



Bluffton-Harrison Middle School

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Week-At-A-Glance

April 25 – 30, 2022

ILEARN TESTING WEEK – Please keep student absences to a minimum during testing days April 26-27 and May 3-5. Thank you!

Monday, April 25

3:00-4:00

Tennis Program begins today! (Original start date of April 11 was changed due to tennis court repairs) See Coach Robert Vanderkolk with questions at

rvanderkolk@bhmsd.org

5:30

Track @ Heritage w/Jay County

Tuesday, April 26

ILEARN TESTING (FIRST THING IN THE MORNING)

3:00-4:15

English Academic practice w/Coach Xayyachack

Wednesday, April 27

ILEARN TESTING (FIRST THING IN THE MORNING)

3:00-4:00

Math Academic Team practice w/Coach Claghorn

3:00-4:15

Social Studies Academic practice w/Coach Alspaugh

Thursday, , April 28

3:00-4:15

English Academic practice w/Coach Xayyachack

5:30

Track – Home vs McCulloch w/Norwell

Friday, April 29

3:00-4:00

Math Academic Team practice w/Coach Claghorn

3:00-4:00

Science Academic Team practice w/Coach Gerber

Saturday, April 30

7:00

Academic Bowl @ Summit Middle School – bus will be parked by door #4 and leave at 7:00am, returning at 1:15pm. The academic bowl will be from 9:00-Noon.

ATHLETICS – SPRING SCHEDULE: (updated 4/22/22 – any changes from last week will be in bold)

**Dates and times are subject to change. The Athletic Department is located at the high school. For complete information and maps, go to blufftonathletics.com.*

TRACK*

April 7, 5:30pm – Home vs Adams Central **CANCELLED**

April 11, 5:30pm – Home vs South Adams

April 13, 4:30pm @ Norwell w/Bellmont **CANCELLED**

April 19, 5:30pm – Home vs McCulloch **CANCELLED**

April 21, 5:30pm @ Southern Wells w/Woodlan

April 25, 5:30pm @ Heritage w/Jay County

April 28, 5:30pm – Home vs McCulloch w/Norwell

May 2, 5:30pm – Boys Relays @ Southern Wells

May 5, 5:30pm – Girls Relays @ Adams Central

May 13, 5:30pm – ACAC @ Home

KEEP IN MIND:

SCHOOL REACH CALLS: Our School Reach notification calls regarding school delays, cancellations, parent/teacher conferences, etc. are sent out in a mass format. Because of so many calls going out at once there can be glitches in the system causing calls to cut off before the message is finished. If you receive a School Reach call that drops/cuts out before you hear the message, there is a way to call back to hear it. The school messenger calls should "come from" **260-824-6004**. If you call that number, it will go into an automated system that says "Welcome to the School Messenger Notification System for Bluffton-Harrison Metro School District. If you have recently received a phone call and would like to listen to the message, press 1". From there, it will auto-detect your number and say it back to you, giving you the chance to accept it or change it. After that, if there are messages to listen to, you will have the opportunity to listen to them. At any time, you can call the number to see how the system works. There will not be any recent messages to listen to, but you can call the system to see how it works. **Please add this number to your phone contacts in the event you ever need to call. Thank you!**

ALL STUDENTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE EVERY YEAR: If you have any questions regarding this process, please call or come in. We have a computer set up in the office, and are happy to help you complete your annual registration. Online registration is the only time of year a credit card is an option for paying annual technology rental fees. However, the online payment option ends after the 1st quarter.

LOST & FOUND - Located by the office: Feel free to stop in anytime and look through the items. Every quarter, items not claimed are donated to the Bargain Hut. Please label tags with your student name to cut down on unclaimed items donated.

LUNCHES cost \$2.75/day, \$13.75/5 days, \$55.00/20 days. If you qualify for reduced lunches, they are 40¢/day. These prices do NOT include extra items for purchase, such as chips, cookies, and water/juice (checks payable to BHMSD Lunch Fund). Please call our head cook, April Engle, with any questions about your student's lunch account.

