

BERKLEY ACCELERATED MIDDLE SCHOOL

**BAMS**

Parent  
Information!



# Administration



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# Mission and Vision of BAMS

► BAMS is committed to inspiring our students to Believe in Better, to encourage them to aspire to higher learning, and challenge them to achieve their maximum individual potential while providing a supportive and safe educational environment.

**Believe in  
Better Growth  
Mindset**

**Safe and  
Supportive  
BE KIND.**

**Accelerated  
Curriculum**

- **All students are immersed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) across the curriculum.**
- **Highly motivated students have the opportunity to earn many high school credits in middle school including Spanish 1 and 2 Honors, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry 1 Honors, Physical Science Honors, World History Honors, and English 1 Honors along with Industry Certifications.**

# 6th Grade Schedule of Classes



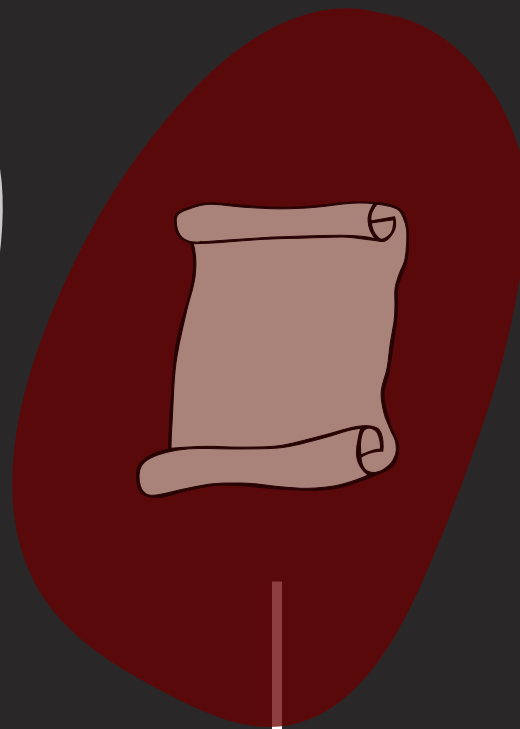
**Math**



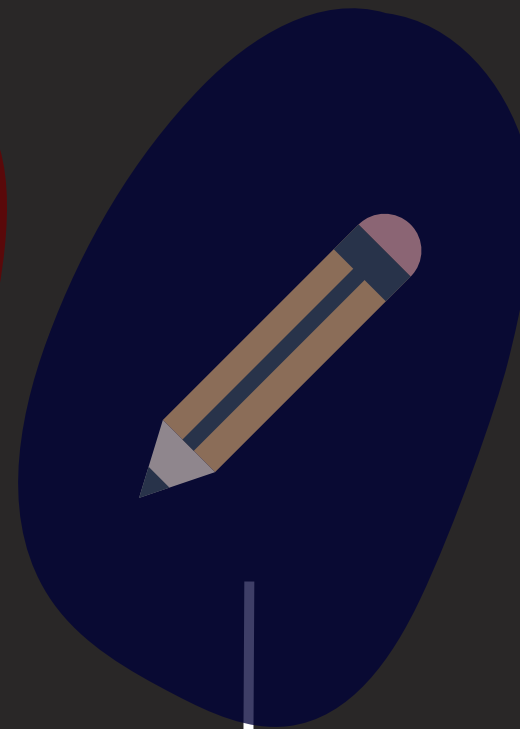
**Technology  
(Earn Digital  
Certifications)**



