

# Badgers



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March 2022

Middle School Newsletter

We had a busy month of February at the middle school as we held our second semester student-led conferences, hosted multiple sporting events, and provided many opportunities for students to learn and grow. Thank you to all parents and students who showed up to student-led conferences and made it a success. If you could not make the conferences, please visit with your child and have them show you their online presentation they put together to show their learning so far this semester.

We will also be starting NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) testing in March. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the Science NSCAS on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be delivering the ELA NSCAS March 29- 31 for all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will be delivering the Math NSCAS April 5-7 for all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Hexter 5 started on February 24<sup>th</sup> and will end on April 7. Please take the time to look over grades with your child to help them start Hexter 5 on a positive note. We have the daily homework page updated on our website for parents and students to look at.

Just a reminder we have 11:50am dismissals on March 2 and March 23. March 11 is a no school day for students. Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter as we have a lot of important information included in it each month.

Shawn Hoppes  
Principal

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL BADGER ATHLETICS



## UPCOMING HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR MARCH 2022

\*Tue March 8th: Wrestling vs Blair, Gretna, Tekamah-Herman at 4:15

Coaches: Jeremy Bohaboj and Blaze Glinski

\*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

Track Informational Meeting: Thurs March 17th after school (athletes only)

8th Grade Practice: Begins Thurs March 24th

7th Grade Practice: Begins Fri March 25th

**Coaches:** Emily Powell [epowell@bennps.org](mailto:epowell@bennps.org)

Jacob Wiedeberg [jwiedeberg@bennps.org](mailto:jwiedeberg@bennps.org)

Sports Physical and NSAA form **MUST** be submitted before practice if not already done so.  
(Forms can be found on our website)

Admission Prices: \$3 Adults and \$1 for Students K-12

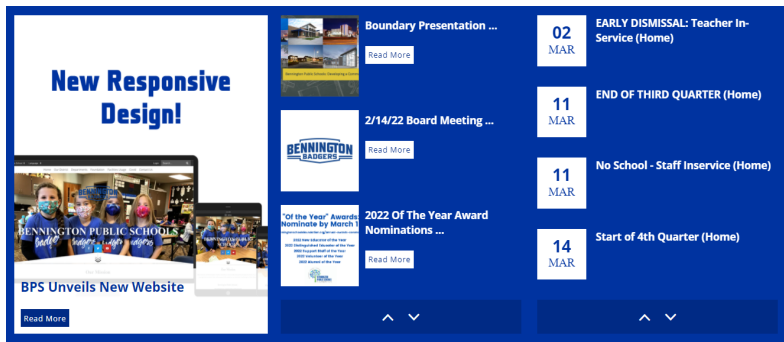
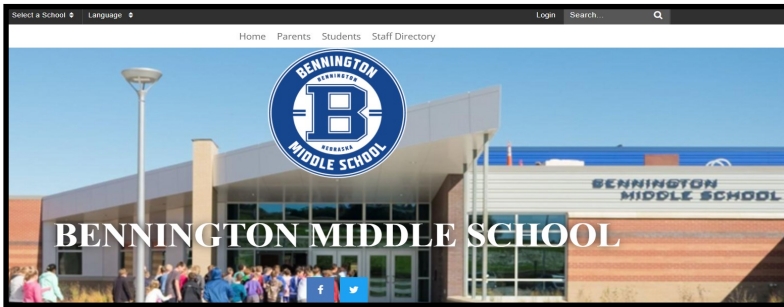
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More enduringly than any other sport, *wrestling* teaches ***self-control and pride***.  
Some have wrestled without great skill-*none have wrestled without pride*

—Dan Gable

Please take a moment and checkout our NEW and Improved BPS Website. We are hoping it's easier to navigate and use. If you have a moment to share your feedback with us, please let us know at [acheek@bennps.org](mailto:acheek@bennps.org) Thanks!



## Study Centers

Each week, Monday-Thursday from 3:15 - 4:00pm our teachers are available to help your student with any missed or unfinished assignments in their core subjects. Locations are announced and posted in the Daily Badger announcements each morning and posted on the school website.

