

**THE BALDWIN SCHOOL
HANDBOOK FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
2010-2011**

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September 2010

Dear Middle School Thinking Girls, returning 7th and 8th Graders, and brand new 6th grader;, welcome back to Baldwin! After a nice, long, relaxing summer vacation, I hope that everyone is ready for a fresh start. It's going to be a little tough getting used to the middle school rush, but I know things will be back to normal soon. To all of the 6th graders, you can look forward to all of the new middle school privileges. 7th graders, you are no longer little 6th graders, so I hope you'll share what you know with the incoming 6th grade. My fellow 8th grade sisters, we must accept all of the honor, fun, and responsibility of being at the top of the Middle School. It's going to be a great year.

We'll all form new bonds with our fellow classmates in all of the activities that our wonderful school offers. Make sure to pick the things that are right for you when selecting what you do at Baldwin. If you absolutely love the spotlight, then join Ms. Angst and the rest of the theatrical divas in Drama club. If you want to stand up and make a difference, then consider joining senate. If you just want to kick or hit something hard, then go out for the middle school athletic team of your choice. Just do what you want to do! Not what your friends like. Maybe along the way you'll even make a new friend.

Last year's Middle School dance was the first dance I had ever been to, and I have to say I had a lot of fun. Whether you have two left feet or you're a better dancer than anyone in the room, you should definitely come to the dance. Unfortunately, sixes can't attend the dance, but that's just one thing 7th and 8th grade get to enjoy and the 6th grade gets to look forward to. I promise that the dance will be a night to remember.

Personally, I love to participate in Baldwin Athletics and I'm sure anyone who really gave them a chance would enjoy being part of a team. There are so many different sports options to choose from. In the fall there's field hockey, water polo, tennis, and of course the ever popular soccer. In the winter there's basketball, volleyball, swim team, squash, and various P.E. groups. In the spring there's lacrosse, softball, tennis, and even squash. Just get out on that field and give sports a try because you're going to love it.

Other activities that don't require being an athlete are clubs, the middle school drama, chorus, and orchestra. It's important to pick the right club for you. Next year there's going to be a lot of clubs to choose from like art club, scrabble club, computer club, and even cooking club. If you feel like stepping into the limelight, then auditioning for the middle school play is a great opportunity. In order to be in Chorus all you need is the love of singing. Orchestra is fun and musical if singing just is not your thing. Mr. Piantini is looking for new instrumentalists.

I can't wait to meet all of my new 6th grade friends, and I look forward to getting to know everyone in the middle school. Every good leader needs a little advice and I look forward to hearing your comments on ways to improve the school. Suggestions from my fellow classmates are going to be what makes senate great this year.

Ali Thaler, Ting Fang, Ms. Ameisen, and I are going to try our hardest to make this the best senate year we've had yet.

*Thanks for listening,
Madeline Omrod, Senate Head*

And remember... WE SWEAT BEARS!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS FOR 2010-2011

Tuesday	09/07/10	Registration Day (10:00 a.m.-11:45)
Wednesday	09/08/10	School begins 8:15am- Baldwin Blue Day
Wednesday	09/14/10	MS Academic Evening 7:00-9:30pm
Friday	09/17/10	Fall Fundraiser Begins
Tuesday	09/21/09	Grade VI Parents' Orientation 7:00pm
Wednesday-Friday	09/22-9/24/10	MS Trip Days –Participation expected
		Grade VIII-Williamsburg Trip
		Grade VII- Camp Tockwogh
		Grade VI- trip to NYC Wednesday 9/22/10
		Adventure Aquarium & Go Vertical 9/23/10
		Franklin Institute 9/24/10
Friday	10/01/10	MS Parent Visiting Day
Thursday	10/07/10	Grade VIII Parents meet with US Director 7:00pm
Friday	10/15/10	Fall Fundraiser ends
Friday	10/15/10	MS Dance grades VII & VIII 7:30pm
		Grade VI game night at Haverford 7:30pm
Tuesday	11/02/10	MS Group picture day
Thursday	11/04/10	MS/US Open House 9am-12pm- Baldwin Blue Day
Thursday	11/04/10	MS Parent Conference 5-9pm
Friday	11/05/10	MS Parent Conferences 8am-3:30 NO CLASSES
Thursday	11/16/10	MS Concert 7:00pm
Wednesday	11/18/10	MS health screening
Tuesday	11/23/10	MS Trimester I ends
Tuesday	11/25/10	Thanksgiving break Baldwin Blue Day (regular dismissal)
Monday	11/29/10	Classes resume- Trimester II begins
Tuesday	11/30/10	VIII Parent/ Student evening
Wednesday	12/01/10	Grade VIII visits US
Thursday	12/09/10	MS Drug & Alcohol Parent Evening 7:00pm
Friday	12/17/10	Winter break begins-Baldwin Blue Day dismissal 12pm
Monday	01/03/11	School Reconvenes, 8:15am
Friday	01/14/11	MLK assembly 8:45am
Monday	01/17/11	Martin Luther King Day-NO CLASSES
Thursday	01/19/11	Grade V Parents transition evening 7:00pm
Tuesday	01/20/11	Grade V Visits MS
Tuesday	02/15/11	Grade VIII Handbells and Chorus concert 7:00pm
Thursday-Saturday	02/17/11-2/20/11	Grades VII & VIII to Quebec
Thursday -Monday	02/17/11-2/20/11	Grade VIII Trip to Puerto Rico
Friday	02/18/11	In-Service Day-NO CLASSES
Monday	02/21/11	Presidents' Day-NO CLASSES
Wednesday	02/23/11	Grade VIII Handbells & Chorus SNOW DATE