**Earth/Space  
Science**



**US History  
Through  
Reconstruction**



**English  
Language  
Arts**

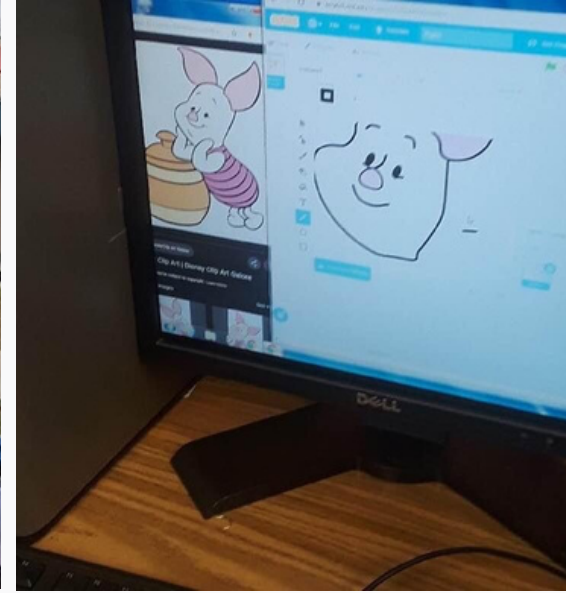


**AVID**



**Elective Wheel  
(PE, Dance,  
Performing  
Arts) or  
Reading**

*Cyber Security, Spreadsheets, and Word Processing*



# Elective Choices

## 6th Grade

- **Performance Wheel:**
  - **Musical Theater**
  - **Dance**
  - **Physical Education**

## 7th and 8th Grade

- **Physical Education or Dance**
- **Art**
- **Musical Theater**
- **Drumline**
- **Chorus**
- **Speech and Debate**
- **Communications**
- **Coding**
- **Personal Finance**
- **Spanish 1 and 2**
- **High School Course**
- **Robotics**
- **4-H and more!**

# Advanced Class Options for 7th/8th Grades

Spanish 1 Honors

World History Honors

Spanish 2 Honors

Geometry 1 Honors

Biology I Honors

Algebra 1 Honors

English 1 Honors

Industry Digital Tool  
Certifications

# Grading Scale

- We do not penalize students by including homework grades. Homework is part of the practice process which is essential to learning and should not penalize a student's mastery of a skill.
- In addition to the traditional scale, parents also receive additional information using the 0-4 Standards Based scale. Thus, they see the overall average for the class as usual, but also get extra feedback on what that score means.

70% Assessments

30% Quizzes and Projects

**A: 100%-90%**

**B: 80%-89%**

**C: 70%-79%**

**D: 60%-69%**

**F: 59%-0%**

*More Grading Information Available on Website*

# School Counselor Services

- ▶ Counseling Services
  - ▶ Scheduling
- ▶ All IEP and 504 Plans are reviewed in the summer when we receive records from previous schools.  
*At that time we will contact parents.*
  - ▶ Attendance
  - ▶ Overdue Lunch Balances



**Carrie Tapp**



# ATTENDANCE

## Calendar Links Below

2023-2024 CALENDAR

2024-2025 CALENDAR

**BAMS/BASA Family Calendar**

Today May 2024

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
	Staff Appreciation Week! Tennis Home vs La	Golf Match @ Scha	Mrs. Pospichal's Bi	Tennis AWAY @ Da	8th Grade Gradven Mr. Millien's Birthd	Mr. Thompson's Bir
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	BASA Awards Golf- Polk County	Mrs. Leggate's Birt	6th Grade Awards- 7th Grade Awards-		Early Release End of 4th 9 Week Last Day for Stude 9:30am 8th Grade Av	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
		Mrs. Springer's Bir	Mrs. Bolender's Bir		School Office Close	

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

+ Google Calendar

- ▶ School Calendar is always posted on website.
- ▶ Please make appointments after 3:00pm or on school holidays. It is vital that students are in class.
- ▶ If your child is absent, please use the parent absence reporting document located on website to report an absence.

## EXAMPLE CLUBS:

- Academic "A" Team
- NJHS
- Student Government
- Executive Board
- Self Defense
- Tutoring
- Sketch Journaling
- Doodling
- Fitness Club
- Speech and Debate
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- STEM
- Spanish



