**BMS Newsletter**

**October 2014**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you find this document both informational and helpful. Please visit our Middle School website to access the Newsletter online. As always, contact our office if we can be of further assistance!

**Online Registration**

There are a large number of parents/guardians who have yet to complete the online registration process. Please visit [www.blissfieldschools.us](http://www.blissfieldschools.us) and click on “Online Resources” to access Home Access Center. It is extremely important that parents/guardians complete the registration as we head into the fog and inclimate weather season. There are a handful of parents/guardians who still need to sign and return the student registration checklist.

Home Access Center (HAC) codes were mailed home prior to the start of the school year. However, if parents/guardians need their code again, or do not have online access, please contact our office as we can make arrangements for use of school computers.

**Mr. Rupp’s Remind Account**

Remind is an online text messaging communication tool. Mr. Rupp will periodically communicate school updates via Remind. Sign up is simple and phone numbers are completely anonymous. To enroll:

Send the class code text:   **@blissfi**  to  **(318) 450-6977**

If you have already signed up, please help spread the word and encourage others to join!

**Volunteers!**

Blissfield Community Schools encourages parents to partner with our teachers and staff to strengthen the students’ learning opportunities. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jolene Witt in our office for an application. Potential volunteers must be pre-screened with a short background check in order to ensure student safety.

**AdvancEd Site Visit**

Blissfield Community Schools is seeking re-accreditation through AdvancEd. Part of this process is to host a review team who will visit the district November 16-19, 2014. We are currently making preparations for their upcoming visit through the school improvement process. 5 years ago when we completed this process, Blissfield was one of 32 districts in the state who achieved District Accreditation (which is now called System Accreditation).

**2013-2014 Yearbooks**

Yearbooks will be distributed in early October. If parents wish to purchase a yearbook but did not pre-order, please contact our office.

**Wednesday, October 1**

Student Count Day: should a student need to be absent, it is important for audit purposes that parents/guardians call the attendance line at extension 200, or provide a written note to the office upon the student’s return.

**Monday, October 6**

BMS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 PM

**Wednesday, October 8**

National Walk and Roll to School Day! Information has been sent home regarding walking bus stops. Please contact the middle school office if you would like additional information.

**Friday, October 10**

1st Marking Period Progress Reports will be available *online* for parents to view via Home Access Center (HAC) by logging in with your previously provided user name and password.

**Friday, October 17**

School Picture Re-Takes

**Monday, October 20**

Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM at the BHS Media Center

**Friday, October 31**

End of 1st Marking Period

**Thursday, November 13**

Parent Teacher Conferences, 8:00-11:00 AM, 12:30-3:30 PM, 5:00-8:00 PM - 8th Grade Camp deposits due