Friday	03/04/11	Trimester II ends MS Play 7:00pm
Saturday	03/05/11	MS Play 7:00pm
Sunday	03/06/11	MS Play 2:00pm
Monday	03/07/11	Trimester III begins
Friday	03/11/11	Bring a Friend to School Day (IV and VII)
Tuesday-Thursday	03/22/11-3/24/11	MS mini week
Thursday	03/24/11	Spring Vacation begins at 3:30 (regular dismissal)
Monday	04/04/11	School Reconvenes, 8:15 a.m.
Friday	04/22/11	NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
Monday	05/09/11	Blue Kilt Day
Friday	05/13/11	VI & VII Service Day
Saturday	05/14/11	MS Music in the Park
Wednesday	05/18/11	MS Art show/Concert 6-8:30pm
Friday	05/20/11	Grade VIII to Hershey Park with Haverford
Friday	05/20/11	Trimester III ends
Thursday	05/23/11	MS ERBs
Tuesday	05/24/11	MS Exam review day
Wednesday	05/25/11	MS Exam review day
Thursday	05/26/11	MS Exam review day
Friday	05/27/11	MS Exam review day
Monday	05/30/11	Memorial Day Holiday - NO CLASSES
Tuesday	05/31/11	MS Exams 8:30-10:30am
Wednesday	06/01/11	MS Exams 8:30-10:30am
Thursday	06/02/11	MS Exams 8:30-10:30am
Friday	06/03/11	MS Exams 8:30-10:30am
Monday	06/06/11	MS Exams 8:30-10:30am
Tuesday	06/07/11	NO MS CLASSES
Wednesday	06/08/11	Exam return day-dismissal 12:00pm
Thursday	06/19/11	MS Moving Up 9-10am

IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES

Registration Day and Photos taken
September 7, 2010 10:00 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

Classes Begin - Baldwin Blue Day
September 8, 2010

No School-Rosh Hashanah
September 9, 2010

Fall Fundraiser Begins
September 17, 2010

New Parent Parent's Party

September 19, 2010 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Middle School Academic Evening

September 14, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Grade VI Parents orientation

September 21, 7:00pm

Grade VIII Williamsburg Trip (**participation expected**)

September 22-24, 2010

Grade VII Camp Tockwogh Trip (**participation expected**)

Grade VI trip to New York City

September 22, 2010.

(participation expected)

Grade VI to Adventure Aquarium and Go Vertical

(participation expected)

September 23, 2010

Grade VI trip to Franklin Institute

(participation expected)

September 24, 2010

MS Parent Visiting Day 8:15-11:25am

October 1, 2010

Grade VIII Parents meet with US Director 7:00pm

October 7, 2010

In-service day- **NO CLASSES**

October 8, 2010

Columbus Day-**NO CLASSES**

October 11, 2010

Fall Fundraiser ends

October 15, 2010

Ms Dance for VII & VIII (The Baldwin School) **7:30-10:00 p.m. (note time dance ends)**

Grade VI Game night at Haverford 7:30

October 15, 2010

MS Class Picture Day & Retakes

November 2, 2010

Baldwin Blue Day- Admissions Open House

November 3, 2010

Baldwin Blue Day-Admissions Open House

November 4, 2010

Middle School Parent Conference
November 4, 2010 5:00pm-9:00pm
November 5, 2010 8:00am-3:30pm (NO CLASSES VI-VII)

