

As we end our first semester next Wednesday, I urge you to sit down one last time this weekend and look at PowerSchool to ensure that your Bronco has turned-in all of their assignments and has taken all their tests. Grades will be finalized on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and report cards will be sent home on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. Upcoming Week – We have a busy final week of first semester with CMS Benchmark Testing on Tuesday and Wednesday, No school for a teacher workday on Thursday, and our school musical "Matilda" on Thursday and Saturday. Tickets for Matilda can be purchased using the link on the flyer below.

2. Backpacks – I understand that some parents have concerns about the weight of the backpacks that students are carrying, especially if you have a smaller student. I have created a list of the basic things that each student should be carrying and a list of extras that many are carrying which increases the weight. These two lists may help with conversations when cleaning out backpacks with what they need daily and what can stay at home until it's needed. Please know that we have done backpack audits and clean-outs, but

students need to do this weekly at home as well. If your child has documented medical issues, you can contact the school nurse to arrange for your student to utilize a rolling backpack. Please note that high schools do not use lockers so helping your student to get organized and only carry what they need will help them now and in the future. Finally, I realize that kids like to have the popular backpacks and although these may be great looking and durable, they do add extra weight with metal spines, thicker fabric, heavier zippers, and extra pockets to hold more unnecessary items. The lists below are not 100% as each grade is a little different but will give you an idea of what is necessary to carry and what is a choice.

• Items needed daily: Chromebook, charger, Math workbook (current unit only), single subject spiral notebook per class (replace with new one each quarter), a few pencils and pens, 1 glue stick, colored pencil set, 2-3 highlighters, a few notecards, and small scissors.

\*Please note that we do have a few special classes that require larger notebooks, art supplies, or folders.

• Items not required that add weight: large metal water bottle, lunchbox with thermos and/or metal/glass bento box, large amounts of extra supplies (pencils, pens, markers, etc), personal grooming supplies, body spray, old math workbooks, single subject notebooks from prior quarters (leave at home), and old papers, food, and clothing.

3. Final Call for Families to participate in our annual International Festival-Our annual International Festival is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We currently have 18 countries signed up and are still looking for a few more. International Festival consists of families from our school community showcasing their native country's culture to celebrate our diversity and to share some of the traditions and food that makes each country different. If you are interested in hosting a booth for your native country or a country you have called home for a period of time, please complete the Google form from the flyer below and someone from the organizing committee will contact you with more information.

4. Schedule Changes – Next Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> marks the start of Quarter 3 and Second Semester. Students will change to their new elective classes that day unless they are in a yearlong elective (Band, Orchestra, HS Spanish). In addition, we will rotate our blocks again with the new order being Green, Blue, Red, and Yellow (have your Bronco explain).

5. Leader In Me Lighthouse Renewal Certification – Bailey has been a Leader In Me Lighthouse School since 2020 and we are up for renewal this year. On, Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have about 100 educators from the National Leader in Me Symposium in Charlotte visit Bailey, as well as a representative from Franklin-Covey to evaluate us for recertification. This will be a very busy day, but also exciting for our students and staff to showcase many of the great things we do at Bailey. As part of this renewal, we will need a small group of about 8 parents to sit on panel and answer some questions for about 30 minutes from 1:30-2:00 pm. If you can speak to how our 7 Habits have helped your student be more organized, proactive, and successful and are willing to serve on this panel, then please email me @ chad.thomas@cms.k12.nc.us. Thanks in advance!

Create a Great Weekend,

Chad Thomas Principal



International Festival Sign Up Form



Start Shopping



#### **High School Registration Timeline**

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

- January 29th, 30th, 31st & February 5th
   Mr. DeRiso will be in science classes to do an initial high school registration lesson.
- February 20th & 22nd
  - o Bailey students will walk to Hough for tours.
  - o Permission slips go home January 26th.
  - o Permission slips due back to Red Block on February 16th.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Hough Auditorium
   O Rising 9th Grade Parent Registration Program.
- February 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

   Virtual Registration Q&A Town Hall via Microsoft Teams.
- March 5th & 6th
  - Mr. DeRiso and other school counselors will be in Social Studies classes to register student classes in PowerSchool to finish HS registration.
- March 18th & 19th
  - Hough counselors will be at Bailey to meet one-on-one with their caseload (kids will be assigned a day and time to come to media center to meet with their counselor).





#### GIRLS SOCCER OPTIONAL WORKOUTS Bailey Middle School Gym

**FEBRUARY 13TH & 15TH** 

All paperwork must be completed and submitted in Dragonfly to participate.

Tryouts will be held Feb 20-22

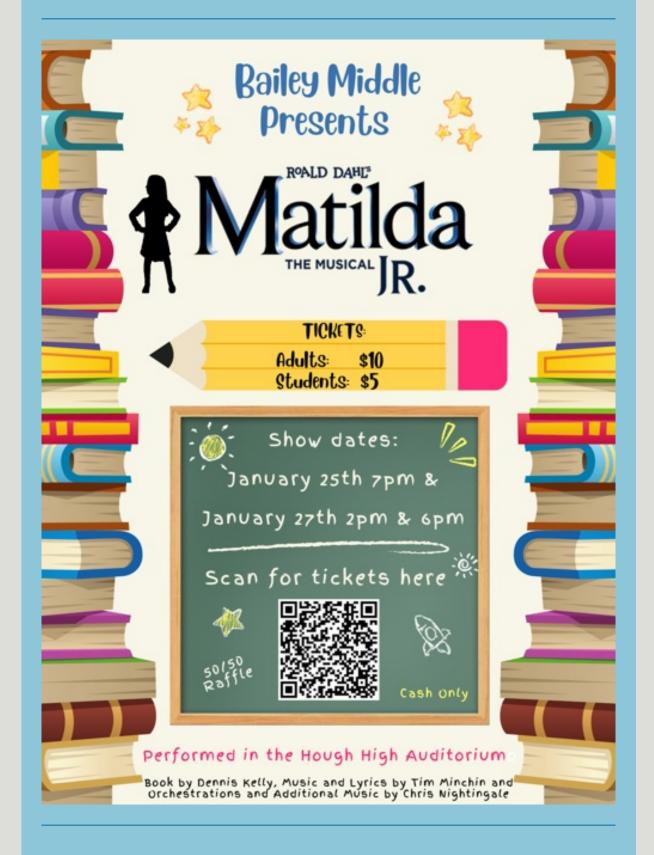
### FBLA Community Service "Double Blessings"

