



Welcome New Faculty!

We're delighted to have these talented folks join the BMS Faculty this year - and we praise the Lord for his faithful provisions of dedicated and caring individuals who will help us continue to develop minds, build faith and be disciples!



Lori Centi



Mark Centi



Gloria Shilling



Dana Varner



Madi Yoder



Michaela Yoder



Ally Zook

As we settle into the 2023-24 school year with new students and teachers, we'd like to take a moment to thank our retiring teachers and faculty.

Mrs. Evelyn Suydam - We appreciate her commitment to teaching science at BMS! Mrs. Suydam devoted 24 years to sharing with generations of students her wealth of knowledge in Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Mrs. Brittany Weaver - We were blessed by her dedication and enthusiasm in our Health and PE Department. We wish her the best on her new endeavors.

Mrs. Nannette Thomas - We are thankful for her years of music instruction & working with our students on a variety of instruments.

Mrs. Jill Fleming - We are grateful for the years of service and the impact Mrs. Fleming made on so many lives!

Mrs. Beth Peachey - We celebrate the legacy of learning that Mrs. Beth Peachey has had on generations of BMS students since she began teaching here in the fall of 1991! Thank you for your diligence and desire to grow as a teacher and faithful follower of Christ.

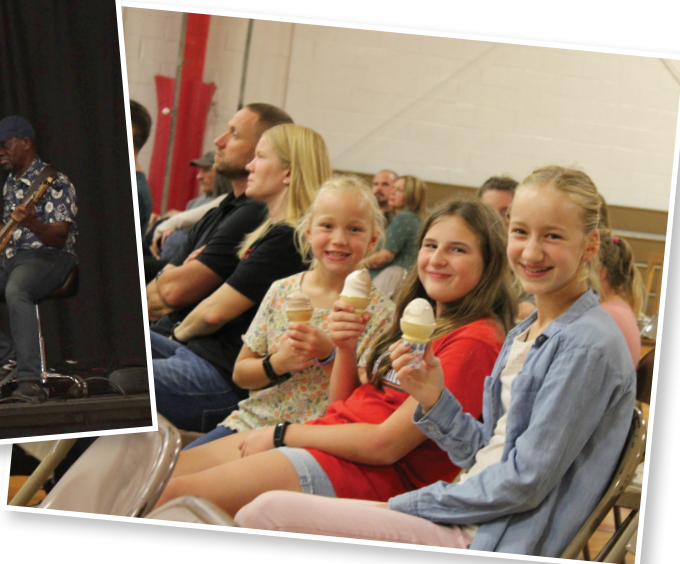
Mrs. Gin Renno - We recognize and appreciate the warm and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Gin Renno, Administrative Assistant, who helped in so many ways in the main office over the past four years. Thank you for your heart of service!

May the Lord's blessing be upon you all in the coming years!

Homecoming Weekend



We had a lovely evening! Conrad Fisher filled our ears with delightful music and Peachey's Soft Serve filled our bellies with delicious ice cream! Such a fun time together!



After a wet & dreary morning, crisp air and sunshine rushed in to help set the stage for our Homecoming soccer games and outdoor fellowship on Saturday!

Save the Date

› Christmas Concert

December 7,
1:00 PM and 6:30 PM
in the BMS Gymnasium



Congratulations to the 2023 National Honor Society members, Quinn Renno, Ellie Boring, Ava Boring, Julia Baker, Karina Renno, Gracie Civitts, Justine Reehorst and Drew Miriello. Thank you for your consistent display of Christian character, service, leadership and scholarship!

Events Recap



The BMS Class of 1963 enjoyed a brunch reunion and tour of the campus in the morning before joining other friends and alumni for the Fellowship Dinner on Saturday evening.



Our annual Fellowship Dinner was a beautiful time of inspiration as friends of BMS shared a delicious meal, were encouraged by student and alumni testimonies, and gave generously towards the Annual Faith Promise Fund. Recordings and transcripts of the tremendous stories that were shared are available on our website - www.bmsprek12.org/support/faith-fund.cfm. Contributions to the annual fund can be made online as well, or sent to the school office.



Congratulations to Darren & Caryn Peachey, class of 1983 & 1984, and Steven Yoder, class of 2013, who received this year's Alumni Awards! Thank you for your lives of service and discipleship that continue to impact those around you for Christ. To learn more about their stories, visit <https://www.bmsprek12.org/resources/alumni.cfm>.

Several times a month, middle school students are invited to participate in a special time to pray with and for each other. We are so thankful for the gift and privilege of walking alongside students and growing as disciples with them!



"We pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

~ Romans 15:13

Welcome to 2023-24!



Back to School Night



3rd grade students added some sunshine to our parking lot during art class!



Well THAT was FUN!

PreK - 12th grade students took a break from their day to participate in a pep rally for our soccer teams as they wrapped up the regular season.



August 11th was a beautiful day for our annual Golf Tournament at Huntingdon Country Club. More than 25 sponsors supported the efforts of 22 teams who enjoyed a fun round of golf and a variety of fun contests and challenges. We are deeply grateful to all our participants & sponsors who helped us raise more than \$12,000 for continued program development at BMS!