Middle School Fall Concert 7:00pm
November 16, 2010

MS Health Screening
November 18, 2010

Thanksgiving Break - **Baldwin Blue Day**
November 24, 2010 (regular dismissal)

Classes resume
Middle School Trimester I ends
November 29, 2010

Middle School Trimester II begins
November 29, 2010

VIII Parents & Students Evening at US 7:00pm
November 30, 2010

VIII's visit Upper School Classes (**participation expected**)
December 1, 2010

MS Drug and Alcohol Parent Evening 7:00pm
December 9, 2011

Winter Break Begins- **Baldwin Blue Day**
December 17, 2010 (Early dismissal)

School Resumes
January 3, 2011

Martin Luther King Day - **NO CLASSES**
January 17, 2011

Grade V Transition Evening
January 19, 2011 7:00 p.m

Grade V visits MS
January 20, 2011

Grade VIII Handbells and Chorus 7:00pm
February 15, 2011

VII & VIII Quebec Trip
February 17-20 2011

VIII Puerto Rico trip

February 17-20 2011

In Service Day-No Classes

February 18 2011

Presidents' Day - **NO CLASSES**

February 21 2011

Grade VIII Handbells and Chorus 7:00pm SNOW DATE

February 23, 2011

Middle School Trimester II ends

MS Play 7:00pm

March 4, 2011

MS Play 7:00pm

March 5, 2011

MS Play 2:00pm

March 6, 2011

Middle School Trimester III begins

March 7, 2011

Middle School Mini Week

March 22-24, 2011

Spring Break begins

March 24, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. regular dismissal

Classes resume

April 4, 2011 8:15 a.m.

No Classes-**Good Friday**

April 22, 2011

Reunion -**Baldwin Blue Day**

April 29, 2011

Baldwin Blue Day

May 09, 2011

VI & VII Service Day

May 13, 2011

MS Chorus/Orchestra Music in the Park Trip

May 14, 2011

Middle School Art Show 6:00 p.m. (**participation expected**)

Middle School Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. (**participation expected**)

May 18, 2011

Grade VIII Hershey Park with Haverford School (**participation expected**)
MS Trimester III ends
May 20, 2011

Middle School ERBs (**participation expected**)
May 23, 2011 all day

Middle School Exam Review (**participation expected**)
May 24- 27, 2011

Memorial Day - **NO CLASSES**
May 30, 2011

Middle School Exams
May 31, 2011

Middle School Exams
June 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 2011

Middle School Exam Make-up **NO CLASSES**
June 7, 2011

Middle School Exam Return Day (**participation expected**)
Middle School Locker Cleaning
June 8, 2011

Moving Up Assembly (**participation expected**) **BALDWIN BLUE DAY**
June 9, 2011 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Commencement (**ONLY Grade VIII participates**)
June 9, 2011 3:00 p.m.

HANDBOOK OF THE BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Baldwin Middle School is part of the family related to the Lower and Upper Schools. Together the three schools form the larger Baldwin community. Mutual respect for all members of the community is the cornerstone of our life together.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

A Senate, Service League and Athletic Association are the governing bodies of the Middle School. The constitution, which explains the membership and duties of this Senate, follows:

Senate

Membership

President, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

Vice President, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades

VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

Secretary-Treasurer, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

One representative from each homeroom elected in September by the members of each homeroom grades VI-VIII.

Job Description

President of the Middle School Senate - The President works with the faculty Advisors to the Senate, other class officers, and the elected Homeroom Representatives to plan and sponsor events which concern the Middle School.

Vice President of Middle Senate - The Vice President works closely with the Middle School Senate and serves as chairperson in the absence of the President.

Secretary/Treasurer of Middle School Senate - The Secretary/Treasurer maintains records of the meetings and finances of the Middle School Senate. She works closely with the officers and representatives of the Senate.

Service League

Membership

President, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

Vice President, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

Secretary-Treasurer, a rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII in the spring for the following year.

One representative from each homeroom elected in September by the members of each homeroom grades VI-VIII.

Job Description

President of the Middle School Service league –The president works with the faculty advisor to the Service League and elected Homeroom Representatives to plan and sponsor service events for the Middle School.

Vice President of Service League- The Vice President works closely with the Middle School Service League and serves as Chairperson in the absence of the President.

Secretary/Treasurer- The Secretary/Treasurer maintains records of the meetings and finances of the Middle School Service League. She works closely with the officers and representatives of Service League.

Athletic Association

Membership

Head- A rising eighth grader, nominated by her class and elected by the entire Middle School, grades VI-VIII

in the spring for the following year.

Board- two rising eighth graders, nominated by their class in the spring for the following year.

