



# ***Dumbarton Middle***

## 2nd quarter Newsletter

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Second quarter is in full swing! We hope you are checking your student's grades today as we have hit the interim point of the marking period. We have had some fantastic events so far this year, including our first ever Roar Rally, our first Pie Run and a successful fall sports season. Students are participating in a number of clubs and organizations. Here are some reminders for the upcoming weeks:

December 8 (6pm- 8 pm): Winter dance (students must have purchased a ticket)

December 22: Asynchronous (virtual) 1/2 day- see below for more information)

December 25-January 1: Winter break, no school

January 2: Schools re-open

January 10: 8th grade concert in the evening (7 pm)

January 15: No school (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

January 17: 7th grade concert in the evening (7 pm)

January 19: Second quarter ends, 1/2 day ROAR RALLY

January 24: AVID parent information meeting (5:30 pm) and 6th grade winter concert (7 pm)

A few reminders for parents:

-Please attempt to avoid early dismissals after 2:30 as we have buses pulling in and are preparing dismissal procedures.

-Students are not permitted to order/eat fast food/ restaurant food in the cafeteria at lunch.

## ***December 22***

BCPS has announced that December 22 is an asynchronous 1/2 day of learning.

**Students will WORK FROM HOME** by logging onto their computer to check their A day class folders and complete practice activities assigned for that day. No live instruction will occur on this date.

If you anticipate your child being unable to log into their computer that day, please let their 1A teacher know and they will mark them absent.



COME OUT &  
SEE YOUR DMS  
HONORS  
CHORUS SING  
WHEN SANTA  
ARRIVES!

# BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**12.8.2023 | 6:00-7:30 PM**

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FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS,  
THE GRINCH, FROSTY, OLAF & SANTA'S HELPERS  
INFLATABLE DECORATIONS & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
CHRISTMAS COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE

## ***Registration Information and process- coming soon!***

On Friday, December 15, current 6th and 7th grade students will have the opportunity to request limited electives for the 2024-25 school year. Depending on their current schedule, students will have the opportunity to select up to two of the following courses:

- Art
- Chorus
- General Music
- Project Lead The Way (Tech Ed)
- Dance (current 7th Grade students only)

Students currently taking an instrumental Music course have already been enrolled in next year's version of that class. Additional information will be sent home via email on 12/15 about how you can review your child's requests and the process for requesting additional changes.

## ***The Book Fair is coming! December 11-15***

### **School Book Fair.pdf**

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564.0 KB

## ***Winter Break food distribution***

See the flyer below for information about our fresh food and dry goods distribution - come see us on December 18 from 2-6 pm or make an appointment with your child's counselor or our social worker, Ms. Sillars!

### **Stock your pantry for winter break 2.docx**

We are excited to begin our winter basketball season at Dumbarton Middle this year. This season we will be hosting six **home basketball games** (1/9, 1/16, 1/18, 1/23, 1/30 and 2/1). Home basketball games tickets will be exclusively sold online one week prior to each competition date on Dumbarton's hometown ticketing website.

#### Spectator Rules for DMS Basketball Games

1. **No Bookbags** are permitted in entrance of the game.
1. **All students must be under the supervision of a legal guardian.**
1. **No food or drink is permitted in the gym.**
1. **Please exit the gym immediately after the basketball game if you choose not to stay for the second game.**

*(This is so family spectators of the second game can filter in the gym.)*

[Scan below to purchase tickets.](#)



### Basketball Home Game Schedule



#### January 9<sup>th</sup> vs. Parkville

Girls 4pm  
Boys 5pm

#### January 16<sup>th</sup> vs. Holabird

Girls 4pm  
Boys 5pm

#### January 18<sup>th</sup> vs. Deep Creek

Boys 4pm  
Girls 5pm

#### January 23<sup>rd</sup> vs. Dundalk

Girls 4pm  
Boys 5pm

#### January 30<sup>th</sup> vs. Stemmers Run

Girls 4pm  
Boys 5pm

#### February 1<sup>st</sup> vs. Middle River

Boys 4pm  
Girls 5pm

#### NJHS: Parent Newsletter Info:

We're excited to share that our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is hosting a Food Drive to make a positive impact on our community this holiday season. All donations will be donated to the Maryland food bank. Here's how you can participate:

Virtual Food Drive:

- Duration: Now until December 14th
- How: Visit our [Virtual Food Drive](#) to make online contributions. Your support will directly benefit local food banks and families in need.

In-Person Food Drive:

- Duration: Now until December 14th
- What: Bring canned goods only.
- Where: Drop off items in NJHS boxes located around main school areas like the office or gym.

