



# Baron Bullets

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Information Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

### Greetings From Mr. Calabria

Here's hoping each of you have a joyous and restful holiday break. Since the return to school is on January 5, 2009, I want to share with you some basic DoDDS/DoDEA initiatives that make us unique compared to most stateside schools. Distance Learning curriculum additions via the Internet have enabled students to take courses not provided through regular school classes, especially in a small school such as ours. We have support classes to increase student learning for struggling students in the particular subject areas of Algebra Geometry and Reading.

In the areas of Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities, our expectations are higher than most districts in the U.S. as we require a 2.0 GPA for eligibility. We also have a weekly eligibility list in place whereby any student who receives more than one 'F' during that week will be ineligible to participate in any activity from Wednesday to Wednesday of the next week. We are adding two new sports this spring, women's softball and men's baseball. If your child is interested in participating, please contact the school. We are confident BAHS students will continue to live up to our high expectations.

These are some examples of how DoDDS continually seeks to improve the quality education standards for all children entrusted in our care. Please contact the school if you have questions, wish to take part in any of these changes or if we can assist your child in any way. I will periodically point out some of the initiatives that we believe make us supe-

rior to most stateside schools.

To parents: As a New Year's Resolution to assist your child, why not make it a habit to check your child's assignment/agenda notebook at least weekly? If your child is not maintaining a grade in any subject that meets with your expectation, it is most likely due to not keeping their assignment/notebook up to date. Good school-time management begins with first knowing what needs to be done in each subject and then scheduling time to complete it. All too often, students don't write down what needs to be done and then have to scramble around to complete it at the last minute. A good rule to follow in use of the agenda notebook, is that there should be something written down for each class every day. When there is no assignment, students should write "no homework" and then put what they learned during that class for the day. For additional agenda tips, ask your child's teacher or the school counselors.

### Schedule Changes & Seminar Switches

This is a notice to parents that some students may be changing their schedules and/or switching their seminar teacher to the teacher in the subject area they are having difficulty with. These changes will occur at the start of semester two, January 26, 2009, due to teacher staffing adjustments. If you have a question regarding a change, please call the school counselor's offices at 469-7341/8254. Also switching of lockers for those making seminar changes for semester two may occur.

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### Important Dates In January

<b>Jan 5</b>	School Resumes <b>BLUE DAY</b>
<b>Jan 6</b>	Super Tuesday
<b>Jan 8</b>	Health Screening
<b>Jan 9</b>	MLK Jr. Assembly
<b>Jan 9-10</b>	BB vs. Patch
<b>Jan 16</b>	Semester Exams
<b>Jan 16-17</b>	BB vs. Hohenfels
<b>Jan 19</b>	No School MLK Jr. Day
<b>Jan 20-23</b>	Semester Exams
<b>Jan 23</b>	No School Teacher Work Day
<b>Jan 23-24</b>	BB vs. Ansbach
<b>Jan 26</b>	Begin 2nd Semester
<b>Jan 30-31</b>	BB vs. Heidelberg



## *Assistant Principal*

**Please review these policies with your student.**

### **DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS:**

DS REGULATION 2792.2 Drug Free School and Learning Environment, establishes policies and procedures for ensuring drug-free schools and learning environments for students of DoDDS by instituting clear and specific rules regarding illegal drug possession, use, and distribution. Over-the counter drug possession or distribution will be handled on a case-by case basis. In addition to the following automatic action, each student must meet with the school's alcohol and substance abuse counselor before returning to school. The drug-free regulation provides for the following penalties:

- **POSSESSION OR USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Suspension and possible expulsion pending disciplinary hearing.
- **DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Expulsion
- **POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION OR USE OF OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS:** Handled on a case-by case basis. In addition to the administrative action, each student must meet with the school's alcohol and substance abuse counselor (ASACS).
- **ALCOHOL:** The use, possession, or being under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited. The penalty for violation of this policy is suspension in accordance with Section C of the Table of Consequences. Additionally, a mandatory referral to the alcohol and substance abuse counselor will be initiated before the student is allowed to return to school.
- **TOBACCO PRODUCTS:** Tobacco products are not permitted on the school campus. Smoking or using smokeless tobacco on campus will result in suspension in accordance with Section B of the Table of Consequences.

