

# 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**?  
<http://bms.bsd-ri.net/general-information-0>
- 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  
<http://www.bsd-ri.net/for-parents/transportation>
- What **supplies** does my child need for the first day?  
<http://bms.bsd-ri.net/student-supply-lists-0>
- 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, Tennis Club
- Where can I find the **school dress code**? The dress code can be found in the student handbook here: <http://bms.bsd-ri.net/general-information-0>
- How do I **register my child** for BMS?  
<http://bms.bsd-ri.net/sites/bms.bsd-ri.net/files/BMS%20Registration%20Packet.pdf>
- Can I **visit the building or take a tour**? Yes, contact Raechel Robidoux [robidouxr@bsd-ri.net](mailto:robidouxr@bsd-ri.net) to set up a tour.
- Are **cell phones** allowed? Only before school and during lunch.
- Is there **required summer reading**? Yes, all summer reading information can be found here: <http://bms.bsd-ri.net/news/summer-reading-info>

### 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 physical education 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.

## KINDLES

- **Who can a parent contact with Kindle questions?** Raechel Robidoux, Assistant Principal [robidouxr@bsd-ri.net](mailto:robidouxr@bsd-ri.net)
- **Does my child have to use a school Kindle? Can they use their own Kindle/tablet/iPad?** Students are not required to use a school Kindle. Yes, they can use their own device (not a cell phone).

## CLASSES

- **How is the daily schedule set up?** <http://bms.bsd-ri.net/sites/bms.bsd-ri.net/files/Daily%20Schedule.pdf>
- **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 Content Enrichment?** It is a study skills support class focused on reading, writing and the Common Core.
- **Does everyone have to take Content Enrichment?** Yes, in grade 6.
- **What math classes are offered?** General math, honors math (6-7-8) accelerated math (grade 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. (\*Note - we also offer a numeracy exploratory class which any student can take, it's not by recommendation.)
- **How does a student get into accelerated 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?** General Music, Band, Music App. Academic Exploratories, Chorus, Art, Technology Education, Manufacturing Technology, 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](mailto: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](mailto:robidouxr@bsd-ri.net)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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