Your involvement will not only support our local community but also teach our students the importance of compassion and giving.

Scan the code below to donate.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



***Our first CULTURAL FAIR at DMS!***



DMS' 1ST ANNUAL

# CULTURAL FAIR

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

4-6pm

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***Spirit Week: December 18-21***

## Spirit Week Week of December 18th

**Monday: Disney Character  
Day**

**Tuesday: Dress As A  
Celebrity Day**

**Wednesday: Pajama Day**

**Thursday: Festive Day**

***Thank you to our event sponsors!***

Parent Night (October 25): Towson YMCA PTSA

1st Quarter Roar Rally (November 3): Raising Canes, David Ross Orthodontics, PTSA, Dunkin Donuts, The Charmery for student incentives

Pie Run (November 20): PTSA and parents for ribbons, t-shirts, pies, gift cards and race assistance

Towson Schools Articulation (December 6): Starbucks for coffee donations

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## ***Middle School Boundary Changes Implementation***

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Board of Education of Baltimore County approved new attendance boundaries for the following schools as part of an ongoing effort to relieve overcrowding at middle schools in the Central and Northeast areas of the county: Cockeysville MS, Dumbarton MS, Golden Ring MS, Loch Raven Academy, Middle River MS, Parkville MS, Perry Hall MS, Pine Grove MS, Ridgely MS, Stemmers Run MS.

The new boundaries will be implemented over two phases (click [here](#) for a map showing the phasing of the boundary change):

1. School year 2024-2025 (August 2024) when the new Northeast middle school located on King Avenue opens
2. School year 2025-2026 (August 2025) when the renovation and expansion of Pine Grove Middle School is completed. **This will impact only students that are rezoned to Pine Grove MS.**

**Use this link to determine if your address has been rezoned:**

<https://www.croppermap.com/bcpsCNE2023/>.

Parents and guardians may request (via Special Permission Transfer) that their children remain at their current school under certain conditions when a boundary change takes place. Students who will be in either seventh or eighth grade when the change occurs and their siblings entering sixth grade may be allowed to remain at their current school. Please note a Special Permission Transfer is required individually for each student. For more information, see Rule 5140, *Assignment and/or Special Permission Transfer*, on the school system's Web site at

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/bcps/Board.nsf/Public>.

Please note, as outlined in Rule 5150, *Resident and Nonresident Student Eligibility*, transportation is not provided for special permission transfers. Applications for special permission transfers are accepted annually between April 1 and June 1.

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## ***PTSA News and Updates***

### **TEACHER & STAFF - Hot Chocolate & Coffee Cart**

On Tuesday, December 12th, our elves will be delivering Hot Chocolate & Coffee to all Teachers & Staff. The cart will be pulled up to each classroom/office. Due to the size of the school, two carts are needed. We could use your help to donate snacks and if possible, volunteer to be an elf.

Below is the link to get onto Signup Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../5080F44ADAE29A64...>

### **STUDENTS - Hot Chocolate & Candy Canes**

On Monday, December 18th, our elves will be serving Hot Chocolate & handing out Candy Canes to all students during their lunch periods. We could use your help to donate items and if possible, volunteer to be an elf.

Below is the link to get onto Signup Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../5080F44ADAE29A64...>

### **SCHOOL WIDE HOLIDAY GIFTING**

The Dumbarton Middle School PTSA is collecting monetary donations for the Teachers & Staff this Holiday Season. The money received will be distributed equally to all Teachers & Staff in the form of Amazon Gift Cards.

The PTSA cannot use membership money to purchase personal gifts, so the money received will be separated from our membership dues, donations and other misc. expenses. **ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

Below is the link to donate.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign\\_id=872NJJHV4RSU6...](https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=872NJJHV4RSU6...)

### **BOOK FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Book Fair is being held this year from Monday, December 11th to Friday, December 15th. We're looking for Volunteers to work the Book Fair. Please consider helping out at this great event.

Below is the link to get onto Signup Genius.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAAA28A1FF2-46169918-dmsbook?fbclid=IwAR2JVcuw04AYm40bARfsr9QYNhN7TtmlBh5gVrSzay1i3CHTUMrQ0aAy1zc#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AAAA28A1FF2-46169918-dmsbook?fbclid=IwAR2JVcuw04AYm40bARfsr9QYNhN7TtmlBh5gVrSzay1i3CHTUMrQ0aAy1zc#/)

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment and click on the link below to complete:

Volunteer application

SafeSchool volunteer training

[https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/b\\_c\\_p\\_s\\_volunteers](https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/b_c_p_s_volunteers)



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