## Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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February 26, 2021 Dear Parents and Family Members,

Please note that grades close next week and report cards will be going home with your students on Wednesday, March 10.

Parent conferences will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM and on Friday, March 12 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Due to Covid-19 regulations, we will again be holding Spring conferences virtually, through Zoom.

All families will be able to sign up for two meeting slots: one with their student's team and another with the specials team. Families with multiple children will be able to sign up for one slot per child. Conferences will run in 10-minute intervals and will have a very specific focus: teachers will share your student's strengths as well as their areas for growth and improvement. In order to accommodate the number of parents who sign up for conferences, teams will split into two groups, with parents meeting with half of their child's team during their allotted time. If you need to meet with a specific teacher, please specify this on your conference sign-up form and we will make every attempt to accommodate your request; however, if you feel that you need to meet with an entire team or will need a meeting longer than 10 minutes, please reach out to your student's team to schedule a separate conference time on a different date.

Because conference times are so short, it is recommended that you sign onto the Zoom link ahead of time, to ensure that technology is working. Once your allotted time begins, teachers will admit you from a Zoom "virtual waiting room" into the meeting. In order to respect the times of parents after you, conference times will not be extended; therefore it is important that you log on and are in the waiting room a few minutes before your scheduled time.

Conference forms can be found on the BMS website and sign-ups will open on Monday, March 1. If you have any questions or are in need of technology assistance, please contact the main office at 860-546-9421.

Finally, please check your student's Friday Folder for a copy of the March lunch menu as well as a copy of our February school newsletter.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Garrett Dukette Principal Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School