner, First Student, Barrington Public Schools is launching First View®, a real-time GPS vehicle tracking and student transportation monitoring platform.

With First View, parents and caregivers can download the secure, easy-to-use vehicle tracking mobile app that will allow you to stay easily connected with your student(s) daily trips.

- See the real-time vehicle location via GPS and track its progress.
- Easy access to vehicle details as well as updates regarding any changes.
- Receive multiple distanced-based ETA notifications when the vehicle is getting close.
- Set-up family members and caregivers to receive trip email alerts.
- Dedicated customer support team for all app-related questions.

For more information, [click here](#).

BMS Spotlight on Learning:

This week, we would like to shine our BMS Spotlight on Joanne Waite. Since the start of school, Joanne has been outside during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal, greeting our students and families with a smile and a warm welcome. Joanne has done an amazing job moving cars forward and carefully crossing students and staff. Great work, Joanne!

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

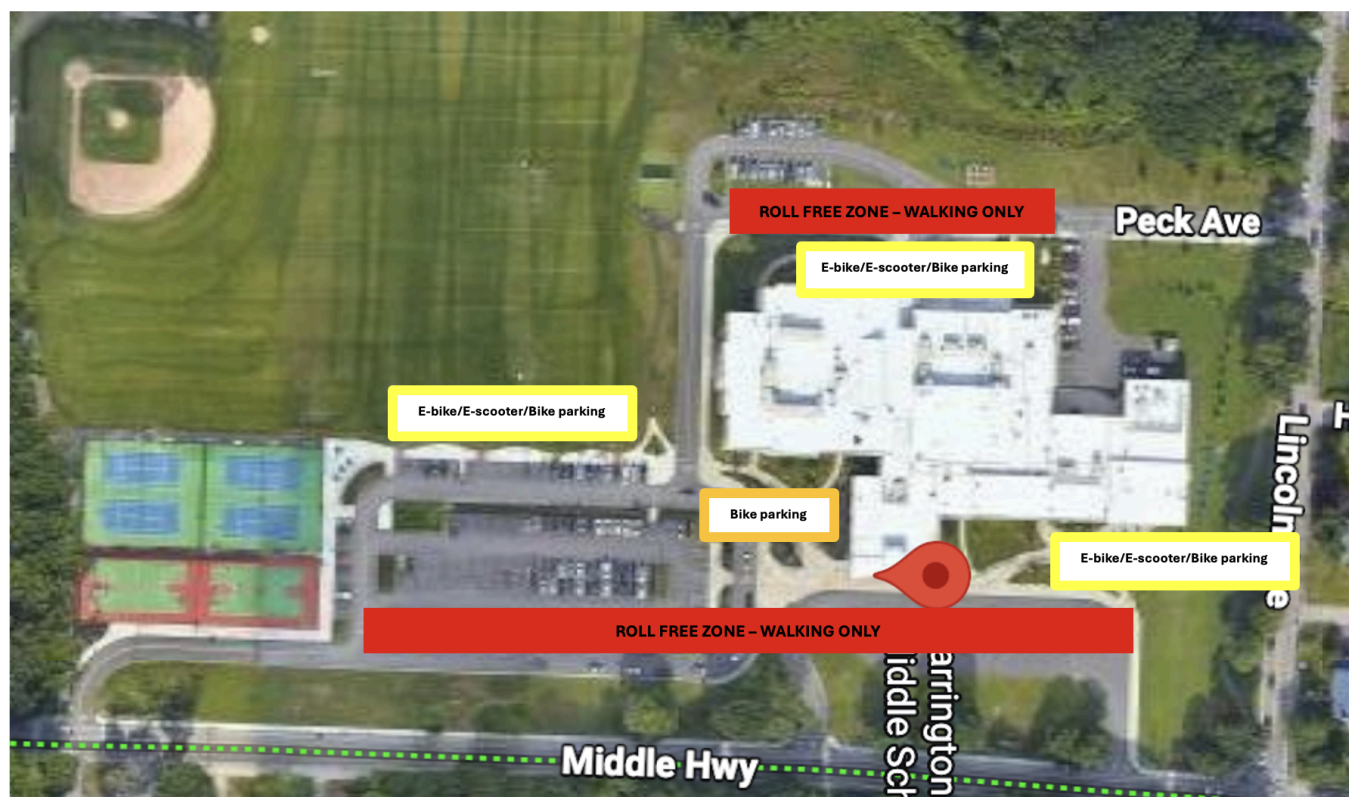
BMS Procedures

- 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.



Community Information

BEF Duck Race:

Support the Barrington Education Foundation at the annual duck race! **Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 2-4 pm.** [Click here for more information.](#)

Compost and Soil Microscopy Workshop at Barrington Farm School:

Barrington Farm School will be hosting a [Soil and Compost Microscopy workshop](#) on **Saturday, September 26, at 10am** in the compost area at BFS.

Healthy, thriving microbes are critical to soil health and the decomposition of organic matter in compost, but their work is invisible to the naked eye. Join us to learn more about these important organisms and to view them with our microscopes. We'll be talking about how to take soil or compost samples and prepare slides, and we'll be taking a look at the difference in life between compost and different types of soil. We hope to see you there!

BYBA Registration:

[Click here for information about registration](#) for the recreational or travel basketball 2026/2027 season! Travel team registration closes on September 10, 2026.

Barrington Police Department "Clothes for Kids" Drive:

[Click here for more information about the clothing drive.](#)

Barrington Girl Scouts Enrollment:

[Join the Barrington Girl Scouts where friendship grows!](#)

Stay Connected with BMS

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- [BMS Club/Activities Schedule 2026 - 2027](#)
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