

# Parent Open House 2015-16

Bearden Middle School



# INITIATIVES FOR THIS YEAR

- IB MYP
- Digital Promise Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Grant – each student will receive an iPad Air 2 from Verizon w/ a 5GB data plan. We are currently training students on digital literacy. We will host a forum for parents to help them as we all learn more about digital responsibility.
- AVID strategies – we will continue to implement school-wide strategies for all students ( Cornell notes, binder organization, annotations, summaries, quick writes, etc.

# IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

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# WHAT IS THE IB?

- The International Baccalaureate Organization
- The IB is a not-for-profit foundation, motivated by its mission to create a better world through education.

- **4 IB Programmes**

- PYP: Primary Years Programme (K-5)
- MYP: Middle Years Programme (grades 6-10)
  - Bearden Middle and West High Partnership
- DP: Diploma Programme (grades 11-12)
  - West High School only
- IBCC: IB Career-Related Certificate Programme

# IB MISSION STATEMENT

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

# MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME



# MORE INFORMATION

- MYP “Parent Pack” posted to the BMS website
- MYP informational video
- Link to West High IB Diploma Programme video

# STRUCTURES FOR 2015-16

- This year due to adding a WL this year, we have a six period day with students going to elective classes at various times.
- The schedules is not as flexible when moving classes... particularly elective changes.
- We have more flexibility in moving from honors to grade level or grade level to honors.
- Parent conferences will be by teacher not a team or group. Please contact the teacher via e-mail if possible. Teachers ONLY have 60 minutes per day to return calls and e-mails. Please be patient with us. Many times we have to make these communications after work hours.



# COMMUNICATION

- Please be cautious when in the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up. Please drop your child off in the BACK ONLY. This is very important to maintain orderly traffic patterns. Parents may access the front after 8:30 a.m.
- Please be sure that we have accurate contact (email & phone) on file. All communication will be done through those venues.
- We need your help and support. Please be sure that your child is attending school regularly and arriving on time. Attendance policy is on the website. Policy will show what is excused and unexcused. Parents receive notice from guidance after 5 unexcused absences and the social worker is involved after 10 unexcused absences.

# COMMUNICATION

- ASPEN support is available on the KCS website. Please call the department or send information via the help desk. This department is working overtime to meet the needs of parents but there are a lot of parents to serve. If parents are having trouble with their parent accounts, please use your child's account. Each child has already been provided their account information from the school. The school will support and help students w/ lost or forgotten accounts. However, we do not have the man power to assist parents with their technology needs.
- We are here to support the education, safety, and well-being of all students at BMS. You can help us with this by being sure to ask a lot of questions when your child reports things to you. Feel free to email teachers as needed, search for information on the website, and utilize all of the resources we have available online. Please collect as much information as possible before calling the school.
- Please contact the person overseeing an area to get information. The front desk does NOT have all the information from the many clubs, teachers, and events that are taking place. Each sponsor and teacher has an e-mail that is accessible for the public via the school website.

# COMMUNICATION

- We are a large school with many events & activities taking place on a daily basis. Please work with us by connecting with the most appropriate person connected to the activity in question. Please check with the teachers, refer to the website, and talk with your child before contacting the school. They will be able to answer your questions much easier than we can through the main school number.
- BMS is a controlled environment- if someone (student or parent) does not act appropriately, are hostile or uncooperative with staff, they may be banned from campus by administration or school security. Future issues of this type will also result in being banned from campus.
- We need everyone to do their part to ensure success. Please work with us to make the middle school time, the best experience your child could have in their education career. Do so by: (1). monitor school grades, attendance, and discipline via parent portal (Aspen). (2). Make time at home for school work (3). Monitor your child's after school activities (4). Be sure students are studying and taking full advantage of their educational opportunity.

# TEST RESULTS

- Achievement Results (how many students are proficient and advanced). We strive for at expectation and are thrilled with above expectation.
  - Math: above
  - Science: above
  - ELA: at expectation
- Growth (TVAAS) A rating of 1 (lowest) to a 5 (highest). This scores tells us how much a student did or did not improve after a year of education. We are expected to be a “3” if we grow students for a full year. We are beyond thrilled with our results from last year. See below:
  - Science: 5
  - ELA: 5
  - Math: 5 (also 1<sup>st</sup> in KCS and 12<sup>th</sup> in the state of TN)
  - Algebra: 5

# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Choose whether you want to visit your child's **RED DAY** or **BLUE DAY**
- **Each class will be approximately 10 minutes in length.**
- **We will ring the school bell when time to transition.**
- **Not all parents will transition at the same time due to red/blue schedules.**
  - <http://www.knoxschools.org/beardenms>