



# Bluffton-Harrison Middle School

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## *Week-At-A-Glance* March 16 – 21, 2020

### **Monday, March 16**

- 12:50-1:20 Student Council Executive Committee meeting in the art room (*during Homeroom*)  
12:50-1:20 English Academic Team practice w/Coach Xayyachack (*during Homeroom*)  
3:00-4:00 English Academic Team practice w/Coach Xayyachack  
4:30 Track parent meeting in the gym (*immediately following practice*)  
5:00-7:00 **Registration for Red Cross Swim Lessons @ door #5 (*see attached info...contact Swim Director, Justin Uptgraft, with any questions at [juptgraft@bhmsd.org](mailto:juptgraft@bhmsd.org))***

### **Tuesday, March 17**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (this is NOT an eLearning day)**

- 11:30-2:00 Conferences (*see attached info*)  
5:00-7:00 Conferences  
5:40-7:00 Mr. Bueter (Band), Miss Taing (Choir), and Mr. Miller (Exploring World Languages) will be available for conferences at the middle school at this time.

### **Wednesday, March 18**

- 12:50-1:20 Student Council meeting in the art room (*during Homeroom*)  
3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team practice w/Coach Alspaugh, room 118

### **Thursday, March 19**

- 12:50-1:20 Robotics Club (during homeroom)  
3:00-4:30 Techie Tiger Club, Group B (p/u door #5)

### **Friday, March 20**

**NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK (March 20-27)**

### **Saturday, March 21**

**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**ATHLETICS – SPRING SCHEDULE:** (updated 3/12/20 – any changes will be in bold)

*\*Dates and times are subject to change. The Athletic Department is located at the high school, 824-3724. For complete information and maps, go to [blufftonathletics.com](http://blufftonathletics.com).*

**TRACK \***

April 7, 5:30 @ McCulloch MS  
April 9, 5:30 @ Adams Central  
April 13, 5:30 @ South Adams w/West Jay  
April 15, 5:00 @ Belmont w/Norwell  
April 23, 5:30 – Home vs Southern Wells  
April 27, 5:30 – Home vs East Jay & Heritage  
May 4, 5:30 – BOYS Relays @ Southern Wells  
May 7, 5:30 – GIRLS Relays @ Adams Central  
May 15, 5:30 – ACAC @ Home (go home & be back by 4:30pm)

**COMING UP:**

**Mar 20-27 – SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**

Mar 30 – School resumes  
Mar 30-Apr 3 – Team signups for 3 on 3 tourney, Grades 7/8 (held on Apr 8)  
Apr 2 – Wrestling Awards Banquet in the cafeteria, 6pm (see Coach Sprunger for details, originally 3/31/20)  
Apr 6-16 – Session 1 Red Cross Swim Lessons (see Justin Uptgraft for details, [juptgraft@bhmsd.org](mailto:juptgraft@bhmsd.org))  
Apr 6 – Track pictures w/Fredericks Photography (*date changed, originally 4/3/20*)  
Apr 8 – 3 on 3 Tourney for Grades 7/8 (details TBD)  
Apr 7 – Academic Team Scrimmage @ Muncie Delta (details TBD)  
Apr 9 – Spring Picture Day w/LifeTouch

**Apr 10 – GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL**

Apr 20-30 – Session 2 Red Cross Swim Lessons (  
Apr 20–May 15 ILEARN testing window (if at all possible, please plan vacations and DR appts around this time. Thank you!)  
Apr 24 – Midterms sent home to be signed by parent & returned  
Apr 30 – Robotics Showcase in the cafeteria, 5:30pm  
May 2 – Academic Team Super Bowl (details TBD)  
May 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade orientation @ BMS (*details to come*)  
May 11 – Spring Choir Concert @ BHS, 7:00pm (*6:15pm student call time – Admission \$3 adults/\$2 students*)  
May 12 – Call out meeting during homeroom for Student Council 2020-21, Grades 5-7  
May 14 – Grade 8 Freshmen Student Council Call-out meeting (*during homeroom*)  
May 14 – Band – Pizza & Pops Concert @ BHS, 6:00pm (pizza at 6:00, music at 6:30)  
May 19 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary (*more info to come*)  
May 20 – Student Council 2020-21 applications due, grades 5-8 (this includes Freshmen applications!)  
May 22 – Student Council Elections for 2020-21

**May 25 – MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**

May 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation @ BHS, 7pm (subject to change if last day of school changes)  
**May 28 – LAST STUDENT DAY** (subject to change) – Student awards presented in cafeteria for grades 5-7 (parents are welcome, morning times TBD)  
Jun 3 & 4 – Cheerleading tryouts for grades 7/8 in the gym w/Coach Penrod, 4:00 – 6:00pm (any questions, email Cheyanne Penrod at [cpenrod@bhmsd.org](mailto:cpenrod@bhmsd.org))  
Jun 4-Jul 29 – Office closed for the summer  
Jul 30 – Office Open

**KEEP IN MIND:**

**NURSE:** Our school nurse, Bethany Clem, has hours of 7:25am – 2:55pm (9:25am – 2:55pm for 2-hour delays). If you need to speak with her or drop off medications for your child, you will need to do so during these hours. You can call her at 824-3536 x6006 or email at [bclem@bhmsd.org](mailto:bclem@bhmsd.org).