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



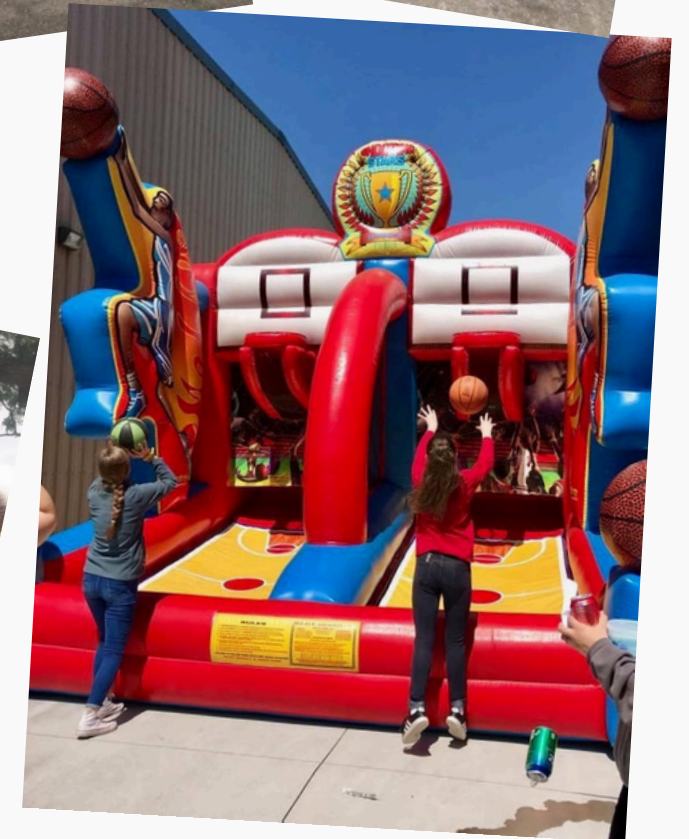
## EXAMPLE SPORTS:

- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Flag Football
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Track and Field

**\*\*Sports Physical packet must be completed prior to trying out. The date must be on or after June 1st for the upcoming year.**

# Engaging & Enjoyable Middle School Experience

- ▶ School Dances
- ▶ Spirit Weeks
  - ▶ 6th Grade: Busch Gardens
  - ▶ 7th Grade: Spend the night at Sea World
  - ▶ 8th Grade: GradVenture at Universal Studios
- ▶ Assemblies
- ▶ Activity Days



**SUMMER READINESS-  
BEGINS JUNE 16TH**

**Directions will be given through BAMily email.  
Students will complete mandatory online mathematics practice to help them fill in any gaps in learning from previous grade so they are confident starting their new grade level in the Fall.**

**There will also be suggested engaging, age-appropriate, free reading titles and articles to keep your student actively reading over the summer.**

# Supply Lists and Dress Code

- **All will be available on webpage: [www.berkleymiddle.net](http://www.berkleymiddle.net)**
- **Supply List will be handed out during Upcoming Parent Meetings**
- **Dress Code: Moving from elementary to middle school is a change in dress code. Make sure no holes, rips, or decorations on pants, shorts come to at least fingertip length and remember they grow quickly in middle school 😊. Also, jackets must zip or button all the way down the front. No pullover hoodies allowed!**
- **Student will complete a Uniform Do's and Dont's as part of their summer work.**



