

BROOKPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal's Message:

"I can't believe summer's almost over," our twelve-year-old son said on the way home from our family vacation. As we all joined in, discussing what we needed to do before school began, I was reminded that a new school year always comes with anticipation and excitement. Seventh-grade students wonder how they will navigate crowded hallways and not be late to class. Eighth-grade students worry if they will have classes with their friends. Teachers wonder what challenges their classes will bring and how best to meet those challenges. As the principal, I make lists of what I need to do to help us succeed.

As in other summers, the Brookpark staff has been working to make this school year the best ever. Teachers are attending professional development classes and preparing classrooms and lesson plans. Custodians are sprucing up the building after last year's wear and tear. I have been busy reading professional books and attending meetings and classes to learn how to help make this a better school year for everyone.

Students, we are looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school, September 2nd, with your energy directed, as always, toward Brookpark PRIDE. Be ready to do your best with your school work, your grades, and your behavior. To help you reach your personal goals, we need you to participate in class, do your homework, and study hard for tests. Remember, don't hesitate to ask for our help. As always, we want the best for you.

Parents, our staff looks forward to partnering with you. Together we can guide your students to achieve their highest potentials in the 2014-2015 academic year. Through communication, we can work as a team to help your student learn and grow. Please take advantage of our website and Infinite Campus to keep up to date on school activities and assignments. You can reach teachers through email or by leaving a message at school. If you have questions or concerns about Brookpark, you can email me at neil.britton@swcsd.us or call me at 614-801-3500.

Also, please take the time to read through the newsletter. It has important information to help both students and parents start the 2014-2015 school year.

As the Brookpark staff finishes preparing for students to fill the hallways and classrooms, we hope that you fill the days of your summer with fun and exciting adventures. I look forward to seeing you at the Brookpark Open House on August 28th.

Neil Britton

August 2014

GUEST RIDE BUS PASSES

Students must bring a note, signed by a parent, to ride a bus other than the one they are assigned to. The request will be approved provided there is sufficient bus space available.

2014-2015 Early Release Dates

October 15
December 10
February 25
April 15

Alternate Address Information

Intermediate School alternate address information WILL NOT follow your child as they change schools.

If you have a sitter address or alternating homes for your child, please contact the school.

Free Lunch Fee Waivers

If you received free lunch for the 2013-2014 school year and will receive free lunch again for the 2014-2015 school year, you DO NOT need to pay your school fees.

Become a member of the BMS PTSA! Your membership helps fund Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Staff Appreciation Week, dinner for Conference Nights and PRIDE Assemblies. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Parent's Name _____

Email address _____

Student's Name _____ Homeroom _____

Number of Memberships (\$5 each) _____

Make checks payable to BMS PTSA

Questions contact Cindy Roe at Cindy.Roe@swcs.us

Join the P.T.S.A.

2014 Open House and Schedule Pickup

Mark your calendars for the following dates for Schedule Pickup and Open House:

Tuesday, August 26
Early Schedule Pickup
5:00—7:00 pm

Thursday, August 28
Early Schedule Pickup
1:00—3:00 pm

Thursday, August 28
Open House
6:00—8:00 pm

During schedule pickup times, you will have the opportunity to:

- Pay school fees
- Fill out emergency medical cards
- Join the PTSA
- Buy locks
- Pickup student schedules

Students WILL NOT be permitted to walk around the building during schedule pickup times.

At the Open House parents and students will have the opportunity to:
Follow your student's daily schedule
Meet your student's teachers
Tour the building

Please note that schedules will ONLY be available for pickup during the afternoon of August 28 and WILL NOT be available for pickup during Open House hours.

