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Dear BMS Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer break and are as excited as we are for the upcoming school year. My name is Shelby Beasley, and it is my honor to serve as principal at Buchanan Middle School. This will be my third year as a Buck and I love being part of the Buchanan community. My husband and I have a six year-old son named Gavin and a three year-old daughter named Delaney. I am sure you will see them around at BMS events. Please always come say hello!

If you have not already, please check out our district website,

<u>www.buchananschools.com</u>, for the 2021-22 Buck Bulletin. There is a lot of important information included from the district. The BMS pages include information about our back to school orientations, drop off/pick-up procedures, athletics, dress code, and cell phone policies.

Orientation will be Wednesday, August 25th. Students will receive their schedules, locker information, and a packet of important documents. They will also be able to tour the building and meet teachers. We are splitting the evening into two time slots to keep crowd sizes down.

- Incoming 5th Graders & New BMS Students:
  - 5:00-5:15 Welcome Meeting in BMS Bistro
  - 5:15-5:45 Self-Guided Tour & Locker Practice

## • Returning BMS Students:

• 5:45-6:30 Schedule Pick-Up, Self-Guided Tour & Meet & Greet

While at orientation, we ask that you utilize the usual mitigation strategies and social distance as best as possible. There will not be a presentation for the returning families during the 5:45-6:30 timeslot, as you already know the ins and outs of middle school life. I will continue Friday dialers and will send a few video messages before school starts with anything and everything else you would need to know.

Many of you have reached out asking about school supply lists. In the state of Michigan, we do not have required school supply lists. At orientation, teachers will share suggested school supplies for what would be handy for students to bring to school. I know teachers always appreciate kleenex, zip lock baggies, and any other donations you are willing to make to their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, August 25th!

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