One representative from each homeroom elected in September by the members of each homeroom grades VI-VIII.

Job Description

Head and Board work with the faculty Advisor and elected Homeroom Representatives to plan and sponsor athletic events for the Middle School.

Class Officers

Class President – The Class President works with her classmates and the class Advisor to plan and sponsor class events during the school year.

Class Vice-President – The Class Vice-President serves as a support to the Class President, and she conducts meeting in her absence

Class Secretary – The Class Secretary maintains records of class meetings and presents them at subsequent meetings. She is also responsible for maintaining the attendance records of class meetings.

Class Treasurer - The Class Treasurer maintains the records of class funds working with the officers and Class Advisor in establishing and collecting class dues. She reports on the balance and use of the class funds.

Homeroom Representatives

Individual homeroom Senate Representative, Service League Representative and Athletic Association Representative are elected in the fall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICERS 2010-2011

SENATE

Faculty ... Lisa Ameisen

Faculty ... Erin White

Head ... Maddie Omrod

Board... Ting Fang

Board... Ali Thaler

SERVICE LEAGUE

Faculty...Dara Solotoff
Head... Ally Branman
Board ...Gretchen Alexander
Board... Emily Braverman

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Faculty... Preston Bannard
Head... Bridget Pansini
Board... Madz Brill-Edwards
Board... Maddie Dawkins

**VIth, VIIth, and VIIIth Grade Homeroom Representatives
(to be announced when elected in fall)**

CLASS ADVISORS

VIIIth Grade ... Tiffany Borsch
VIIth Grade ... Lisa Ameisen
VI Grade.... Eleanor Hero

CLASS OFFICERS

Class VIII

President	Sarah Elmongy
Vice President.....	Sarah Wing
Secretary.....	Sarah Zarsky
Treasurer.....	Rachel Dichter

Class VII

President.....	Isabel Senior
Vice President.....	Quinn Funston
Secretary.....	Morgan Steelman
Treasurer.....	Amanda Kichline

Class VI

President.....	Ishana Shyamalan
Vice President.....	Lauren Foshnotch
Secretary.....	Arianna Hairston

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Middle School community works on the premise that respect for a consideration of others is the most important aspect of the community. To maintain an orderly community most conducive to work and learning, we do need rules that apply while students are on campus.

-Students will not be allowed to disrupt a classroom by thoughtless or rude behavior.

-Prompt attendance at all classes and assemblies is required. During unscheduled periods students must work in a Resource Period. (Permission slips for working in library at this time may be obtained from the Resource Period proctor).

-Students may not leave the campus during the school day, unless the Director of the Middle School gives specific permission.

-Smoking is forbidden and the possession or use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs may lead to expulsion.

-Students must wear correct school uniform Monday through Friday.

-No pagers, cell phones or personal listening devices are permitted in school during school hours.

-Bookbags may not be left on the hallway floors of the Schoolhouse.

-Gum chewing is forbidden.

It is the responsibility of every student to make all members of community feel welcome.

The Baldwin School is an institution committed to diversity, inclusion, civility, respect, responsibility, and to the highest standards of personal performance and development. The Baldwin School stands for equity, accomplishment, respect for all.

We are dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination and anti-harassment in all aspects of our Community members' relationships and actions on any basis including, but not limited to, race, religion, color, sexual orientation, physical disability, or national origin. All students must feel safe - free of physical or verbal harassment.

We value friendship, scholarship, respect, responsibility integrity, and empathy. We are committed to honoring the individual within the context of a community where all members respect and celebrate the diversity of Baldwin students, families and faculty. Rules are established for purposes of safety, organization of the learning and teaching environment, and to uphold standards of expected behavior and responsibility.

If these tenets are violated, by any student, she may be asked to leave the school community.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Dishonesty

Personal and academic honesty are values, along with kindness to and consideration of others, which are held extremely high. The Director of the Middle School and the Head of the School handle any incidents involving dishonesty. The consequences for acts of dishonesty include suspension.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism, the unauthorized use of someone else's words or ideas without acknowledgement, is as wrong as stealing money from a pocketbook. Most students realize that word-for-word copying of another's writing without quotation marks and footnotes is dishonest. However, many may not understand that taking someone else's ideas, even though they state them in different words, is plagiarism also unless credit is given to the original source in a footnote. The theft of ideas is as bad as stealing material things. Obviously, a student cannot footnote every idea, which is not her own. Original thoughts are rare. Facts and ideas, which are common knowledge, do not need acknowledgement. But if a student is aware of the fact that the idea belongs to someone else, she must be sure to make this clear to the reader.

