

# THE BINGHAM BEAR NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023



## 1ST SEMESTER GRADE CARDS

1st semester grade cards will be emailed out to families on Friday, January 6th. Please check your email for your student's grade card.

## FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT PARENT

## INFORMATION MEETING

On January 18th we will hold a Freshman Enrollment Parent Information Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in our Large Classroom. We invite our 8th grade parents and students to attend this event to learn about the enrollment process for your soon-to-be high school students. We will have a presentation about the enrollment process, provide resources available to help you and your student learn about classes, and have a high school counselor available to help answer any questions you may have about high school and the enrollment process.



Date: January 18th

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Bingham Middle School (Large Classroom)

## HIGH SCHOOL JAMBOREE

Our 8th grade students will be participating in the High School Jamboree on Wednesday, January 18th during the school day. Students will visit different locations to learn about high school classes, enrollment, academies, and sports/clubs offered at the high school. This is always a very informative event for our students and an opportunity to learn more about William Chrisman.



## NO SCHOOL

Students will not be in attendance the following dates:

- January 13th - Professional Development Day
- Januar 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance

## PTSA INFORMATION

Our next scheduled PTSA meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Bingham Middle School. Please feel free to join us!

Your Involvement Counts . . .

- Have a voice not only for your child but for all children.
- Help support educational programs and parent/student involvement within our school.
- Know what is happening in your child's school and the surrounding community.
- Help bridge the gaps between parents and educators.

Yes, I want to join the PTSA!

Student 2022-2023 PTSA Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Grandparent/Guardian 2022-2023 PTSA Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Staff 2021-2022 PTSA Membership

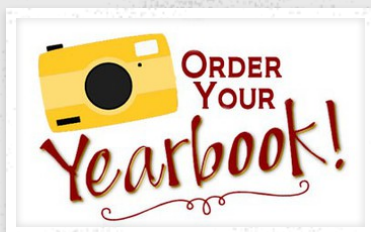
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership: \$6 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Send Cash or Check (Payable to Bingham PTSA) with the completed form with your student to Bingham Middle School – Mark the envelope with “PTSA MEMBERSHIP”



## 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.

## NEW ISD GAME DAY ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

## 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.



## WINTER SPORTS INFORMATION

Our wrestling team finished their season prior to Winter Break. We want to thank all of our athletes and coaches for a great season. Also, a thank you to our parents for all of your support during the season.

Our girls and boys basketball teams are continuing their season this month. Basketball season will finish up the last week of January. Come out and support our Bears!

### Student Physicals

- 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 they can try out, practice, or compete on a team.
  - [wcbears-mo.e-ppe.com](http://wcbears-mo.e-ppe.com)
- Blank physical forms can be located in the front office or on the PRIVIT 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.

### Eligibility

- Students are not eligible to participate in sports if they are failing more than one class.

### Sports Schedules

- All Sports schedules are available online at: <https://wcbears.com/>

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

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<https://wcbears.com/>

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

January 4th - Student Return to School

January 13th - No School (Professional Development Day)

January 16th - No School (MLKJ Day Observance)

January 18th - Freshman Enrollment Parent Information Night

February 10th - Spring Pictures

## **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?*

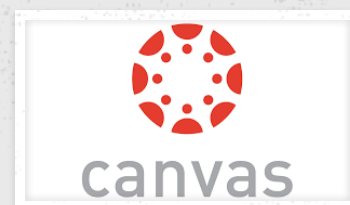
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*What Happens If Students Don't Earn Their Credits?*

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.

## CONNECT TO YOUR STUDENT'S CANVAS ACCOUNT



It is important to connect to your student's learning, ensure assignments are being completed, and help monitor your student's grades. As a parent/guardian, you can link to your student's Canvas account via desktop web browser or the Canvas Parent app available on both iOS and Android devices to track your student's homework and grades. Create your parent/guardian account using the following steps:

1. Visit [www.isdschools.org/canvas/](http://www.isdschools.org/canvas/)
  2. Click "Login for Parents" followed by "Click Here for an Account" to create your free Canvas parent account. Enter your name and email address, create a password and enter the student pairing code provided by your student's teacher or generated from your student's Canvas account. Click "Start Participating" to create your Canvas parent account.
  3. To generate a new pairing code, students should log into their Canvas student account, select "Account", click "Settings" followed by "Pair with an Observer to generate a code. The pairing code will expire in seven days or after its first use.
- You can find step-by-step directions to download and login into the Canvas Parent Mobile App by clicking [HERE](#).
  - You can find step-by-step instructions for pairing with multiple students accounts using the iOS app [HERE](#).
  - You can find step-by-step instructions for pairing with multiple students accounts using the Android app [HERE](#).

# 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	NOVEMBER 2022	DECEMBER 2022
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## 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.



## STUDENT AVID BINDERS

Students will continue to use AVID binders to help with their organization this year. During homeroom, teachers will be working with students on their individual organization and preparedness for learning. Organization of materials, in particular, improves the frequency of work completion and ensures that assignments are turned in according to deadlines. The organization of materials, thoughts, and time is a foundational component of an AVID classroom.



Each student will be responsible for maintaining a student binder. The student binder is an effective organizational tool used by students to support independence and larger educational success. The organizational tool provided a system for storage and organization of materials, notes, and student work in order to support learning at school, as well as at home.

A student's AVID binder will consist of:

- 3" 3-ring binder
- Student agenda
- Pencil pouch (containing pencils, pens, erasers)
- Divider tabs
- Homework folder

Developing solid, long-term organizational habits for material management is essential for enduring student success and we are excited to continue to provide our students with this support.

How can you help your student with organization and the AVID binder? Each day your student should bring home his/her AVID binder. Ask your student to show you the binder and walk through the different components. Check your student's agenda each day to see what went on in class and if your student has homework. The agenda is a great communication tool for school and home. Each hour students are asked to write in the in-class assignment and homework assignment. Check your student's binder to see if it is organized and that your student has the supplies needed to be successful and productive at school.



**CORNELL  
NOTE  
EXAMPLE**



**STUDENT  
AVID  
BINDER  
EXAMPLE**



**AVID  
BINDER  
HOMEWORK  
FOLDER**

## **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.





## 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.



## CONTACT AND CONNECTING WITH BINGHAM

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