**SCHOOL REACH CALLS:** If you are not receiving school reach calls for weather-related delays and school news, etc., please call the office and we can add you to the call list. *If you receive a phone call from our School Reach line that cuts off before the entire message is delivered, please use your phone’s recall feature to redial the call. If you do this, you should be able to hear the entire message.*

**STUDENT LUNCHESES** cost \$2.75/day, \$13.75/5 days, \$55.00/20 days. If you qualify for reduced lunches, they are 40¢/day. These prices do NOT include extra items for purchase, such as chips, cookies, and water/juice (checks payable to BHMSD Lunch Fund). Please call our head cook, April Engle, with any questions about your student’s lunch account.

**STUDENT LUNCH TIMES**

- 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 10:45-11:15** (2-HR DELAY 11:45-12:15)
- 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 11:15-11:45** (2-HR DELAY 12:15-12:45)
- 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 12:15-12:45** (2-HR DELAY 12:45-1:15)
- 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 11:45-12:15** (2-HR DELAY 11:15-11:45)

**RELATED ARTS CLASSES**

The following related arts classes are on a 6-week rotation this year: Exploring World Languages 8, Art, Basic Skills-Digital Citizenship, and Digital Productions. **If your student has these classes**, teachers will be sending progress reports on the following dates. If you have any questions, you may contact Chris Benedict, Assistant Principal.

Course	Start Date	Midterm Date	End Date
Rotation 1	August 12	August 30	September 20
Rotation 2	September 23	October 11	November 8
Rotation 3	November 11	November 27	December 20
Rotation 4	January 6	January 28	February 21
Rotation 5	February 24	March 13	April 10
Rotation 6	April 13	May 1	May 28

Swimming and Physical Education are the same as last year in terms of grade reporting.

**SCHOOL POLICIES & STUDENT HANDBOOK** - If you have any questions regarding our policies at BHMS, you can locate our student handbook on our website at [www.bhmsd.org](http://www.bhmsd.org)

- Go clear to the top of the page where (on the left side in small print) it states “Select a School” and choose the middle school.
- Scroll down until you see the options listed in a line of black circles.
- Choose “Student Handbook”
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school policies, please contact Chris Benedict, our assistant principal, at 824-3536 or [cbenedict@bhmsd.org](mailto:cbenedict@bhmsd.org)

**TECHNOLOGY/TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES** are \$165.00 each school year (checks payable to BHMSD). Our Fee Payment Schedule is as follows:

<u>Payment Due Date</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
September 1	\$55.00
October 1	\$55.00
November 1	\$55.00
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

*NOTE: TRCF (Textbook and Lunch Assistance) expires each year on October 1. **If you qualify for Free or Reduced lunches, your student's tech fees are also covered. If you have not submitted an application before October 1, you will be billed for the full amount of textbook/technology rental fees. Any accounts not paid in full (including tech fees, Chromebook damage fees, chargers, stylus, lost library book fines, etc.) by February 28, 2020 will be sent to collections.** Please call Jamie Vitz, Treasurer, with any questions regarding your student's school account, or April Engle, Head Cook, regarding your student's lunch account.*

**TRANSPORTATION NOTES:** We require your child to have a note when there is a change in transportation to avoid any confusion with the buses. Phone calls are not sufficient for bus changes as the bus drivers require a note. Students should bring these notes to the office to be stamped and logged, and then pick them up at the end of the day to give to their bus driver. If a bus transportation change happens during the school day, please stop in or email both Ashlie Campbell (attendance secretary) at [acampbell@bhmsd.org](mailto:acampbell@bhmsd.org) and Jamie Vitz (treasurer/secretary) at [jvitz@bhmsd.org](mailto:jvitz@bhmsd.org) (please copy both of us in the same email in case one of us is out). We will print these notes to give to the bus drivers. Thank you so much for your help with this!

**STUDENT INFO:** It is important that we have the most up-to-date contact information for you and your student(s) in case of an emergency. **Please call the office throughout the year with any changes** in address, phone numbers, email addresses, medical info, bus changes, etc. This goes for you, your student, and their emergency contacts' information.

**PAPER GATOR - Located behind the school by Door #4:** All paper, newspaper, hardcover & paperback books, phone books, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail can all be collected in the Paper Gator. BHMS receives a commission every time we fill the Gator. Please consider dropping off your paper items here. Thank you for your support of this program!  
**NO CARDBOARD ACCEPTED!**

**LOST & FOUND - Located by the office:** Feel free to stop in anytime and look through the items. Every quarter, items not claimed are donated to the Bargain Hut.