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Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hello Parents and Community members,

It seems almost hard to believe that we are already two weeks into the second quarter of school. Our top priorities remain academic success, student health and safety, and parent involvement.

With only seven weeks left in this quarter, it's more important that students stay hyper focused on their academics and grades. We are experiencing higher than usual failure rates with some students so we have asked our teachers to maintain contact with you if your student is failing a class. Our students need to understand that they must earn credits in order to be promoted from middle school to high school. Any student who fails a quarter of a core academic class will be required to do the following:

- 1) Take a computer-based mastery test to possibly earn credit
- 2) Enroll in an Edgenuity course to show mastery (70% required)

I want to encourage all of our parents to sit down and review their own students' progress in the classroom. If the grades are acceptable, please encourage your child to continue to work with fidelity and to push the limits of their academic success. If the grades are not up to par, please take the opportunity to contact the teachers or school counselors to see what else can be done. It is a teachable moment that parents can take to instruct their student on the importance of succeeding academically! Moving forward, parents can continue to check on their students' grades via Focus. Students wishing to do tutoring at home can partake in the "Connect with Lee" an online tutoring program. You can find information at www.leeschools.net.

For family planning, Thanksgiving break is November 20th-24th, followed by Winter Break December 22nd (half day) through January 8th. All schools will be closed during those days. The second semester/quarter three will begin January 9th. Until then, please remember that school attendance is vitally important for student academic success. Our 6th grade students are definitely leading the way in attendance excellence and won our monthly contest for free ice pops for all!

In closing, as November is marked by our national day of Thanksgiving, I just wanted to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of our students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders for making Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts a fantastic place to work and celebrate learning. We are truly "educating heARTS and minds" for EVERY Stallion EVERY day!

Yours in Partnership,
Melissa Layner
BSMCA Principal



EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY

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Band Winter Concert

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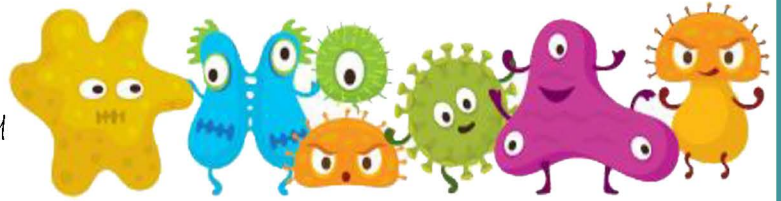
December 25 -
January 5
Winter Break



Before your child can begin the 7th grade he/she must have documentation of having received the following immunizations: TDaP booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, pertussis) after the age of 10.

We encourage all parents to have their child seen by a private physician or health care provider in the community prior to the busy summer season to receive the required immunizations. Private physicians and clinics charge according to their established fees. Vaccines required for children are available free of charge from all Lee Health Department facilities. Remember you must bring your child's immunization records with you to help determine what immunizations are required and to provide the information necessary to fill out the Florida Certificate of Immunization Form DH-680.

immunizations



The Lee County Health Department provides school age immunizations free of charge at:

LCMD Michigan Avenue Clinic, 3920 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916 (239) 461-6100

For more information concerning school immunization requirements contact the Lee County Health Department at (239) 332-9601

FOCUS Parent Portal

Make sure you sign up for a parent FOCUS account to: monitor grades, receive important notifications and more.

https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal



Talent Show

November 6th
BSMCA Cafe
@ 6pm

Hey 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Females,
Join the Girl Power Club



Topics: Various



Google Classroom Code:

nhh2sx

Date:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
November 1st & 15th

Time: Afterschool (4:00p.m. - 5:15p.m.)

Location: Media Center

Contact Us:

Mrs. Hudson-Shelton @ keniah@leeschools.net

Looking to join a group to empower you and to build self-esteem; then join the Girl Power Club. We meet after-school in the media center twice a month.

Email me at jesikast@leeschools.net for any questions

LATIN DANCE CLUB

- Do you want to learn how to dance some Latin dances?
- Join the G.C. for more information: A5YEEV7
- Club will be every Monday 4:15-5:15 PM



ANIME CLUB

- Are you interested in Anime Club?
- Applications available in Ms. Torres' room
- Due by Sept. 13th
- Club will be every Wednesday 4:15-5:15 PM



NJHS

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/19, 2/2, 2/23, 3/1, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17

NJHS is:

1. Collecting food and old towels/sheets for Gulf Coast Humane Society for both dogs and cats.
2. Always accepting non perishable food items, gently used uniform tops and bottoms of all sizes, as well as toiletry donations for school families in need.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Anyone can donate to help out! This is a schoolwide effort.



