

March 1, 2024



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Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and community members:

Just like that, it's March and we're inching close to Spring Break! With only a few months left of the 2023-2024 school year, it is critically important to maintain grades. We have a large amount of failures, so we're asking parents to follow up with students to ensure all work is completed. Please continue to work with our teachers to help keep your students on track. We will mark the end of the quarter on March 14th, which will be a regular school day for students. Any semester one and Quarter 3 failures will be addressed and contact will be made with the parent.

Our growth and proficiency data from January were incredibly good and we are so proud of the academic progress our students made from September to January. We want to keep that going, so we are still focused on preparation for the F.A.S.T. tests and End of Course (EOC) exams that students will take in May. For more information the F.A.S.T. tests, you can visit the Department of Education's website and go to the F.A.S.T. portal or click this link:

<https://flfast.org/families.html>

In addition to academics, we have students competing in soccer and starting try-outs for track and field. We'll soon start tennis and golf, so please encourage your students to get involved in those if they choose. We are continuing student participation through clubs, such as Anime, Video Game, Music and Girls' Power. Please have your student log into any one of these Google classrooms to get more information.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department has been conducting active patrols along the street in front of our school, West Terry St. Please drive cautiously in this area as we have student arrival (9:15a-9:30a) and student dismissal (4:00p-4:15p) each day. The speed limit when the school lights are flashing is 20 MPH. Walkers and bike riders are encouraged to follow safety standards as they travel the sidewalk and street crossings. Thank you for working with them on this. Keep reading to see more about this.

As always, thank you for trusting us with the safety and education of your student.

With gratitude,
Melissa Layner
BSMCA Principal



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March 14
End of Qt. 3

March 15
Professional Duty Day
No School

March 18-22
Spring Break
No School

March 29
Good Friday
No School

April 1
Easter Monday
No School

April 24
PD Day
Early Dismissal

EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY



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:

**LCHE 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

https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal

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



Dear BSMCA Parents: In cooperation with the Lee County Sheriff's Department, we are asking for your cooperation in securing the safety of our students. Here are just a few reminders so that we can ensure all students safely arrive and depart our school each day:

Our Dismissal Process starts at 4:00pm and we stagger release in the following manner:

- 4:00p: First four buses on the bus ramp and ALL of parent pick up students
- 4:05p: All bicycle riders; second group of buses
- 4:07p: 6th grade walkers
- 4:09p: 7th grade walkers; third group of buses, if on campus
- 4:11p: All clubs, athletics, activities and aftercare students
- 4:12p: 8th-grade walkers; remaining bus students to the BSMCA Cafeteria

FOR PARENT PICK UP:

- Parents are asked to keep the West Terry roadway clear at all times so that general traffic still flows. We have four parent pick up lanes so that we can accommodate all parents (lanes 3 & 4 typically have spaces available each day)
- Please be aware of the bicycle path as many residents pass across our entry and exit
- The speed limit on West Terry is 30 MPH
- During morning and afternoon dismissal, all vehicles should be adhering to the 20 MPH limit while in the school zone. We do have lights flashing as a reminder.

FOR BICYCLE RIDERS AND WALKERS:

- We purposefully ask that all bicycle riders exit the campus first and quickly so that walkers are not in their path. Please ask your students to adhere to this.
- Once walkers are dismissed they should leave campus immediately and cross at the designated crosswalks or stay on the main bicycle path. *If you have an older child escorting a younger sibling home, this would be the only exception.*
- Please encourage your students to follow the directions at the crosswalk and only walk or bike when the signal identifies it is safe to do so. There is limited visibility for drivers coming from Pine Street or at the roundabout and we want to ensure that all students cross those roads safely.
- If bicycles must ride on the street, please be sure that your students know that they should always ride with traffic and not against it/head into it.

FOR BUS RIDERS:

Parents, thank you for sharing your concerns with us about late bus arrivals. I know that you are aware that we often have little control over this, but we are sure that does not alleviate your frustration. Our transportation team is committed to updating you on all changes as we receive them.

