

COUGAR CHRONICLE

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Welcome to the Bates Family

Welcome to our special "5th grade parent" edition of the Cougar Chronicle. Weekly, we communicate with parents regarding all the important events, dates and activities at Bates. To make sure you receive this important weekly newsletter, when you update your Emergency Contact Form next fall, **INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!** (*You can check out this year's chronicles at:*

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0YjDeYRPeugNkdjNjR2SXhqeIQ>)

We are already looking forward to a great 6th grade class next year at Bates. We have a few opportunities to help you prepare your rising sixth grader for middle school. In this edition of the chronicle, you will find information about Summer Orientation, Summer Homework and information on our Uniform Policy. Staying involved with your student is the best way to ensure their academic and social success! We hope you will **consider joining the Bates PTA next year** as well as take advantage of opportunities to volunteer in the school. Each quarter, students have the opportunity to show off at our Quarterly Arts Showcases! These performances (featuring both PVA and Arts Integration) are definitely worth taking time off work to attend. Throughout the year, your student has the opportunity to stay after school for Help Day and After School Clubs. Have a great summer and get ready for a great year!

Summer Resources

Still looking for a camp this summer? Check out our **Blackboard Site!** Under [Parent Information](#) you will find a listing of Summer Resources! To get to blackboard, go to the AACPS.ORG website. Click on the word "STUDENTS" then click on MY BLACKBOARD (bottom of far right column).

Username: batesms Password: cougar

Click on "What's Happening at Bates Middle School"

Hint: You will use Blackboard next year to find out information on homework and what's happening in your student's classroom! (<https://blackboard.aacps.org>)

IN UNIFORM

All students at Bates Middle School are required to wear a uniform to school daily! Shirts must be purchased from the school. The color of the uniform shirt is determined by grade level.

6th grade – Black Polos

7th grade – Royal Blue Polos

8th grade – Purple Polos

All students wear uniform style pants, shorts, skirts and/or skorts in either khaki (tan) or dark blue. Uniform style pants/shorts/skirts are readily available for purchase from local and online retailers such as Old Navy, Sears, and JC Penny. (CARGO pants/shorts are NOT permitted). The Bates-issued logo polos are priced at \$7. Bates outerwear includes Bates-issued sweatshirts (cost \$12) or button down cardigans. Occasionally we will hold "Spirit Days" which enables students some fun options (i.e., jeans and jerseys).

SUMMER UNIFORM SALE DAYS

August 6, 10 AM – 2 PM

August 15, 5 PM – 8:30 PM

August 21, 8AM – 12 PM

August 27 – 29, 8:30 AM – 2 PM

Bates 6th Grade Summer Orientations

Bring your sixth grader to school this summer to learn the "Bates Way" and take a tour!

Uniform Polos will be available for purchase.

Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 pm or

Wednesday, August 21 at 9:00 am

Questions? Call Ms. Jackson, 6th grade counselor, 410 263-4718

SUMMER HOMEWORK

Keep up with Reading and Math this summer!

- Summer Reading HW (to be turned into LA teacher in Fall) and Reading Resources!

- Optional Math Assignment

Information can be found on blackboard:

<https://blackboard.aacps.org>

(Username: Batesms; Password: cougar)

Click on [Parent Information](#).

THIS SUMMER ON THE COUGAR CALENDAR

Aug 6 ~ Uniform Shirt Sales, 10 am – 2pm

Aug 15 ~ 6th grade Orientation, 6 pm (shirts 5—8:30)

Aug 21 ~ 6th grade Orientation, 9 am (shirts 8—12)

Aug 27 - 29 ~ Uniform shirt sales, 8:30—2

Sept 3 ~ First Day of School/ **6th grade ONLY**

Sept 4 ~ First Day of School/ 7th and 8th grade students