Our 3rd grade class enjoyed a beautiful day with the Mifflin County Farm Bureau at Kish View Farm where they participated in a variety of hands-on activities to learn and experience more about agriculture, livestock, renewable resources, dairy, gardening and the farm industry. Thank you to the many hands who made this special day possible!



Spirit Week

Middle and high school students and teachers shared in a lot of hilarity as they dressed in unique ways for each day of Spirit Week!



Our Junior & Senior classes were honored to participate in United Way of Mifflin-Juniata Day of Caring on September 20th and enjoyed the opportunity to serve by sprucing up the Yeagertown baseball field!



Special thanks to the incredible guys who work hard all summer long to maintain, clean and update our facilities, with a smile on their faces the entire time - thanks Dave & Tim for all you do behind the scenes to keep BMS running smoothly and looking great! Also a special thanks to Kurt Stauffer, **Big Valley Wood Products** for helping us to reach high places, **ETC Homes, LLC** for a refreshing paint job and **Metzler Forest Products, LLC** for a donation of mulch & wood chips to spruce up our outdoor spaces as we wrapped up our summer projects.



Student Accolades

Student of the Month

This award is given each month to a high school student who consistently demonstrates excellence through their integrity, initiative, academic effort and involvement in school and community.



Our High School Student of the Month for October is **Chantal Weaver**, 12th grade. Chantal is not only an accomplished student; she is an extraordinarily kind young lady who displays compassion, empathy and respect toward everyone. Her quiet nature hides a strong sense of purpose and determination. She continues to grow as a leader, and this shows in the classrooms and on the playing field, where she is a fierce competitor and a captain of the girls' soccer team. Congratulations Chantal; you are a blessing to everyone!

The Star Standout Students

BMS acknowledges middle school students who demonstrate excellence in various aspects of life. This program also recognizes students whom teachers see actively growing and improving in differing areas of their academic career. On a monthly basis, students from each grade are nominated and selected by teachers to be honored for the ways in which they reflect Christ and the mission of BMS.



Congratulations to our middle school Standout Star Students for October: (left to right) **Ian Kauffman**, 8th grade; **Martha Pauchnik**, 6th grade; **Abby Yoder**, 7th grade. Thank you for the many ways you demonstrate excellence of character, academic effort, leadership, service and a desire to continue growing!

Elementary Character Counts

The Character Counts program at Belleville Mennonite School recognizes elementary students for outstanding, consistent displays of character in the classroom and throughout the students' daily interactions with others. Thank you, students, for your Christ-like kindness and helpfulness!

Congratulations to our Character Counts award recipients for October: Ethan Reed, Kindergarten; Jalyne Kauffman, 1st grade; Morgan Myers, 2nd grade; Hartley Zook, 3rd grade; Matthew Myers, 4th grade; and Abby Yoder, 5th grade! Thank you for the many ways you show that you care and are kind to others! We pray that you continue to always love others with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other. *Romans 12:10*



Athletics

We love cheering on our Thunder sports teams, but even more special is the opportunity to compete against others who share the same perspective of eternity!



"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

~ 1 Timothy 4:8

Our guys' junior high & varsity basketball players recently had a special evening with a Penn State basketball player. Geisinger's Penn State Name-Image-Likeness (NIL) partner Jameel Brown, an incoming sophomore on the Nittany Lion roster, hosted the team at the Bryce Jordan Center for several hours as he shared inspiration, advice and took the youngsters on a tour of the team locker, work-out and film rooms and the courts.



Senior Recognition

Our senior soccer players were honored during our homecoming weekend. Congratulations and thank you for your leadership on and off the field Olivia, Carianne, Chantal, Colton, Landen, Drew, Evan, Quinn, Seth and manager Matthew!



Math Matters

Senior & Junior soccer players spent time in elementary classrooms engaging with the younger students in various math activities - AND answering lots of questions about their favorite foods, what position they play on the field, their favorite part of the game and how they use math in their jobs! The Math Matters Initiative promotes both academics, athletics and relationship building between elementary and high school students. Each elementary teacher has selected a boy and girl from their class to receive special acknowledgement for their marked improvement or success in mathematics. At homecoming, these students were paired with a high school player for a special presentation between soccer games!



(L-R): Abigail Kramm & Jackson Jurasz, Kindergarten; Ruby Peachey & Wyatt Yoder, 1st grade; Adley Zook & Reid Pauchnik, 2nd grade; Natalie Yoder & Lucas Kramm, 3rd grade; Brooke Yoder & Jonas Weaver (missing from photo), 4th grade; Addie Weaver (missing from photo) & Mason Geissing, 5th grade.



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It's Harvest Time in PreK (and hats make it more special since they star with "H" as well)!



*Autumn
Blessings*



**Continuous enrollment for the 2023-24 School year!
Call today for a tour or additional information!**

A tour of Belleville Mennonite School is a wonderful up-close and personal opportunity that allows prospective families to evaluate if BMS is the right place for their family and children. It features a walkthrough of the elementary and high school/middle school buildings, including a glimpse in the chapel, art room, libraries, gymnasium and cafeteria. If a family has a request to visit a particular classroom, we will make a stop there for you

too. We are always willing to answer questions that a family might have about the education offered here. The tour is not a time for us to pressure families to enroll their children at BMS, but rather to inform families about our educational excellence, Bible-based teaching, Christian teachers and staff and the high ideals that are offered. Tours are approximately 30 minutes in length.