



BMS is a faith-filled community. BMS is a family. BMS is a team striving toward a goal. BMS is a gift from God. A healthy school functioning under the direction of our LORD is a place of joy, encouragement, challenge, comfort, and deep relational connection!

Community. Family. The Body of Christ.

These concepts involve many individuals with distinct gifts accomplishing tasks for one purpose. At Belleville Mennonite School, that mission is to **develop minds, build faith, and be disciples**. Families choose to enroll their children at BMS and not only make investing in a Christian Education a financial priority, but also actively participate in the work that accompanies the fulfillment of Belleville Mennonite School's mission and vision.

Tuition dollars cover approximately 70% of the costs associated with providing a quality education at BMS. The school's development staff and parent volunteers help to generate the remaining cost of education. Volunteers help to keep the cost of tuition low and improve the overall quality of education at BMS.

Throughout its 77 years of educating young people, parents, students, faculty and staff members, church congregations, and community members have come together to support, sustain, and improve education at Belleville Mennonite School. These individuals have invested their time, talents, and finances in Christian Education and have created the educational community known as Belleville Mennonite School.

These pages communicate the variety of activities that occur throughout the year which are great opportunities to build community with other families and outline the many ways you can effectively invest time and talents in the work of Belleville Mennonite School. **Thank you for investing in your children's educational, spiritual, and character development at Belleville Mennonite School.**



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Parent Involvement Guide

2023

Special Fellowship Events This Year

Homecoming

October 6 & 7, 2023

The weekend will feature an outdoor concert, ice cream truck, alumni reunions, Math Matters & Senior recognition during soccer games on Saturday, and our annual Fall Fellowship Dinner.

Parent Fellowship Meeting

October 19, 2023

This meeting provides parents with the opportunity to review the school budget, ask questions about finances and much more!

ACAA Soccer Tournament

October 19-21, 2023

This year, we are honored to host the Alleghany Christian Athletic Association's post-season tournament! 12 teams, representing the top 3 guys & girls teams from the East & West divisions of our athletic league will travel to BMS for three days of competition. Volunteer support will be vital for the success of this special event!

Christmas Concert

December 7, 2023

All grades (PreK-12) present a wonderful musical program.

Parent Fellowship Meeting

January 18, 2024

Our second planned meeting for questions, sharing of information, and fellowship between administration, parents and teachers.

Open House

March 17, 2023

This special evening showcases our students and school to current and prospective families as 8th grade presents a Living History Museum and the Café staff offers delicious treats!

Spring Concert

May 16, 2024

All grades (PreK-12) present a wonderful musical program.

Parent Fellowship Meeting

April 18, 2024

Our last planned meeting for questions, sharing of information, and fellowship between administration, parents and teachers.

Ways to Support Students & Teachers

Family Fellowship Committee

Help to organize and student and family fellowship events throughout the school year and provide mentoring relationships for new families.

Prayer Team

Meets bi-weekly to share and pray for our school, students & families.

Teacher Appreciation Committee

Coordinates teacher/staff appreciation meals and encouragement throughout the school year (holidays, Parent-Teacher conferences, Teacher Appreciation week)

Care Team

Offers extra support to our families in special situations (new baby, loss of family member, illness)

School Activities Support Team

Café volunteer; Picture Day assistant; Elementary Hayride snacks; setup of Christmas decorations; 100th Day of School activities; prep for Open House; assistance on Grandparent's Day, Pastor Appreciation Day, Race for Education, and Track & Field Day; chaperones for field trips, special activities and Serve for Education

Volunteer Opportunities

As you consider the various ways to be actively involved with the BMS community, please be aware that some roles do require volunteer clearances and we encourage you to obtain them in advance so we can have them on file. We are happy to help you with that process! If you already have clearances for work or church activities, you can simply submit a copy to the office. If you would like to obtain your clearances, please ask, or read the volunteer information on our website page specifically for parents and follow the links provided.

Athletics

Soccer season: Aug-Oct; Basketball season: Dec-Feb

Admissions

2 hours per basketball game

Collect money for admission to home basketball games. Volunteers report to the Athletic Director.

Apple Pie Making

2-4 hours; late Fall

Contribute to the apple pie fundraiser by rolling pie dough during the weekend of the fundraiser.

Concessions

2-4 hours during athletic events

Prepare and sell food at the concession stands during athletic events. Profits benefit the athletic fund at BMS. Volunteers report to the Athletic Director.

