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Good evening BMS families,

Happy Friday! First off, I hope all of our students have a happy and healthy spring break! Please spend as much time outdoors as possible! Read books, be active, and recharge your batteries for the last few weeks of school!

When we return from break, we will begin our in-person Smarter Balanced testing for remote families. Any remote students who will be attending in-person testing will receive a separate letter from Mr. Dukette with important information about their test sessions. For families who are choosing to test remotely, testing will begin on Monday, May 3.

Over the final month-and-a-half of school, please continue to speak with your student about the importance of following our protocols and routines. We want to continue to remain open for in-person learning. If you or a loved one is feeling ill, please be cautious and stay away from school until you have been cleared by a health professional to return. Our school nurse, Mrs. Jodoin, is also a great resource for families.

8th-grade families! We will be holding commencement in-person this year on Thursday, June 10, at 6:00 PM at BMS. In order to be safe, we are limiting the number of family members who will be able to attend. Please visit the following link (<https://tinyurl.com/x8v3npj4>) to an important survey to give us an idea about how many family members you plan on having in attendance at our commencement ceremony.

Please continue to check our website for information related to sports. With the changing weather and with our coach schedules, times and practice dates are constantly changing, so it is essential to continue to look for updates regularly.

Finally, a reminder that BMS will be closed next week, April 19-23 for our April break. The school will be closed. If you need to get a hold of us that week, I will be checking my email. Please note that it may take me longer to respond during the week, as I will be spending time with my children and close family.

As always, thanks for your support, Baldwin community.

Have a great April vacation,

Mr. Dukette