



Bluffton-Harrison Middle School

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Week-At-A-Glance

April 15 – 20, 2024

ILEARN PRACTICE TESTING ALL THIS WEEK in prep for the following testing dates/times:

April 23: 7:50-10:50

April 24: 7:50-10:50

April 30: 7:50-10:50

May 1: 7:50-9:20

May 2: 7:50-9:50

Monday, April 15

RELATED ARTS – BLACK DAY (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

START OF RELATED ARTS, ROTATION 6 for Digital Citizenship, Health & Art classes (students, check PowerSchool on your Chromebook for your schedule)

3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team w/Coach Alspaugh

3:00-4:00 Math Academic Team w/Coach Claghorn

3:00-4:00 English Academic Team w/Coach Xayyachack

5:00 Golf @ Southern Wells

5:30 Track – Home vs McCulloch

Tuesday, April 16

RELATED ARTS – RED DAY (Girls SWIM/Boys PE)

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Wednesday, April 17

RELATED ARTS – BLACK DAY (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

3:00-4:00 Science Academic Team w/Coach Gerber

3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team w/Coach Alspaugh

5:15 Golf @ Maple Creek

Thursday, April 18

RELATED ARTS – RED DAY (Girls SWIM/Boys PE)

6:45-7:30am Campus Life student breakfast w/Garrett Bucher in the upper gym (open to all ms students)

3:00-4:00 Math Academic Team w/Coach Claghorn

3:00-4:00 English Academic Team w/Coach Xayyachack

5:30 Track @ Woodlan w/Southern Wells

Friday, April 19

RELATED ARTS – **BLACK DAY** (Girls PE/Boys SWIM)

FRIDAY ICE CREAM SALES AT LUNCH – Student Council sells ice cream products during lunch every Friday.

Items are priced at 50¢, \$1.00, and \$1.50 (cannot use lunch account funds – only cash accepted)

3:00-4:15 Social Studies Academic Team w/Coach Alspaugh

5:00 Tennis @ Homestead

Saturday, April 20

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SPRING SPORTS:

Dates and times are subject to change. All changes & additions will be bolded.

The Athletic Department is located at the high school. Contact coaches for practice schedules or Kelli Kistler at the athletic department with any questions.

Athletic Secretary: Kelli Kistler, 824-3724 ext 7001 or kkistler@bhmsd.org

Golf: Head Coach Krista Baxter, 824-3536 ext 6144 or kbaxter@bhmsd.org

Tennis: Head Coach Bob Vanderkolk, 824-3724 ext 7207 or rvanderkolk@bhmsd.org

Tennis: Coach Hannah Gerig, 824-3536 ext 6147 or hgerig@bhmsd.org

Track: Head Coach Stephanie White, 824-3536 ext 6004 or swhite@bhmsd.org

Track: Coach Allison Harter, 824-3536 ext 6005 or aharter@bhmsd.org

GOLF MATCHES* (home matches are at Timber Ridge)

Apr 10, 5:00pm @ Oak Farm

Apr 15, 5:00pm @ Southern Wells

Apr 17, 5:15pm @ Maple Creek

Apr 22, 5:00pm @ Timber Ridge

Apr 26, 5:00pm @ Timber Ridge

Apr 29, 5:00pm @ Timber Ridge

May 2, 5:00pm @ Timber Ridge

May 17, 4:30pm @ Timber Ridge (Wells Co Invite)

TRACK MEETS*

~~Apr 4, 5:30pm – Home vs Adams Central~~ **POSTPONED**

Apr 10, 4:30pm – Home vs Belmont w/Norwell

Apr 15, 5:30pm – Home vs McCulloch MS

Apr 18, 5:30pm @ Woodlan w/Southern Wells

Apr 22, 5:30pm @ Heritage w/Jay County

Apr 29, 5:30pm BOYS Relays @ Southern Wells

May 2, 5:00pm GIRLS Relays @ Adams Central

May 10, 5:30pm – ACAC @ Bluffton

TENNIS MATCHES (More Dates/locations TBD)

April 19, 5:00pm @ Homestead

April 29, 5:00pm – Home vs Adams Central

May 1, 5:45pm @ Norwell

May 6, 5:00pm @ Adams Central

May 9, 5:00pm @ Huntington North

May 13, 5:00pm – Home vs Jay County

May 15, 5:30pm – Home vs Indian Springs

May 18, 9:00am – Bluffton Invitational

REMINDERS

ONLINE REGISTRATION: You need to enroll your student(s) online EVERY school year. If you haven't done so yet, you can find the link on the homepage of our district website at www.bhmsd.org and click on the ENROLL box (listed as an option on the right side of the homepage). If you have any questions regarding this process, please call or come in. We have a computer set up in the office to help with enrollment.

NURSE: Bethany Clem has office hours of 7:25am – 2:55pm. 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 ext 6006 or email at bclem@bhmsd.org.

CHROMEBOOKS: Students have received their Chromebooks with a charger and stylus. Replacement stylus & chargers can be purchased in the office throughout the school year for \$30.00 each (cash or checks payable to BHMSD). Chromebook damage fees for breaks or lost or stolen Chromebooks will be assessed and a statement emailed to the first 2 contacts listed in PowerSchool. Students will also receive a paper copy of their statement if damages occur.

