2020-2021

BMS Newsletter #29 April 5th-9th

Westport Schools COVID Reporting Hotline: if you've tested positive or have been directly exposed to a positive case, please call: 203-341-1016

DISTANCE/REMOTE LEARNING TECH HELP CENTER LINK

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Bedford Middle School's Student Newspaper

PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT: PHASE II FULL-OPEN MODEL

Both Westport middle schools are planning to implement Phase II of our Full-Open model, which will have our students attend in-school on Wednesdays while also maintaining the shortened school day for students on Wednesdays. We anticipate starting with students in school on Wednesday, April 28th, and for all Wednesdays through to the end of this school year. As a result of this shift, all students that attend in-school (i.e. Cohorts A and B) will attend 5 days/week, with a shortened day dismissal time of 12:40 p.m. on Wednesdays. As a reminder, this year's regular dismissal time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is 2:45 p.m.

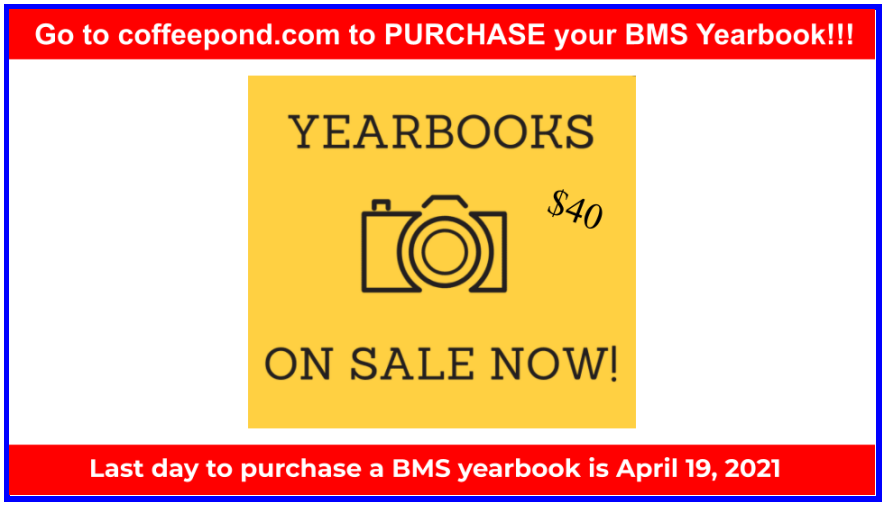
For additional information and advisories prior to the April break, please visit this link to read the memo from Superintendent Tom Scarice : **COPY: {District} Message for School Community sent Apr 5, 2021**

CT State Champions: The BMS Science Olympiad Team!

Bedford just won this year's CT State Science Olympiad Tournament! Our team has qualified to represent Connecticut at the National Science Olympiad competition on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Both the State and National competitions are held online this year. There were numerous accomplishments that drove our team's victory. Along with many experienced 7th and 8th graders, we had six 9th graders from Staples participate. The awards ceremony was presented virtually and can be viewed at this link

The BMS Science Olympiad Team 2020-21

ACT NOW! BMS Yearbook!



Covid is a crazy thing that has caused immeasurable upheaval. What it *hasn't* affected is our ability to stop time. There are 3 important deadlines coming up so please read on:

- **PURCHASING A YEARBOOK:** The absolute last day to order is Friday April 23rd. This deadline was set by the yearbook printer and will not be extended. #outofourcontrol. This incredible/ fun/ memory-filled book MUST be ordered by 4/23. (Password= bms2021)
- **SUBMITTING THE SURVEY**: Let's be honest: surveys are cool and creative and only work if kids participate. The entire survey should take all of 2 minutes so fill it out and feel good about being counted.
- **SUBMITTING A PHOTO:** When life gives you lemons, make an Arnold Palmer. That's what the yearbook committee is doing by soliciting photos for a special section. You don't want the *entire* book to feature kids in masks, do you? Some of the kids want to show off their braces and others want you to know they've gotten their braces off. *Show us your student's smile!* Submit a "remote day" photo (or a fun remote day improv) by this Friday, April 9th. Whip out that smartphone and make it happen, then email the hi-res (full size) image to bms_pta@westportps.org.

Fine print: The BMS yearbook is an all-school book. Grades 6, 7 & 8. Kids' portraits are featured as well as candids. The book is hardcover, full color, and very possibly nicer than the book you yourself got as a high school senior. It's that good and your student wants one. Books are $40 each and are pre-order *only*. No extras are planned. This is not a fundraiser, just a time capsule of this unique middle school year.
Questions? Contact yearbook chair Joanna Mitchell, scmitchells@yahoo.com

BMS Eco Squad: Food composting at BMS

The BMS Eco-Squad restarted our food composting program in our cafeteria on Monday, April 5th! Students are advised to throw all leftover food into the clearly marked compost bins. Composting will continue throughout the rest of the school year.

UPDATE: Transition to Staples High School

- At this time, all 8th graders have met with their counselor to complete their course registration process for grade 9. All 8th graders will be scheduled to attend an individual meeting with their new Staples High School counselor in early June to get acquainted and review their 9th grade schedule.
- If your student is NOT attending Staples High School please email Sara Harding to inform her. Sharding@westportps.org
- Here again is the link to the recording of the "SHS Transition Night" held on 02/10/2021 as well as additional resources: **Grade 8 to 9 Transition Homepage**

Math Mentors for Distance Learning Students

Now open to all middle school students, this is a great opportunity to ask math questions and receive support from a SHS math honor society student! LINK ΜΑΘ Extra Help

AFTER THE APRIL BREAK SCHOOL WEEK SCHEDULE: April 19th-23rd		
DAY, DATE	**IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT**	**SCHEDULE ROTATION**
Monday, 04/19/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	B-Day
Tuesday, 04/20/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	C-Day
Wednesday, 04/21/2021	REMOTE LEARNING ½ DAY	D-Day

Thursday, 04/22/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	E-Day
Friday, 04/23/2021	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	A-Day

Prior Newsletters

BMS/CMS Newsletter #1 Week of Sept 8th-11th
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