**CHEATING/PLAGIARISM:** Cheating and plagiarizing are not acceptable practices at Bamberg Middle High School. Students found engaged in either activity will receive a grade of zero on that test, project, or homework assignment. On the second offense, it may revert to Section B in the Table of Consequences and a possible suspension.

### **FORGERY:**

Students forging the signature of a sponsor, teacher, etc. or misrepresenting a document, assignment, or paper, or using another's computer password will be disciplined in accordance to Section B of the Table of Consequences.

### **SNOWBALLS/ACORNS:**

Throwing snowballs, acorns, or any other object at school is potentially dangerous and will not be tolerated. The penalty for this will be B of the Table of Consequences.

**Richard Jimenez**  
*Assistant Principal*  
DSN 469-8874



### **DRESS CODE 2008 and Beyond**

- Clothing must be clean and neat.
- Skirts and dresses must be at least fingertip length when both arms are straight down at the sides standing, and no more than 5" above the knee when sitting.
- Shirts and blouses will have **at least a 3-finger-length width at the shoulder.**
- Shirts will be no longer than **fingertip length when both arms are straight down at the sides.**
- Shorts will be hemmed **and at least fingertip length.**
- Pants will be worn with both pant legs **the same length, above the hip, and with all anatomy and undergarments covered.**
- No sagging or bagging pants and shorts.
- Outdoor jackets, coats and parkas will be kept in lockers and will not be worn during the school day
- **Only clear or mesh book bags** will be allowed in classroom.
- No exposed mid-riff, cleavage, or undergarments.

### **PROHIBITED CLOTHING**

- Clothing that is extreme or provocative in style may be disruptive to the educational process and is deemed inappropriate and is not allowed.
- Pajamas, house slippers and/or nightwear is not allowed.
- Clothing, pins or buttons promoting tobacco products, beer/alcohol or drug use or depicting violence, racial prejudice/obscenities/sexual implications, are not allowed.
- Clothing, apparel, or paraphernalia representing gang affiliations are prohibited. Some examples are
  - Right or left shoe untied with laces hanging loose
  - Right or left pants leg rolled up
  - Gloves worn on either hand
  - Right or left sock pushed down into shoe
  - Handkerchief/bandanna displayed to simulate gang affiliation
- Metal chains attached to clothing, belt loops or wallets and spiked accessories are prohibited
- Hats, sunglasses, headbands, combs, and similar items are not permitted inside school buildings. Students wearing such items at any school or school event will be asked to remove them immediately. If a student needs to be told a second time the item will be confiscated, sent to the office and returned only to the parent.

### **Correct Phone Numbers/Emergency Contacts**

Whenever you add/change an emergency contact or change any telephone number for your child, please notify the school. It is vital that we have emergency information for all situations.

### **Zero Tolerance For Weapons**

DoDD'S has a ZERO TOLERANCE FOR WEAPONS POLICY. If any student has an item considered a weapon that is in a student's possession, he/she will immediately be considered for expulsion from school for the school year and possibly into next year.

### **End of Semester Exam Schedule**

**The following is the exam schedule for BMHS for Semester One:**

**Friday, Jan 16--Period 1**

**Monday, Jan 19 (No School –MLK Jr. Day)**

**Tuesday, Jan 20—Periods 2 & 4**

**Wednesday, Jan 21—Periods 5 & 6**

**Thursday, Jan 22—Periods 7 & 8**

**Friday, Jan 23 (No School—Teacher Work Day)**

***Students should plan on restful preparation.***



## ***COUNSELORS' CORNER***

### **FRESHMAN ACADEMY NEWS**

The Freshman Team extends our best wishes for the Holidays to our Freshmen and their sponsors. As we begin the New Year on January 5, 2009, all Freshmen must focus on successfully completing the semester's assignments in all classes. For many Freshmen, the first graduation credits will be entered on transcripts and all required classes that are failed, must be repeated next year to insure that all credit requirements are met for the scheduled graduation in 2012.

