



Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night
Banks Middle School

Parent Night Agenda

- Introduction of our PTO
- 6th Grade Team
- 6th Grade Schedule
- Music Program, Electivies, Leadership
- Lockers and Planners
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Supplies
- Study Skills and Supports
- Synergy and Computer Use
- Positive Behavior Interventions/Supports
- Communication and Attendance



Banks Middle School PTO

- President- Sarah Boswell
- Events:
 - Dances
 - 8th Grade Promotion
- Fun Fundraisers (Keep it simple)
- School Support
- Teacher Support



6th Grade Team

- Kim Carson- Language Arts, Homeroom
- Ashley Thomas- Math, Homeroom
- Glenn Smith- Science and Elective
- Marlee Zakrevsky - PE
- TBD - hiring now! Social Studies, Homeroom, Elective
- Diane Vuylsteke- Learning Specialist
- Cory Del Villar- School Counselor
- Leann Gallien- Assistant Principal
- Caitlin Everett- Principal



Middle School Schedule

- Doors Open: **8:10am** (8:50am on Late Start); 1st Bell: **8:25am**
- **Dismissal: 3:01pm**
- Students take care of their own business in the morning (i.e. check in with teachers, notes to office and get organized with their locker)
- Students will be on an 8 period Block schedule, with 88 minute periods that meet every other day (4 periods per day).
- Please help your child be to school on time!



Electives

See [Curriculum Guide](#) for full electives list and course descriptions

6th Graders get two electives!

- **Full Period Elective** - these meet for 88 minutes, some are one semester and some options are year long
- **Half Period Elective** - these are 44 minutes, and paired with another class called "Middle School Success" which includes study hall time and study skill support. These are all one semester long.
- **All 6th graders are required to take a music elective. Choices are:**
 - Beginning Band (full period, year long)
 - Concert Choir (full period, semester or year long)
 - Music Exploration (half period, semester)
 - Guitar 1 (half period, semester)

BMS Leadership Program - Elections soon!

BMS is continuing our work on elevating student voice!

The 2024-2025 school year will be the first official year of Banks Middle School ASB/Leadership Class

This class will consist of elected Class Officers from 6th, 7th and 8th grade and appointed positions from 7th and 8th grade.

Students will continue to plan assemblies, spirit days, and manage social media. We are planning to add Service Learning.

6th graders have opportunity to run for President, Vice President, and Treasurer

April 2	Application open
April 10, 2024 by 3:05pm	Election Application Due
April 11, 2024 (2:15 @ BES)	Mandatory Election Information meeting
April 15-19	Campaign Week
April 22-23	Voting
April 24	Announcements

Forecasting

- Students will forecast for their elective choices next week. They will rank the options for full and half period electives via a Google Form.
- There is a "[6th Grade Forecasting Planning Sheet](#)" students can take home to plan out their choices with parents/guardians before they fill out the Google Form in school on April 11th (next Thursday)
- All students take ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE & Homeroom.

Sixth Grade P.E.

- Lockers and Locks- Assigned first week
- Clothes- basic athletic gear
 - Shoes- Non marking soles
- Hygiene- extra deodorant, etc.
- Small bag for clothes
- Name on all gear



Lockers

- Each student has 2 lockers: Academic and PE
- Limited Space
- Decorations- No stickers, tape or wallpaper; keep it simple
- Students will have plenty of time to learn and practice their locker combinations--it is their responsibility to memorize both combinations

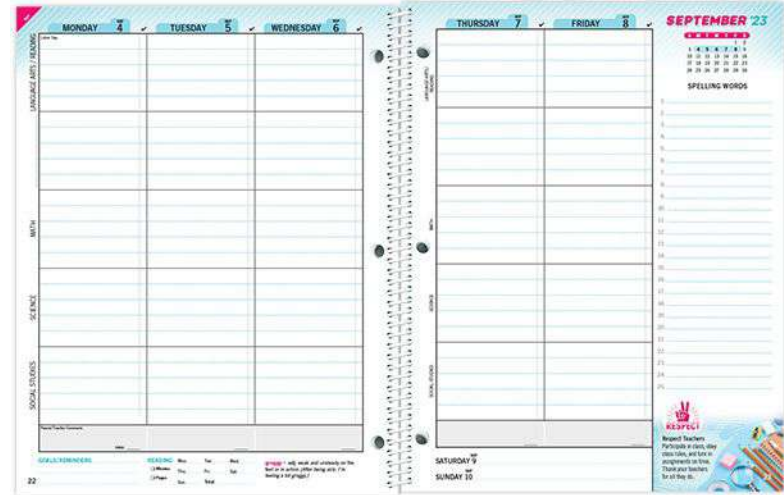
Lockers

- We ask that students do not have large zipper binders but folders/ 3-ring instead
- Dimensions:
 - Height - 35 ½"
 - Width 12"
 - Depth - 10 ½"
- Locker organizer racks are helpful



