



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

For seniors Jayden Yoder & Paul Yoder, each school day begins with the typical classes like History and English, but as 4th period begins, their educational experience becomes much more active, diverse, and yet also uniquely individualized.

For 45 minutes, their classroom could be anywhere across campus as they work alongside Maintenance Director, Dave Kanagy, learning valuable skills and assisting with projects. At the beginning of the year, they were tasked with repurposing old cabinets and scrap materials to build tables and storage for the art room. They have helped to assemble new chairs for teachers and structures for the elementary playground. When there is a special event like a banquet or concert, Jayden & Paul are able to assist with set up. Currently, they are building a wooden bench and swing to be sold in the Annual Auction.



As part of the expanding vocational program at BMS, students are also able to learn by actively engaging in tasks and gaining practical experience through classes like Conservation Science, Tech Ed, and Workplace Skills. Earlier this year, Jayden & Paul were part of the class that built a shooting bench custom

ordered by D&R Firearms. They continue to learn valuable construction skills as they budget for supplies, measure, cut, and help to assemble a 6' x 9' storage shed under the direction of Mr. Jon Farley.

Opportunities to practice welding with a simulator and assist their instructor Rich Yingling with repairing a drone, an electrical fence, and replacing fluorescent lights with LED light bulbs throughout campus add to their applied-learning experiences.



In addition to elective classes, Jayden & Paul's week also includes 2-3 days of work release which allows them to spend a few hours in the afternoon gaining valuable experience at a local farm. Jayden, who prefers the outdoors and hands-on work, plans to continue

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Open House 2025: Discover BMS through our classrooms, hallways, staff & students!

Highlights of the evening include a Homemade Turkey Dinner, Da Vinci Fair, Living Museum, Kindergarten Bear Hunt, Elementary Speech Showcase, personalized tours and displays of writing assignments, special class projects, and artwork across campus. Bring your friends and join us from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, March 14!



60th ANNUAL Auction

April 25 & 26, 2025

Friday, April 25th

- Turkey Dinner, 5:00 - 7:00 PM (take-out available)
- Live Music & Auction Merchandise Preview, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Children's Auction (bidders must be 18 or younger), 6:00 PM
- Gift Certificate Auction, 6:30 PM
- Ag Auction, 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 26th

- Merchandise Auction, 9:00 AM
- Outdoor Kids' Carnival, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Student Projects, 10:30 AM
- Special Features Certificates, 11:00 AM
- Outdoor Features, 11:30 AM
- Quilts will be sold at the top of each hour

A variety of delicious food and drinks will be sold throughout the day, beginning with breakfast items available at 8:30! For the latest listing of items and additional details, visit auction25.cbo.io.



We're excited to invite friends near and far to engage with our Annual Auction through two new features that will generate excitement leading up to the Auction and invite our broader community to be more aware of the great things happening here at BMS!



GUN RAFFLE

\$10
 MUST BE 18 YEARS
 OR OLDER
 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

APRIL 26TH

STARTER PACKAGE

SAVAGE 222 BNS 22 MAGNUM,
 VORTEX CROSSFIRE II 3-5X40,
 HEADLAMP, SLAT, POCKET
 KNIFE ORANGE VEST/HAT,
 SLING

CREEDMOOR PACKAGE

CT 200 312 AMERICAN 8.5
 GREEDMOOR, WALNUT STOCK,
 VORTEX CROSSFIRE II 4-12X55 AD,
 BUCK LITE MAX II BUCK KNIFE, SLING,
 GRUNT CALL, DOT BLAT CAN

TURKEY PACKAGE

WINCHESTER EXP-UNIVERSAL 12
 GAUGE PUMP 24" BARREL,
 FORKING BITTERSWEET GLASS/SLATE
 CALL, WOODHAVEN TOXIC WASP
 MOUTH CALL, FLEXTONE THUNDER
 JAKE & THUNDER CHICK BREEDER
 HEN DECOR COMBO, OUTDOOR
 EDGE RAZOR-LITE REPLACEMENT
 BLADE KNIFE, SLING

BUY TICKETS
 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

SQUARE CAFE
 HARBORCROFT'S SUB N' MALT
 WHITELLER STORE
 COUCH'S SUBS & GROCERIES
 PINE RIDGE COFFEE
 BIG VALLEY FEED & GRAIN
 METZLER FOREST PRODUCTS
 D&R FIREARMS
 ANNE'S CANINE STYLING
 PHEASANT VALLEY RECYCLING
 HERITAGE FAMILY RESTAURANT

OR BY CALLING 717.935.2184

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS




Each of the unique packages we're offering in the Gun Raffle is valued at more than \$550 and features beautiful guns and practical accessories to complement a collection or equip the next generation of avid outdoorsmen. Tickets (\$10 each) are available through the school office or at various

locations throughout the community. Winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, April 26th during the BMS Annual Auction. Winner need not be present.

The Calendar Raffle contains 25 incredible certificates (valued at \$20-50 each) that were donated and can be won during the month of April. Every day leading up to the Auction, a winner will be drawn, announced via social media, and contacted by the committee. Calendars (\$10 each) are available through the school office or any current BMS family.