SPORTS PHYSICALS: If your child plans to participate in a sport this year, a physical **MUST** be on file before they can participate in practice. Sports physicals must be done April 1, 2023 or after to qualify for the current school year. Bluffton HS & MS will continue to use Final Forms to house and collect all Pre-Participation Physicals, Tiger Contract, IHSA requirements and Waivers. Students will only need to turn in a paper copy of the physical form. All required paperwork to participate in Middle School and High School athletics need to be gathered electronically. **Physical forms are available at most doctor's offices as well as the school office.** We also have a link on our school website, www.bhmsd.org. Click on the menu option at the top right corner. At that point a red bar will show across the top of the page. Click on Extracurricular (do not choose from the drop down menu, just click on Extracurricular). A page with options will show on the screen. Choose IHSA Physical Form. **For questions, please call the high school at 824-3724 and ask for Kelli Kistler in the athletic department.** Steps to complete:

1. Parents complete information and sign waivers (sign-in or create a new account)
2. Students logs in to their school email and signs waivers
3. A paper copy of the physical may be needed at the doctor's office (most doctor offices will provide one)
4. Physicals are to be turned into the school athletic office after exam or uploaded directly to Final Forms.
5. A full set of directions for Final Forms can be found on our website at www.bhmsd.org

BUS POLICY & TRANSPORTATION CHANGES: Students are not permitted to ride a different bus home with a friend. Students are assigned to one bus only w/exceptions considered. (ex: AM rides from home, PM goes to babysitter.) **Families are not able to change a student's after school transportation for a short-term solution, other than to change the student's status from a bus rider to a car rider or walker.** Parents must communicate with their bus driver prior to the start of the school year. If the driver is not aware that your child will be riding, the student cannot ride the bus. Students are able to ride an alternate bus to the Boys & Girls Club which will not impact their regular bus assignment. Students are not able to eat or drink on the bus. If a transportation change happens during the school day, please call the office or email mstrans@bhmsd.org by 2:30pm. **If you have any questions regarding transportation, please reach out to our routing coordinator, Kassandra Osborn at 824-2620 ext. 1008.**

MAKE-UP WORK: It is the responsibility of the student to check with the teacher(s) for make-up assignments. Students are discouraged from taking family vacations during the school year. Students who travel during the school year are responsible for meeting with the teacher prior to the absence. Teachers are NOT expected to have work available for students prior to their vacation time. A teacher email and extension listing is attached to the Week-at-a-Glance posted to Parent Square every Friday.

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.

STUDENT LUNCHES cost \$2.75/day, \$13.75/5 days, \$55.00/20 days. If you qualify for reduced lunches, they are 40¢/day. These prices include one milk, but do NOT include extra items for purchase, such as chips, cookies, and water bottle/juice/extra milk (checks payable to BHMS Lunch – Please write student’s name on check). Contact our head cook, April Engle, with any questions about your student’s lunch account by calling the office or emailing aengle@bhmsd.org. **NOTE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES: TRCF (lunch assistance) expires each year, so you will need to apply by October 1 if you believe your income qualifies.** Forms are available in the office if your income changes at any point throughout the year.

LUNCH TIMES FOR 2023-24

5TH GRADE: 11:05-11:35 (2-HR DELAY 11:30-12:00)

6TH GRADE: 11:55-12:25 (2-HR DELAY 12:40-1:10)

7TH GRADE: 11:30-12:00 (2-HR DELAY 12:05-12:35)

8TH GRADE: 12:40-1:10 (2-HR DELAY 1:10-1:40)

RELATED ARTS CLASSES

The following related arts classes are on a 6-week rotation: Exploring World Languages 8, Art, Basic Skills-Digital Citizenship, and Health. If your student has these classes, teachers will be sending progress reports on the following dates. Swimming and Physical Education are semester-long classes and are the same as core classes in terms of grade reporting. If you have any questions, you may contact Stacy Herrold, Assistant Principal.

Course	Start Date	Midterm Date	End Date
Rotation 1	August 9	August 25	September 15
Rotation 2	September 18	October 6	November 3
Rotation 3	November 6	November 29	December 21
Rotation 4	January 8	January 25	February 16
Rotation 5	February 20	March 14	April 12
Rotation 6	April 15	May 2	May 23

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: If you wish to purchase student accident insurance, use this link: www.studentinsurance-kk.com

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

- Click on the “Students” link on the red bar at the top of the page
- Choose “Middle School Student Handbook” on the right hand side
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding our school policies, please contact Mr. Stacy Herrold, our assistant principal. He can be reached at 824-3536 ext. 6001 or sherrold@bhmsd.org

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!**

YEARBOOKS: Last year’s yearbooks have sold out! 2023-24 yearbooks will be for sale in the spring of 2024. Order forms will go home with students then.

LOST & FOUND: We encourage student names be written on lunchboxes, coats, clothing tags, etc. to help cut down on unclaimed lost & found items that are donated to the Bargain Hut every quarter.