

Bullen Parent Newsletter September 1, 2024

Bullen Middle School ensures <u>every</u> child receives <u>high levels</u> of academic and social emotional growth toward becoming <u>independent</u> in the changing world of tomorrow.

SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 8:40 A.M.

First Day

Students return to school September 3, 2024. There is a new start and end time this year. Please take a look at the calendar below for those times. All 6th grade students will be going straight in the school to the auditorium on the first day. Staff will be outside to point the students in the correct direction and get new students to their first class where they will receive their schedule. Just a reminder that students can look up their schedules in Infinite Campus as well.

Because of the business of opening day in the Main Office, for just Tuesday, September 3rd, we will be asking any parents looking to register or update addresses to return after 10:00. We will let parents in that are just dropping off medications, immunization records or sports physical forms. All other days, parents will be able to get in the office as early as 8:15 if they need to register. We will have staff outside to help direct any parent needs.

Immunization (Incoming 6th Graders)

The Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires that all students entering the 7th grade receive one dose of the Tdap vaccine. To be compliant with the school law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver. This is a link to Student Immunization Record in English and Spanish which also includes a waiver if that is your preference. Please return this form to Bullen as soon as possible. You may call the school at 262-359-4460 with any questions.

Drop Off and Dismissal

Please click on this <u>blue link</u> for drop off procedures in the morning. Thank you for your help getting students ready. If you want to park to wait with your child, **please use the main parking lot and not the drop off circle.** There is no parking allowed in the drop off circle. Adults will not be let in the building on the first day. Also, please do not park at the curb or drop off at the curb by the main parking lot. That is the bus drop off area.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sept. 3 First Day of School
- Sept. 4 Picture Day
- Sept. 5 Football @ Ameche Field vs. Lance
- Sept. 10 Softball @ Lance
- Sept. 11 Football @ Bradford vs. Washington
- Sept. 19 Back to School Social
- October 1 8th Grade Parents
 Washington DC Trip informational meeting

Calendars

The link below will take you to all of the <u>KUSD calendars</u>. You can also use it to select the calendar by school. This includes English and Spanish versions of the calendar. Here is the <u>link for the full year MS Calendar</u>.



Registration

If you have not already done so, please make sure to register for school online. This will help us to make sure we get technology and any workbooks needed checked out to your child. If you have questions on how to register online, please call Elias Garcia at 262-359-4461.

Medicine in the Office

Our office staff is trained to administer medications for students that need them during the day. However, we need medical authorization forms in the office with the medication for us to support you. Here is the link to the form in English and Spanish. These are required for over the counter medications as well. It is a prescription medication, then it will require a doctor or medical provider signature as well. There can only be one medication per sheet.

Daily Schedule

On the bottom page is a copy of the daily bell schedule by grade levels. The biggest difference from past years is that the start of school is now 8:40 a.m. and students are dismissed at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate multiple bus routes. Friday's dismissal is now at 2:56 p.m. Also, here is a link to that same schedule.

First Social

The Bullen Transition Coaches are sponsoring the First Social of the School Year-"The Back to School Bash." Socials include: basketball and volleyball in the gym, a DJ with music in the cafeteria, and multiple treats for purchase in the commons. Socials are from 4:15-6:15 p.m. and are \$5.00 per student with a SIGNED permission slip. NO REFERRALS ARE ALLOWED THE WEEK OF A SOCIAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. The "Back to School Bash" Social is on Thursday, September 19th. Permission Slips will be available at Open House and at school the week of the social in the gym. Tickets may be purchased at Open House AND the week of social BEFORE school and AT LUNCH in the commons!! You MUST have BOTH your SIGNED permission slip AND \$5.00 to purchase your ticket. Any questions...please contact Ms. Metevard at Bullen.

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Below are links to information packets that were sent out by KUSD food service in English and Spanish. The flyer includes the free and reduced lunch application, school menus, My School Bucks link, school menu changes and meal prices for this year. The School Breakfast & Lunch program will be in operation on the first day of school. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 until

Bussing

You should be able to view your child's bus status in Infinite Campus. We have received the city bus passes that are issued this year. You can pick up the pass in the main office and please bring ID with you. Yellow bus routes have been completed. It will be updated in Infinite Campus soon for your view. Please direct any questions about bussing to the KUSD Transportation Office at 262-359-6391.

Picture Day

This year, Picture Day is the second day of school, September 4th. Pictures can be ordered online at this website:

https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering/access. You would select our school (some years we are listed as "John Bullen Middle School" in the drop down menu). All purchases would be made from School & Sport Pics online. You can pre-order or after picture day they will send a QR code for your child. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

Bullen Wear

If anyone is INTERESTED in purchasing Bullen Spirit Wear....HERE is the link to do so. This will take you to our vendor's site that has direct shipping options for items. We will also have various Bullen Spirit Wear to purchase at Open House. Ordering online does take about 5-6 weeks to process. Any questions, please contact Ms. Meteyard.

Orchestra Parents

Please see the <u>link</u> from Mr. Perron for orchestra news. If a student owns an orchestra dress shirt from previous years, you do not need to do anything else. All students are required to wear an orchestra dress shirt for concerts. There will be a new design and a new color (black). I am doing this to provide students with a cheaper option but still look professional. Here is the <u>link</u> to buy an orchestra shirt.

Family Life Curriculum

Please see the following links in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> for information from Bryan Mogensen, KUSD's Coordinator of Health curriculum.

