

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12: 9-12



## From the Superintendent Mr. Kevin Dellape

It is wonderful to be starting another school year, the sixty-sixth in the long and rich history of Belleville Mennonite School. As we look forward together to a new school year, I would draw your attention to what I believe is the most important thing that we all can do to make BMS the school that God intends for it to be. In the Student Handbook (p. 15) there is a statement on Resolution of Grievances. There is nothing more important in any organization than to be proactive about conflict. I know that it is somewhat strange to be talking about conflict so soon, but the truth is conflict will happen in any setting. We must be prepared to handle it in an appropriate manner.

The plan in the handbook is the same one that Jesus laid out to his disciples. It is based in scripture, specifically Matthew 18:15-17 and Colossians 3:13. In a school context it looks like this. If you have a problem with a teacher, have a conversation with the teacher first. If this conversation does not resolve the issue, have a conversation with their superiors, Mr. Dellape or Mrs. Young. If the problem is still unresolved you have the right to address the issue to the board. Simply place your concerns in writing and direct them to the board chairman, Mr. Dale Yoder. The teachers, myself, and the board are committed to following this process. It is a process rooted in scripture and the only real way to appropriately bring resolution to grievances. I encourage you to participate in this process. I believe that this will allow God's Spirit to help us establish healthy, Godly lines of communication, even when we disagree. Blessings to all of you as you join with me in participating in the great work of Christian education that God continues to do here at BMS.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>BMS Calendar September 2010</b>			1	2	3 <b>BMS Soccer Tourney</b> 4:00 PM - MCS vs Penns Valley 5:30 PM - Halifax vs BMS	4 <b>BMS Soccer Tourney</b> 10:30 AM Consolation 12:00 PM Championship  PSU - HOME
5	6 <b>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY</b>	7 Soccer@Meadowbrook JH - 3:45 PM V - 5:00 PM FH @ Newport V - 4:00 PM JV - following	8	9 FH @ South Hunt. V - 4:00 PM JV - following <b>Soccer vs. Northumberland</b> JV 4:00 PM V 5:30 JH - 4:00 PM on other field or after	10 Soccer @ McConnellsburg V - Only -6:30 PM  JH BBall @ EJ 4:00 PM	11
12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Yearbook Staff to Jostens 8:15 - 3:00</div>	13 <b>Soccer vs. Forbes Rd</b> V - 4:00 PM <b>JH BBall vs. Newport - 4:00 PM</b> Finance Meeting @ 7:00 PM	14 <b>FH vs. Huntingdon</b> V - 4:00 PM JV - following	15	16 V Soccer & FH @ Harrisburg Academy - 4:00 PM <b>JH BBall vs. Juniata Valley</b> 4:00 PM	17	18 V Soccer & FH @ Living Word - 11:00 AM  PSU - HOME
19	20 JH BBall @ Southern Huntingdon - 4:00 PM  Board Meeting @ 6:30	21 FH @ Southern Hunt. V - 4:00 PM JV - following <b>JH BBall vs OLV - 4:00 PM</b> JH Soccer @ JMS 4:00 PM	22	23 <b>FH vs. Forbes Rd.</b> V - 4:00 PM JV - following  Soccer @ Carson Long V - 4:00 PM JH - following	24 <b>Soccer &amp; FH vs. Harrisburg Academy</b> 4:00 PM	25   PSU - HOME
26	27 FH @ EJ V - 4:00 PM JV - following  <b>JH Soccer vs. OLV</b> 4:00 PM	28 <b>JH BBall vs. Mt. Union - 4:00 PM</b>  JH Soccer @ EJ 4:00 PM	29 <b>PICTURE DAY</b>  MS/HS Academic Progress Reports Sent Home	30 FH @ Huntingdon V - 4 PM JV-following Soccer @ Northumber. JV - 4:00 PM V - 5:30 JH- TBA P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM		

### ***From the Business Office***

We are looking forward to another year here in the business office at BMS. We are again seeing God's hand at work as we are confidently looking forward to having a few more students enrolled than what we had originally projected. We are thankful that God has been faithful in bringing in new families and we are looking forward to the blessings they will bring to BMS.

If you have not finalized tuition payment options, please stop in or call Mr. Herb Zook to finalize those details.

### ***School Supplies***

A list of school supplies was given out at orientations on Thursday night. In general, all students will need to bring pencils, pens, and notebooks, but most of the supplies are provided to the students here at the school. It would be helpful if each student could bring a box of Kleenex during the first week of school to supply their classroom for the year. Please refer to the information given to you at registration for specific details on school supplies.

