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IMPORTANT NOTICE

2024-2025 Tentative District Calendar

First Day of School (teachers)	Aug. 27
First Day of School (students, half-day)	Sept. 3
Election Day (no school)	Nov. 5
Day Before Thanksgiving (half-day)	Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 28-29
Winter Break (classes resume Jan. 6)	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
Mid-Winter Break	Feb. 17-21
Spring Break	March 24-28
Last Day of School	June 13

Please Note: The 2024-2025 full calendar will be released later this spring following completion of discussions between the BEA and district.



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Birmingham Public Schools and the Birmingham Education Association (BEA) have been engaged in ongoing conversations throughout the academic year regarding the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. We acknowledge and value your patience as we have diligently navigated through this collaborative process. The important dates mentioned above have been mutually agreed upon by both the district and BEA.

News, Notes & Accolades



Greenfield wins 25th annual Science Olympiad

Greenfield emerged victorious over the weekend, securing first place at the 25th annual Science Olympiad. All eight elementary school and BCS participated. West Maple, the host school, and Bingham Farms finished tied for second place in the competition, which had students competed in a series of “hands-on” science events designed to challenge and nurture their science interests and abilities.

Berkshire orchestra shine at district festival

Led by Sean Smith and Paul Shawver, seventh and eighth graders of the Berkshire orchestra participated recently in the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association’s district Solo & Ensemble Festival at Waldon Middle School in Lake Orion. Of the 18 entries, 17 earned division-I ratings. Students were judged as either soloists or a small ensemble against set criteria. **Tatiyana Stallings** and **Evelyn Quinn** earned division-II rating for their violin & cello duet.

Division-I rating: **Anabella Chebl** (violin solo, 8th grade), **Claire DeJager & Addelyn Bishop** (violin duet, 8th grade), **Addison Smith** (violin solo, 8th grade), **Callyn O’Gorman & Brooke Hugel** (violin & cello duet, 8th grade), **Brooke Hugel** (cello solo, 8th grade), **Addelyn Bishop** (violin solo, 8th grade), **David Dunn** (violin solo, 7th grade), **Ariana Kadlec & Isla Hepburn** (violin & cello duet, 7th grade), **Ella Sansom & Kendall Dorfman** (violin duet, 7th grade), **Kendall Dorfman** (violin solo, 7th grade),

Quinn VanderWeele & Reagan Haenggi (cello duet, 7th grade), **Isla Hepburn** (cello solo, 7th grade), **Adele Prando** (cello solo, 7th grade), **Loan Hamel** (violin solo, 7th grade), **Lily Bailey & Vanessa Archibald** (viola duet, 7th grade), **Layla Tschannen & Ella Stein** (violin duet, 7th grade) and **Vanessa Archibald** (viola solo, 7th grade).

Derby trio earn top rankings at MSBOA

Congratulations to the Derby eighth-grade orchestra trio of **Eadyn Errimy, Dylan Shim** and **Paul Wiegand** for achieving a Division-I rating at the Solo and Ensemble Festival hosted by MSBOA at Waldon Middle School.

Opening Day: Seaholm baseball

Seaholm baseball has organized a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Maple Field on Saturday, April 27. The first pitch is set for 11 a.m. when the Maples host Novi for a double-header. The occasion promises an array of exciting activities, such as food truck vendors, autograph sessions, press-box tours and a complimentary shirt for the first 50 children.

Forte 5k set for May 5

Groves Orchestra to hold its 11th annual **Forte 5k on Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m.** in Beverly Park. All proceeds will benefit the orchestra program by subsidizing camps during the fall and ensuring all students will be able to attend the camp regardless of financial situation. [Learn more now](#) and get registered.

Alumni celebrations

Graduating seniors from the Class of 2024 have been extended an invitation to return to their respective elementary schools to commemorate their K-12 accomplishments. This event provides an opportunity for seniors to reconnect with their former classmates and teachers, evoking memories of their academic journey. Refreshments will be provided during the celebration. Stay informed about the upcoming alumni celebrations from across the entire district. Sign-up details will be sent out shortly.

Seaholm 2nd annual Spring Showcase set for April 26

The 2nd annual Theater Showcase, sponsored by Seaholm Musical Theater and Seaholm Choir will be held Friday, April 26 in the Seaholm Auditorium. The showcase is a student directed and produced that includes songs from all eras of musical theater, from early musical theater to now. Performers from both Seaholm's choir and musical theater students will sing solos, duets and various ensembles. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and helps support the choirs and musical departments.

