

# New Student Info for Baldwin

## Uniforms

The uniform guidelines of the school coincide with MPS dress code, but in a more detailed and school-specific form: The Baldwin Dress Code is as follows:

### Uniform Tops

**Girls:** Dark purple or white polo shirts; short or long sleeved, may have a banded waist.  
White button-down shirts;  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeve, short sleeve, or long sleeved.

\*All shirts must have collars, and no logos, unless it is the Baldwin logo.

**Boys:** Dark purple or white polo shirts; short or long sleeved  
White button-down shirts; short or long sleeved.

\*All shirts must have collars, and no logos, unless it is the Baldwin logo.

\*Shirts do not have to be tucked in, but if student chooses to tuck in shirt, a belt must be worn, if pants, shorts, or skirts have belt loops.

### Uniform Bottoms

**Girls:** KHAKI or BLACK shorts, skorts, that look like skirts from the front and back, skirts, jumpers (all must adhere to MPS policy requiring these to be no higher than 2 inches from the crease in the back of the knee), capri pants, or long pants. All pants must be regular cut, with no “skinny pants” or leggings made to look like pants. PLAID (color “2M”) skorts that look like skirts from the front and back, skirts, and jumpers may be worn also.

**Boys:** KHAKI or BLACK shorts and long pants. Pants must fit properly and may not sag.

\*No athletic shorts.

**Purses, Totes, and/or Bags:** Students may carry small purses to transport personal items; however, purses may be no larger than “10 x 8 x 2”. Students may not carry backpack purses.

**Shoes:** Shoes must cover the foot. Athletic shoes are preferred. Shoes such as loafer, flats, “boat shoes” are permissible, as long as they cover the foot. Boots made to wear during inclement weather (such as rubber rain boots) may be worn to school; however, they must be stored in the student’s locker during the day. No bedroom slippers, flip-flops, stilettos or slides will be allowed.

**Outerwear:** White, dark purple, dark/light gray or black sweaters (crewneck & V-neck), sweater vests, sweatshirts, zip front hoodies, and fleece jackets are all acceptable. Outerwear must be solid in color with no logos. No branded outerwear can worn in the classroom. All may be embroidered with the Baldwin logo, but school logos are not required.

\*Outerwear MAY NOT BE monogrammed with the student’s personal name.

Hats and scarves are considered outerwear and must be placed in the student’s locker during the school day.

### **Socks/Tights, Ties, Hair Ribbons, Belts, Accessories:**

**Socks and tights:** solid color white, black, or flesh colored. Dance students may not wear their dance class tights under skirts.

**Ties** may be worn (must be tied correctly) but are not required: solid dark purple or plaid (2M).

**Hair Ribbons and small hair bows** should be solid color: black, white, purple, beige/khaki, or plaid (2M). No large hairbows may be worn. Headbands may be worn to hold back the wearer's hair but may not be worn on the forehead. Large jewelry, such as necklaces or earrings, is not allowed.

**Belts**, if worn, must be solid black, brown, or purple.

**Special Occasions:** On special occasions, designated by the Principal, students may wear Baldwin t-shirts that have not been altered to look different than intended. (no cut sleeves, slits, tassels, etc.). On these special days, students must wear uniform bottoms.

**PE Uniforms:** students taking PE (which is all students except for Dance students) will purchase PE uniforms from the PE teachers during the first few weeks of school. Each item is \$7, so a full set is \$14. PARENT TIP: It is recommended that parents purchase more than one full set of gym clothes. Students alternate their gym clothes throughout the week to minimize the odor that sets in to their gym clothes. Students may also lose items throughout the year, so it is good to have a fallback uniform. Students are also required to wear white tube socks as part of their gym uniform. It is recommended that you purchase multiple pairs of socks as well. Tennis shoes must be worn in PE. Students who fail to bring the required uniform are given the option to borrow items from the lost and found pile or take a reduction in grade for dressing out that week. PARENT TIP: Some students bring 2-3 uniforms with them to school on Monday morning. They alternate throughout the week and bring them home Friday to be washed. Find a system that works for your family and stick with it!

## Lockers

Students will rent a locker near their homeroom class from their homeroom teacher during the first two weeks of school. The **rental fee is \$7** for the school year. Upon payment, students will be given the combination for their locker. It is a good idea to have your student practice using a 3-digit combination lock over the summer, so they are prepared.

Locker Decorations: No decorations may be permanent and must not be visible from outside the locker. Students typically use magnetic mirrors, hooks, shelves, or dry erase boards in their lockers. (It is recommended that you don't purchase locker decorations until you know the size of your locker.)

PE Students must also **rent a P.E. locker for \$5**. These lockers have the same type of 3-digit combination. Students can store their PE uniforms, shoes, extra deodorant or hygiene items in these lockers.

## Lunch/Breakfast

Baldwin students will receive free breakfast and lunch again this year. Students arriving early for breakfast will enter through the gym at 6:30 (if car rider) and proceed to the cafeteria. Bus riders will be dropped off at the Scott Street door. Students eat lunch during their 5<sup>th</sup> period class during one of three waves.

