

Bellevue West High School

December
2025

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Upcoming Events

December 17-19 - FINALS
December 19 - Early Dismissal - End of Quarter
December 22 - Jan 2 - No School (Holiday Break)
January 5 - No School
January 6 - School Resumes
January 19 - No School (Martin Luther King Day)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PARENTS:

Please follow the link attached for important information and dates for Seniors

<https://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/domain/1586>

December Finals Schedule

Semester 1 Final Exams

Semester 1 Final Exams will be held on December 17, 18, & 19th. Students are expected to complete exams on assigned test dates. If alternate test dates are required, students must get approval from administrators by December 5th. A request form is available in the Counseling Office. Alternative testing times may need to be scheduled outside of the regular school day. Below is a list of the periods scheduled to test on each date.

Wed, Dec. 17th B Block

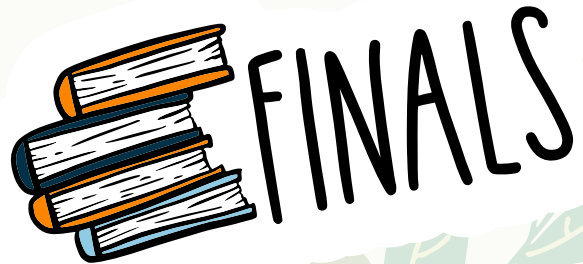
7:50-9:25 Block 1B
9:31-11:04 Block 2B
11:10-1:21 Block 3B
1:27-3:00 Block 4B Final Exam

Thurs, Dec. 18th A Block

7:50-9:25 Block 1A Final Exam
9:31-11:04 Block 2A Final Exam
11:10-1:21 Block 3A Final Exam
1:27-3:00 Block 4A Final Exam

Fri, Dec. 19th B Block

7:50-9:16 Block 1B Final Exam
9:22-10:48 Block 2B Final Exam
10:54-1:00 Block 3B Final Exam



Academic Assistance for Students

General Tutoring

3:10pm - 4:30pm

Mon - Fri

Bellevue West Library



Math & Science Center:

7:00am - 7:45am

Mon - Fri

Room 335

Important Information about ACT testing

Junior Parents

Dear Junior Parents and Guardians,

As we look ahead to the spring semester, our school is committed to helping every junior feel confident and prepared for the upcoming ACT on March 24, 2026. We understand how important this assessment is for college readiness and scholarship opportunities, and we want to make sure our students have the tools and support they need to succeed.

Here's what we're doing to help:

- **In-School Practice Opportunities:** Juniors completed the practice ACT in September to help staff understand the strengths and weaknesses of each of our students.
- **ACT Prep Sessions:** Starting in the second semester, we'll offer prep sessions focusing on English, math, reading, and science strategies.
- **Personalized Study Resources:** Students will receive access to online ACT practice materials and personalized study plans through MasteryPrep. The students have logged into this platform and are beginning to complete practice tests in the subject areas.
- **Teacher Support:** Our teachers across all content areas are incorporating ACT-style questions and skill review into regular classwork to reinforce key concepts.

We encourage you to talk with your student about their goals for the test and how they can take advantage of these opportunities. Details about review session times and registration will be shared in the coming weeks after winter break.

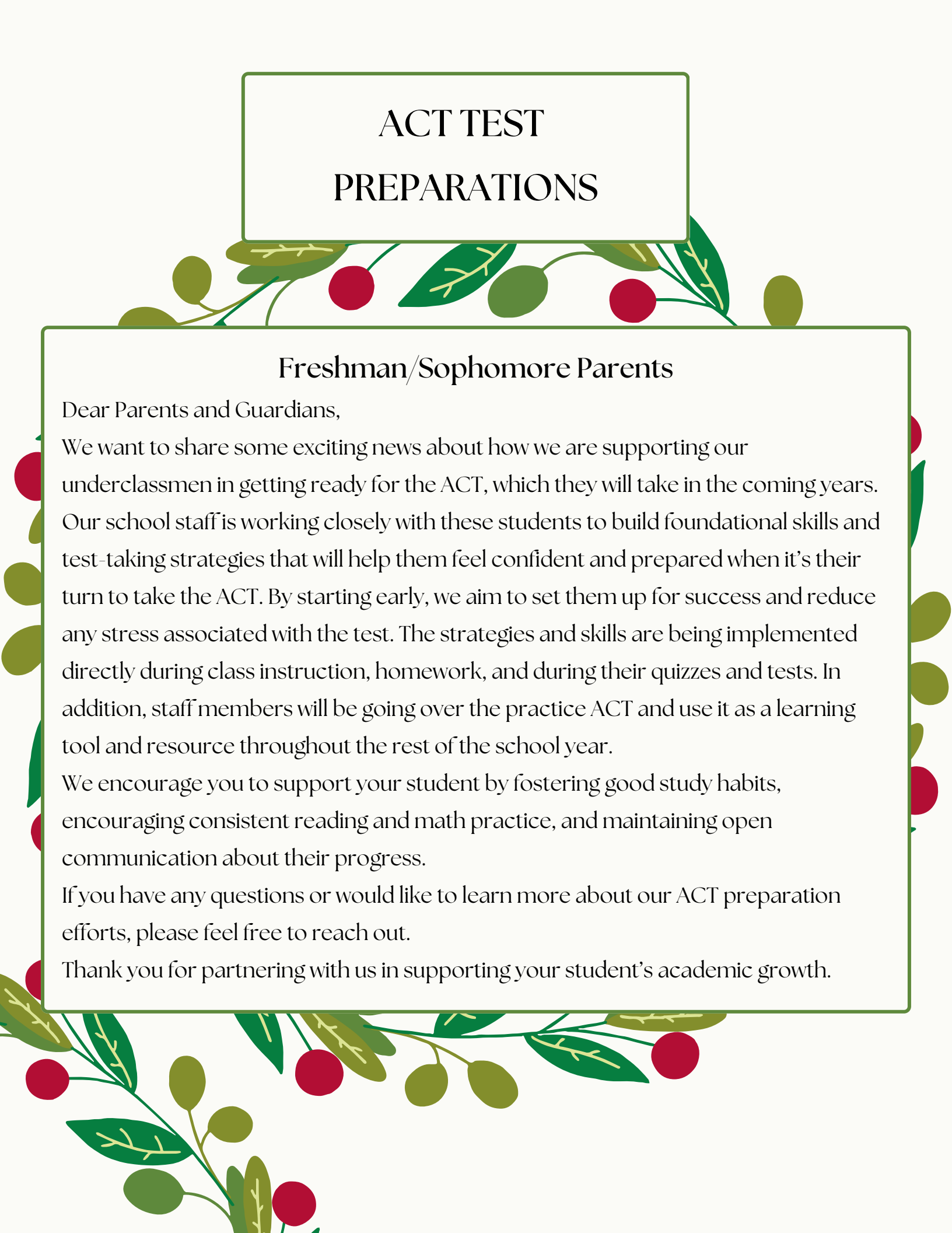
If you have any questions, please reach out to ACT coordinators at the information below