After School Band Club

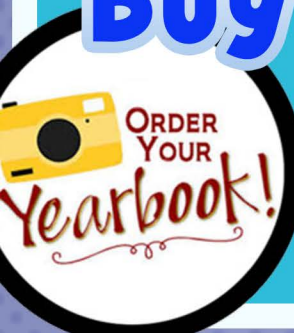
After School Band Club begins September 12th. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. Please join the Google Classroom for more information [ixlz4n7](#)

Performing Arts Club

The Performing Arts Club will begin meeting Monday mornings from 8:30 to 9:10 in Mrs. Lubeckers room beginning October 16th!



Buy your Yearbook NOW!



Be sure to buy your BSMCA Yearbook at yearbookforever.com or bring your money to Mrs. Carney in room 16C. Yearbook's are currently \$30 but will be going up in price soon!



Spotlight Artist



What is one success you have had in your art class that you are proud of?

This year I worked on a project that required a ton of texture. I love the way the painting came out. It took a lot of time, but was worth it!

How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?

Being in art classes made me realize that the visual arts are one of my biggest passions.

How do you see art playing a role in your future?

I think art will be a hobby that I keep dabbling with my whole life.

What one piece of advice would you give to new students in the visual arts?

Be yourself and find what you are truly passionate about.



What is one success you have had in your choir class that you are proud of?

One thing that I am proud of is that I can hold long notes and I am learning fun songs.

How has choir positively affected your time at BSMCA?

Choir makes the long days at BSMCA more fun!

How do you see choir playing a role in your future?

I hope to continue singing and I hope my sisters and I can make songs for fun!

What one piece of advice would you give to new choir students?

Take it slow and be happy!



What instrument do you play? Oboe, Tenor Saxophone, and Steel Drums

What is one success you have had in your band class that you are proud of?

I made it to All County Band! I am also proud to have learned three different instruments.

How has band positively affected your time at BSMCA?

Band has helped me with building my perseverance and resilience.

How do you see band playing a role in your future?

I am hoping that my band skills will help pay for college and possibly have a full-time career.

What one piece of advice would you give to new band students?

I would tell them to stick with what they're doing, because in the future, you don't want to look back on your time and say, "I wish I would've done that."



What is one success you have had in your elective class that you are proud of?

I had a great time performing at Wicked Walk!

How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?

The arts have positively affected my time at BSMCA by giving me self-confidence and opportunities to use my imagination.

How do you see drama playing a role in your future?

It has taught me to think fast and build confidence. I know those skills will help me in my future career.

What one piece of advice would you give to new drama students?

One piece of advice I would give to new students in the arts is to be yourself, work hard, and have a great time.



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.



INTRAMURALS

Cross Country

Runners that met the qualifying time are invited to the Championship Meet on November 3rd. The meet will be held at the Kelly Road Complex, 10750 Kelly Road, Fort Myers, FL 33908. The meet begins at 6pm Friday night.

Volleyball

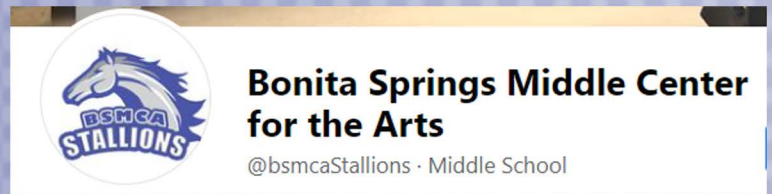
Date	Team	Location	First	Second
11/7	Three Oaks	Three Oaks Middle	Boys 6:00	Girls 7:00
11/9	Gateway Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:15
11/14	Bonita Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Boys 5:15	Girls 6:15
11/16	Three Oaks	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 6:00	Boys 7:00
11/28	Gateway Ch.	Gateway Charter High School 12770 Gateway Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33913	Boys 6:00	Girls 7:00
11/30	Bonita Ch. (Home Team)	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:15
<u>PLAYOFFS START</u>				
12/5	TBA	TBD	Boys	Girls

\$4 entry for parents and \$2 entry for students

Soccer

Soccer Tryouts for boys and girls begin January 9th.

Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/bsmcaStallions>

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Parent's Bill of Rights: https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/parents_bill_of_rights

Partners

Creating an environment that values and promotes student achievement, Bonita Middle School's number one goal, cannot be the sole responsibility of educators and the schools. It requires the concerted effort of the entire community. We would like to thank the following businesses for partnering up with Bonita Middle School and making Bonita Middle a better place for learning:



THANK YOU