Schoolwide Procedures

As we get back into our routines, teachers will be sharing with students expectations and

8:30. There is no cost for students at Bullen for breakfast or lunch this year. If a BUS is late arriving, we will make sure students have access to breakfast. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch and milk is available to all students. You may put money in your child's lunch account through My School Bucks for any a la carte options using a credit card. You may also add money with cash or check at in the office by 10:00 am each day to be able to use the money at lunch. No payment is accepted in the cafeteria. Checks should be made to KUSD. We do not accept lunch deliveries for students.

Boys Volleyball Opportunity

The Indian Trails volleyball program is offering a trio of free clinics for any boy interested in learning the sport of volleyball. Boys should be entering 4th through 8th grade this school year and members of KUSD to participate. The dates of the clinic are September 3, September 17 and September 24 at the high school campus. No experience is needed and no advanced sign up required. KUSD recently began a boys' middle school volleyball program that runs from April to May starting in the spring of 2025. Please email coach Brian Sharkey at bsharkey@kusd.edu or call 414-364-5483 with any questions.

Culver's Fundraiser Night

The Bullen Transition Coaches are sponsoring a Bullen Culver's Night. This will be held on Monday, September 16th at the 52nd Street Location from 5-8pm. Come join us: Dine In, Carry Out, or go through the Drive Thru!! The flavor of the day is Caramel Pecan! We'd LOVE to see you!!!

Little Ceasar's Fundraiser

Our Transition Coaches are selling Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits!! Please check out the link below if interested in supporting them.

Transition Coach Little Ceasar Fundraiser



Bullen's Facebook-

www.facebook.com/BullenBobcats-This page provides current info procedures for different areas and times around our school. During the first week of school, teachers will go through items like schedules, locker procedures, how to get a hall pass and the cafeteria routines. These expectations are used and reviewed throughout the year (as well as posted in classrooms and hallways) to set our students up for success and to keep a positive, safe, and engaging environment for all students. If you'd like, here's a link to see those expectations that are shared with students:

Health Plans

If your child has a health plan with the district, the school nurse has emailed you last year's version. If there are any changes or updates, please contact the nurse as soon as possible to make sure your child's plan is updated. Please reach out to Laura Davidson BSN RN at 262-220-4550 or email her at ldavdiso@kusd.edu.

Attendance

The school office hours are 8:00 A.M. until 4:15 P.M. week days. When a student is absent from school, the student's parent/guardian MUST call the school's attendance office at 262-359-4486 or report the absence through the Infinite Campus parent portal on the morning that the child is absent to give a reason.

If parents do not call with a valid excuse, a child will be considered truant until parent contact is made with the school. Invalid excuses include, but are not limited to, oversleeping, non-working alarm clock, missed bus, etc. Reasons for excused absences include a personal illness, family emergency, death in the immediate family, and medical or dental appointments.

If an appointment is pre-arranged, a note signed by the parent, with time of dismissal, should be brought to the main office. We will ask the parent to call upon arrival to sign their child out, please come to door #2 and ring the bell for office personnel to release your student to you. If approved of in advance by the principal, school sponsored field trips, prearranged absences (more than 3 days will need to fill out form see below), or special circumstances may also be excused. Here is the link to the Prearranged

and photos of our students as they learn through the year!

PBIS Rewards

There are separate parent and student apps-PBIS Rewards will give you access to daily behavior. Get the QR code to scan from your child's teacher.



Infinite Campus

Download the app- Infinite Campus will give you access to attendance, grades, and schedules.

absence form if your child will be absent more than 3 days during the year other than a school sponsored event: Prearranged Absence Request in English and Spanish

You may print off and fill out your portion, then send this to school with your child to take to their classes and turn in to the office for administration review and approval. Questions on attendance policies? Please call 262-359-4486, or the main office line at 262-359-4460.



BULLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2024-25



6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Mon - Thurs		Friday
8:40 - 9:40	A1	8:40 - 9:36
9:43 - 10:15	CORE 1	9:39 - 10:09
10:18 - 11:18	A2	10:12 - 11:08
11:21 - 12:21	A3	11:11 - 12:07
12:24 - 12:50	CORE 2	
12:53 - 1:23	lunch	12:10 - 12:40
1:26 - 2:26	A4	12:43 - 1:38
2:29 - 3:13	6E1	1:41 - 2:17
3:16 - 4:00	6E2	2:20 - 2:56

Mon - Thurs		Friday
8:40 - 9:40	A1	8:40 - 9:36
9:43 - 10:15	CORE 1	9:39 - 10:09
10:18 - 11:02	7E1	10:12 - 10:48
11:05 - 11:35	lunch	10:51 - 11:21
11:38 - 12:21	7E2	11:24 - 11:59
12:24 - 1:25	A2	12:02 - 12:59
1:28 - 2:28	A3	1:02 - 1:57
2:31 - 2:57	CORE 2	
3:00 - 4:00	A4	2:00 - 2:56

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8:40 - 9:40	A1	8:40 - 9:36
9:43 - 10:15	CORE 1	9:39 - 10:09
10:18 - 11:18	A2	10:12 - 11:06
11:21 - 11:52	CORE 2	
	A3a	11:09 -11:30
11:55 -12:25	lunch	11:33 - 12:03
12:28 - 1:12	8E1	12:06 - 12:42
1:15 - 1:59	8E2	12:45 - 1:21
2:02 - 3:00	A3	1:24 - 2:01
3:03 - 4:00	A4	2:04 - 2:56



Bullen Website
 Who to Contact