
The Bulldog

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IB MYP AT BMS!

Different people have asked about the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) at Bunker Middle School. Here's where we are:

- At the end of this year, we will be submitting our Application B to IB. What this means is we will send them a portfolio of teachers' MYP-formatted units.
- An MYP-formatted unit consists of using current state-standards and additional IB MYP instructional elements. If you would like to see a sample unit and/or learn about MYP unit planning, please contact Mr. Kurdziel at 720-2301.
- Unlike the Diploma Programme (DP) at Muskegon High School, MYP does not have a specific IB curriculum.
- As you may have noticed, non-core classes are on twelve-week rotations to make sure students are exposed to a variety of experiences.

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES!

Nov. 2-20: Annual student council canned food drive.

Nov. 3: Student council elections during sixth hour.

Nov. 5 @ 7:00: Choir concert at Bunker Middle School.

Nov. 11 is a professional development day for Bunker Middle School staff; no school for students.

Nov. 15: America Recycles Day and Great American Smokeout.

Dec. 17: Bunker Dance from 6:30 until 8:30 in the cafeteria.

HAS YOUR CHILD SEEN A DENTIST LATELY?

As you prepare your children to return to school, it is important to ensure they have good oral care. Here are a few reasons why your children should see the dentist regularly.

- Poor dental care leads to many illnesses in other areas of the body
- A beautiful smile is crucial to your child's self-esteem
- Preventative care eliminates problems such as tooth decay, cavities, and gum disease

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Hackley Community Care Dental Clinic is accepting new children with Medicaid insurance.

Please call today to schedule your child's appointment at Hackley Community Care Center Dental Services, 2700 Baker St., Muskegon Heights, (231) 737-8603 Ext. 2410.



CONTACT INFORMATION: Bunker Middle School is located in Muskegon, MI, at 2312 Denmark Street. Our phone number is (231) 720-2300, and our fax is (231) 720-2325. Online, we may be found at <http://www.muskegonpublicschools.org/schools/bunker/>.

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SAFE SCHOOLS AND HEALTHY STUDENTS AT BUNKER!

Safe Schools and Healthy Students staff at Bunker are Carol Rich, LMSW, and Meredith Westerback, LMSW.

Mental Health clinicians from Community Mental Health Youth Services are working at Bunker School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We are available to provide counseling to any Bunker students or to consult with parents/guardians regarding emotional or mental health concerns, relationship or behavior concerns, or school-related issues. Parents or Bunker staff may contact Carol or Meredith to begin counseling for a student or to determine if counseling would be appropriate.

This program is provided through the Safe Schools and Healthy Student grant awarded to Muskegon Public Schools for the next three years, so there is no additional cost for students or their families. Carol and Meredith are located in the Counseling office and can be reached at 720-2382.

SPIRIT STORE AT BMS!

Some changes have been taking place at Bunker Middle School! The window adjacent to the counseling office has been turned into a Spirit Store: items are displayed that may be purchased in the main office. With Christmas right around the corner, why not consider some Bunker Bulldog themed gifts? We have T-shirts in blue or maize (\$10.00), hooded sweatshirts in blue or maize (\$31.00), coffee cups (\$5.00), stickers (\$1.00), and insulated cups (\$7.00). We have some of everything in stock. Clothing sizes are youth large and adult small through extra large up to XXL, which are slightly more in cost.

GET INVOLVED!

Congratulations to our undefeated football team and to our seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball teams who participated in the Friendship Tournament at Mona Shores Middle School.

Running Club: Mr. Smith is starting a running club for students; please see him for details.

Spanish Club: Members of the Spanish Club went to GVSU on Thursday, October 29, for a Day of the Dead seminar. On December 11 and 12, they will go to Chicago for Fiesta Mexicana.

The Sand Dune, Bunker Middle School's newspaper, will be distributed at the end of this month/beginning of December; it will be our second issue!

Give a Little, Get a Little: please remember: we are still taking old band instruments in exchange for a tax receipt you fill out. Turn in your old band instrument and help a student make music.

Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Boys Basketball have begun; see Mr. Smith if you have any questions.

This **spring**, we will have girls soccer here at BMS. Just before and right after Christmas Break, watch for information.