Canned good for "Angels & Sparrows" Serving our Huntersville Needy. Cleaning Supplies for "Regional Housing Partnerships" Serving 8 counties in NC

Help our local needy even after the holiday drives end. Tuesday January 16 to Wednesday January 24, 2024. Bring to your homeroom or drop in the front office for "Dr. Lester-FBLA Club." Be sure to tell us which homeroom to credit. Donuts to the homeroom with the most canned goods donations AND to the homeroom with the most cleaning supplies donations on each grade level.







# COMMUNITY SUPP RT TASTES GREAT



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING Bailey Middle Performing Arts

### Monday, January 22 5pm-9pm

DINE-IN or DRIVE THRU. Tell our Team Member you're supporting the organization when you place your order. A portion of your order will be donated. To support with an ONLINE ORDER (order.eatPDQ.com), please use code "SFE" at checkout.



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- Any student (6th, 7th or 8th grade) may participate
- Participants must have Green or Blue signature sheets
- Students must register online and space is limited!
- Registration is \$30 per student
   REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 19TH <u>HTTPS://BAILEYATHLETICS.BOOSTERHUB.COM</u>



# **Athletic Fundraiser**

BOOSTERBUCKS SET EVERYONE UP FOR SUCCESS

## Why are we raising money?

CMS does not fund middle school sports, therefore our athletic booster club has to raise money to help support our athletic programs at Bailey Middle School. The participation fee for your child to participate in sports supports coaching staff, but does not cover other expenses.

#### Every contribution helps to provide:

- New uniforms
- Safety equipment
- Travel expenses
- Use of our football and baseball/softball fields (did you know we have to pay the town of Cornelius \$1500 a year to use these fields?)
- Field maintenance
- Gymnasium upgrades
- Essential sports equipment
- Support items (storage lockers, ice machine, washer/dryer)
- Player Awards/Team banquets







## app.boosterhub.com/fundraising/18/main

#### SPRING SPORTS 2024

#### Baseball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Girls Track, Boys Track

**Sign Ups**: Registration for 2023-24 will be on the registration tab at the Bailey Athletic website (DragonFly). This is where families will register for sports for the 2023-2024 school year. Please make sure that each category is filled out completely. A student will not be able to try out unless all information is complete.

<u>Paperwork that Needs to Be Submitted to Mr. Riehl</u>: All forms will be submitted via the DragonFly website. This includes the <u>2 page</u> health screening forms signed by a Dr. You will not submit any hard copies of forms to Mr. Riehl. Registration should be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Try Outs</u>: Try outs will be a minimum of 2 days and are after school. Baseball and Soccer will begin on Tuesday, February 20th. Track will begin on Monday, February 26th. Pick up will be at 6:15 each day. Baseball will be at Bailey Road Park.

<u>What to Bring to Try Outs</u>: T shirt with your last name on the front or back, sneakers or cleats, and equipment for each sport can be dropped off in the gym each morning.

<u>Questions:</u> If you have any questions, please email Don Riehl at don.riehl@cms.k12.nc.us.

# Volunteers Needed!

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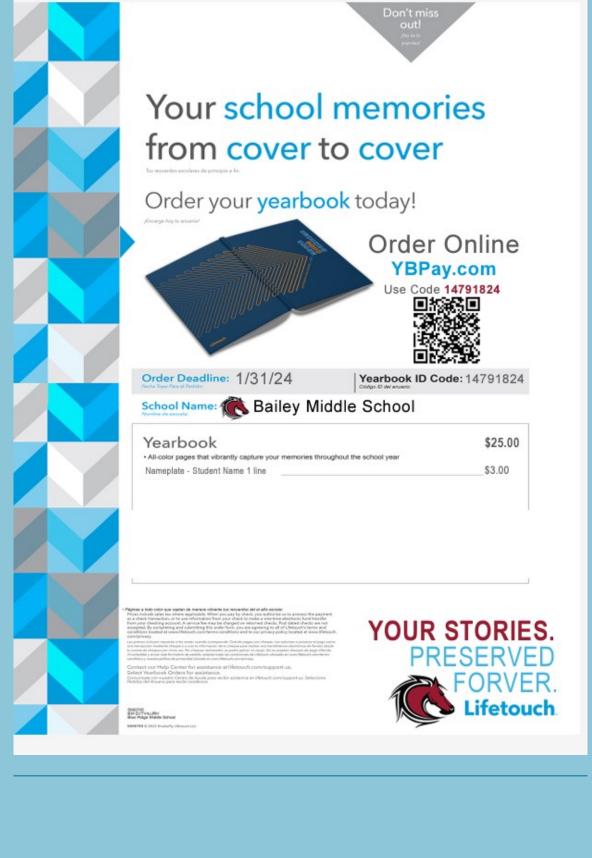


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# Donation Needed

OUR HEALTH ROOM IS IN NEED OF BOTTLED WATER FOR OUR STUDENTS.



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