

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Dear Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School families,

Happy Friday! I have a lot of information for you all today:

- 1) Remember, there is no school next Thursday, November 11, in recognition of Veterans Day. Thank you to all of the Veterans in our community who have served our country!
- 2) First-trimester afterschool activities will be ending on Thursday, November 18. Second-trimester activities will begin on Monday, November 29. Permission slips for trimester 2 sign-ups went home in Friday folders today. You can also find a copy of the sign-up information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2st6ctvd>. Please note, all sign-up forms are due back to school by November 12.
- 3) Spirit Wear order forms went home today in Friday folders. All orders are due back by Monday, November 15 and all orders will be delivered to BMS in time for the winter holidays. You may also find the spirit wear order form here: <https://tinyurl.com/kmz4mnrh>.
- 4) Today, Superintendent Rioux sent home a family Blackboard regarding the new State of CT “Screen and Stay Covid-19 Protocols”. You can read Superintendent Rioux’s communication here: (<https://tinyurl.com/7492fdzf>). This new policy allows for students who are considered close contacts, who meet certain criteria, to remain in school, rather than quarantine at home. **PLEASE NOTE:** One of the biggest reasons students will still have to quarantine is if they do not wear their mask appropriately. Some of our students need reminders throughout the day to appropriately wear their masks. Please have a conversation with your student about proper mask-wearing so that, if there is an instance where they are a close contact, they will have a higher likelihood of being able to “screen and stay” instead of quarantining at home. In addition, if your student is fully vaccinated (meaning 14 days after a second shot), please let Mrs. Jodoin know at kjodoin@canterburypublicschools.org or by calling the school. If students are close contacts but are vaccinated, they do not need to quarantine if they are symptom-free.
- 5) The BMS Bookfair will be taking place on the week of November 15-19. More information will be coming soon!

Have a great weekend, and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns!

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Principal

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