2014 Bell Schedule

8th Grade

Period 1/HR	9:10 - 10:15	Class
Period 2	10:18 - 11:16	Class
Period 3/4	11:19 - 11:46	AR 1
	11:49 - 12:19	LUNCH
	12:22 - 12:50	AR 2
Period 5	12:53 - 1:51	Class/UA
Period 6	1:54 - 2:52	Class/UA or choir
Period 7	2:55 - 3:55	Class

7th Grade

Period 1/HR	9:10 - 10:15	Class
Period 2	10:18 - 11:16	Class
Period 3	11:19 - 12:17	Class/UA
Period 4/5	12:20 - 12:48	AR 1
	12:51 - 1:21	LUNCH
	1:24 - 1:51	AR 2
Period 6	1:54 - 2:52	Class
Period 7	2:55 - 3:55	Class/UA or choir

UA/MUSIC

Period 1/HR	9:10 - 10:15	Class
Period 2	10:18 - 11:16	Class/UA
Period 3	11:19 - 12:17	Class/UA/B/O/Choir
Period 4	12:20 - 12:50	LUNCH
Period 5	12:53 - 1:51	Class/UA/B/O/Choir
Period 6	1:54 - 2:52	Class/UA/Choir
Period 7	2:55 - 3:55	Class/UA/Choir

Student Handbook

During the first weeks of school please be sure to read the Student Handbook with your child.

It contains important information about clubs, activities, dress expectations, as well as other important information to a successful school year for both you and your student.

Emergency Medical Cards

Every student in the South-Western City School district is required to have an Emergency Medical Card on file in the school office. Cards will be available to fill out at the early schedule pick-up as well as at the Open House on August 28.

2014-2015 Special Permission Requests

South-Western City Schools Board Policy provides parents with the ability to request "special permission" for their child to attend a school other than his/her home or assigned school. This opportunity exists only when sufficient space is available.

Overcrowded conditions in many schools and significant budget constraints at the district level will severely limit the district's ability to accept NEW special permission to students in the coming year (s). Students approved for special permission prior to this school year will likely be renewed. However, parents should be aware that although one child may already have permission to attend a school other than their home school, there might not be sufficient space or staffing to admit a sibling requesting the same privilege.

While special permission applications will still be available, *the district will regrettably be able to grant very few NEW requests for the upcoming year.*

We strongly recommend that parents take the above information into consideration when making child care arrangement and select a provider in the student's home attendance area.

School Policy Reminders

Students ARE NOT permitted to be in the building before 8:45 am, unless there is inclement weather. Exceptions are made for students involved in music rehearsals, clubs, etc., and you must have a pass from a teacher. Please do not arrive at school before 8:45 in the morning.

School policy states that all students **MUST** keep a **locked** lock on their lockers at all times. Students may provide their own lock or can

Locks and Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker by their homeroom teacher. It is important that lockers be kept locked at all times. Books, book bags, supplies and coats should be kept in your locker. No bicycle or long locks are permitted. Students can provide their own lock or a lock may be purchased in the school office for \$5.00.

2014 School Fees

School Fees for the 2014-2015 school year will be \$20

Daily Schedule

Bus Schedule:

Arrival: 8:50-9:05 am
Homeroom: 9:10 am
Dismissal: 3:55 pm

Daily School Schedule:

Breakfast begins:
8:50 am

Students enter building:

9:00 am

Class begins:

9:10 am

School dismissed:

3:55 pm

Let's Do Lunch!

School Lunch Prices

\$2.50 daily
\$12.50 weekly
\$0.40 reduced price

School Breakfast Prices

\$1.00 daily
\$0.30 reduced price

Information about free and reduced price meals will be mailed to all households in August. Students are expected to pay for their meals until the application is approved.

Agenda Books

On the first day of school, all students will receive an agenda book containing information about our dress code, attendance & tardy policies and school rules.

The agenda book also contains hall passes as well as space for class assignments.

Students will receive the first agenda book free of charge. Replacement agenda books will cost \$6.00.

Student Pick-up and Drop-off

When dropping off your student, please use Lot B Or Lot C. After dropping your student off, Please proceed to the exit in Lot A.

When picking up your student, please make sure You are parked in a space in Lot B or Lot C. All Students will be dismissed at 3:55 pm. Once you pick up your student, please proceed to the exit in Lot A.

The earliest the bus lane will be open for car traffic will be 4:10 pm.

Daily Attendance

SWCS has adopted an attendance policy, which states in part that... "The maximum number of days a student may be absent from school is twenty (20) days per year." exceptions to this statement are extended illness, hospitalization or preplanned medical treatment confirmed by a physician. A copy of the district's attendance policy will be distributed to each student during the first week of school.

