



FALCON FACTS

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Dear Falcon Family,

Congratulations scholars on completing your first semester. I know it was due to hard work and dedication. I also want to give accolades to Ms. Kesi Carter and the FBLA scholars for organizing a fantastic Career Fair for the HS scholars. I would also like to give kudos to Ms. Tehranie and her team as well for a fun-filled activity afternoon for the MS scholars to culminate the quarter. Go Falcons, SOAR!!

Please read this week's edition of the Falcon Facts for important information.

Newest info:

DoDEA Europe Varsity Basketball (Flyer): Games will be this Friday and Saturday against Naple Middle High School. See the flyer for additional information. The video club will be live-streaming the games each day from this link (viewers will not see it until I hit the "stream" button about 20 minutes before the start).
<https://www.youtube.com/@BahrainSchoolVideo>

School Advisory Committee Meeting (Flyer): Please join us to express your questions, concerns, and suggestions on January 17th at 4:30pm in the library or virtually ([Virtual Link](#)).

Drama Club Show (Flyer): The show will be performed on January 18th and 19th at 5:00pm in the Great Hall.

Teacher of the Year (Flyer): We are excited to announce that the nomination period for the District Teacher of the Year (TOY) award, a prestigious award that honors our district's most dedicated and inspiring teachers, will start on January 8, 2024, and end on February 9, 2024. The DoDEA TOY Program recognizes teachers who have made a positive difference in their students' lives, schools, and communities. Please visit the DoDEA TOY Website at <http://www.dodea.edu/TOY> to nominate a teacher and complete the online nomination form.

Boat Regatta (Flyer): The Student Council will be organizing a Boat Regatta on January 23, 2024, during seminar. Students and student groups will have the opportunity to create a boat to enter the competition. Sign up [link](#).

Strength & Conditioning (Flyer): January 15-February 21-All students are welcome to join. You must have a sports physical on file.

PTA:

Teacher of the month (Flyer) (Nominating Link): We have some amazing educators in this building who make a difference in our children's lives and it's time to celebrate those teachers by voting on who you feel deserves teacher of the month. It's very important for the students to have their input heard and valued. They are the ones who see and interact with the teachers every day. The link below will give you and your

student the opportunity to make your selection and tell us why. This will be for grades K-12 and include specials educators as well, including music, PE, art, host nation, etc. Please make sure to complete the selection by December 30th. As always, we thank you for your support!

Swing and Sing: We have 4 Falcons that successfully completed the audition and will be attending the Swing and Sing in Hubingen, Germany January 21-26, 2024. Congratulations to Morgan Ryan, Kyra Annoni, Ryan Hulitt, & Taylor Rhinehart.

December Parent informational meeting ppt slides: [Powerpoint.](#)

Parent and Staff Resources related to current world events: Considering recent events in the Middle East, some of our students and their families may be concerned about friends and family living in the region or upset by news reporting on the conflict. As always, the emotional health and well-being of our scholars is a primary concern, and we remain committed to providing support for students and staff who may be impacted by the conflict. Our school-level staff is standing by to provide additional support to scholars.

School counselors, psychologists, behavioral health professionals, and Military Family Life Counselors are available to help when called upon. This link has several resources parents and staff members can use to help students in dealing with trauma, violent world events, or conflict:

<https://www.dodea.edu/news/parent-and-staff-resources-related-current-world-events>

Accreditation Corner:

Students:  DoDEA Europe South District's Upcoming District Accreditation.docx (for Secondary Students)

The DoDEA Mission, Vision, and Core Values represent enduring principles that guide the efforts of Europe South and our school, Bahrain Middle High School. Among these core beliefs, Continuous Improvement is paramount, as it directs our focus toward meeting the diverse needs of all our students. In late February and early March 2023, Europe South schools will host an accreditation team comprising educators from both within and outside the DoDEA community.

Europe South schools, including Bahrain Middle High School, welcome the opportunity to receive feedback and engage in collaborative efforts aimed at fulfilling our mission, vision, and core beliefs. If you are interested in supporting Bahrain Middle High School in preparing for this accreditation visit, please reach out to Yolonda.Tabb@dodea.edu. For further insights into the accreditation process, you can explore <https://www.dodea.edu/education/accreditation>.

Periodically, we will address frequently asked questions about the accreditation process.

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- Earn the distinction of quality through the recognized seal of Cognia accreditation.
- Experience a unified, clear, and powerful accreditation process with a scalable and sustainable evaluation of education quality.
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- Hear the best available ideas and thinking on education practices and trends through innovative products, educational technologies, and the collective knowledge of peers.
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Students and their parents will:

- Experience ease in transferring credits from one school to another.
- Gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, postsecondary education and military programs that require students attend an accredited institution.
- Benefit from their institution or educational system's commitment to raising student performance and accountability.