Birmingham Rotary Club celebrates 100 years

Don't miss the 100-year milestone celebration of the Birmingham Rotary Club on Thursday, May 9 in the Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125, which includes a three-course meal and one drink. [Learn more.](#)

Mathematics Progression Assessment registration

As previously announced, BPS is implementing a new district-wide process for identifying students entering grades 3-8 who may be ready for advancement in mathematics. The [BPS Pathway to Mathematics Progression](#) is carefully designed to use data to identify students who may benefit from advancing a year in mathematics. Please see [this video](#) for a detailed overview of the

letters to those students who have met the identified criteria. If your child did not receive an invitation and you feel that they are ready to skip a year in mathematics, you are still able to register your child to take the Mathematics Progression Assessment. This assessment is a rigorous 90-120 minute exam that covers the standards of the upcoming grade level. If your child scores a 78% or more on the exam, they will be eligible to advance a grade level in math.

If you believe that your child is ready for mathematical progression and would like them to take the MPA exam, please fill out this [registration form](#). Completed forms must be completed by April 24. All assessments will take place in May. Each BPS building will share their testing schedule with registered families prior to the testing date.

Host of BPS student starring in local musical

Several students from around the district will be featured in Dream Arts Company's upcoming under-the-sea musical extravaganza – *The Rainbow Fish Musical*. The musical play will run April 20-21 at the historic Flagstar Strand Theatre in Pontiac. Everybody loves the international bestseller and award-winning book, with its wonderful message of friendship and belonging. Tickets and additional information can be found at dacompany.org.

Community Education

Birmingham Community Education offers a wide array of enrichment, recreation classes and programs for adults and youth. Get [registered today for programming](#)! Summer camps 2024 registration is now open, too.

YOUTH:

- Kids Empowered “Parent and Daughter Assertiveness Boot Camp” on April 20.
- “Certified Babysitter and Safe Home Alone” with “Certified Pet Sitter” add-on is April 20.

ADULT:

- “Yoga Fitness with Lynn Dowe” begins April 23.
- “Back on Course” Zoom Computer Workshops – different classes every week!

Support Teacher Appreciation Week



Assist the Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) in its efforts to promote and celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, which takes place from May 6-10.

Complete these easy steps to submit a donation:

- [Visit the BEF website](#) or scan the QR code above.
- Select a teacher you really appreciate and would like to honor with a donation.
- Write an encouraging note for the selected teacher.

BEF will take care of the rest. Your note, along with a flower, will be delivered to the school's main office on **Monday, May 6** for you to pick up and deliver to your teacher. Orders are due no later than May 1. If you have additional questions, please contact BEF Executive Director, **Kathy Zanolli** at kzanolli@birmingham.k12.mi.us or dial 248.203.3030.

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Upcoming Events

Board of Education (BOE) [meetings and study sessions](#) occur once a month on Tuesdays. The board meetings commence at 7 p.m., while the majority of study sessions take place at 6 p.m. throughout the year.

BOE Retreat

- **Saturday, April 20 | 9 a.m.**

Bond Committee

- **Tuesday, May 7 | 5 p.m.**

Study Session

- **Tuesday, May 7 | 6 p.m.**

Special Meeting

- **Tuesday, May 14 | 6 p.m.**

Annie Jr.

May 3-5 | 7 p.m. & 2 p.m.

2436 W. Lincoln St, Birmingham

Derby Musical Theater will be presenting *Annie Jr.* May 3-5 at the Seaholm Auditorium. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. and Sundays show starts at 2 p.m.. Tickets [are available for purchase](#) and reserved seating is \$10 online (with service fee) or \$12 at the door. The show is appropriate for all ages. For questions, please email to Mr. Hummel at jhummel@bps-schools.com.

Better Together Parent Engagement Session

Tuesday, May 14 | 7 p.m.

[Zoom](#)

In an effort to develop a culture of unity and wellbeing within our BPS community, the Office of Student Learning & Inclusion will be hosting a parent-night session: Support your Students' Mental Health – Understanding Anxiety and Depression in Teens and Adolescents. [Learn more.](#)

Annual Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, May 18 | 10 a.m.-2 pm

23400 13 Mile Road, Bingham Farms

Birmingham Youth Assistance is set to hold its 14th Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, May 18 in the parking lot of Bingham Farms. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a designated quiet hour between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to make a suggested cash donation of \$5. For more details, please visit the [BYA website](#) or call 248.203.4300.

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