Brookpark



Pride

Patience

P

- Wait, even though it may be tough
- Show self-control

Respect

R

- Treat others with care
- Consider the learning of others
- Respond to greetings from adults

Integrity

I

- Be Honest
- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Apologize

Determination

D

- Do the right thing, even when it's difficult
- Make good choices

Excellence

E

- Be ready to learn everyday
- Do your best

Personally responsible in delivering excellence

School Fees

The \$20 school fee assessed at the beginning of each school year allows for the purchase of consumable items required to assist your child in school. You also have the choice of purchasing additional items that you may want your child to have.

Some parents have asked about donating items such as facial tissues, markers and colored pencils. Donations are always welcome, and teachers can provide you with guidance as to what items are most needed.

Thank you again for your continued support.



You can make a difference for Brookpark Middle School every time you shop for groceries! Just clip the Box Top coupons from hundreds of your favorite products and send them to school with your child.

Students who bring in box tops will be able to win fun prizes as well as coupons from McDonalds, Flyers Pizza and Star Cinema.

These incentives are made possible by the generous donations from McDonalds, Flyers Pizza and Star Cinema!!!

Thanks again for supporting BMS!

Fourth Grading Period Pride Students

Todd Barrett	Hudson Leapley
Marie Benline	Lindsay Maynard
Jared Burdette	Samira Mohamud
JJ Carr	Roman Moskalyuk
Matthew Chapman	Said Osman
Morgan Clark	Miles Pearce
Gage Cross	Autumn Pelfrey
CJ Deerman	Kelli Risor
Pierre France	Courtne Robinson
Gabrielle Hinton	Sarah Roe
Dorian Johnson	Matthew Smith
Skyler Keefe	Pete Stockman
Mallory Lalonde	Brianna Thompson

In August you will be receiving a letter from the District Service Center.

Please read it thoroughly as it will contain important information for the 2014-2015 school year such as:

Bus route
Lunch Pin #
Parent Account Passwords

Brookpark Middle School Dress Code

Dress Code

To develop an all-inclusive dress code with the ever-changing styles of today is difficult to do. Brookpark's dress code was developed through input of students, staff, and parents alike. Students are expected to wear clothing and accessories that are neat and appropriate for school. We believe that proper dress reflects school and Brookpark PRIDE. Restricted clothing and accessory items include, but are not limited to, the following:

Shirts:

- No mesh tops/jerseys or see-through clothing are to be worn without an appropriate shirt or clothing underneath. If sleeveless, top must come to the end of the shoulder and not have wide sleeve holes.
- Spaghetti-strapped tank tops, tube tops or others shirts that expose midriffs or undergarments are prohibited. Shirts and dresses are not to be low cut in front or back. No clothing should be clinging, revealing, or suggestive in nature.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses:

- Dress length should be mid-thigh or lower and undergarments are to be concealed at all times.
- Words or writing across the seat of shorts, pants and skirts is not permitted.
- No jeans or pants with holes are permitted unless patched or holes are below the mid thigh. This includes clothing which was purchased in this condition.
- Shorts, regardless of fashion trends, must be hemmed and straight-legged, no shorter than mid-thigh length and must be worn at the waist. No sagging shorts or short shorts. Gym shorts must also be mid-thigh all the way around, including any cutout seams.
- No sagging pants are permitted even if shorts are worn underneath.
- Pajama pants and sleepwear are not to be worn to school.
- Leggings are to be covered by a garment such as a skirt, a large t-shirt, shorts, etc.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers/bedroom shoes are not permitted (shoes must have a HARD SOLE).

Coats/Jackets

- Zip-up sweatshirts, nylon jackets and "hoodies" are permitted in class. Hoods must be kept down while in the school building.
- Heavyweight outdoor wear must be kept in the student's locker.

Accessories

- Clothing and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, or depict using or glorification of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or violence.
- No sunglasses, hats, caps, hoods (including those on sweatshirts), bandanas and other type of head coverings other than those for religious purposes are to be worn inside the building.
- Students are not to wear face paint except school colors for special events.
- Gloves are not to be worn indoors during the school day.
- No accessories or clothing is to have studs or sharp objects.
- Hair picks, brushes, combs, fragrances, make-up, hair products are not permitted to be used in classrooms, cafeteria, hallways, or other instructional areas.