**No rolling backpacks without a Dr's note**

**All items must fit or be attached to one bookbag (This includes lunchbox)**

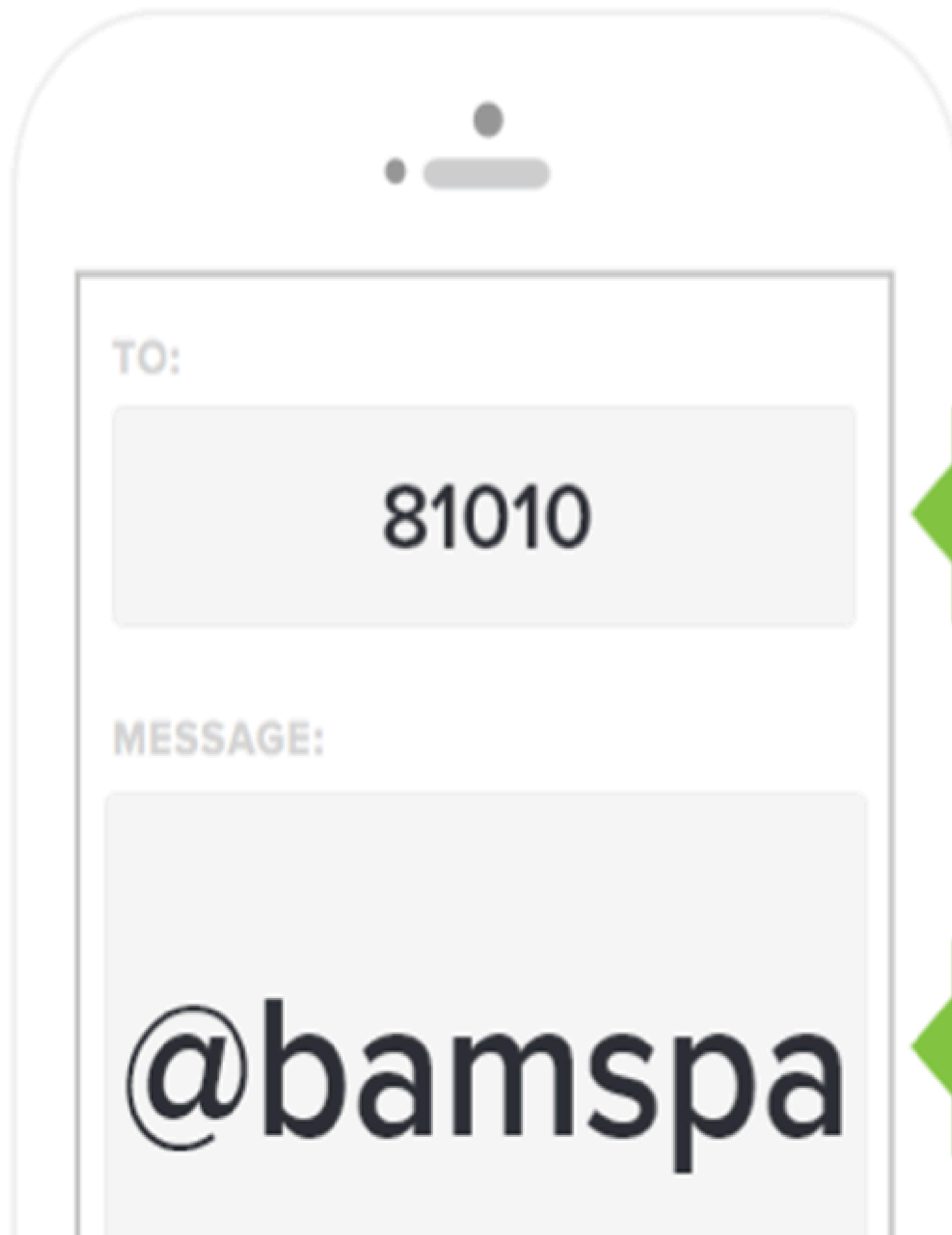
**Water bottles must have screw tight lid that does not leak in backpack or when tipped over. No straws.**

*Parent*  
**COMMUNICATION**  
*at BAMMS*

- **Remind Messaging**
- **FOCUS Grade Viewer**
- **School Marquee**
- **Phone Calls**
- **Parent Conferences**
- **Facebook**

**Family Email: Will be set up at parent meetings in May.**

**Website: [www.Berkleymiddle.net](http://www.Berkleymiddle.net)**



Enter this number

This is your Remind number we created to keep your personal number secret.

Text this message

This is the unique class code we



## Berkley is a School of Excellence

Section 1003.631, Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education to designate a school as a School of Excellence if the school's percentage of possible points earned in its school grade calculation is in the 80th percentile or higher for schools comprised of the same grade groupings (elementary, middle, high, and combination) for at least two of the last three school years if the school meets the qualifying criteria.

