

BURRILLVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT/PARENT FAQ'S

GENERAL INFORMATION

- What are the **school hours**? 7:40 AM – 2:07 PM
- Where can parents find **important papers that have been sent home**? On the BMS website under Parent Information.
- Where can parents find **information that's mentioned on the daily announcements**? On the BMS website under the [Principal's Blog](#) or by viewing the [Daily Announcements](#).
- Who do I contact with **504 questions**? Contact a guidance counselor (listed below).
- Where can I see the **Parent/Student Handbook**? [Here, on the website.](#)
- How do the **lockers** work at BMS? Each student is assigned a locker and a combination lock at the beginning of the school year. Students must use BMS locks.
- What is the name and number of the **school bus company**? Dattco (401) 371-2774
- What **supplies** does my child need for the first day? [You can find that here, on our website.](#)
- What **sports** are offered at BMS?
 - Fall: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys/Girls Cross Country
 - Winter: Boys/Girls Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball
 - Spring: Baseball, Softball, Girls Lacrosse Club
- Where can I find the **school dress code**? [Student Handbook](#).
- Can I **visit the building or take a tour**? Yes, contact Raechel Robidoux robidouxr@bsd-ri.net to set up a tour.
- Are **cell phones** allowed? Only in common areas (before school/cafeteria/halls).
- Is there **required summer reading**? Yes, all summer reading information can be found here: <http://bms.bsd-ri.net/news/summer-reading-info>
- How does my child get a **GMail account**? Accounts will be set-up after enrollment.
- How do parents and students get a **Skyward account**? Accounts will be set-up after enrollment.

LUNCH

- What forms need to be filled out for the **school lunch program**? The form (Food Service Meal Benefit Application) and other important information can be found here <http://www.bsd-ri.net/for-parents/burrillville-youth-nutrition>
- **Do I need to fill out the lunch form** if I know my family won't qualify? Yes, we ask that every family fills out the form.
- Should I send my child to school with **cash or a check for lunch**? You can do either, or you can deposit money into their lunch account online as well.
- If I write a check for the lunch program, **who should I make it out to**? Burrillville Youth Nutrition Services.
- How does my child use their **lunch account**? When purchasing lunch, they punch their number into the keypad. It's automatic deduction from their account.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **Does my child need to change for physical education?** Students are required to bring a change of clothes suitable for the day's activities and dress for each PE class.
- **If a student is able to return to fitness after an injury, who should they give the note to?** The school nurse, who will then notify the fitness teachers.

CLASSES

- **Where can I see the Program of Studies?** [Click here.](#)
- **How is the daily schedule set up?** [Click here.](#)
- **Where can I see the curriculum for my child's classes?** <http://curriculum.bsd-ri.net/>
- **What is the difference between English and Literacy?** English is a traditional ELA class, where Literacy is a support class for students who need extra help in reading and writing.
- **What is CCE (Cross Curricular Extension)?** This class (7th & 8th grade) is designed to expose students to deeper exploration of content areas. Students will rotate through the 4 course offerings each quarter. .
- **What is FSSE? (Foundational Skills in Secondary English)?** This course will provide grade 6 students with the skills necessary for success in Middle School and beyond
- **What math classes are offered?** General math (6,7,8), honors math (6) pre-algebra (grade 7), algebra (grade 8)
- **What is numeracy?** Why does my child have to take it? Should he/she take it? Numeracy is a remedial math class. Students are individually recommended for the class so, yes, it's highly recommended.
- **How does a student get into honors math, pre-algebra or algebra?** They are recommended for the class by their prior year's math teacher.
- **What exploratory classes are offered at BMS?** Art, Band, Chorus, Music Appreciation, Science Explorations, Technology Education, Construction, Project Lead the Way, Digital Media, Mind-Body-Spirit & Spanish.
- **Can my child join chorus?** Yes, contact their guidance counselor (listed below) with the request.
- **Can my child join band? Do you need to know how to play an instrument to join band?** No, they don't need to play to join. Contact the band director, Garrett Campbell: campbellg@bsd-ri.net with questions about playing. If your child wishes to join band contact their guidance counselor (listed below) with the request.

QUESTIONS?

- **Who can I contact if I have any more questions?** Raechel Robidoux, Assistant Principal robidouxr@bsd-ri.net

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Principal: Kathryn Lord, LordK@bsd-ri.net
- Asst. Principal: Raechel Robidoux, robidouxr@bsd-ri.net
- Guidance Office: Ruth Pearson, Guidance Secretary pearsonr@bsd-ri.net
- Guidance Counselor: Pam Connors connorsp@bsd-ri.net (team 6Smith, 7 Mowry & 8 Mowry)
- Guidance Counselor: Robert DeLellis delellisr@bsd-ri.net (team 6 Nipmuc, 7 Greene & 8 Burrill)
- School Psychologist: Alyson Doumato, doumatoa@bsd-ri.net
- School Social Worker: Mandy LeComte, lecomtem@bsd-ri.net
- School Nurse: jennifer Poisson, poissonj@bsd-ri.net
- Student Assistance Counselor: Mrs. Janet McLinden, mclindenj@bsd-ri.net
- Speech & Language Pathologist: Michelle Stanley, stanleym@bsd-ri.net