



# S Stallion News

Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts Newsletter

## Principal's Message

### Hello to all of our families and community members!

Now that we're more than a month into the school year, our students are settling into their routine and rigorous instruction has started. We have completed baseline testing for all our students, to include Reading, Math, Civics, and 8th grade Science. We look forward to monitoring the progress our students will be making in all of these areas.

Interim grade reports will soon be available to you via the Focus parent portal. If you need help setting that up, please call the school or visit the district or school website for more information on how to do that. If you see that your student is underperforming in one of his/her classes, please reach out to the teachers. We will be setting up parent conferences, as well as specialized meetings for any student who has an academic plan, such as a 504, IEP, or ESOL supports. We are still making critical schedule changes, but for the majority of students' schedules are set for now. Mrs. Ramos, our Assistant Principal for Curriculum, should be your main point of contact if you still have schedule issues. You can email her at [VirginiaRa@leeschools.net](mailto:VirginiaRa@leeschools.net).

We have already sent home several parent messages through email, phone and text so if you have not received any of them, please call the school to ensure we have your correct contact information.

We hope that your students are reporting that they feel happy and safe at school. We are working hard to ensure every child finds a home at BSMCA!



**Yours in Partnership,**  
*Melissa Layner*  
**BSMCA Principal**

# EVERY STALLION, EVERY DAY

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September 4th

Labor Day  
No School

September 5th

Cross Country Try Outs  
Start

September 25th

Yom Kippur  
No School

October 13th

End of Quarter One

October 16th

Professional Duty Day  
No School

October 25th

Early Dismissal Day



## FOCUS Parent Portal

Make sure you sign up for a parent **FOCUS** account. Monitor grades, receive important notifications and more.

[https://www.leeschools.net/parent\\_portal](https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal)



### Parents and Students,

Our BSMCA PTO is having an ongoing fundraiser. All you need to do is to choose our organization as your charity as you shop on Amazon. We are listed as: Bonita Middle School Parent Teacher Corporation. Please use the link below to set it up one time and then Amazon does the work for us. When you click on it, it will ask you to choose your organization. Select Bonita Middle Parent Corporation.

**That's it! That quick and easy.**

Then shop as normal by going to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and they send us funds every quarter.

Any questions please ask and feel free to share this link with your family.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Leskin

# amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) each time you shop. A portion of your purchase will support BSMCA.

## immunizations



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 7.

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.

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

LCHD Michigan Avenue Clinic, 3920 Michigan Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33916  
(239) 461-6100

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

### It's as Easy as 1-2-3!

1

Go to  
[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



2

Select Bonita Middle  
Parent Corporation  
as your charity



3

Shop!





# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

The School Counselors Corner:

Ms. Colon, 8th grade, and 7th grade last names (A-L)

Ms. Perez 6th grade and 7th grade last names (M-Z)

Welcome all to another fabulous year at Bonita Middle!

**What does Middle School Credits mean?**

This means that you must have a **D (60 or higher)** every quarter to earn a credit and move on to the next grade. **YOU** must pass all of your classes! Yes, every class is important!

**What if I failed a class or are missing credits?**

**6th graders---**you do **NOT** have credits yet. Once you complete and pass this school year, then you earn the credit.

**Seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grades** check your (6th and 7th grade) grades to make sure you are on track. Any questions please contact us as soon as possible.

**6th GRADERS ONLY!!!**

**THE TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS** has begun. There are specific requirements that must be met. The application is all online and the deadline is **October 20, 2023**, please visit their website for more information.

<https://leeschoolfoundation.org/take-stock-in-children/>

**8th GRADERS**

This is an important year for you. It will go by quickly so stay alert, focused and continue to do well. High School is just around the corner. Please make sure to check with the district's website to confirm the dates and times of the **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!**

Please visit the high school's website for more information! Stay informed!!

Remember if you want to take advanced courses in high school, you must apply for this. There is a separate application you need to submit in addition to your student assignment application. These applications are available in January 2024.

