

Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you.
 Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. -Colossians 3:12-13



From the Superintendent-Kevin Dellape

Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is now open! We will again be offering a morning kindergarten program with a full day option. Both programs will run five days a week. Transportation will be available for both the half day and full day options. Patron families may reserve a spot in kindergarten simply by calling the office to request a Kindergarten application and paying the \$10 enrollment fee. If you are worried about finances, consider that the half day option will cost less than \$14.00 per day and that financial aid is available. I encourage you to act quickly to reserve a spot for your child. Don't miss the opportunity to give your child a great kindergarten experience. Enroll now!

Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Boys v Harrisburg Academy JV-5:00 V-6:15	4 Meadowbrook Jr. High Tournament v Meadowbrook JH-12:00 & 4:00
6 Boys & Girls v Fannett-Metal G-6:00 B-7:15 "Readers are Winners"	7	8	9	10 Boys & Girls @ Johnstown Christian G-5:30 B-6:45	11 Boys & Girls v East Juniata GJV-11:00 GV-12:30 BJV-2:00 BV-3:30
13 Boys & Girls @ Cambria Co. Christian JH-5:00 G-6:00 B-7:30	14	15 MS/HS Academic Progress Reports go home	16 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00-7:00 RWI Parent Workshop- 6:00-8:00 Boys @ OLV JH-4:00 (A&B)	17 ACT 80-Early Dismissal (12:30-lunch will be served) Boys @ Williamsburg JV-6:00 V-7:15	18
20 No School- President's Day	21	22	23	24	25 Juniata Mennonite Junior High Tournament-TBA
27	28	29	BMS Calendar February 2012		

Business News

At the beginning of a new calendar year, we are likely to take some time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year. Last calendar year has been a good one for BMS. Probably the biggest positive impact on the financial situation of the school is that we have more students enrolled than we did a year ago. That increase in enrollment will also continue to impact the financial picture in a positive way long into the future. The December financial reports continue to show the blessing it is to see God providing the finances as needs arise. The race for education and the school sale are the two remaining large categories that need to meet their budgeted amount in order for BMS to have another year with more income than expenses. Your continued prayer support and financial support of Belleville Mennonite School is appreciated. Blessings to each of you as together we serve our risen Lord!

From the Guidance Office

FAFSA Information

Seniors planning to attend college should be in the process of filling out the FAFSA form for financial aid. Forms and assistance are available in the guidance office or through the college board website.

Scholarship Information

Stop by the guidance office for information about college scholarships.

SAT's

College bound juniors should take the SAT this spring. Information on registration is available in the guidance office or online at www.collegeboard.com.

Science Fair

This year's 5th grade Science Fair is on Thursday, February 16th and will be held in the 5th grade classroom from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. All students, faculty, family and friends are invited to attend.

Apple Pies

Purchase a delicious apple pie (or several)! The pies are sold frozen and ready to be cooked. The cost is \$7.50. Call the school office or ask for them at the Basketball concession stand.

Race for Education

Join us for Race!

Race for Education has just kicked off and we are excited as we anticipate this annual fundraiser that raises additional monies to help offset student tuition costs. Race is a jog-a-thon which involves PreK-12th grades walking or jogging around a quarter-mile area. The success of this program is based on students bringing in the names of family and friends who are potential sponsors for the jog-a-thon. Race is a very important fundraiser for us and this year our goal is to raise \$35,000.00! We value and appreciate all that you do as patrons, volunteers, and donors to contribute to BMS financially, prayerfully, and through hours of volunteering. We are so thankful to God as he continues to provide for the school.

Spread the Word!

Be on the look-out for advertising promoting our school. A BMS billboard is located between the Lewistown and Burnham exits along 322 West and along 22 East, just outside of Huntingdon. Many of the preschool centers in Mifflin and Huntingdon counties will also be distributing Kindergarten information to their students and we will be placing inserts in church bulletins this winter loaded with details about our school. The best advertising is often word-of-mouth, so don't hesitate to tell your friends, family and neighbors about the excellent education and the strong Christian foundation BMS provides.

Health Care Volunteers Needed

In the second half of the year, a human biology class is offered for juniors and seniors. Mrs. Suydam is interested in having a number of people who work in health occupations visit her classroom and share their educational pathway, career decisions, and work experiences as each of the body systems is studied. The class meets 10:30 - 11:15. Please contact her if you would be able to help out in this way or if you can suggest another health professional that she might contact. email: suydamem@bellevillemennoniteschool.org home phone: 717-483-6498; cell phone: 717-437-1239 Thank you.

Congratulations!

January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were named Student of the Month for January in their respective grades:

Grade 6 – Kristyn Byler
Grade 7 – Vanessa Barron
Grade 8 – Sydney Renninger
Freshman Class – Olivia Isett
Sophomore Class – Austin Byler
Junior Class – Matt Zook
Senior Class – Christopher Hayes

Beethoven and Shostokovich!

Mrs. Sensenig is planning a trip to the Nittany Valley Symphony on February 18 for students in grades 6-12 as well as any parent who is interested in attending. The program will be held at Eisenhower Auditorium and includes selections from Beethoven and Shostokovich. One of the selections will feature solo violinist Max Zorin. The concert begins at 7:30 PM and the cost is \$5.00 for students and the discounted price of \$12.00 for adults. If you are interested in attending, are able to drive, or have any other questions, please contact Mrs. Sensenig, sensenigmsy@bellevillemennoniteschool.org

Readers are Winners

On Monday, February 6, elementary students and senior basketball players will participate in "Readers are Winners." Senior basketball players will read to elementary classes on this day and selected students from each of the classes will be presented with a book between the girls and boys basketball games that evening. Selected students will also wear the jerseys of the senior player from whom they receive their book. The girls game begins at 6:00 with the boys following. Both teams are playing Fannett-Metal High School.

Please Donate your Favorite Baked Goods to the BMS Sale...

It's not too early to be thinking about the bake stand for this year's sale! Home baked breads, sweet rolls, fruit pies, cream pies, whoopie pies and fudge are our BEST sellers. If you enjoy making these types of baked goods, please consider donating your favorite to this year's bake stand. Donations can be dropped off starting the Thursday of sale week during school hours until Saturday morning before 9:00 a.m. We also could use help staffing the stand for 1-2 hour shifts either Friday evening or during the day Saturday. Please contact Michelle Echard at 242-5685 or echards4@verizon.net if you would like to volunteer or if you need additional information about the bake stand!