In addition to the school's general statement on plagiarism, the English Department would like to specify that the use of study guides or outlines such as Cliff's Notes or Monarch Notes is also considered to be dishonest and a kind of plagiarism. The English Department believes that it is essential for students to read and study literature on their own and with their class; therefore, no use of any literary criticism without the teacher's permission is allowed.

ASSIGNMENTS

Each student needs to structure her study time wisely. Also asking for help to understand material on tests, quizzes and assignments is part of the learning process. Assignments are generally given weekly. The expected length of an evening assignment:

- VI - 20 minutes per assignment
- VII - 20 minutes per assignment
- VIII - 30 minutes per assignment

Students must use the test calendar and the website for planning. Tests, quizzes and long term assignments are recorded on the board. A student may not have more than one test and two quizzes on one day. **If a student has some confusion about an assignment, test or quiz, she must speak with her teacher. Students must hand in papers and assignments directly to the teacher.**

REPORTS, GRADES AND EXAMS

At the end of each trimester, students receive grades and detailed comments on their progress from each teacher. The comments address the students understanding of content, application of skills, work habits and attitudes. The following letter grades are used to indicate a student's progress in the work of a course:

A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F

Students meet with their homeroom teachers to review their reports before the reports are mailed to parents. Interim reports are sent to students whose progress or behavior has changed significantly. When necessary, weekly reports are sent for students who need more support.

Final examinations are given at the end of each academic year in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Languages, and Science. Final examinations help students to synthesize the material covered throughout the year and give teachers another opportunity to assess student's progress. Examination grades are factored into the assessment process at 1/10 of the yearlong grade. If a student fails a final exam, she will be expected to retake that exam in August.

During the course of the year, if a student needs greater assistance in a particular discipline, a teacher will suggest tutoring or tutorials or require Friday Afternoon Study Hall for support in completing assignments.

ACADEMIC WARNING

A student may be placed on academic warning by the Middle School Director if serious concerns exist about her academic achievement. Students who have a failing grade in any course, Ds in more than one course, or three or more grades of C- will be placed on Academic Warning. In addition, the Director may place a student on Academic Warning for persistent failure to complete assigned schoolwork or attend classes.

Once assigned, a student will remain on academic warning until removed by the Director. The status of students assigned to academic probation will be reviewed at the end of each trimester. Students who remain on Academic Warning during the school year will not be offered a re-enrollment contract until the end of the year; at that time, if a student has achieved satisfactory status, she will be invited to return. In any case, a girl's place in the class will be reserved for her until her final review.

THINKING ABOUT STUDYING

Motivation

Motivation and achievement are inextricably connected. A student must want to learn. Set goals. Look for connections in reading, writing and thinking. Establish the best place and time for studying. Maintain a positive attitude about school, homework assignments and projects.

Habits

Learn to budget time. How many assignments? How much time is required to complete homework? Make a list of assignments. Which assignment is due tomorrow? Which is a long-term assignment? Plan ahead. Use an assignment book for organizational structure. Create a schedule. Write down all parts of the assignment. Make sure to understand the assignment. Ask questions if the assignment is unclear. Is absolute quiet necessary to study? Are there any distractions? Is the lighting adequate near desk or workspace? Is it appropriate to study in a reclining position? Take occasional 5-minute rest breaks from studying. Review material regularly. Begin the most difficult assignments first. Change to a subject of interest when drowsy. Plan to use part of weekend to study and review. Remember to exercise and have fun too.

Taking notes

Strong note-taking skills are developed with practice. Date the pages of notes written during class discussions. Use only one side of the page. Leave space to make notes on notes during review. Write clearly and neatly so to understand the information when reviewing. Follow a self-designed system of note taking. Design a format or method to distinguish between major points and minor points. Flashcards are a useful tool to review notes. Doodling may be a waste of time and a distraction. Follow the information written on the chalkboard. What information in class is being emphasized?

Reading the texts

Read efficiently for understanding with the PQRS method.

PREVIEW the material by skimming or looking for the summary. Get the big picture of what is being presented.

Formulate **QUESTIONS** while scanning the reading. What is the chapter heading? Change the title into a question.

READ the material more thoroughly and remember to think while reading. Ask questions. Read the chapter twice. Underline the important names, dates, and points. Take reading notes to class with you. Share the information with the class.

STATE the important points. Take a few moments after each chapter to review questions.

TEST with questions from the chapter notes. Discuss the material with a friend, with parents, with a sibling. Explain what was read.

