

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Dear Parents and Family Members,

Happy Friday! Before the weekend begins, I wanted to share a few important items with you all.

First, there is an error in the school calendar for trimester 3. Currently, trimester 3 progress reports are scheduled to be sent home on Friday, April 23. However, this is the Friday of April vacation; therefore, BMS will be shifting the date of progress reports up one week. BMS progress reports for trimester 3 will now be sent home with students on Friday, April 16. Thank you for your flexibility with this change.

Second, we are beginning state testing next week. On Monday and Tuesday, March 29 and 30, grades 5 and 8 will be taking the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) test. Please ensure your student gets a good night's sleep the evening before testing and that they are well-rested for testing day. We will be offering a protein-packed breakfast on testing days to ensure that our students' brains are firing on all cylinders. Thank you for your support during this important test window.

Third, I am excited to welcome our 7th and 8th graders back into the building next week. We appreciate the flexibility of our families during this past week!

Fourth, please note that we are a healthy school. Students should not be coming in to school with coffee or energy drinks. If your student has a coffee or energy drink, please encourage them to finish it before they come into school or board the bus. Any student with a coffee or energy drink will be asked to throw it away upon entering the building. Thank you for working with us to support the health of our students.

Finally, we are noticing an uptick in behaviors on our school buses. Please have a conversation with your student regarding the bus. In particular, please discuss the importance of keeping their masks on, remaining seated, and being respectful of our drivers. If we all work together, we can ensure that our students remain safe and that all Covid-19 protocols are being followed.

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