

Welcome to Bala Cynwyd Middle School



Bala Cynwyd Middle School!



MR. JASON POTTEN, PRINCIPAL
MRS. GAIL BROWN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MR. JEFF HUNTER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

OFFICE STAFF:

MRS. KAREN LEAHY
MRS. RUTH NOVAK
MRS. SUE SHANNON
MRS. MICHELE WILSON



SAFETY



- Visitor security checks upon entering the school
- Continuous communication with District Safety Coordinator
- Drills: Fire, Severe Weather, Lockdown, Evacuation
- Phone calls for students who are absent from school
- Cyber bullying program in computers
- RALLY (Olweus Bully Prevention) Program

Campus Aide – Mr. Bogie Stone

SCHOOL COUNSELING



Personal/Social, Academic, Career Awareness

Dr. Stuart Shore

➤ 6th Grade Counselor

Mrs. Tasha Gesacion

➤ 7th Grade Counselor

Mrs. Diana Zuroski

➤ 8th Grade Counselor

Mrs. Anne Miller

➤ School Counseling Secretary



School Counseling Office Phone Number: 610-645-1488

CLINICAL STAFF



Additional supports that may be provided to students and families with specific needs.

Ms. Sylvia Illuzzi – School Nurse

Mrs. Natasha Denis – School Social Worker

Ms. Stephanie Brett – Mental Health Counselor

Dr. Craig Cosden – School Psychologist

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

➤ Teamed Classes

- Language Arts (Reading and Writing)
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Technology Education /Art
- Advisory/Academic Recovery
- Learning Support

➤ Non-Teamed Classes

- Computers
- 6th: Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES)
- 7th/8th: Foreign Language or Reading
- Music
- Physical Education
- Challenge Program

DAILY SCHEDULE



➤ Exp	Course Name	Teacher	Room
➤ 1(A-F)	6 Language Arts Writing	Martin, Craig	312
➤ 2(A-F)	6 Social Studies	Matkov, Stephanie	311
➤ 3(A-F)	6 Computers	Acerba, Michael	302
➤ 4(A-F)	6 Lunch	Brown, Gail	CAF
➤ 5(A,D)	6 French	Liez, Ferne	220
➤ 5(B,E)	6 Phys Ed	Demko, Betty	119
➤ 5(C)	6 Band/Chorus	Neff, Jenny	127
➤ 5(F)	6 Chorus/Band	Elias, Robert	108
➤ 6(A-F)	6 Science	Martin, Craig	312
➤ 7(B,D,F)	6 Advisory/AR	Martin, Craig	312
➤ 8(A-F)	6 Pre Algebra	Boyle, Brendan	310
➤ 9(A-F)	6 Language Arts	Boyle, Brendan	310

Homework Expectations



Establish a homework routine:

- **Find a specific location, away from distractions and near adult support**
 - **Check assignment book or eboards for homework assignments (projects, tests, etc.)**
 - **Approximate Homework Time per subject**
 - 15-20 minutes (6th grade)
 - 20-25 minutes (7th grade)
 - 25-30 minutes (8th grade)
- **Encourage student to seek assistance from teacher if struggling with homework**

ADVISORY / ACADEMIC RECOVERY



- Each student at Bala Cynwyd is assigned an advisor for each school year.
- Students are grouped into advisories with an estimated 12-16 students with one teacher.
- Students meet in Advisory once in a 6 day cycle throughout the year.
- RALLY addressed through the Advisory period.
- Academic Recovery allows students time to meet with teachers for additional support twice in a 6 day cycle.