Taking a test

Tests and quizzes are all part of the learning experience of school. Think positively. Review notes, flashcards and any other material and then get plenty of rest the night before. Arrive early and get organized with paper, notes if permitted, pencil or pen and relax in a chair that fits. Read or listen carefully to the directions or instructions. Budget time. Look over the entire exam first and allot time appropriately. If there is something unclear about a question, ask the teacher immediately. Keep eyes on own paper. Work patiently. If finished early, review work.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Detention

In any society there are consequences if the community is offended by uncaring or thoughtless behavior. In the Middle School we ask students who have misbehaved to stay after school on Friday afternoons. Since we are "detaining" students, this system is called "detention". A detention is given for infractions against school rules such as violations of the school uniform, lateness to class, gum chewing, and obstruction of the hallway with a bookbag.

Incident Reports

Since we must function within a community, rudeness will not be tolerated. Incident reports will be sent to the Middle School Director when serious, inappropriate behavior such as rudeness occurs. Parents will be telephoned and may be asked to come in for a conference with the Middle School Director.

Uniform Violations

We feel strongly that the uniform instills pride in the school and minimizes the emphasis on clothing. Following are the Dress Regulations.

Middle School Dress Regulations: The wearing of uniforms is traditional at Baldwin. Though the specific regulations have changed over the years, the intent remains a common identification and to minimize clothing competition while providing for individual expression through several approved options.

*Blue Uniform Kilt (year round)

Gray uniform kilt (optional)

Blue and white cord skirt (spring and fall option)

Navy athletic shorts must be worn under the kilt

Navy corduroy slacks or Navy Chino Pants

White, Gray or Navy blue tank tops may be worn under white shirts with collars
Logos no bigger than a thumb on shirts (1 inch)
Boots in standard colors may be worn under navy cords or navy chinos
Leggings or tights must be gray, navy or white

Kilts must be finger tip length

White, collared shirt, short or long sleeved (all shirts must have full collars and sleeves)

White turtleneck shirts (no mock turtleneck shirts)

Navy or gray sweater - no design or monogram

Navy, gray and white sweat shirt - Baldwin monogram only
(must be worn right side out)

Navy, gray, or white solid colored socks

Footwear options include low-heeled shoes or athletic shoes, in standard colors.
(Sandals, clogs and open-toed shoes are not permitted)

Navy sweat pants may be worn for sports only

White polo shirts with a sport logo on the left chest approved by the Physical Education and Athletic Departments can be purchased for daily uniform use in the Baldwin bookstore.

A blue and white Baldwin rugby shirt can also be worn. A student's name can be added to the back at shoulder height, also a sport logo approved by the athletic department can be requested on the left chest. In addition silver sport pins with Bear paws to represent years of participation on a middle school sport can be purchased in the bookstore to be worn on the rugby.

On game days MS Athletes may wear their team jerseys with their kilt.

The School uniform must be worn the entire academic day, Monday through Friday. **Shorts are not permitted at any time. Jewelry is not permitted at any time.**

WE ASK PARENTS TO SUPPORT THESE REGULATIONS, WHICH WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE SCHOOL.

*All students are required to purchase a blue uniform kilt. Students may be required to wear this kilt on a given day.

GRADE VIII Special Privilege

B WEEK Friday, students in grade VIII may come to school out of uniform after Winter Break. If a Grade VIII student has received a uniform violation, she must come in uniform the following B Week Friday.

BOOKBAGS

Book bags left on the floor of the hallways will be confiscated and put in the Middle School Office. Please use your cubbies.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

ILLNESS

When it is necessary for a girl to be absent from school because of illness, a parent should call the following number: 610 527-9024. This 24-hour voice mail direct line to our Wellness Center should be used to notify the school of all absences. Messages will be received and recorded before 8:30 a.m. We urge parents to phone in absences as early as possible. The parent's message should include parent's name, the student's name, the student's grade and the time of day. If a student is absent from school for three or more consecutive days, she must present a note from her physician upon return. If a student misses more than 20 days during an academic year, the school will automatically review her status. Due to those absences, the school reserves the right to deny credit for that year. If a student is absent during the academic day, she may not participate in

after school activities.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Homework assignments are available on our website.

ILLNESS DURING THE DAY

If a student becomes ill, she should go to the Wellness Center. If a child needs to leave school due to illness, the school nurse will facilitate that departure. If the nurse is not available, she should go to the Middle School office.

LATENESS

If a student is late for school, she should sign in at the Middle School Office, **before** going to class.

EXTRA HELP

If a student needs extra help in a certain subject, she should ask her teacher to meet with her at a mutually convenient time. A teacher may also request that a student come to see her. Resource periods are scheduled for these purposes. If a student would like to do work for enrichment, she should also make that known. If prolonged help is needed, parents will be advised that tutoring is necessary and arrangements will be made for this.

