



**Bearden Middle 5th grade
parent night 2015**

Agenda

Welcome -	Principal – Sonya Winstead PTA Rep – Debbie Boles
General School - info.	Sonya Winstead a. Guidance – Jimmy Cannington b. Athletics/Clubs c. Organization & supplies d. Communication e. IB & AVID f. Structure g. Recommendations/ Q & A h. Social Media – parent support

Guidance

6 th grade	Jimmy Cannington
a. Guidance →→→	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="780 496 1696 654">1. It will be ok. 6th grade is a great transitional time. We will work with you during the bumpy times.<li data-bbox="780 668 1669 825">2. If you child has a concern regarding peer pressure, peer conflicts, getting organized, emotional stress, etc.<li data-bbox="780 839 1619 939">3. What can guidance do for you and your child?

Athletics & Clubs

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a. Athletics →→→

KCS sponsors the following athletics: 1) Boys and Girls Basketball, 2) Cross Country 3) Boys and Girls Track 4) Cheerleading

BMS has the following athletic teacher sponsored clubs: 1) volleyball 2) Step team 3) Dance team

Recreation Department Teams (not BMS):

1) Baseball 2) Soccer 3) Golf 4) Tennis
2) 5) Swimming

b. Clubs →→→

TSA & Science Olympiad, Adventure club, Project U, Sign language, Anime, Green Club, Garageband, Girls and boys Ensemble, Student Council, Color Guard or Flag, etc.

Organization & Supplies

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a. Organization →→

We require that our students organize in a particular fashion because we have research to show that this method works and supports learning. More information regarding organization will be available when school starts in August 2015.

- a. Binders
- b. Folders
- c. Agenda books

b. Supplies →→→

- d. A general supply list is put on the website each summer for parents.
- e. More specific needs are addressed at the beginning of the year via teachers' websites and/or teacher syllabus.

Communication

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a. Teacher → → →

- 1) E-mail – all staff members have their e-mail on the school website. General inquiries, specific academic concerns or tips.
- 2) Phone call – call when specific information and a conversation is needed. Teachers will call after school or during their plan. Plan time is limited due to meetings that take place during this time, but some times a phone conversation is best.

b. School → → →

- 3) Website – make it a habit to check the website frequently. This will help keep you informed and involved in BMS activities.
News and Announcements
School-wide events / calendar
Academics tab

IB MYP & AVID

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1. IB MYP → → →

BMS & West became IB Middle Years Programme candidate school in late fall of 2014. Implementation begins fall of 2015. For more information regarding this programme, please see the Academics tab on the website. * Nationally recognized program that involves all students.

b. AVID → → →

College preparatory program designed to offer additional support during the school day, accelerate academics. * must meet criteria and be invited to attend the class. (Limited spots)

2015 Proposed Scheduling for Bearden Middle School

Students in all 6-8th grades will take the following 8 classes:

1. Mathematics - (daily)
 2. Science - (daily)
 3. English/Language Arts - (daily)
 4. Individuals and Societies (Social Studies) – (daily)
 5. Design (computer-based class) – semester of Technology & semester of Computer applications.
 6. PE/Health – semester of PE & semester of Health
 7. World Language (BMS – Spanish, French, Or German)
 8. Fine Art – ONE fine art a year: Art, band, chorus or general music
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Recommendation Forms

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1. 8 subjects listed → →	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Recommendations were not changed. Received information from elementary schools.b. TURN IN BY DUE DATE!! CRITICALc. Questions or changes, please contact sonya.winstead@knoxschools.orgd. TCAP – what we have on file. If scores are missing, no worries but we can double check if you get in touch.
b. Think About???? → →	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Workload (6-8 classes)2. Organization and work ethic3. Confidence and success4. Provide time for maturity and growth

Questions & Social Media

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1. Questions → → →

1. Please hang out after the forum tonight OR
2. E-mail Winstead OR

b. Think About???? → →

Facebook & Twitter
Please search for the parent run BMS Facebook Page and the BMS Twitter Account if you utilize these forms of social media.

Campus Gear

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1. Research (Univ. of Nevada Reno & University of Houston)



2. Survey → → →

1. After 8 months of research and meeting w/ parents and staff, a focus group has presented a proposal for a new campus gear policy for BMS next year. We now need your input.
2. Survey – we are now ready for your input. A survey will be on the main page of the school website. Please provide us your feedback. We will collect survey information until Monday, April 27.
3. Why: We have 11 elementary schools that send students to BMS. We want to be one school with a strong academic. We want a level playing field for all of our students. Campus Gear will assist us in developing a culture that promotes learning, unity, pride in school, and prepare students for professional work attire. We know students report that campus gear will increase confidence, less worry about appearance and bullying and creates pride in school and appearance.