

# THE BINGHAM BEAR NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022



# 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

## WHEN

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10TH, 1-3PM**

## WHERE

**1716 SOUTH SPECK ROAD  
INDEPENDENCE, MO**

## MORE INFORMATION

Bears,

We are excited to host our 2022/2023 incoming 7th grade class for an Orientation Day on August 10th. Students will learn about school year expectations and routines, tour the building, participate in team-building activities, and more!

Mark your calendars as we are looking forward to meeting our new Bears!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ORIENTATION



Please review the information below to support you and your student with their Orientation experience.

- Student Orientation is designed for our students. Parents and/or guardians will not be permitted to participate in this event.
- Students should not bring school supplies with them to Orientation. Students will not have access to their lockers at this event.
- Students do not need their class schedule for Orientation.
- The ISD cell phone policy will be enforced during Orientation. Since students will not have access to their lockers, it is permissible for students to keep their cell phone on their person. Cell phones should be turned off while at school and on district transportation. It is against School Board policy for students to utilize their phone while at school or on district transportation. This includes non-phone functions, such as taking pictures and/or videos.

## HELP ENSURE SAFE BUS RIDING FOR ALL

Each year, we have a significant portion of our student population take advantage of our Independence School District Transportation. This is a great service to each of our families

and we ask each of our parent's support in ensuring that our students meet riding expectations. We ask that our families please review the following expectations with their students prior to the first day of school.



- Follow the bus driver's directions
- Provide full and correct name when requested by the driver
- Be at the bus stop five minutes before your assigned stop time
- Line up in a single line at the side of the road with no pushing or shoving
- Sit on your seat, not on knees or backpacks
- Keep the aisle clear. Keep hands feet and other items to yourself on the bus.
- No food, drinks, gum or candy on the bus
- Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and not destroy transportation equipment
- Damage resulting from misbehavior shall be paid for by the student
- Suspension from the bus will occur and continue until all damage is paid for
- Students will show consideration for other students and the bus driver
- No profanity or other abusive language. No physical or verbal bullying
- Students are required to board and exit the bus at their assigned stop
- Students do not need to bring any supplies and/or items with them to Orientation and will not have access to lockers during this event.

## **7TH GRADE ORIENTATION BUS PASSES**

Bus passes for Student Orientation are currently being mailed to residences and should arrive by early in the week of August 8th. If you have not received your student's pass by Tuesday, please contact ISD Transportation (521.5335) at that time.

## **7TH GRADE ORIENTATION CAR RIDER INFORMATION**

We are excited to welcome our Bears to Student Orientation! Doors will open at 1:00 pm! In an effort to support our families, please review the important Car Rider information below.

- If your student is a car rider, please have your student remain in your vehicle until the doors have opened at 1:00 pm. Students should not be dropped off prior to 1:00 pm.
- Car Riders should use our car rider line for drop-off. Car riders are dropped off in the front of the building in our circle lot.
- For the safety of our students, we ask that parents do not park and drop off students from parking spots. We want to avoid potential safety concerns of students passing across moving cars.
- Car riders must be picked up by 3:05 pm.
- Students do not need to bring any supplies and/or items with them to Orientation and will not have access to lockers during this event



# 2022-2023 ENROLLMENT AND RESIDENCY VERIFICATION CONTINUES!



## Registration

Residency verification is required for all ISD students, virtual and in-person. If you uploaded documents during the online registration process and received a confirmation email from the ISD, you do not need to bring those documents to the school. If you did not prove residency during registration, please bring the documentation listed below to the Bingham office beginning Monday, August 8th or email them to: [BMSBears@idschools.org](mailto:BMSBears@idschools.org)

Residency Verification continues through August 19th from 8am to 3pm each day. Extended hours will be held on Thursday, August 11th from 9am to 7pm. Please have a Photo ID with you to verify that the name on the bill matches the parent/guardian enrolling the student.

Acceptable residency verification must meet the following requirements:

- An electric or gas bill from the current address (no more than 30 days old)

AND one of the following:

- Copy of Mortgage Payment, Deed of Trust, or Housing Contract
- Copy of Rental Agreement,
- Copy of Lease Agreement,
- Copy of Jackson County Paid Personal Property Tax Receipt

Families needing to renew their residency affidavit should do so at the Independence Admissions Office, located at 201 N. Forest Ave. You must have the residency affidavit, two required homeowner proofs of residency and the parent/guardian proof of residency at that address. They will assist you with verifying your documents and notarizing your affidavit document on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 816-521-5588.