### ***Parking Lot Information***

During school hours please enter and exit the parking lot by the south entrance. The north entrance and the middle entrance will be closed to traffic for safety reasons. Please use the parking areas between the gymnasium and elementary building. The large parking area adjacent to the playground will also not be used during school hours. Thanks for your help in keeping our school safe for our students and their families.

### ***Academic Progress Reports***

Elementary students will receive weekly academic progress reports from their teachers. Middle School and High School students will receive academic progress reports on Wednesday, September 29. These reports need to be signed and returned to school on Thursday, September 30.

### ***Parent Teacher Conferences***

Conferences will be held on Thursday, September 30 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Conferences in the middle school/high school are walk in. Conferences in the elementary school are by appointment. I strongly encourage all parents to attend the first scheduled conferences of the year. Good parent/teacher communication is essential in building an effective Christian learning community. Please put this date on your calendar.

### ***From the Guidance Office***

Seniors who have not already taken the SAT should register to take this exam this Fall. Registration can be completed electronically or by mail. The school code is 390240. The easiest way to register is to go to the College Board website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Students must create a user name and password before they proceed with registration.

Registration deadlines and testing dates are posted in the high school office. We recommend that juniors schedule this exam no later than March of their junior year.

Seniors should also be aware that some colleges require students to submit applications as early as November. Students should check with the college they plan to attend for specific deadlines. Also, colleges with higher entrance requirements are often easier to access through early application.

Also, there are a number of websites that provide information on college scholarships. The following are just a few of the best ones:

[pheaa.org](http://pheaa.org)  
[scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)  
[srnexpress.com](http://srnexpress.com)  
[findaid.org](http://findaid.org)  
[collegescholarships.com](http://collegescholarships.com)  
[collegeanswer.com](http://collegeanswer.com)

Seniors should schedule a guidance meeting with Ms. Yoder sometime during the month of September to discuss their post graduation plans and options.

### ***Picture Day***

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 29. An information packet from Lifetouch will be sent home with students in September.

### ***PSU Concessions***

High school and middle school athletes are responsible to help with PSU concessions or to pay the athletic fee. All athletes have received information about this program to support the athletic department. We ask that parents please sign up for specific dates or pay the fee prior to the start of the fall athletic seasons. This will help us to avoid wasting time trying to staff these events throughout the fall. Remember, those who work the games must be at least 16 years old. Also, varsity athletes are responsible for two games per sport, middle school athletes one game per sport. Thanks for your help.

### ***Preschool Helper***

We have a need for a helper in the Pre-K Counts classroom for the first six weeks of school. Mon-Friday 11:45-2:45  
Call the school office if you are interested.

### ***From the Development Office***

Thanks to the 52 golfers and the many sponsors who participated in the annual BMS golf tournament. It was an awesome day and we raised \$3,930.00 for the school.

I encourage all of you to consider participating in the Giant A+ Rewards program. Through this program BMS can receive a percentage of all your grocery purchases at Giant. Forms were handed out registration night that you can fill out to designate your bonus card to BMS. This way, every time you use your bonus card, BMS benefits. How awesome is this!

You can also purchase Giant Gift Cards through the school office. BMS receives 5% from all cards purchased. Consider paying for your groceries with a Giant Gift Card instead of cash or credit. Call the school office to order your cards. In connection to our push for greater participation in the Giant program, BMS will on longer be participating in the Sript program. We are attempting to focus our fund-raising on fewer, more profitable events.

### ***New Faculty and Staff***

BMS is pleased to welcome several new faculty members to our family.

**Fred and Mary Kay Eichelman** are former missionaries to Spain who will be teaching our Spanish classes this year. Fred holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, a Master's degree from Rutgers University, and an M.Div from Columbia Seminary. Mary Kay holds a bachelor's degree in education from Messiah College and a Masters of Education degree from Ohio State. The Eichelmanns also work in prison ministry and with international students at Juniata College.

**Michelle Sensenig** holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Messiah College and will be teaching music and choir classes to middle school and high school students. She attends Locust Grove Mennonite Church

**Kirsten Torquato** graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and will be teaching Kindergarten here at BMS. Kirsten attends Big Valley Bible Church.

**Jon Farley** is a Penn State graduate who holds a degree in history. He received his training for his teacher's certification at Dickinson College. Jon will be serving as the long-term substitute for Mrs. Quinn.