



BLUE MOUNTAIN Middle School

Dear BMMS Families,

As we approach the Thanksgiving break, we want to take a moment to share our excitement for the holiday season and extend our warmest wishes to all of our families. This is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and be thankful for all that we have. We hope you enjoy a restful and joyful holiday with your loved ones.

We are looking forward to our **Team Challenge Day on Wednesday, November 26th**, where students will participate in fun, team-building activities. To show team spirit, we ask that students wear their grade-level colors:

- **6th Grade:** Red
- **7th Grade:** Purple
- **8th Grade:** Green

With the start of the new marking period, we want to inform families that **any student who received a failing grade in Marking Period 1 will be placed on an Academic Improvement Plan**. Students will work with the teacher of the course they did not pass to develop a personalized success plan. They will then review this plan with a school counselor or administrator and will be progress-monitored throughout the marking period. Your child will bring this plan home for your signature. If your child received a failing grade, please keep an eye out for this document.

As a reminder, **energy drinks are not permitted in school**. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

We are also excited to share that **Spirit Week will take place during the week of November 24th**:

- **Monday, November 24:** Pajama Day – Students are invited to wear their comfiest attire.

- **Tuesday, November 25:** School Spirit Day – Show your BMMS pride by wearing blue and white.
- **Wednesday, November 26:** Team Challenge Day – A morning full of teamwork and fun.

Please note that **Wednesday, November 26th is a half day**, and students will be dismissed at **11:05 AM** to take the bus home.

Our [Thanksgiving Food Drive](#) ends on November 24th. Any donation—big or small—helps us provide meals to families in our community who may need extra support this season. We truly appreciate your generosity.

We wish all of our BMMS families a happy, healthy, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving!

With Regards,
William X. Toro Ed.D.



Important Announcements and Reminders:

- Information for [Hunger Solutions New York](#)
- 8th Grade Dinner Dance date has been changed to Tuesday, June 23rd from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cortland Colonial
- After school homework help is available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students are able to take the 3:45pm Busses Home
- We are looking for volunteers for our annual Career Day at Blue Mountain on Monday, May 18th from 8am to 12:30pm. Please complete the form by **Friday, April 17th** at the latest to join as one of our fabulous presenters. To register please click [here](#).
- As a reminder, students who are dropped off in the morning will be permitted to enter the building at 7:30 a.m.
- Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent by calling the Main Office at (914) 257-5716.
- [PTA/SEPTA Signup](#)

Important Dates:

- Early Dismissal - November 26th 11:05 Dismissal for all BMMS Students
- Spirit Week November 24th - November 26th
- School Closed - November 27th - November 28th
- Band Concert - December 9th 7 - 8:30pm
- Orchestra Concert & Advanced Art Show - January 13th 7 - 8:30pm
- Chorus Concert - January 21st 7 - 8:30pm



As per changes in NYS Education Regulation 155.17: All families are to be notified within 1 week prior to a school conducting either an evacuation (fire) drill; or a lockdown drill (Please be advised it is not required that we specify the exact date and time of the drill).

The purpose of this notification today is to inform you that we will be conducting a series of evacuation (fire) and lockdown drills within the week.

Notification of all drills will be announced on the building's PA system prior to the drill's activation. During the drills students may not be picked up until the drill has concluded. Parents/Guardians will not be allowed entry into the building until the drill's conclusion.

If your child has any concerns regarding the drills, we have pupil personal support available at all buildings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 914-257-5700.