The Semester exams are scheduled for January 16 through January 22, 2009. All assignments and make-up work for all classes must be completed by the date of the semester exam in each class. Students with extended excused absences during the last few days of the semester and receive an incomplete (I) on their semester grade, must privately confer with each teacher to insure that all assignments are completed by February 6, 2009. At that time all assignments not completed will receive a grade of 0% and the grade average grade for the semester will be entered on the student's transcript.

All schedule change requests for second semester must be completed by January 20, 2009. The new schedule will be effective January 26, when the new semester begins.

Several important academic events are on the schedule for second semester for Freshmen. The Terra Nova annual standardized testing is scheduled for March 2009. Please watch for the exact times in the March edition of the Bullets. These are extremely important tests and the scores are used for placement in various academic programs.

Freshmen who took the PSAT will review their scores the first week of Second Semester and explore the College Board Website and PSAT score analysis on the site in preparation for course selection for the coming school year. Course selection for the coming school year will be held in late March or early April and all Freshmen have completed the development of their graduation plan to help them select the Sophomore classes that meet their needs.

Any sponsor who will be completing a PCS move between May 8 and June 11, 2009, should contact the BMHS Registrar or the Freshman Counselor no later than April 1, 2009. Students who are leaving on or after May 8 on PCS orders can accelerate to complete the second semester, but orders must be submitted and a contract for assignments must be signed and completed by the student. Students who move without doing this will receive a withdrawal grade-to-date and no graduation credit will be awarded by BMHS.

Sponsors, please keep in touch with your student's teachers during the remainder of the school year to insure that your student's assignments are being completed in a timely manner. Also contact the Freshman Counselor, Betty Rowlands at 469-8874, 0951-5098592 or [betty.rowlands@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:betty.rowlands@eu.dodea.edu) if you have any questions.

### ***Students of the Quarter***

The following students were awarded the Student of the Quarter for Quarter 1 2008.

**Middle School**  
Victoria Martinez  
Marcus Wade

**High School**  
Rochelle Streker  
Josh Robinson



## ***MS Counselors' Corner***

### **New Year!!!! Planner use is the key to success!**

Thank you parents for helping your student stay organized by checking his/her planner at least weekly to monitor progress. Have you signed up for Gradespeed already? That's where you can get updated grades in every subject. If you have concerns and would like a meeting with your students teachers, please contact Beverly.Brinn@eu.dodea.edu to arrange it.

### **January Events:**

#### **1.Suicide Intervention Program for 8th Graders:**

DoDDS has adopted a Suicide Intervention Program: "SOS" which focuses on what students should do when they or their friends need help.

It will be presented to the 8th graders during their Language Arts classes in January. Parents are invited to review the video that will be shown in class.

The focus is summarized with the acronym: ACT

**Acknowledge:** Listen to your friends. Don't ignore threats.

**Care:** Let you friend know you care.

**Tell:** Tell a trusted adult that you are worried about your friend.

Please contact Ms. Brinn, MS Counselor to schedule a time for viewing.

#### **2. Support for Students with Parents in the Deployment Process:**

There is a Project Armor Transition Skills Group meeting weekly with Mr. Tim Tobin, ASACS counselor to help students with parents in the deployment process.

If you are interested in you student participating, please contact Mr. Tobin: Tim.Tobin@eu.dodea.edu.

#### **3. The MS Student Council** is in the process of planning a Dance/Game night in January or February. Date to be Announced.

Each seminar class has a MS Student Council Representative who shares news and takes suggestions to our meetings.

These elected students are active in planning events and developing solutions for issues at school.

If you have ideas or concerns related specifically to middle school, please have your student report this to his/her student council rep. or to the MS Student Council sponsor, Ms. Brinn.

## ***NURSE'S NOTES***

Happy New Year. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Bamberg Health Clinic/High School Nurse Office will be providing health screenings to students at Bamberg American High School, in the High School Gym. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and all new students will have vision, hearing, height, weight, blood pressure, and a fitness screen on that day. In addition, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have a scoliosis screening done in a private setting by the female Physical Therapist, from the Clinic. Scoliosis is the medical term for sideward curve of the spine. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to wear pants and loose fitting t-shirts on screening day. Girls may wear swimsuit tops or jog bras underneath their T-shirt if they would feel more comfortable. If your child has a beginning or observable curvature, you will be notified and asked to take your child for further examination. In addition, we are hoping to be able to screen the rest of the students on that day, time permitting. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 469-8601.