The above-mentioned list is to be used as a reference guide and is not all-inclusive. If there is any question about the appropriateness of an article of clothing, it is strongly suggested that a change of clothes be brought to school to avoid having to call home for other clothing or having to wear clean donated clothes (when available) in the event a parent or guardian cannot be reached. The administration and teachers will exercise its judgment on appropriate dress at all times. Failure to follow the dress code will result in disciplinary action.

COUNSELOR'S Corner

Middle school can be a confusing time, for parents as well as their kids. Your child is becoming more independent, yet still needs your support as much as ever. Although your middle schooler is becoming more independent and is increasingly involved in activities outside the family, you should and must remain the most influential person in their life. Be sure to stay actively involved in your child's school. Through your involvement, you can do much to help your child believe in the value and importance of education, be enthusiastic about learning and achieve academic success. Here are some tips for getting involved in your child's middle school learning experience:

Get to know the teachers. It's a good idea to meet each of your child's, teachers. Attend Open House & collect teacher's email addresses. Email teachers early and often. Ask about their expectations. Find out how much time your child should spend on homework each night. Find out whether there will be regularly scheduled tests and if so, when.

Show interest in your child's studies. Talk with your child daily about what he/she is learning and doing in school. Ask specific questions to draw out your child (and don't take "nothing" for an answer!). Ask, "How do you think you did on the math test?" "Did Mr. Pfeifer say anything funny today?" "What games did you play in PE?" "How is cheerleading going?"

Give your child a quiet place to study and do homework. Find an area in your home that is free of distractions where your middle schooler can concentrate on homework. Be available to help if your child has a question. Help your child manage homework time, and be sure he/she is using the agenda provided by Brookpark.

Check your child's homework, but don't do it for him/her. Offer to check the math problems, proofread written papers, and look over vocabulary words. If you find a mistake, point it out to your child and help them figure out the correct answer.

Be sure that your child attends school on a regular basis. Even if he/she is absent for illness or another valid reason, your child still needs to keep up with their studies. Call the school if your child will be missing a day, and find out what they need to do to make up for it.

Encourage your child to pursue interests and make friends through extracurricular activities. Be certain, however, that he/she selects no more than a few activities so they have adequate time for schoolwork. You must help him/her find a balance, this will take compromise and patience.

Make it clear that your child must follow school rules and policies. Teach him/her to respect people as well as property. Help him/her know right from wrong and what he/she must do when negative temptations come his/her way.

Know your child's friends. Who does your child hang out with? Follow up on any suspicions that you may have. It is better to be safe than sorry at this time of his/her life. Know where your child is at all times. Be clear and consistent with discipline.

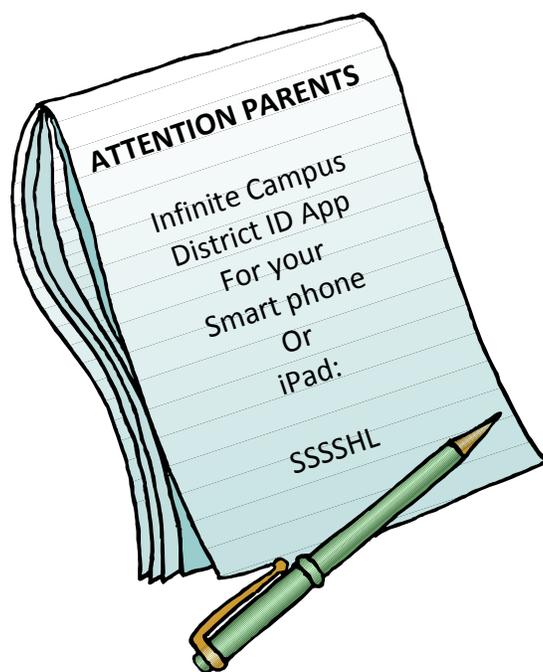
Go to school meetings and events. Attending concerts, plays, assemblies, meeting, and other activities is a good way to become familiar with your child's school community. Volunteer for Brookpark's PTSA. Being in the school is a great way to get a feel for what goes on there.