Planners

- Students will receive a planner at Registration.
- Students are expected to be responsible for it on a daily basis- Required in 6th Grade
- Important for home/school communication on assignments



Extra Curricular Activities

- Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) - students are encouraged to take "Book Club" elective if they want to do OBOB.
- Lego Robotics (limited spots available)
- STEAM Sisters
- Plays (MS/HS students are currently doing a play w/after school rehearsals)
- Community sports (cross country, soccer, football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and track)
- Activities change each year based on supervision

GET INVOLVED AND HAVE FUN!

Sixth Grade Supplies



- Supply List 2024-25 will be posted on website, also available at Registration.
 - We are offering an option to **purchase a kit** with all the supplies in it next year, ordering information will be sent via email as soon as that is ready.
- Due to locker size-- **NO Big Zipper Binders.**
- For students to be successful, they must come to school with the required supplies.

Study Skills and Supports

- Middle School Success

- Every other day students attend Middle School Success (MSS)
- Students are expected to use this time to keep up with academics
- Develop organization and study skills are also explicitly taught
- All caught up? Students can use this time to read a book for leisure, free write, practice typing skills, be on approved websites for math practice, etc.

- Additional academic supports include:

- Homework Club (weekly) -parent permission required
- Academic Support (for students identified as below grade level and in need of extra support)
- Organization supports with assistance if needed
- Student/ParentVue

Additional Supports

- Special Education/Student Services
 - Based on child's IEP needs
 - Scheduled by your student's Special Education teacher.
- Homework Club
 - Twice a week, after school - no transportation available
 - Access to an adult for help, technology, other supplies
- School Counselor
 - Ms. DelVillar is available to meet with students/families to develop individual success plans

Synergy - Student Information System

- StudentVue

- Students will gain access to this within the first few weeks.
- They will set up their own account with their Banks School District username and password.
- Schedules, attendance, grades, etc.
- Students are responsible for checking assignments and grades.

- ParentVue

- Activation code and directions at Registration.
- Download the app or use the website.
- Access grades 24/7
- Please be patient with teachers; email or ask if uncertain!

Technology & Chromebooks

- Google Apps for Education - **FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY** - Docs, Slides, Sheets, Gmail
 - Students will gain access to this within the first few weeks
 - They have an account with their Banks School District username and password (same as the one from BES)
 - **Only students and teachers in the BSD Network can share documents with and email students**
 - Student accounts may be accessed by the District at any time
- Other educational apps will be used throughout the year, such as Google classroom, Khan Academy, Typing.com
- Students will sign a User Agreement at registration
- Terms and Violations can be found in the BMS Student Handbook

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Our school wide behavioral system includes focus on:

- Being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful
- Positives!
 - Verbal compliments
 - Banks Bucks
 - Class competition "Battle of the Braves"

Specific academic achievement acknowledgments:

- Honor Roll
- Improved Grades
- Outstanding Student of the quarter



Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

- Students are regularly taught and expected to follow school rules and the district code of student conduct.
- Violations of school rules and expectations are documented and may result in a variety of consequences and interventions.

Parent Teacher Communication

- Communication is vital to the success of your student
- Teachers communicate to parents on an individual and group basis.
- Quickest way to communicate with a teacher is email.

Parent Teacher Communication

- If concerns are subject/class specific please email that teacher directly
- If concerns are related to health, upcoming vacations, social concerns, etc. please email their Homeroom teacher
- We aim to respond within 2 business days, sooner for urgent matters.

Every Day Matters!

- Attendance is a key indicator of success in middle and high school
- 10 or less is best! Our goal is 90% attendance for every student.
- If you have trouble getting your child to school for any reason please contact us, we can help!

Fall Registration

- Registration packets are mailed out in August.
- Registration is in August (Usually about 2 weeks before school starts.)
- Registration Day: Students receive their schedules, turn in forms, pay any fees and take pictures.

Outdoor School

- 6th graders will have the opportunity to go to outdoor school next year. We will schedule soon, it could be fall or spring.
- If we end up with a fall date, we will host an information night in late May. If we get a spring date, we will host an info night in the fall.

Questions???

Contact BMS at 503-324-3111 or
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Have a wonderful rest of the school year!

We look forward to having your student next year!