<http://sites.isdschools.org/admissions>

## STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will begin to be emailed to families on the week of August 8th. This process will continue through the following two weeks as additional enrollments are completed. In order to receive your student's schedule, you must meet the following requirements:



- Completed Student Registration
- Provided Residency Verification
- Paid Previously Incurred Student Obligations

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



It is that time of year when we all begin to prepare for the upcoming school year. Part of this process is the purchase of school supplies. We ask for parents to carefully review the ISD Middle School Supply List. Our goal is to ensure parents receive accurate information regarding the supplies students will need to be prepared for classes each day.

Please find the ISD Middle School Supply List linked below.

<https://www.isdschools.org/2022-2023-school-supply-lists/>

We also ask parents to pay close attention to the type of binders requested on the school supply list. Zippered-binders will not be permissible for students to use for their classes. This decision is intentional as our staff works closely with students in the development of their organizational skills. A student's binder is also utilized as a tool to provide consistency in communication between school and home.

We understand the purchase of supplies can become overwhelming at the start of the school year. We want to share that the state of Missouri will participate in the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday. This holiday allows for the purchase of school supplies to be made without tax. The Back to School Sales Tax Holiday will begin on Friday, August 5th and conclude on Sunday, August 7th. Additional information can be found at:

<https://dor.mo.gov/taxation/business/tax-types/sales-use/holidays/back-to-school/>

Additionally, we ask for our parents to utilize the support of our Family School Liaisons (FSL) if you are unable to provide supplies for your student. FSLs can be reached by calling the school directly at 816.521.5490

We look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year!

## KIDS' SAFARI LATITUDE PROGRAM



Latitude is our after-school childcare program housed at Bridger. If you would like to learn more about the Latitude program, follow the link below.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDIT SYSTEM



Please take a moment to review these requirements and go over them with your child. We appreciate home-school partnerships to encourage the success of all students!

## ***7th Grade Credit Requirements***

Earn 4.5 credits out of 6 possible credits

At least 3 of the credits must come from core classes

Core classes: ELA, math, science, social studies

Elective classes: any other class

### *How do students earn a credit?*

Receive an A, B, C or D. An F means no credit is earned.

### *What Happens If Students Don't Earn Their Credits?*

Students will be required to attend middle school summer school. As long as they meet the summer school requirements, students will be able to choose their elective classes for 8th grade.

If students don't attend summer school or don't meet the summer school requirements, they may be retained and enrolled in Essential Literacy or Essential Math instead of their chosen elective.

## ***8th Grade Credit Requirements***

Earn 4.5 credits out of 6 possible credits

At least 3 of the credits must come from core classes

Core classes: ELA, math, science, social studies

Elective classes: any other class

### *How do students earn a credit?*

Receive an A, B, C or D. An F means no credit is earned.

### *What Happens If Students Don't Earn Their Credits?*

Students will be required to attend middle school summer school. As long as students meet the summer school requirements, they will be able to attend their assigned high school next fall.

If students don't attend summer school or don't meet the summer school requirements they may be retained or attend the Bridge program at Independence Academy the following school year.



# NEW ISD GAME DAY ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please take a few minutes to review the ISD Game Day Attendance Policy.



INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## GAME DAY ATTENDANCE POLICY

- ONLY ISD STUDENTS OR STUDENTS OF THE OPPOSING TEAM ARE ALLOWED ENTRANCE TO GAMES.
- ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR STUDENT ID IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED TO GAMES.
- STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS MAY ONLY ATTEND WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN.
- MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY ONLY ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL GAMES WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN AND WITH A SCHOOL ID.
- NO BACKPACKS ALLOWED.



## FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Fall Sports consist of **Football (7-8) Volleyball (7-8) Boys/Girls Cross Country (7/8)**

Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country will start practice on August 15th. Please see below for specific practice information.

### Football

Practice times: 3:45 - 5:15

Wear athletic wear, bring cleats, tennis shoes and a water bottle.