Kathy Thomas, R.N.



# Bamberg Middle/High School

## School Improvement-CSP

### Goal # 1

**All students will apply and communicate mathematical thinking.**

### Intervention

Explain the Thinking and Solution Process

Technology

Application and real-life problems—problem-based learning/web quests

Oral presentations

#### What Is Problem-Based Learning (PBL)?

Problem-based learning (PBL) is an approach that challenges students to learn through engagement in a real problem. It is a format that simultaneously develops both problem solving strategies and disciplinary knowledge bases and skills by placing students in the active role of problem-solvers confronted with an ill-structured situation that simulates the kind of problems they are likely to face as future managers in complex organizations.

Problem-based learning is student-centered. PBL makes a fundamental shift--from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning. The process is aimed at using the power of authentic problem solving to engage students and enhance their learning and motivation. There are several unique aspects that define the PBL approach:

- Learning takes place within the contexts of authentic tasks, issues, and problems--that are aligned with real-world concerns.
- In a PBL course, students and the instructor become co-learners, co-planners, co-producers, and co-evaluators as they design, implement, and continually refine their curricula.
- The PBL approach is grounded in solid academic research on learning and on the best practices that promote it. This approach stimulates students to take responsibility for their own learning, since there are few lectures, no structured sequence of assigned readings, and so on.
- PBL is unique in that it fosters collaboration among students, stresses the development of problem solving skills within the context of professional practice, promotes effective reasoning and self-directed learning, and is aimed at increasing motivation for life-long learning.



### ANNUAL GEOGRAPHY BEE SCHEDULED

The annual BMHS Geographic Bee, sponsored by the BMHS PTSA, is scheduled for January 7, 2009 from 1:30 until 3:00. All middle school students will attend this assembly that will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room during the seminar period, which will be moved to the end of the school day on that date. The classroom rounds of the Bee were held in December and 10 students earned the honor of competing as Finalists in the BMS Geographic Bee. These students are: Reanna Marcum, Jeffrey Brown, Anye Wanki, Terry Williams, Darian Townsend, Bryan Watt, Stephen Newman, Cody Rosenberg, Christopher Bentley and Desmonique Lacy. The 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up is Justine Rives and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up is Derek McMullen. The Runners Up will take the place of any Finalist who misses the competition on January 7. The winner of this competition will participate in the DODDS Geographic Bee by taking a written test compiled by the National Geographic Society. Parents and community members are invited to attend the Geographic Bee at 1:30 on January 7, 2006. If you have questions, please call 469-8874.

### ANNUAL BMS SPELLING BEE SCHEDULED

The annual BMHS Spelling Bee, sponsored by the PTSA, is scheduled for January 13, 2009. The two winners from each of the middle school language arts classes will compete for the title of BMHS Spelling Bee Champion in the Championship Rounds held on that date. The winner of this event will be eligible to represent Bamberg Middle School at the DODDS Annual Spelling Bee sponsored by the European Congress of Parents and Teachers. ECAPTS sends the winner of the DODDS Spelling Bee to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in the Spring of 2009. The Championship Rounds of the BMHS Spelling Bee will be held in the Information Center from 11:20 until 12:30 on January 13. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

#### BMHS VISION

Being successful in all endeavors

Academics first

Respect for others

Organizational skills

Network of partnerships promoting achievement

Students tenaciously assuming responsibility for their own success



#### MISSION STATEMENT

PREPARING ALL STUDENTS  
TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND  
PERSONAL FULFILLMENT  
IN A DYNAMIC GLOBAL  
ENVIRONMENT.

**BMHS Mission Statement:** Preparing all students to achieve success and personal fulfillment in a dynamic global environment.

**Reading Goal:** All students will become proficient in using vocabulary strategies in all curricular areas to ensure comprehension. **Interventions:** Word of the day, activate prior knowledge, graphic organizers, SSR.

**Math Goal:** All students will apply and communicate mathematical thinking across the curriculum. **Interventions:** Explain the thinking and solution process, technology, problem-based learning, oral presentations.