2014-2015 INTERIM DATES

October 9
December 15
March 5
May 12

GRADE CARD DATES

November 12
February 4
April 9
June 5



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 No School Labor Day	2 First day of School 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  Patriot's Day	12	13
14 Grandparent's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 First day of Fall 	24	25	26 National Pancake Day! 	27
28	29	30	<h1>September 2014</h1>			

Football Schedule

Volleyball Schedule

August 29	Sherman	August 25	Hilliard Weaver
September 3	@ Norton (B Game)	August 27	@ Hilliard Heritage
September 4	Norton	September 2	@ Norton
September 11	Reynoldsburg	September 3	Dublin Grizzell
September 17	Pleasant View (B Game)	September 8	Finland
September 18	@ Pleasant View	September 10	@ UA Hastings
September 24	Jackson (@ CCHS)	September 15	@ Reynoldsburg
September 25	@ Jackson (B Game)	September 17	Pickerington Ridgeview
October 2	Reigning Thunder	September 22	@ Groveport
October 8	Finland	September 25	Pleasant View
October 9	@ Finland (B Game)	September 29	@ Finland
		October 1	Norton
		October 6	Pickerington Lakeview
		October 8	@ Jackson
		October 10 & 11	8th Grade Tournament @ Karrer Middle School
*ALL GAMES AT 5:30		**ALL GAMES AT 5:30—(tournament times may vary)	

South-Western City Schools Middle School and High School Grading System

YEAR-LONG COURSES

To receive a passing grade for a year-long course, a student must:

Earn at least 2.5 Quality Points

AND

Pass a minimum of three (3) of the six (6) grading period/examination marks with two (2) of the three (3) passing marks in the second semester of the course.

SEMESTER-LONG COURSES

To receive a passing grade for a semester long course, a student must:

Earn at least 1.25 Quality Points

AND

Pass two (2) of the three (3) grading period/examination marks.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Middle School Unified Arts courses are less than a semester in duration and students will only receive an end-of-the-course grade.
- Middle School students must take a first semester and second semester exam in math, science, language arts and social studies courses.
- High school students must take a first semester and second semester exam in ALL year-long courses (unless the student qualifies for exemption as a second semester senior) and an exam at the end of a semester-long course.

Table 1

Quality Point Values: Each marking period and semester exam letter grade earns a student Quality Points as noted in the table below.

Grade Scale	LETTER GRADE	Marking Period Quality Points	Exam Quality Points
98-100	A+	4.30	2.15
93-97	A	4.00	2.00
90-92	A-	3.70	1.85
88-89	B+	3.30	1.65
83-87	B	3.00	1.50
80-82	B-	2.70	1.35
78-79	C+	2.30	1.15
73-77	C	2.00	1.0
70-72	C-	1.70	0.85
68-69	D+	1.30	0.65
63-67	D	1.00	0.50
60-62	D-	0.70	0.35
<60	F	0.00	0.00

Table 2

Determination of Final Course Grade:

A student's final course letter grade is determined by the total of ALL Quality Points earned, as noted in the table below.

Total Quality Points Earned		Final Course Letter Grade
Year-Long Courses	Semester Courses	
17.5 - 21.5	8.75 – 10.75	A
12.5 – 17.49	6.25 – 8.74	B
7.5 – 12.49	3.75 – 6.24	C
2.5 – 7.49	1.25 – 3.74	D
Less than 2.50	Less than 1.25	F

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Football Cheerleaders

Mariah Burkart
Halle Conway
Bailee Dials
Bailey Dolch
Kelsey Greeno
Mia Johnson
Kennedi Marioth
Kaitlin Moeller
Lindsey Partlow
Maddy Snodgrass
Drew Swain
Jordan Timberlake
Libby Wallace
Amelia Watkins

**7th Grade Basketball
Cheerleaders**

Bailey Dolch
Kaitlin Moeller
Lindsey Partlow
Maddy Snodgrass
Libby Wallace
Amelia Watkins

**8th Grade Basketball
Cheerleaders**

Mariah Burkart
Halle Conway
Morgan Frasure
Kelsey Greeno
Drew Swain
Jordan Timberlake