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

**T-** is it **T**True?

**H-** is it **H**elpful?

**I-** is it **I**nspiring?

**N-** is it **N**ecessary?

**K-** is it **K**ind?

Ms. Colon &

Ms. Perez

EPA 40 CFR 763

This school has been recently inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed to be asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the school and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos O&M Program. The report list the location, quantity, and condition of all known materials and contains the details of the control procedures and is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the school's asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost upon submittal of request.

Email me at [jesikast@leeschools.net](mailto: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:

9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 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](http://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

## Art



Luna C.

**What is one success you have had in your art class that you are proud of?**  
 One success I have had in my elective class is my sun and moon painting. I had messed it up many times throughout the whole painting process, yet I was able to fix it to the best of my ability and I ended up happy with the result.

**How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
 One way the arts have positively affected my time at BSMCA was by helping me improve and use my creativity skills as well as has help me improve my attitude.

**How do you see art playing a role in your future?**  
 I can see art giving me many opportunities in the future. If I keep improving with art I can see it helping with scholarships, competitions, etc. Art contests would also help my art get recognized as well as bring in money for my future.

**What 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 be creative and try your best.

## Chorus



Melissa D.

**What is one success you have had in your chorus class that you are proud of?**  
 One success that I have had in this elective class is I have made lots of new friends.

**How has chorus positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
 The arts have made me a more well rounded student.

**How do you see chorus playing a role in your future?**  
 Chorus and dance will play a role in my future by allowing me to expand my creativity.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new chorus students?**  
 One piece of advice I would give to new students is to try your best and always be yourself.

## Band



Isabella A.

**What instrument do you play?** Percussion! I play the drums and the bells.

**What is one success you have had in your band class that you are proud of?**  
 One success I've had is I improved from Band 1 to Band 3.

**How has band positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
 Arts has positively affected my time at BSMCA. It gives me motivation to learn new things even if you have no energy for it. At first I had no intrest in band but now I love it and want to learn how to improve and play my best!

**How do you see band playing a role in your future?**  
 I would love to learn the drum set and start a band. I want to have my own room when I'm older filled with instruments like the drums, electric guitar, and piano.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new band students?**  
 Don't ever judge a class by the opinions of other people. Everybody is not the same.

## Drama



Samantha B.

**What is one success you have had in your elective class that you are proud of?**  
 I am proud of making progress in dance and theatre.

**How have the arts positively affected your time at BSMCA?**  
 It has made my time here at BSMCA so much more fun and engaging.

**How do you see drama playing a role in your future?**  
 I want to make it part of my future by performing many roles in many plays.

**What one piece of advice would you give to new drama students?**  
 Pay attention in class and show up to the shows and concerts.

## 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

## Basketball

**Congratulations to all that made the team. Games begin September 7th! There is a \$4 entry fee for parents and \$2 for students.**

Date	Team	Location	First	Second
9/7	Three Oaks	Three Oaks Middle	Girls 5:45	Boys 7:00
9/12	Gateway Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Boys 5:15	Girls 6:30
9/14	Bonita Ch.	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:30
9/19	Three Oaks	Bonita Middle Gym	Boys 5:45	Girls 7:00
9/21	Gateway Ch.	Gateway High School	Girls 5:45	Boys 7:00
9/28	Bonita Ch. (Home Team)	Bonita Middle Gym	Girls 5:15	Boys 6:30
		<u>PLAYOFFS START</u>		
	TBA	Round 1		

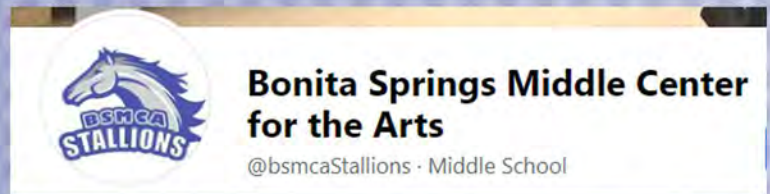
## Cross Country

**Cross Country tryout dates are:**

**September 5th, September 6th, September 7th,  
September 12th, September 13th, September 14th**

**If you are intrested in trying out the google classroom code is 5vmxr7r**

## Check out BSMCA on Facebook:



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

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## 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