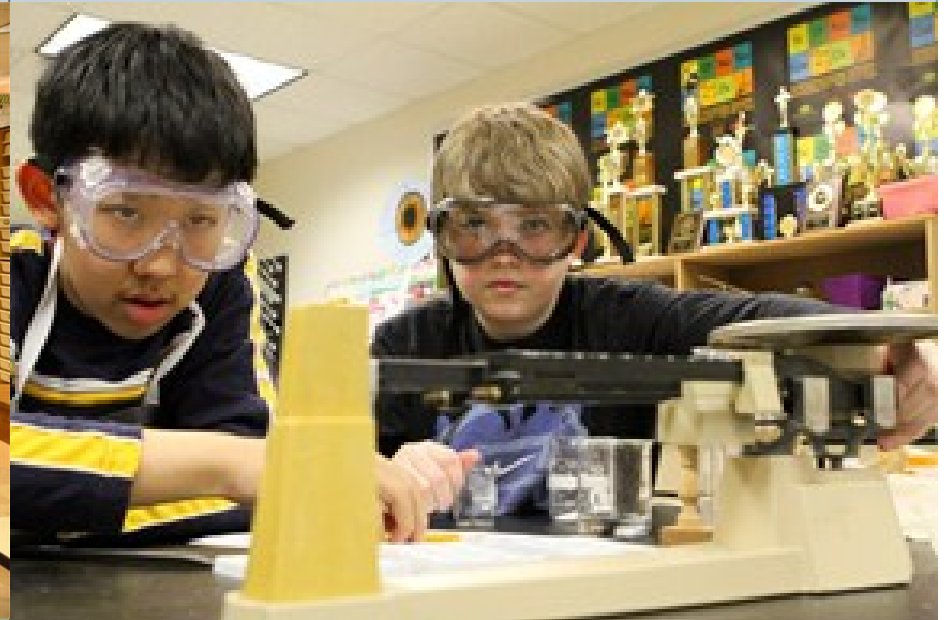
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES



- **Learning Support Programs**
 - Itinerant
 - Supplemental
- **Autistic Support**
- **Speech and Language Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Itinerant Emotional Support**

ACTIVITIES

- Intramurals
- Art Club
- Community Service
- Fall Play
- Winter Musical
- Stage Crew
- Homework Club
- Music Ensembles
- Science Olympiad
- **Technology Student Association**
- Math Counts
- Student Government
- Yearbook
- Newspaper
- School Dances



LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER



Ms. Kelly Anne McDermott, Librarian
Mrs. Diane, Gagliardi, Library Assistant

Hours and Availability

Library Information Center: Opens daily at 7:30 AM
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Open until 4:25 PM for
Homework Club

Students are welcome and encouraged to use the library:

- **Before school**
- **Anytime during the day with a signed pass from their teacher**
- **During lunch with a lunch pass from the librarian or library assistant**
- **After school**

LATE BUS

- 4:30 p.m. Late Bus
- 5:30 p.m. Late Bus
- Bus runs are located in the hallway on the main floor
- Students are permitted to take a late bus home if they are staying after school for a supervised activity.



COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY

Website:

- Daily Announcements
- Email and Phone
- Eboard
- Parent Portal
- Guide to Bala Cynwyd
- Program Guide
- HSA Knightly News
- Monthly Calendar
- Activities Bulletin

Mailings

- Schedules will be mailed out to students at the end of August

Parent Conferences

Team Meetings

HSA Meetings

Computer Availability

- Laptops available before school, during school, and during homework club
- Printers are available for student use

ATTENDANCE



- Attendance Hotline: 610-645-1400
- Automated Phone Call
- Excused vs. Unlawful
 - Written note with signature explaining reason for absence
 - 3 or more days requires a doctor's note
 - Doctor's note required beyond 10 cumulative excused absences
- Educational Trip Form
- Late Arrival

HSA



Home and School Association
Beth Dowdall and Fran Shapiro, President

8th Grade Coordinators: Melissa Martin, Anne Schmid

7th Grade Coordinators: Jennifer Heller, Nataly Weisman

6th Grade Coordinators: Robin Vann Lynch, Donna Coll

Susan Riesenbach, Secretary
Marina Hernandez, Treasurer

***New Parent Meeting with HSA October 7th 7:00 pm in BCMS
Library***

DATES TO RECORD



- **September 2nd: First Day of School**
- **September 17th: Parent Meeting on how to access eboards and Powerschool 6pm**
- **September 17th: Open House 7pm**
- **September 16th: Picture Day**
- **October 7th: HSA New Parent Meeting 7pm**
- **October 9th and 16th: Parent Conferences****

Please note: Contact Anne Miller if you would like to set up a Parent Conference at 610-645-1488.

QUESTIONS



Please do not hesitate to contact us:

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610-645-1480