You will find the March 2022 menus posted on the [Nutrition Services](#) webpages on the district website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake, Egg & Cheese Omelet - \$8.50 Lunch Turkey Cheddar Sandwich - \$5.50 Garden of Eatin' Sandwich - \$5.50 Veggie Juice - \$1.50 Fresh Vegetables - \$1.00	<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake, Egg & Cheese Omelet - \$8.50 Lunch Turkey Cheddar Sandwich - \$5.50 Garden of Eatin' Sandwich - \$5.50 Veggie Juice - \$1.50 Fresh Vegetables - \$1.00	<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake, Egg & Cheese Omelet - \$8.50 Lunch Turkey Cheddar Sandwich - \$5.50 Garden of Eatin' Sandwich - \$5.50 Veggie Juice - \$1.50 Fresh Vegetables - \$1.00	<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake, Egg & Cheese Omelet - \$8.50 Lunch Turkey Cheddar Sandwich - \$5.50 Garden of Eatin' Sandwich - \$5.50 Veggie Juice - \$1.50 Fresh Vegetables - \$1.00	<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake, Egg & Cheese Omelet - \$8.50 Lunch Turkey Cheddar Sandwich - \$5.50 Garden of Eatin' Sandwich - \$5.50 Veggie Juice - \$1.50 Fresh Vegetables - \$1.00



## Any new MS student drivers?

If your student is planning on driving to school soon, please have them come to the office prior to driving, as principal Hoppes would like to talk with them first. The office staff also needs to record their vehicle information. Thank you!!!

## Hexter Dates

Hexter 5 : Feb 24 - Apr 7  
 Hexter 6 : Apr 8 - May 24

**Sing Around Nebraska (SAN)  
6th Grade Honor Choir Members**

Hosted In Fremont.  
10 Students were chosen by their director to participate!  
- With the elementary combined, Bennington Public Schools had 40 students participate. There were about 150 students total.

Avery Bos  
Sienna Cordell  
Rihanna Dawo  
Maria Greunke  
Aiden Gufford  
Zoey Hunt  
Sarah Junker  
Favor Mosso  
Cadence Sindelar  
Elizabeth Vogt

**Singing Youth Of Nebraska (SYON)  
7th & 8th Grade Honor Choir Members**

Hosted in North Platte. (Next year, it will be in Kearney.)  
Each participating school could select up to 12 students to audition. We had 9/12 students earn a spot in this Honor Choir of about 100 students across the state of Nebraska!

Katherine Sukraw  
Lexie Grimes  
McKinley Clark  
Deseret Coles  
Liam Doan  
Gabi Nocita  
Elise Roth  
Melissa Spangler  
Addison Yates

# Middle School Choir Notes



## UPCOMING CONCERTS:

### Choir 8

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joint Concert with Bennington HS Choirs at 7:00pm

(takes place in the BHS Auditorium)

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Bennington Middle School Concert @ 8:00pm

### Choir 7

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Bennington Middle School Concert @ 7:15pm

### Choir 6

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Joint Concert with Bennington Elementary Choirs @ 6:30pm

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Bennington Middle School Concert @ 6:30pm

# Bennington Middle School PTO

Email us at [benningtonmspto@gmail.com](mailto:benningtonmspto@gmail.com) with questions or to get involved!

**Find us on Facebook: Bennington Middle School PTO**

## SAVE THE DATES:

- Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25 BMS PTO Meetings via Zoom!
- Mar 2, 7, 18, 22, 31 BMS Staff Appreciation MONTH!
- Mar 2 & 23 (Wed) Early Dismissals @ 11:50am
- Mar 3 Academic Achievement Celebration!
- Mar 11 NO SCHOOL, In-Service!
- Mar 13 Middle School March Madness begins!
- Mar 15 Dine out night at Bennington Runza to benefit BMS PTO, 5-8pm!

**BMS PTO is "Turning on the Appreciation" to recognize and celebrate our BMS Cast & Crew for Staff Appreciation Month!**

BMS PTO has a great month of programming planned! Instead of binging all week, we'll channel surf a bit and flip through the TV guide to locate some shows, old and new, that can help us to celebrate our BMS cast and crew....who always achieve high ratings from their faithful fans! Stay tuned each week to see what each show + episode is all about. From meals to coffee to treats and surprises galore, we can't wait to TURN ON THE APPRECIATION! Please stay tuned to our Facebook page where we'll post the highlight reel!

The 2021-2022 PTO officers:  
Co-Presidents - Kim Rohe & Janene Huntley  
Vice President - Megan Detjens  
Secretary/Treasurer - Amy Donner  
Communications/Outreach - Open



## BMS PTO IS "TURNING ON" THE APPRECIATION!

MARCH IS BMS STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH!

**2 Guys, a Girl, and a Pizza Place**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

**Friends**  
MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

**Golden Girls**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

**Jeopardy!**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

**Super Store**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST

JOIN US EACH WEEK IN MARCH AS WE "CHANGE THE CHANNEL" AND ENJOY NEW "PRIME TIME SHOWS" OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR BMS "CAST AND CREW!"

## March 3rd BMS PTO will Co-Sponsor the Academic Achievement Celebration!

BMS PTO is excited to partner with administration to help sponsor an academic achievement celebration this Thursday, March 3rd. We will need a handful of volunteers to help serve and keep lines moving as there will be approximately 450 students being served between 11:15am-1:30pm. If you are available to volunteer for all or a portion of the time, please email [benningtonmspto@gmail.com](mailto:benningtonmspto@gmail.com) or message us here!