Berkley continues to be an "A" rated school by the State of Florida

Berkley is a State of Florida Designated "High Performing Charter School"

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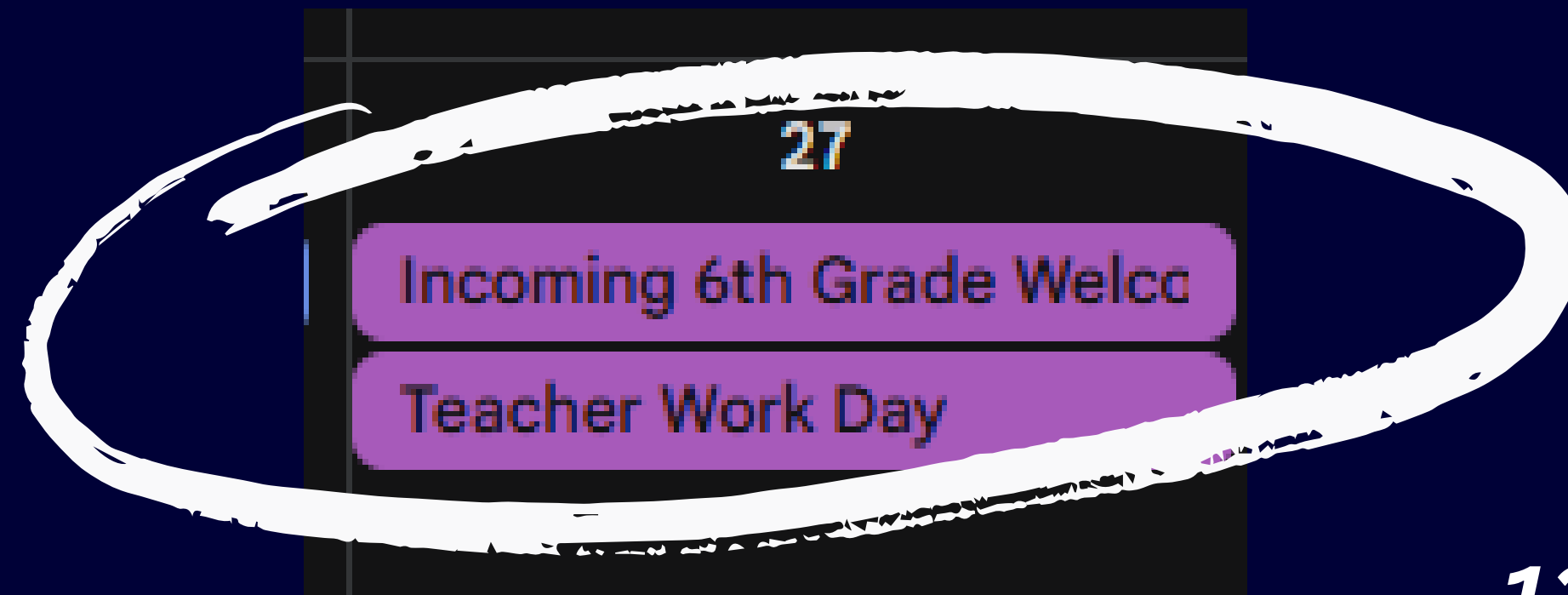
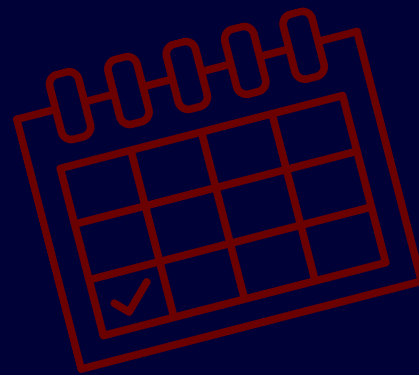
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# Mark Your Calendars: Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

Come to campus to fill out paperwork and get your BAMily email address set up to gain access to your summer homework and important announcements.

**\*\*Enrolling Parent Must Attend\*\***



***May 27th  
12:00pm - 4:00pm***

## *To Do:*

- ▶ **Make sure all lunch and book account balances are cleared from students current school. No schedules will be able to be created until those are cleared.**
- ▶ **After acquiring Family Email access, check weekly for notices, information, and updates on school information, including uniform purchasing and mandatory summer homework.**

*We look forward to having you and your student as part of the BAmily!*