#### PROBLEM SOLVING STEPS

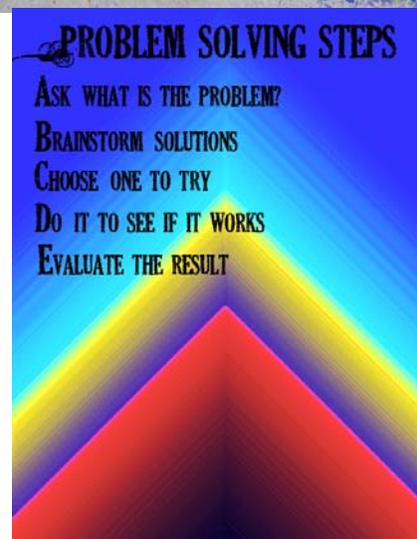
ASK WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS

CHOOSE ONE TO TRY

DO IT TO SEE IF IT WORKS

EVALUATE THE RESULT





## DoDDS-E Marksmanship Schedule SY 08 - 09

	<b>Conferences</b>			
	<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
	School	Participant(s)	School	Participant(s)
<b>First Competition 6 DEC 08</b>	BAU HEI MAN PAT		ANS BAM HOH VIC VIL	(Postal)
<b>Host School</b>	Mannheim		Hohenfels	
<b>Second Competition 13 DEC 08</b>	BAU HEI MAN PAT		ANS BAM HOH VIC VIL	
<b>Host School</b>	Baumholder		Vilseck	
<b>Third Competition 10 JAN 09</b>	BAU HEI MAN PAT		ANS BAM HOH VIC VIL	
<b>Host School</b>	Patch		Bamberg	
<b>Fourth Competition 17 JAN 09</b>	BAU HEI MAN PAT		ANS BAM HOH VIC VIL	(Postal)
<b>Host School</b>	Heidelberg		Ansbach	
<b>Fifth Competition 24 JAN 09</b>	BAU HEI MAN PAT		ANS BAM HOH VIC VIL	
<b>Host School</b>	Patch		Hohenfels	
<b>Marksmanship Finals 31 JAN 09</b>				
<b>Host School</b>	Vilseck			



Dates	AVIANO	VICENZA	MILAN	AOSR	MMI	NAPLES	SIGONELLA	
5-Dec-08	MMI	at AOSR	at Sigonella	Vicenza	at Aviano		Milan	
6-Dec-08	MMI	at AOSR	at Sigonella	Vicenza	at Aviano		Milan	
12-Dec-08	at Milan		Aviano	Sigonella	at Naples	MMI	at AOSR	
13-Dec-08	at Milan		Aviano	Sigonella	at Naples	MMI	at AOSR	
9-Jan-09	AOSR	Sigonella	Naples	at Aviano		at Milan	at Vicenza	
10-Jan-09	AOSR	Sigonella	Naples	at Aviano		at Milan	at Vicenza	
16-Jan-09		Milan	at Vicenza	at Naples	at Sigonella	AOSR	MMI	
17-Jan-09		Milan	at Vicenza	at Naples	at Sigonella	AOSR	MMI	
22-Jan-09								
23-Jan-09	at Sigonella	at Naples	at MMI		Milan	Vicenza	Aviano	
24-Jan-09	at Sigonella	at Naples	at MMI		Milan	Vicenza	Aviano	
30-Jan-09	Naples	at MMI	AOSR	at Milan	Vicenza	at Aviano	Local Team	
31-Jan-09	Naples	at MMI	AOSR	at Milan	Vicenza	at Aviano		
6-Feb-09	at Vicenza	Aviano		MMI	at AOSR	Sigonella	at Naples	
7-Feb-09	at Vicenza	Aviano		MMI	at AOSR	Sigonella	at Naples	
13-Feb-09							at Local Team	
14-Feb-09								
18-21 Feb 09	European Championships @Mannheim							
	Official practice may not start prior to 10 November 2009							



# Baron Bullets Feedback

Bamberg Middle/High School appreciates your input. If you have questions, concerns, or kudos concerning the school, please use the form below to let us know. You may turn the form into the main office or mail it to the high school at Unit 27539, APO AE 09139.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Optional      Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Optional

Comments:

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