- Since riding a public school bus is a privilege, please speak with your students about appropriate behaviors while on the bus.
- Report any individual issues regarding our administration, JeremyRS@leeschools.net.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

**Did you know that attendance is the #1 school success factor!
Please continue to attend school and come prepared every day.
BE P.R.O.**

**This year is going by quickly. THIRD Quarter ends on March 14th!
There is only ONE quarter left: FOURTH QUARTER and that is it!**

8th graders:

**Please continue to work and do your very best!
Please check your grades. You do not want to be at risk for retention. Any student at risk of retention will not be able to move forward to high school due to not having all of your credits needed in order to be promoted. Please hand in all of your assignments, study for tests, and do your best on all of your state exams. If you have any questions, please e-mail Ms. Colon ASAP at vivianjc@leeschools.net**

6th and 7th graders!

**Keep on working!! Do your very best. Make sure you are passing all of your classes!
Any questions e-mail Ms. Colon OR Ms. Perez.**

“One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don’t feel like doing it.” – Unknown

And remember.....to....THINK....

- T-** is it **T**RUe?
- H-** is it **H**ELPful?
- I-** is it **I**NSPIring?
- N-** is it **N**ECEssary?
- K-** is it **K**IND?

It doesn't matter what others are doing, it matters what you are doing.

Algebra Students

Algebra students are getting ready to take the MOCK Algebra 1 EOC before Spring break begins. Please encourage your children to complete all classwork and homework, study and get ready, as well as participate in Math tutoring. Tutoring is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:15 AM. We are very proud of you, let's keep on learning! Math Rocks! Mrs. Vlauseda and Mr. Collado

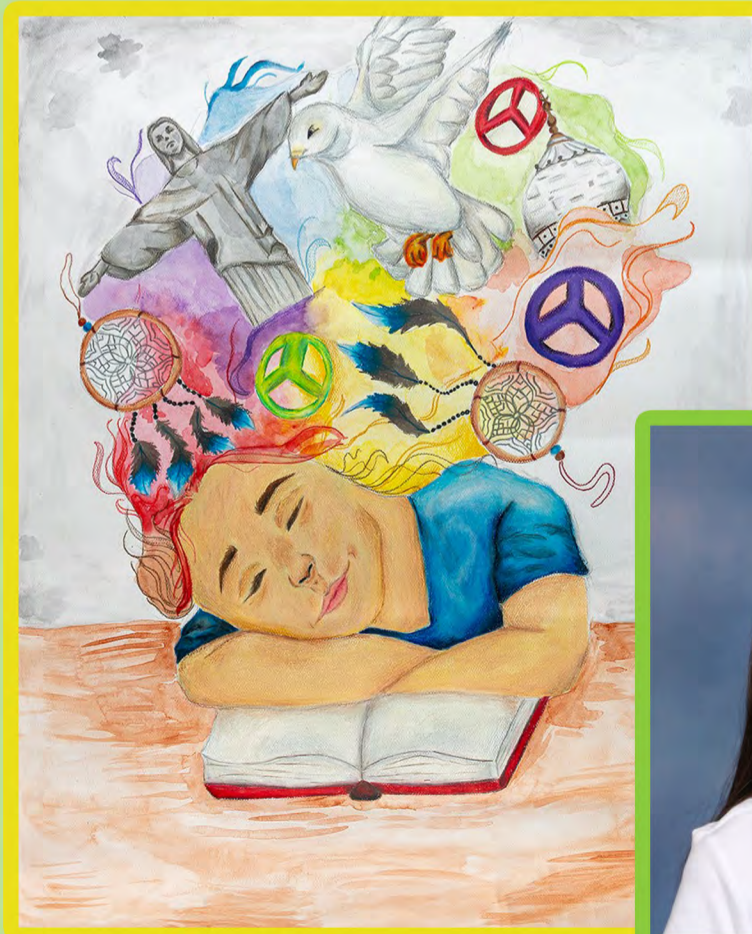
Spring Fling

In case you haven't heard, BSMCA is having another school dance! Our Spring Fling will be Friday, March 8 from 6:00-8:30 and it's for all grades. Tickets will be sold during lunch in the cafeteria the week of March 4th. They will be \$10 and will include 4 food and drink tickets. Start planning your fabulous outfits now!