DENTAL OR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please avoid appointments, which cause absence from class. If this cannot be avoided, **it is necessary that a note be sent in to the Middle School office.** Girls may not leave the school, unless a parent has sent in written permission. Please do not phone in messages unless it is an emergency appointment. When a student leaves for a medical appointment during the school day, **she must sign out in the Middle School office upon leaving and sign in when she returns.**

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY

We ask that all students adhere to the published calendar of school days. If for any reason a student cannot comply with this, a parent must write a letter to Mrs. Powell at least one week prior to the days to be missed. The student must turn in all assignments before she leaves. If a test or quiz is missed, the student will make up the work upon her return. Please remember that religious holidays are excused absences.

MESSAGES

If you wish to get a message to your daughter before 2:40 p.m. (after that time the girls are not in the Schoolhouse), please call the Middle School Office. Messages are posted on the Middle School message board. Students have the responsibility of checking the message board throughout the day.

TELEPHONE

There is a telephone available for student use on the third floor. **Girls may not use the telephone during classes,** and permission is required to use the phone. Girls may not use personal telephones during the school day.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES: A Middle School Assembly will take place weekly, with programs of special interest to the student body. Some time has been set aside for a special activities program, Town Meetings, class meetings, and homeroom advisories. Students will have assigned seats in the Assembly Room for assemblies. This enables homeroom teachers to take attendance easily. Students are expected to enter assemblies quietly and when the person taking charge of the assembly stands at the front of the room all talking should stop.

HOMEROOMS: Students will be assigned to a homeroom with a homeroom teacher. The homeroom is really the student's special "home" while she is in school, and the homeroom teacher serves as the student's advisor. Homeroom teachers will go over grade reports with students before the reports are sent home. Students report to homeroom at 8:15 a.m. to hear the daily homeroom bulletin and for attendance taking purposes. At least two periods a week will be homeroom periods. That time will be used to discuss ideas, work on homeroom or service projects, plan activities or study.

ADVISOR: The student's class is also an important unit. Each class has a class advisor who helps with projects and activities.

USE OF THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

All classrooms and furniture are to be treated with great care. It is the responsibility of all community members to maintain the cleanliness of the corridors and classrooms. As we move from class to class, we must pick-up litter, use the trash containers and straighten desks, tables and chairs. Writing on any school property is strictly prohibited. Climbing out of classroom windows or sitting on windowsills is also strictly prohibited.

LIBRARY

Students are encouraged to use the library. Library rules should be observed at all times. A photocopy machine is available for academic student use in the Library.

DINING ROOM

Certain tables will be assigned to the Middle School for lunch. It is the student's responsibility to clean away all used utensils, paper bags, etc. when she has finished eating. Students are not permitted to eat in the corridors. All food and snacks are to be consumed in the Dining Room or with special permission in homerooms. Gum chewing is not permitted at any time during the academic day. Faculty members and students on lunch duty may ask students to assist in cleaning up. Students are expected to be polite and cooperative. Students may purchase lunch items using Identification number provided.

BOOKSTORE

The Baldwin Bookstore, located on the ground floor of the Residence across from the Business Office, sells new uniforms and provides resale for outgrown uniforms. The Baldwin Bookstore is open, when school is in session. Monday through Thursday from 7:45-3:45 and on Friday from 7:45-3:00.

RESOURCE PERIOD

A student must work in a Resource Period during an unscheduled period, unless she has permission to go to the library. The resource period will be quiet so that students may use this time constructively to read or study. Permission to leave resource period will be given if the student brings a note from a teacher requesting an appointment. The Director must grant all other excuses, or in the case of her absence, the Administrative Assistant of the Middle School, who will notify the Resource Period proctor.

LOCKERS known as CUBBIES are assigned to each student. Items of tremendous value, i.e. cash or jewelry, should not be brought to school. Wallets should be kept with student at all times. The school reserves the right to inspect and search lockers/cubbies at any time.

LOST AND FOUND

Books and clothing, which have been left in classrooms or corridors, will be placed in the Middle School Office. Items that are labeled or clearly marked with name are returned more quickly. If the items are not claimed in 7 days, they will be donated to the community rummage sale to benefit the scholarship fund.

ACTIVITIES

CHORUS, BNATURALS AND ORCHESTRA

Membership is open to any girl in grades VI-VIII who enjoys singing. Chorus meets two times per week within the school day. BNaturals is a select VIII grade choral group. Concerts will be given during the school year. The Orchestra provides an opportunity for instrumentalists to play together and to give concerts.