Scoreboard

2 hours per basketball game

“Run the clock,” which involves keeping the score, number of fouls, possession arrow, etc., at home basketball games.

Banquets

BMS hosts several banquets each year for outside organizations.

Kitchen Helpers

3 – 4 hours per banquet

Help to serve food and clean up after the meal.

Servers

2-3 hours per banquet

Serve banquet guests.

Race & Serve for Education

One of our major annual fundraisers: All students submit the names of potential donors who receive a letter requesting their sponsorship to help support BMS. PreK-5th grade students run laps in the gym on a designated day in February; 6th-12th grade students participate in a day of service throughout the community in April.

Address Mailers

4 – 6 people working 4 – 8 hours each; last week of January

Fold, tape, stamp, affix address label and sort mailers to be ready for mailing the first of February.

Race Day Volunteers

1-2 hours on the Race days

Help to count and record laps completed.

Service Day Volunteers

2-6 hours on the Service days

Help to oversee service projects at assigned locations.

Process Race Donations & Receipts

Several hours weekly throughout February & March

Process sponsor donations, write thank you notes/receipts and file records.

Elementary

Field Trip Chaperones

Several hours during school; upon teachers' request

Travel with teachers and students to field trip destinations. Help monitor and care for students.

Librarian

Several hours weekly during school

Help to keep the elementary library organized, re-shelve books, and help students check out books during library times.

Thunder Café

Kitchen Volunteer

4-5 hours once a month (or as desired)

Assist Café staff with meal prep, service and cleanup. Typical time commitment is 9:30-2:00.

Annual Auction

May 24 & 25, 2024

The Annual Auction is one of our school-wide fundraisers that is vital to the budget. It provides a grand finale to our school year and offers many volunteer and fellowship opportunities!

ALL Families are asked to contribute one of the following:

Solicit: Contact at least 3 businesses to secure auction donations. Materials, training, and information will be provided!

Donate: Donate items or gift cards from your favorite place. (\$75 value)

Underwrite: \$75 cash donation to underwrite purchased auction items.

There are a wide variety of ways to be involved with the Auction!

Ag & Outdoor Auction (bi-annually)

Contact area farmers and ag businesses about cattle and ag donations.

Auction/Clerical Volunteers

Serve as runners during the auction, work at registration or check out.

Children's Activities

Assist with children's activities, provide oversight of children during the Auction.

Food Stand Volunteer

Help out at the strawberry pie, ice cream, salads, baked goods, or lunch stands at the Auction.

Food Service Volunteers

Assist with the preparation or service of Friday's meal, wait on tables, serve Saturday's breakfast, wash dishes in the kitchen.

Kitchen Coordinators

Oversee breakfast or lunch served at the Auction. Recruit kitchen helpers and dining room servers.

Guiding Committees

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees that lead and care for the school in various ways!

Advancement Committee

Meets 1st Monday of every month for ~1 hour

Meets to identify and oversee implementation of the school's strategic plan. New committee members are appointed by the current committee members to serve a three year term.

Athletic Committee

Provides assistance to the Athletic Director as needed relating to concession stands, fundraisers, and home athletic events.

Alumni Association

1-2 meetings per year

Helps to plan and organize the annual Fall Fellowship Dinner and Homecoming Weekend, and assists with BMS alumni relations.

Auction Coordinating Committee

3-5 meetings per year; as needed

Oversees the coordination of the Annual Auction and its various sub-committees. (4 year term)

Board of Directors

Meets 3rd Monday of every month for ~3 hours

Meets monthly with the Superintendent to conduct the business of the school. Members of the committee are nominated and elected annually by the patron body to serve a three-year term.

Finance Committee

Meets 2nd Monday of every month for 2-3 hours

Meets each month to oversee school finances, recommend an annual budget, recommend annual tuition schedule and annually review salary and benefit packages for school personnel. The committee consists of five members with at least one Board Member and at least two patrons appointed by the Board.

Golf Tournament Committee

Meets 1 hour each month April-July

Meets with the Development Director to plan and implement the Annual Golf Tournament held each summer.

Property Committee

Meets 1-2 hours at least 4 times a year

Meets throughout the school year to assess and oversee the school's property and building needs. Makes recommendations about remodeling and building projects. The Property Committee reports monthly to the Board of Directors.