Reminders:***School-Base Shuttle:*****REGULAR RELEASE TIMING:**

Afternoon Shuttle Pick-up: 1500 at Bahrain School Bus Stop (Drop-offs at Bus Stop A and B)

EARLY RELEASE TIMING:

Afternoon Shuttle Pick-up: 1400 at Bahrain School Bus Stop (Drop-offs at Bus Stop A and B)

HALF-DAY TIMING:

Afternoon Shuttle 1: 1120 at Bahrain School Bus Stop (Drop-offs at Bus Stop A and B)

If you are interested in registering your student for this service, please visit the link below to complete the form. If you have already completed registration, you do not need to complete the form again. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScE-BGCboc2loFmMo-d47ACuQOwQ9R2yHyvRq_t5aA4b-zj1g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please reach out to Ms. Kelsey, the School Liaison, with any questions you may have BahrainSL@us.navy.mil ; DSN: 318-439-6719; COMM: +973 1785-6719

Anchor Scholarship Foundation Scholarship: [\(Flyer\)](#) Anchor Scholarship Foundation has been supporting the higher education dreams of our Surface US Navy families for the past 40+ years. We have awarded over \$1,500,000 to over 1,300 eligible family members. Application due on March 1, 2024.

NEX Gen Scholars Program [\(Flyer\)](#): The "You Made the Grade" program is designed to reward students, 1st-12th grade, for above-average academic achievement and to inspire them to work that much harder. Recognizing the student's academic accomplishments offers the Exchange an opportunity to contribute to the military community's quality of life. Please see the flyer for more information and the application.

Required Sports Physical: A sports physical is required to participate in DoDEA sports to include attending practices and is based on an actual health physical performed by a licensure health care practitioner. Once the form is completed and signed by the licensed health care provider with their contact information it is good for one calendar year. DoDEA accepts sports physical forms from other organizations if it is documented the student is cleared for sports, it is signed by a licensed health care provider, and contact information is included. DoDEA does not adhere to any other program policies that allow for extensions past a calendar year for the safety of students playing in a DoDEA sports program.

General Information:

Where to Find Information: [\(Flyer\)](#)

How to Get Involved: [\(Flyer\)](#)

Stakeholder Feedback links:

- Scholars: <https://forms.office.com/r/zZUAwROVkv>
- Parents: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ux5EBXQKEE>
- Teachers: <https://forms.office.com/r/rd0ziNtrrq>

MS Intermural Sports: [Flyer](#)

High School Sports: [Flyer](#)

Student Car Pick Up & Drop Off: [Flyer](#)

Bus Transportation: [Flyer](#)

PTA: TheBahrainSchoolPTA@gmail.com

January Lunch Menus: Are posted in the scholar MS and HS Google Classrooms. (Join Codes for scholars are below)

Attendance: Contact Joanna Laskowska for attendance issues at Joanna.Laskowska@dodea.edu and at phone number 1772-7828. Please email Mrs. Laskowska to report your scholar's excused absences, tardies, and dismissals. Please note, for scholars with attendance violations, an email will be sent from Mrs. Laskowska to notify the family members of the violations and consequences given by the Administration.

ASPEN Grade/Parent Portal: Not sure about your scholar's academic and attendance progress? Here is a link for information about the Family Portal: <https://www.dodea.edu/registration> To log-in click <https://dodeasis.myfollett.com/aspden/logon.do> Please update your contact information in the SIS portal. We need updated phone numbers in case of an emergency.

BMHS's Google Classrooms: Scholars, please be sure to join and check the information in the HS or MS Google Classrooms daily. Once you join, add your parents, so they can see the posted information as well.

- **MS Google Classroom:** <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE0ODIzMDUyNTEw?cjc=lpqgbf2> or join code: lpqgbf2
- **HS Google Classroom:** <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE0ODI0ODk5Mzg1?cjc=7kwtbto> or join code: 7kwtbto

Plan Ahead:

- January 12- Varsity Basketball vs Naples (Girls Home/Boys Home) at 4:30/6:00
- January 13- Varsity Basketball vs Naples (Girls Home/Boys Home) at 1:00/2:30
- January 14- Quarter 3 Begins/2nd Semester
- January 17- SAC meeting at 4:30 in Information Center
- January 17- 21-Model United Nations-Hague, Netherlands
- January 18 &19-Drama Club Show at 5:00pm in the Great Hall
- January 21: U15 Boys (Away at American School of Bahrain) Girls (Home)
- January 21-26-Jazz Festival-Carlsberg, Germany
- January 28- U13 Boys and Girls Soccer (HOME with Riffa Views)
- January 28 ([Flyer](#))-Girls Varsity Basketball Trivia Night at Big Texas Barbeque from 6:30pm-9:00pm
- January 29-February 2 Educators Rising-Hubingen, Germany
- January 29 ([Flyer](#)): Middle School Quarter 2 Award Ceremony and ASAVAB Testing; U15 Boys and Girls Soccer (HOME with Riffa Views); and Varsity Basketball vs Riffa Views (Girls Away/Boys Home)
- January 31 ([Flyer](#)): High School Semester 1 Award Ceremony

**The last few Falcon Facts editions are archived on the Bahrain School website [Bahrain School DoDEA Website](#) . **

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BMHS Administration