13th HOUR

Creative writing submitted by Middle School students is presented in the Middle School Literary Magazine. The magazine contains poetry, short stories and other forms of creative writing, and is published annually.

Art Club

Provides the opportunity for girls to show their creativity through Art.

Computer Club

Explores technology

Drama Club

Provides a performance opportunity for those girls not able to participate in the Middle School play.

Scrabble club

A club where you go to have fun play games.

Geography Club

Opportunity for girls to informally hone their geography skills.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PEER COUNSELORS

VII and VIIs are selected to meet with Lower Schoolers as a way of making connections between divisions.

THE INSIDE IMAGE

The Middle School yearbook is called The Inside Image. The Middle School Senate and the Senate advisor supervise publication. Photographers, writers and layout specialists are needed.

LAMPLIGHTERS

Students in the Lamplighters serve as hosts and guides for new students, prospective students and prospective parents. It is important for prospective students and parents to have a positive impression of our community. This is the responsibility of every student. Students in grades VI-VIII participate.

Middle School Drama

The Middle School drama group, produce a play each year during the winter term. Classes VI, VII and VIII are eligible for membership in the Players.

CLASS TRIPS

In addition to class related field trips, Middle School students participate in the following grade trips.

Grade VI takes several field trips.

Grade VII takes an overnight camping trip in the fall.

Grade VIII has an interdisciplinary overnight class trip with the Social Studies and English departments.

DANCES

Student leaders plan a dance on campus each year to which all Middle Schoolers are invited. Committee work is what makes these events successful so all community members are expected to help with the set-up, decoration or clean up. The dances are held in the Gymnasium. The event begins at 7:30 and ends promptly at 10:00 p.m. Students from other independent schools are invited to participate in the dance.

ATHLETICS

Interscholastic competition at Baldwin begins in VI. We hope that all girls will participate in interscholastic athletics throughout their Middle School years. Teams are based on ability, however, we will field as many teams as we have girls who are interested and committed. Try-outs are scheduled at the beginning of each season.

Middle School practices are held five days a week. A schedule of practices and games will be published at the beginning of each season.

Interscholastic teams offered in Middle School are soccer, cross country, tennis and field hockey in the fall, basketball, swimming, dance, squash and volleyball in the winter and lacrosse and softball in the spring.

Some specific guidelines regarding interscholastic athletics are:

- a. Girls who play in the first game are expected to and should want to stay and watch the second game.
- b. Any student who is absent from school may not play in that day's game. Students are expected to be in school all day in order to play in that day's game.
- c. Girls who miss practice the day before a game will not start -and possibly not play - depending upon the circumstances.
- d. Girls having medical excuses can be helpful in ways other than playing, e.g. timing, scoring, helping with equipment, etc.
- e. Girls who miss class due to an athletic event are expected to complete all assignments.

Uniform requirements for games include kilts and regulation shirts; shorts may be worn under the kilt; navy sweat suits **ONLY** may be worn with game uniform. These are available from the Physical Education Department.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All Middle School students have Physical Education class five times in ten days. Components of these classes are learning the skills, rules and strategies of the interscholastic teams we offer. In addition the classes cover physical fitness; lifetime activities including swimming and tennis; and other recreational activities.

Uniform Requirements for Physical Education class include Baldwin navy shorts and departmental white polo shirts. Navy or gray sweat suits may be worn in cold weather. These items are available in the Bookstore. Athletic shorts and socks are also required.

ALMA MATER

Hail, Baldwin, Alma Mater,
our Leader and our Guide,
O hear us sing our praise of thee:
Thy standard bright and glorious,
let us bear it far and wide,
Thy faithful heralds let us be.

We love thee, we praise thee,
this we make our aim,
That we may ever worthy be
to bear thy name.

We pledge to thee forever
our faith and loyalty,
O Alma Mater, fair and strong:
For what our lives accomplish,
Mother wise, we owe to thee.
O Alma Mater, hear our song:

And as from year to year,
new friends here meet and part,
The echoes of thy praise resound
from every heart.

-Carolyn Krenson, 1912

BALDWIN GLOSSARY

A.A.	Athletic Association
Centennial Field	Athletic field behind Workshop
Upper Field	Athletic field in front of Residence
Main Hall Desk	Reception desk in Main Hall of Residence
Pit	Residence Center Hall
Red Gym	Gymnasium near Morris Avenue driveway

**The Welsh inscription over the fireplace in the
Main Hall means "A Warm Welcome"**