Elementary students were excited to discover additional improvements and new structures to the playground over Christmas break! Special thanks to the following individuals and businesses for assisting Dave Kanagy in recent weeks: Dave Long, Don Peachey, Sarah Kanagy, Paul Yoder, Mary Kanagy, Scott Pauchnik, Nelson Peachey, Preston Yoder & Clint Yoder of Ore Bank Farm, MKB Company for ground fabric, and Metzler Forest Products LLC for yards of wood chips!

My years at BMS were full of many good moments and some that were very challenging. I was given the opportunity to step into leadership roles that I did not feel qualified for, but was encouraged in by staff and faculty. It was here at BMS that I began learning what it meant to live a life of service and was given the chance to practice that.



One of the hardest things that happened to me during my time at BMS also revealed to me the blessing of this community. When my mom got sick and passed away just after my freshman year of high school, it was here that I found comfort from friends and was surrounded by teachers who genuinely cared for me during that time. My brother and I were supported and surrounded by a community of people who prayed for us and encouraged us. The small class size at BMS allows teachers to know their students and to fully invest in them and I am so grateful for how that was displayed to me during my time here.

My family and my years here at BMS provided a foundation for my faith that has helped to guide me throughout the last several years. Since graduating, I have been able to see better how God is using BMS to bring up leaders and to further His Kingdom. Thank you to all of the staff and faculty who sacrifice daily to be here and to pour into your students.

-Alexis Peachey, Class of 2017

To read Alexis' full story and additional alumni testimonies, visit <https://www.bmsprek12.org/resources/alumni.cfm>

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employment in the agricultural industry following graduation.

While Paul also enjoys working on his family's dairy farm, he looks forward to attending Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology and becoming certified as a Heavy Equipment Operator. With the end of their final year of school in sight, these young men appreciate the variety of real world experiences they've been offered and the opportunity to learn differently every day at BMS!



Wish List & Updates

- Biology Lab Dissection Kits (2 @ \$100 each)
- Volleyball Nets (2 @ \$125 each)
- Teacher Desks (5 @ \$250 each)
- Wind Screen for Playground Fencing (\$375)
- Light Snow Plow to fit Ford F150 (\$3,000)



We are grateful to Rex & Carol Guyer for donating paper supplies to restock the faculty lounges, and John & Claire Yoder for underwriting a new fridge for the elementary teachers!



Our EITC business partners are a vital part of providing meaningful financial scholarships to many families each year. This year, over \$180,000 in scholarship funds were awarded to more than 100 students! To learn more about how YOU can take advantage of the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit program and redirect your state taxes to support BMS students, please contact Gwen, rennogk@bmsprek12.org.

Save *the* Date!

Visit our website calendar or follow us on Facebook to learn more about special activities and stay up to date on athletic events and student achievements!

›Annual Auction

Friday & Saturday, April 25 & 26

›Spring Concert

Friday, May 9, 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

›Baccalaureate

Thursday, May 22

›Commencement

Wednesday, May 28

›Golf Tournament

Friday, August 29

›Homecoming 2025

Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4



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Race & Serve for Education

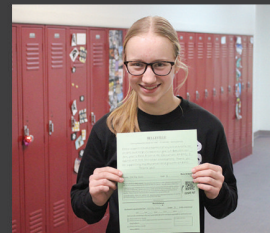
Thanks to the efforts of every family and BMS student, along with over 250 hours from faithful volunteers, more than 4,800 letters were carefully prepared and sent out for the 2025 Race & Serve for Education Fundraiser!

This unique fundraiser also focuses on developing relationships across our student body and throughout the community. Elementary students raced around the gym with their classes on February 12th & 13th, but they were also encouraged by the "big kids" who joined them in running or tracking their laps. When the weather warms up at the beginning of April, PreK students will ride their scooter or bike through a course on the playground with older students cheering them on and creating special stations to visit. On April 17th, middle and high school students will focus an entire day on serving in various ways throughout the community. Last year, fifteen groups were sent out and many folks were incredibly blessed by their work.

We look forward to seeing the Lord provide abundantly through the generosity of many friends again this year. To him be glory at BMS and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen



Even if you didn't receive a letter like this from a specific student, you can still help us reach our \$85,000 goal by the end of March. Give today!



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DISCOVER BMS

DIFFERENT

Belleville Mennonite School provides a unique and uncommon PK-12 learning environment where students learn truth and are truly known - growing both academically and spiritually. As a private Christian school, BMS offers a family-focused atmosphere where students can thrive and be challenged by customized learning pathways as they prepare for the journey ahead.

DEEPER

Students experience learning through a Biblical Worldview approach that shapes firm foundations alongside our partner families who share a vision for rich and well-rounded Christian education. Our world promotes so many surface-level successes and benefits centered on self, and at BMS, we believe in deeper, more meaningful growth that resonates further beyond to impact change in our communities and the world around us that needs dedicated servants and leaders.

DIRECTION

Our high-quality programming is always expanding, growing, and geared toward meeting the needs and interests of our students for the future they will encounter. Through a wide range and variety of courses, including Bible, unique specials, and electives, as well as honors and dual enrollment opportunities, students can hone their skills and spiritual walks in numerous areas at BMS.