

# Monthly Parent Newsletter

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## Bulletin Board

**March 5:** Progress Reports and Individual Student NECAP Results sent home.

**March 12:** High School Course Selection Meeting, Grade 8 @ BMS, 8:30 a.m.

**March 15: No School,** Professional Development Day — Open House at BHS for incoming 9th graders, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 17:** Mid-winter Band and Chorus Concert w/ grade 6.

**March 23:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**March 26:** Anti-bullying Assembly.

(See "After Deadline", p2.)

## BMS Honors List, 2nd Quarter

### Grade 6 High Honors:

Zachary Bassett, Kylie Cardin, Gretchen Carlson, Ryan Cook, Emily Corio, Samantha DeSalvo, Tyler Kearney

Samantha Mancone, Mikaela Messier

### First Honors:

Raymond Andreozzi, Megan Bart, Edward Beauregard, Kailey Berube, Sarah Blanchard, Alexis Boltrushak,

Andrew Braddock, Jarred Cabral, Elizabeth Cahill, Robert Card, Gregory Carlson, Samuel Chenot,

Kalasia Daigle, Megan Derooy, Zachary Durand, Emma Evans, Shawna Farrell, Sarah Gongoleski,

Taylor Gouin, Robert Grynciewicz, Joseph Haley, Kelsey Hiler, William Hilton, Ian Holcomb, Ja'Briel James,

Aaron Lamberto, Zachariah Lamoureux, Brandon Lapierre, Lauren Lockwood,

Tyler Loynds,

Derek Lussier, Melanie Mararian, Erika Marengo, Nicole Minisce, Jacob Montalbano, Brendan Moriarty,

Kayla O'Connor, Shannon O'Rourke, Chelsea Parkhurst, Zachary Phelan, Michael Rivers, Jamey Rondeau,

Bradley Schionning, Amanda Souza, Riley Tupper, Leah Turner, Kalen Valliere, Sarah Wheeler

### Second Honors:

Boden Fish, Danielle Huguenin, Jacob Jackson, Erica Kacmarcik, Tyler Laliberte, Bryanna McNamara,

Glenn Murphy, Kendall Parkin, Ian Richardson, Kerri Russell, Haley Sullivan, Lindsay Travis,

Megan Voas

### Grade 7 High Honors:

Kathryn Antonello, Tiara Bianco, Sydney Blais, Benjamin Cornell, Kaidy Cornell, Lauren Doherty,

Elizabeth Dumais, Gina Fidrych, Samantha Liberty, Samantha Moriarty, Anna Pacheco, Rebecca Raymond,

Sarah Rogers, Adrienne Satish, Sara Straube, Morgan Tran, Isis Van Putten, Jake Wilson

### First Honors:

Samantha Allen, Misty Baker, Justin Deschamps, Taylor Duquette, Amber Faford, Laura Fidrych,

Makenzie Gagne, Bethany Gervais, Katherine Gould, Brandon Greene, Jenna Harty, Jared Hebert,

Misty Jackson, Catherine Keable, Faith Kingston, Dustin Laney, Alexander Laprade, Antoinette Lariviere,

Douglas Leclerc, Britney Levitre, Kaitlin Levitre, Thomas Libby, Sarah Pearson, Nicholas Pichie,

Jennifer Piette, Samantha Renaud, Jayne Roberts, Michaela Roberts, (Cont., p2)

## BMS News and Notes

**Pennies for Patients**—Mrs. Carol Abruzzi, grade 6 science and Mrs. Louise Boucher, grade 6 social studies, have kicked off this campaign from March 8–March 22, to support the number one fatal disease affecting children and young adults, leukemia. Information will be given to students as to how they can help.

**School Improvement Team Meeting**—to welcome new BMS Principal, Mr. Dennis Kafalas, Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the BMS Media Center. Public welcome to attend.

Kafalas, D., *Principal*

Robidoux, R., *Assistant Principal*

Lamarque, P., *Admin. Sec.*

Dupre, J., *Office Clerk*

Pearson, R., *Guidance Sec.*

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Rhode Island phone number 2-1-1 is now available to RI residents. More information at [www.211ri.org](http://www.211ri.org).

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(Grade 7 Honors Cont.)—Sabrina Sparda, Kate Tolman, Jocelyn Varieur, Jaymee Volante, Savannah Walmsley

## **Second Honors:**

Peyton Cole, Jordan Lariviere, Alexander Lefebvre, Kayla MacNeil, Jessica Moore, Cody Paul, Ruby Perry,

Mysah Phommachanh, Alyssa Rominyk, Taylor Simanski, Shannon Smith,

Sabrina Spaziano, Chad Stone, Jacob Wall

## **Grade 8 High Honors:**

Andrew Carlson, Michael D'Antuono, James Dean, Jr., Victoria Libby, Kathryn Pelletier, Jeremiah Picard,

Taylor Ross, Kamil Strama

## **First Honors:**

Paul Allen, Chelsea Almeida, Cortney Asselin, Todd Boisvert, Emily Cassidy, Marc Connolly, Allison D'Amario,

Derek Dagesse, Colin Droste, Ariana Dusseault, Marissa Fernandez, Tyler Gautreau, Kendra Genereux,

Timothy Geremia, Jr., Lauren Guilbault, Sarina Hammond, Jeremie Harnois, Brendan Hudzynski, Jesse Jacques,

Jacob Lawton, Kendra Loux, Adam Martel, Abigail McDonald, Emma McDonald, Michelle McNeil,

Joelle Minisce, Tyler Nunes, Julie Parker, Colin Powers, Shahaira Pratt, Alexa Taschereau, Amber Taschereau,

Nicholas Wattendorf, Amber Wheeler, Kyle Wilkinson

## **Second Honors:**

Morgan Allen, Hanna Dennett, Madison Edwards, Jared Rondeau, Riley White, Frederick Wright.

## Improving NECAP Scores

*(Note: NECAP scores were sent home with progress reports.)*

Parents can improve results on the New England Common Assessment (NECAP) test by reminding teenagers of some basic strategies in reading and math. For example, the math test involves percentages, decimals, fractions and in grades 7 and 8, some basic Algebra such as substituting a letter for a number (N).

Every day, opportunities to calculate money, determine the percentage of a restaurant tip or an item's sale price, estimate mileage or time, identify different geometric shapes, and recognize patterns, can help. What's important, too, is to understand that inferring information is important on all phases of the test.

Encouraging the reading of informational texts such as newspapers and news magazines is vital to developing inference skills. Asking teenagers to retell or summarize what they've read is helpful. Also, having them stick with passages that are difficult improves comprehension and helps in determining the meaning of words.

Another aspect taken for granted is the writing out of answers in detail. The tests are grounded in one's ability to read and write so writing thorough answers improves scores. Students often think that the evaluators of the test "understand" their responses. Taking the time to explain how the answer was determined—with proof of why it's cor-

rect—is essential and a good habit, overall, to develop.

*(More information is available at [RIDE.gov](http://RIDE.gov) under "assessment" and "support.")*

### **After deadline:**

**March 13th:** William Callahan School Annual Spring Breakfast, BHS cafeteria, 8:00 a.m. –11:00; \$5 adults, \$3 kids.

**March 24th:** Anti-bullying hat day fundraiser @ BMS, \$1.