### Cross Country

Practices 8/15 - 8/19: 3:30 - 4:30

Practices after the start of school: 3:30-5:30

Athletes will need to bring a water bottle and are highly encouraged to wear athletic wear and running/tennis shoes.

### Volleyball

Tryouts 8/15 - 8/19: 3:30 - 5:20

Athletes will need to wear proper clothing, tennis shoes, and knee pads.

### Student Physical

All physicals will now be valid for 2 years from the date of the physical unless indicated differently by a physician. Pre-Participation information will still need to be updated annually on PRIVIT.

Athletes **must** have a physical uploaded on the PRIVIT site (see below) before he/she may try out, practice, or compete on a team.

[Bingham - wcbears-mo.e-ppe.com](http://Bingham-wcbears-mo.e-ppe.com)

Blank physical forms can be located in each middle school building or on the PRIVIT school site listed above. On the PRIVIT site, you will log in, scroll to the bottom and select "Print Documents." Once you have selected "Print Documents," the first thing listed should be a blank MSHSAA Physical Form. If you have any questions, please contact us at 816-521-5490.

### Sports Schedules

All Sports schedules are available online at:

<https://wcbears.com/>

Please contact Mr. Middleton with any athletic questions you have.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

Please use the link provided below to access the 2022-2023 ISD School Calendar.

<https://www.isdschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Student-Calendar-22-23.pdf>

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022-2023 CALENDAR											
JULY 2022			AUGUST 2022			SEPTEMBER 2022			OCTOBER 2022		
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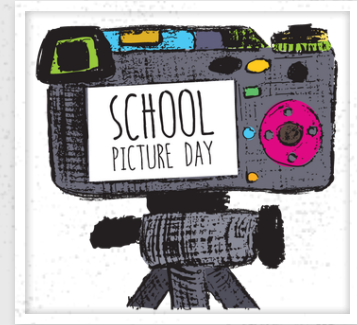
## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Aug. 10th: 7th Grade Orientation, 1:00-3:00 pm (Students Only)
- Aug. 11th: Extended Day for Residency Verification and Schedule Pickup, 9:00am-7:00pm
- Aug. 22nd: First Day of School
- Aug. 25th: Open House/Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Sept. 5th: No School - Labor Day Observance
- Sept. 23rd: No School - Professional Development Day
- Oct. 4th: Fall Pictures
- Nov. 11th: Fall Picture Retakes



# FALL PICTURES

Fall pictures have been set for October 4th. Retakes will be held on November 11th.



# AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a learning system that provides students with real-world strategies to accelerate their performance to succeed in college and life.



Students learn how to ask questions that go beyond memorization and encourage higher-level thinking, providing students with an educational advantage. AVID layers on existing curriculum, allowing teachers to implement AVID strategies into any lesson or subject. Students utilize the Cornell note-taking process to organize their notes and create powerful study tools. They learn to recognize the most important parts of a lesson, create questions to guide their studying, and revisit and refine their notes to solidify learning. Students also learn soft skills, including public speaking, self-advocacy, time management and organization. The ISD is proud to offer AVID to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.



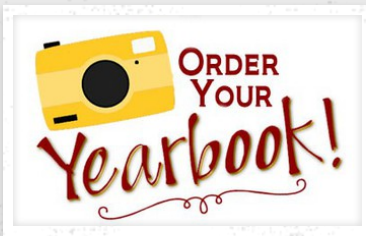
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## YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are currently being sold at the discounted rate of \$20. Starting in November the price increases to \$25. To purchase, please login to your [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) account and select yearbook in the school store section.

## BINGHAM GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- School hours for Bingham Middle School are 8:12 AM – 3:22 PM.
- Students may not be dropped off before 7:55 AM (doors do not open until 7:55 AM).
- Office hours are from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Car riders MUST be picked up in the front of the building by 3:25 PM



## BINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bingham Middle School is a positive, safe environment that promotes academic and interpersonal skills for success in the global society.

At Bingham Middle School, our staff, students and community support one another by:  
encouraging collaboration and perseverance,  
setting high expectations,  
creating and promoting a growth mindset,  
embracing diversity and individuality,  
and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

### Our Vision:

All students at Bingham Middle School will be prepared for success in the global society.





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 [sites.isdschools.org/bingham](https://sites.isdschools.org/bingham)