## Arrival/Dismissal:

The school day begins at 7:12 and ends at 2:15 at Baldwin. Students are permitted into the building through the gym beginning at 6:30 AM. The front door opens approximately at 7:00 AM. There is a warning bell at 7:10 AM. The tardy bell rings at 7:12 AM, so students should plan for enough time to go through security, go to their locker, and make it to homeroom before the tardy bell rings. Students must be seated in their desk in homeroom to be considered on time. Students must be signed in in the office by a parent if they arrive at school after the tardy bell rings.

The dismissal bell rings at 2:15. Students exit the front doors, gym doors, and bus riders use the Scott Street doors for their exit.

McDonough is a ONE-WAY street. During arrival and dismissal times, the left lane becomes a line for drop off and pickup. It is recommended that students sit in the back-driver side seat of the vehicle so that they can disembark safely. Many parents park in metered parking spots around the school on McDonough and Lawrence and allow their students to walk safely to and from the school. Do NOT let students out or park on Scott Street next to the school; **this is the bus lane**. Baldwin has a crossing guard stationed at the corner of McDonough and Scott Street. Students should use the crosswalk at all times for their safety. Do not let students get out of the vehicle if not next to the curb. It is not safe.

## School Supplies

At new student orientation, students will be given a list of required/recommended school supplies per classroom. The first few days of school students only need a notebook, some paper, and a pen/pencil. If you're shopping the Back to School sales, these items may be needed during their time at Baldwin:

Notebook Paper

Binders (you can purchase a Trapper Keeper style to carry all subjects, or several smaller binders to hold fewer subjects)

Dividers

Pens (Blue or Black ink)

Pencils (mechanical or wooden)

Erasers

Colored Pencils

Markers

Highlighters

White-Out

Glue Stick

3x5 index cards

Flash drive

## Donations

As a magnet school, Baldwin receives less funding than the traditional schools in our area. Our administration works hard to allocate all funds towards classroom instruction materials and necessities. The PTSA, in an effort to safeguard that funding, supports our teachers and staff with **cleaning supplies, paper towels, tissues, and hand sanitizer**. We also support the school nurse by supplying **band-aids, ace bandages, quart-size freezer bags for ice packs, feminine hygiene products, and tissues**. As you're shopping the school supplies sales, please pick up an extra item or two on these lists. Your donation helps the school and the PTSA put more money back into the classroom and the betterment of Baldwin.

## New Student Orientation

Make plans now to attend New Student Orientation on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6PM. Students and parents will hear information from the PTSA, Principal, and will have time to follow their schedules and find their classes. **Make sure students bring their schedules!** The PTSA will have student volunteers available to help students find their classes. The Spirit Store will be open beginning at 5:15 in the Baldwin Cafeteria, and the PTSA will be onsite to answer any questions you may have!

## PTSA Events

Throughout the year, the PTSA will host several important meetings with information you won't want to miss.

**Open House**, in September, is an opportunity for parents of ALL students to follow their schedules and meet their teachers. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to climb some stairs!

**Faculty Follies**, in October, is an incredible talent show provided by the faculty and staff at Baldwin. The event coincides with a dance, and discounted combo tickets will go on sale ahead of time.

**Magnet High School Showcase**, in January, principals and faculty from the magnet high schools will be available for parents and students to answer questions as they prepare for high school.

**Baldwin Run**, in February, will be our largest fundraiser of the year. Students will receive pledges and donations and will compete for prizes in an effort to raise \$10,000 for our school.

**Dances**: there are 4 dances throughout the year, in August, October, February and May. Check the calendar for dates. Dances are from 6:30-9:00 PM. Tickets are sold at the door and admission is \$10, except for the Faculty Follies Dance, when we offer a discounted combo ticket for both Follies and the Dance. These combo tickets will go on sale the week before Faculty Follies.

**Nancy's Italian Ice** will be sold again this year after school on Thursdays for \$2. The PTSA keeps a portion of the proceeds and uses them for the betterment of our school. In the past we have paid for painting, landscaping, and general upkeep of the campus. Please support this weekly fundraiser by sending \$2 with your student each Thursday.

## Volunteer

Our PTSA is stronger when we all get involved. We appreciate your donations and your support of our fundraisers, but we also really need your help! Every parent has skills and talents that could enhance the middle school experience for our kids, and we need you! Volunteering during your child's middle school years is also a great way to stay connected to your student, their friends, their teachers, and their lives. Do not fall into the myth that it's time to step back. Lean in, stay involved, and get connected with other middle school parents. We promise you won't regret it! Please volunteer to help us with Fundraisers, Building and Grounds, Nancy's Italian Ice, Library, Dances, Spirit Store, by filling out a volunteer form in your First Day of School packet. We can't wait to meet you and serve with you! You can also email us at [baldwinmms@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinmms@gmail.com) for other volunteer opportunities!