

THE BINGHAM BEAR NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022



AMATH AND AREADING ASSESSMENTS

Each school year, the Independence School District develops an assessment plan to monitor student academic achievement and growth. The utilization of the assessment plan, followed by thoughtful data analysis and decision making is the way the district can make decisions to best meet the needs of students and raise student achievement.



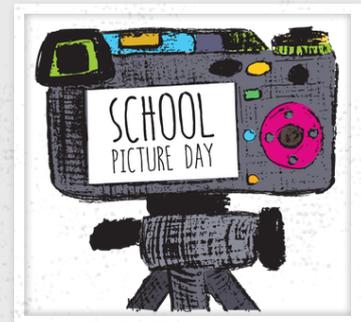
Along with ongoing formative assessments administered in all subject area classrooms, we have assessments that are administered throughout the district at various grade levels and courses. We are quickly approaching the administration of the aReading and aMath assessments for our 7th and 8th grade students. The purpose of the aReading and aMath assessments is to serve as a formative assessment that provides teachers and administrators data to monitor student progress. Both aReading and aMath assessments are approximately 35 questions and are adaptive to determine the students' achievement level.

It is important for our school to share this performance with students, parents, and with our instructional staff. In order to do so, we are requesting for all students, both virtual and in-person, to participate in each assessment. Bingham Middle School has identified the date of Wednesday, September 9th, to serve as our virtual student testing date. We will testing sessions at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for our virtual students. Students must be in attendance at Bingham in order to access the assessments. Virtual students will need to bring their Chromebook, charger, and writing utensil.

FALL PICTURES

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

Fall picture forms will be sent home with students. You can use this [LINK](#) to access the picture form below.



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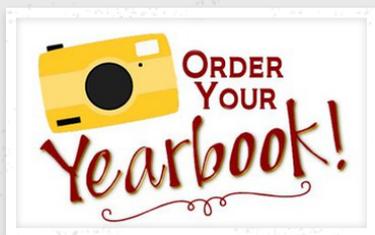
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YEARBOOK

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 account and select yearbook in the school store section.

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/
 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](#).

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, earbuds, 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.

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.



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.

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://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

Sept. 5th: No School - Labor Day Observance
 Sept. 23rd: No School - Professional Development Day
 Oct. 4th: Fall Pictures
 Oct. 18th & 19th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Nov. 8th: No School - Professional Development Day
 Nov. 11th: Fall Picture Retakes

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.



**CORNELL
 NOTE
 EXAMPLE**



**STUDENT
 AVID
 BINDER
 EXAMPLE**



**AVID
 BINDER
 HOMEWORK
 FOLDER**

HELP ENSURE SAFE BUS RIDING FOR ALL

Each year, we have a significant portion of our student population take advantage of our

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.

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.

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

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.

http://sites.isdschools.org/before_and_after_school/index



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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