- We will need help from 10:30-2:15:
- 10:30 - 11:15am set up + drink prep
  - 11:15 - 12:30pm 6th grade serve + drink prep for next round
  - 12:30 - 1:15pm 8th grade serve + drink prep for next round
  - 1:15pm - 2:15pm 7th grade serve + tear down/cleanup



Thanks for considering! We know the students will be surprised and excited to get such a fun treat + break in the school day!



**COMING SOON! MARCH [Middle School] MADNESS!**

Tell your students to be on the lookout for a bracket form posted in mid-March! BMS students and staff will compete (entry is free and optional for everyone!) to crown the ultimate bracket master! BMS PTO will keep an electronic tally of all bracket entries and award prizes after each round of play. As the games get more intense and exciting, so will the prizes! Stay tuned for all the MARCH [Middle School] MADNESS action!

**DINE OUT @ Bennington Runza on March 15th, 5-8pm!**

Please make plans to visit Runza @ 15757 C W Hadan Dr., Bennington on Tuesday, Mar 15th, from 5-8pm. Phone number: 402-991-7118. Say you are visiting to support Bennington Middle School PTO and a percentage of your sale will benefit our PTO and the programs and events we support. Thanks in advance for ditching the dishes to support BMS PTO!



**February 11th TGIF BMS Student Event a LOVEly Success!**

It's fitting that this event landed on National Make a Friend Day! 😊 BMS PTO's TGIF Love-Fest Events were a BLAST! Thanks to all of the students who came out plus the staff members and volunteers who helped out during the 6th and 7th/8th events! We hope everyone who attended was "feeling the love" from their friends, their classmates, and their school and that they enjoyed the games, crafts, photo opps, music, concessions and prizes!





**THANK YOU to all who contributed to the February 15th Staff Meal at Parent/Teacher Conferences!**

With your help, BMS PTO was happy to provide dinner for the first evening of conferences for our hard working teachers and staff who are absolutely SOUPERb! 🍲👨🍳

We hope they enjoyed their soup buffet, savory bagels, chips, desserts, and drinks! Thanks to all who donated money or items to help us show our BMS crew how SOUPER we think they are.....Goo Middle Badgers!

**BMS Celebrated Tuesday, 2/22/22!**

BMS PTO was excited to celebrate Two's Day Tuesday! What a fun, quirky day! 🤪 BMS PTO provided a little treat to commemorate this day filled with so many 2's! Each BMS student received 2 "Two"tsie Pop Suckers and each staff received "Double"mint Gum!



**BMS PTO Looking to Fill Officer Positions for Existing and New Middle School for 2022/23 School Year!**

BMS PTO is looking for a few good people to join the officer team! While the new officers won't start until July 1, we are getting the ball rolling now to allow for more transition time for new officers + we have a large slate to fill with the new middle school also needing PTO leadership positions filled.

Available positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary and Outreach Coordinator/Hospitality. Terms are for 2 years, but a person can be elected for multiple terms.

To ask questions and/or be considered, please send us a short bio and let us know which position or positions you are interested in as well as the school (BMS existing or BMS new). You can reach us anytime at [benningtonmspto@gmail.com](mailto:benningtonmspto@gmail.com) with questions, comments, nominations, etc.



## HEXTER 4 AR GOAL-GETTERS!

Congratulations to the 600 6/7/8 students who reached their Hexter 4 AR goals! BMS PTO just received confirmation and is excited to provide each goal-getter with a little sweet treat to recognize their efforts! Coming soon!

## Join the PTO today by going to the district website through your MySchoolBucks account.

What does the PTO do?



- Plans activities and events for students + staff!
- Provides rewards for students for reading and other achievement goals!
- Coordinates meals for the staff during conferences and hosts Staff Appreciation Week!
- Manages the concession stand for home athletic events - see opportunities to volunteer for the coming sports season!
- Helps to stock prizes in the Badger Cart!
- Supports the students and staff of BMS in a variety of other ways as requested by administration!

**\*TAGG(Together A Greater Good) – BMS PTO is on TAGG! When you use the TAGG app at participating businesses, they will donate a % to Bennington Middle School PTO! Please download the TAGG app and support your PTO today!**



**Hy-Vee is on TAGG!** More specifically, all 17 stores in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont and Plattsmouth will happily donate 1% of your purchases to the local school, nonprofit or organization of your choice when you scan a picture of your **whole receipt** on the free Together A Greater Good (TAGG) mobile app. Exclusions include gift cards, postage, pharmacy, money orders, prepaid debit cards, lottery and money transfers.



**\*Box Tops For Education –** The Box Tops program has undergone some changes. There is now an app you can use to scan your receipts and record qualifying product purchases. Click <https://www.boxtops4education.com> to find out more information about the updated program. This money goes to the school's activity account to be used for student and staff needs.