Student Kudos

Kudos are back. Do something awesome! You just might be rewarded the following Friday at lunch.

PEACE Poster Winner



Maria won the district Lion's Club Peace Poster contest. It went on to compete at the state level and won again! Her poster then went to the International contest and was chosen as one of 23 merit winners.



Out of 600,000 entries hers shined bright!



NJHS

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
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.

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

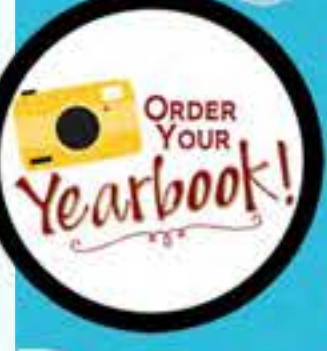
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



After School Band Club

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. Please join the Google Classroom for more information ixlz4n7

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 \$35.

Buy your Yearbook Ad NOW!

Buy your personal or business Yearbook Ad now. The deadline to purchase an ad is March 8th.

- Business Card size - \$20
- ¼ page - \$30
- ½ page - \$60
- Full page - \$120

MATILDA JR.

Coming to BSMCA APRIL 15th

Tickets: \$5 for Adults Students Free



Art Walk

Dance 2 and Theatre 2 classes are participating in the District Art Walk in Downtown Fort Myers on March 1st



Girl Power Club Meeting March 6th and March 20th after school in the media center.

The Girl Power Club will be participating in the March of Dimes-March for Babies supporting Team Braylyn on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The girls will be walking with Mrs. Hudson-Shelton who is, 'A Mother of a Movement', and the parent of Braylyn who was born prematurely.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES PRESENTS...

INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY MARCH 14TH | 8:30AM

MEET IN OUR BSMCA GYM!
8:30-9:00 SOCCER/ 9:00-9:10 FCA HUDDLE



Spotlight Artist

Art



Analee D.

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

One success I have had, that I am also particularly proud of, is learning the skill of paying great attention to detail while creating artwork and widening my range of tools.

How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?

The arts have been a great way for me to express my creativity and it gave me the opportunity to make many friends. Ms. Cooper's art class has greatly and positively impacted my years at BSMCA and I am happy to be a part of her class.

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

In the near future, I see myself using the techniques I have learned here in High School and beyond. I also see art playing a major role in my future as it is an outlet to express my creativity.

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

One piece of advice I would give to new students in the arts is to use different mediums to their advantage while creating artwork.

Orchestra



Yamilette N.

What instrument do you play? Viola

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

I have improved a lot this year. I like learning to play string instruments.

How has orchestra positively affected your time at BSMCA?

I had the opportunity to meet so many great friends!

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

I hope to make thousands of dollars as a musician!

What's one piece of advice would you give to new orchestra students?

Listen to your teachers.

Band



Laila J.

What instrument do you play? Clarinet

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

One success that I had in my band class would be, successfully completing a concert, that normally would have made me nervous, but thinking about other students playing there too, made me take that as success.

How has band positively affected your time at BSMCA?

The band has positively affected my time by, increasing my self confidence from concerts, and playing solo parts of songs.

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

I see band as a fun side activity, like teaching my future kids to play. Also, I would like to continue playing in a band when I am in High School!

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

One piece of advice I would give to new students in a band is to, be confident in yourself if you are participating in a concert, or you will mess up. If necessary, switch instruments if you are not confident with it.



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

Soccer

Date	Team	Location	First	Second
		PLAYOFFS START		
2/29		First Round BYE		
3/4	Winner of TO/AL	Second round Bonita High School	Girls 6:00	Boys 7:00

Home games are located at:
Bonita High School Soccer Field

THERE IS A \$4 ENTRY FEE FOR PARENTS AND \$2 FOR STUDENTS

Track & Field

Track and Field tryouts begin February 29th. Get your run and jump on! Join the google classroom for more details. The code is J T S H Y 7 T The coaches for Track and Field are Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Jung.

Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



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

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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