PAPER GATOR - Located behind the school by Door #4: All paper, newspaper, hardcover & paperback books, phone books, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail can all be collected in the Paper Gator. BHMS receives a commission every time we fill the Gator. Please consider dropping off your paper items here. Thank you for your support of this program!
NO CARDBOARD ACCEPTED!

RELATED ARTS CLASSES

The following related arts classes are on a 6-week rotation: Exploring World Languages 8, Art, Basic Skills-Digital Citizenship, and Health. If your student has these classes, teachers will be sending progress reports on the following dates. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Stacy Herrold, Assistant Principal.

Course	Start Date	Midterm Date	End Date
Rotation 1	August 9	August 27	September 17
Rotation 2	September 20	October 8	November 5
Rotation 3	November 8	December 1	December 22
Rotation 4	January 6	January 28	February 18
Rotation 5	February 22	March 11	April 8
Rotation 6	April 11	May 3	May 25

Swimming and Physical Education are the same as last year in terms of grade reporting.

SCHOOL POLICIES & STUDENT HANDBOOK - If you have any questions regarding our policies at BHMS, you can locate our student handbook on our website at www.bhmsd.org

- Go clear to the top of the page where (on the left side in small print) it states “Select a School” and choose the middle school.
- Scroll down until you see the options listed in a line of black circles.
- Choose “Student Handbook”
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school policies, please contact Mr. Stacy Herrold, our assistant principal. He can be reached at 824-3536 ext. 6001 or sherrold@bhmsd.org

SPORTS PHYSICALS: If your child plans to participate in a sport this year, a physical must be on file before they can participate in practice. *Yearly physicals must be done April 1 or after to qualify for the current school year.* In addition to the doctor form, there are online parent & student permission forms that need completed as well through Final Forms. Instructions on how to complete the online forms can be picked up at the middle or high school offices. Any questions, please contact Melanie Davis at our athletic department located at the high school. She can be reached at 824-3724 or mdavis@bhmsd.org.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: If you wish to purchase student accident insurance, use this link: www.studentinsurance-kk.com

STUDENT INFO: It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact information for you and your student(s) in case of an emergency. **Please call the office throughout the year with any changes** in address, phone numbers, email addresses, medical info, bus changes, etc. This goes for you, your student, and their emergency contacts' information.

TECHNOLOGY/TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES are \$165.00 each school year (checks payable to BHMSD). Our Fee Payment Schedule is as follows:

<u>Payment Due Date</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
September 1	\$55.00
October 1	\$55.00
November 1	\$55.00
TOTAL PAID	\$165.00

NOTE: TRCF (Textbook and Lunch Assistance) expires each year on October 1. **If you qualify for Free or Reduced lunches, your student's tech fees are also covered. If you have not submitted an application before October 1, you will be billed for the full amount of textbook/technology rental fees.** Please call Jamie Vitz, Treasurer, with any questions regarding your student's account.

TRANSPORTATION: Students will be assigned to one bus only w/exceptions considered. (ex: AM rides from home, PM goes to babysitter.) Parents must communicate with their bus driver prior to the start of the school year. If the driver is not aware that your child will be riding, the student cannot ride the bus. Students will be able to ride an alternate bus to the Boys & Girls Club which will not impact their regular bus assignment. Students will not be able to eat or drink on the bus.

Families will not be able to change a student's after school transportation for a short-term solution, other than to change the student's status from a bus rider to a car rider or walker. If a bus to a car rider/walker transportation change happens during the school day, please call the office. Thank you so much for your help with this! **If you have any questions regarding transportation, please reach out to our routing coordinator, Kassandra Osborn at 824-2620 ext. 1008.**

YEARBOOKS: Extra 2020-21 yearbooks are for sale in the office for \$15 (checks payable to BMS). The 2021-22 yearbook will be for sale in the spring of 2022.