2022 - 2023 School Year

# HS Dance Team

**BHSDT TRYOUTS!**



*Mark your calendars!*

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING AT BENNINGTON ELEMENTARY  
MARCH 8TH AT 5 PM

MARCH 29TH- APRIL 1ST: TRYOUT CLINICS 6:30-7:30 AM AT BHS  
TRYOUTS:FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST 4-8 PM AT BHS

IF YOU PLAN ON TRYING OUT FOR THE 2022-2023 TEAM,  
FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM IN OUR BIO!

# HS Cheer Squad



## JOIN OUR SQUAD!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR THE BHS VARSITY CHEER TEAM, USE THIS CODE TO JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM TRYOUT PAGE:

**Unf2wpk**

YOU MUST USE YOUR BENNINGTON SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS TO JOIN.



**Bennington High School**  
**Vocal Music Department presents**



DREAMWORKS  
PRESENTS

# SHREK

## THE MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and  
the book by William Steig

**Friday, March 18 7 PM**

**Saturday, March 19 7 PM**

**Sunday, March 20 1 PM**

**Sunday, March 20 6 PM**

Tickets at [Bhsmusical.weebly.com](http://Bhsmusical.weebly.com)

### SHREK THE MUSICAL

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Theater International (MTI). All authorized performance  
materials are supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)



# New Educator, Distinguished Educator, Support Staff, Volunteer, & Alumni of the Year Nomination Form

**ATTENTION: Students, Parents, Teachers, Alumni & Community Members**

You can nominate on-line at [www.benningtonschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.benningtonschoolsfoundation.org)

We need your nominations for selecting the following individuals to receive these awards at The Foundation's 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony on April 24, 2022. Please use this form to nominate individuals for the following awards and **return by March 1, 2022.**

Click [HERE](#) for Nomination forms

## NEW EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A past or present teacher or administrator who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools and taught in the Bennington school district for 5 years or less)

Comments in Support of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A past or present teacher or administrator who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools and taught in the Bennington school district for 6 years or more)

Comments in Support of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A past or present support staff, non-certificated person who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools)

Comments in Support of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (May be a parent or community member or someone who has made a significant and positive contribution to the Bennington Public Schools)

Comments in Support of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A graduate of Bennington High School who has made a significant and positive contribution in their community, profession, or life's work, therefore serving as a model to future Bennington alumni).

Comments in Support of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Comments can be continued on back of page)

Your name and phone number are optional Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Please return by **March 1, 2022**

To: Bennington Public Schools Foundation  
 P.O. Box 309  
 Bennington, NE 68007

You may also scan and send to Foundation Executive Director Regina Meradith at [bpsf.oftheyearawards@bennps.org](mailto:bpsf.oftheyearawards@bennps.org)



**SHOW SOME LOVE**  
**GAME DRIVE**  
**FOR**  
**TEAMMATES<sup>SM</sup>**  
**MENTORING**  
*of BENNINGTON*

TeamMates of Bennington is GROWING. With the addition of two new schools, we are excited to add TWO new BPS TeamMates locations. We provide games, crafts and other activities for our Mentor/Mentee match meetings.

While you are Spring cleaning and decluttering, we would LOVE to take these gently used items off your hands to help build up our supply for the two new school locations.

\*Please no games/puzzles with broken or missing pieces.

Donations can be dropped off at any BPS school office or District Office, during the month of March.  
QUESTIONS? contact Megan at [mdejtens@bennps.org](mailto:mdejtens@bennps.org)



# TEAMMATES

MENTORING  
of BENNINGTON

## *ice cream* SOCIAL

**Please join us for an ice cream and game night.**

**When: Wednesday,  
April 13th from 6:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Bennington  
Middle School commons**

**Visit with your Match and  
meet the TeamMates of  
Bennington Board of  
Directors.**

**Parents are WELCOME to attend this event.**





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# Badgers in the Middle

March 2022

Middle School Newsletter

*What's Happening this month...*

PTO meeting via ZOOM	Feb 28
Nomination FORMS for the BPS Foundation are due	March 1st
<b>Early Dismissal Day</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>
22-23 HS Dance Team Parent Meeting	Mar 8
22-23 HS Cheer Parent Meeting	Mar 9
<b>No School / Teacher In-Service day</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>
MS PTO March Madness begins	Mar 13
PTO Family Dine Out night at Runza (in Bennington)	Mar 15
<b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>
Shrek the Musical at BHS	Mar 18, 19 & 20
NSCAS testing - Science (8th grade only)	Mar 23
<b>Early Dismissal Day</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>
PTO meeting via ZOOM	Mar 28
NSCAS test - Language Arts (all grade levels)	Mar 29-31