Thank you for your continued partnership as we support our students' success!

Kevin Rohlf: Principal - kevin.rohlf@bpsne.net

Ayla Vargas: Dean of Students - ayla.vargas@bpsne.net

Rob Klug: Dean of Students - robert.klug@bpsne.net



ACT TEST PREPARATIONS

Freshman/Sophomore Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to share some exciting news about how we are supporting our underclassmen in getting ready for the ACT, which they will take in the coming years. Our school staff is working closely with these students to build foundational skills and test-taking strategies that will help them feel confident and prepared when it's their turn to take the ACT. By starting early, we aim to set them up for success and reduce any stress associated with the test. The strategies and skills are being implemented directly during class instruction, homework, and during their quizzes and tests. In addition, staff members will be going over the practice ACT and use it as a learning tool and resource throughout the rest of the school year.

We encourage you to support your student by fostering good study habits, encouraging consistent reading and math practice, and maintaining open communication about their progress.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our ACT preparation efforts, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for partnering with us in supporting your student's academic growth.

Testing Information

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 14	January 9	January 23
April 11	March 6	March 24
June 13	May 8	May 19

**Register online at www.act.org/bts

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 14	February 27	February 3
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 2	April 17	April 21

**Register online at www.sat.org/register

Fee Waivers for Testing
Juniors and Seniors who are on Free/Reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver for the ACT and SAT Tests. Students should see their counselor to get a fee waiver.

Testing Information

AP Exam Information 2025-26

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the corresponding AP exam in May 2025. The initial deadline to register for AP exams has passed; however, exams can still be ordered between November 1 st and March 1 st by paying a \$40 late fee per exam.

- The base cost for an AP exam is \$100.00
- Students on Free or Reduced lunch qualify for an exam fee reduction
- Payments can be made online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>
- A \$40 late fee per exam will be added to orders placed after November 1 st
- Students who wish to test but did not order an exam must notify Mrs. Minahan in the counseling office by March 1, 2026

More information is available on the Bellevue West website under “Academics” then “Advanced Placement,” or at ap.collegeboard.org.

Senior Checklist

Senior photos are due by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 3:00pm

- Photos can be digital or print and must be front facing and vertical.
- No watermarks on photos.
- Backgrounds must not be distracting.
- Props, pets, or other people cannot be in the photo.
- School appropriate attire must be worn.
- Photos can be full color or black and white.
- Purchasing senior photos is between students/parents/guardians and photographers.

FAFSA - MUST COMPLETE

FAFSA is now open for the Class of 2026. Please complete the 2026-27 FAFSA at studentaid.gov or if you wish to opt out click on the link below:

[Class of 2026 FAFSA Opt Out form.](#)

Scholarships

The Bellevue Comprehensive Scholarship program is open and due by 2pm on December 19, 2025. This program is made up of local scholarships for Bellevue West seniors and allows the student to complete one application for multiple scholarships. Seniors can access the application in Schoology>Instructional Roster>Scholarships or click: [Scholarship link](#)



College and Career Planning

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Additional scholarships for freshmen through seniors can be found on the Bellevue West website under Academics > Scholarships. Parents and students can also contact Kathie Britten, Scholarship Coordinator, with any questions relating to scholarships at 402-827-5990 or Kathie.britten@bpsne.net.

Metro Community College Secondary Partnership

The office of Secondary Partnerships at Metropolitan Community College supports early college experiences for high school students by providing the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Students can take advantage of different programs such as Career Academy, College Now!, Kickstart Online, and Concurrent Enrollment. Click [here](https://www.mccneb.edu/secondarypartnerships) for more information on the different programs. <https://www.mccneb.edu/secondarypartnerships>

Current Nebraska High School students, grades 9 - 12, are automatically eligible to take credit classes at no tuition cost through the Summer 2026 quarter. Students will be responsible for tools, textbooks, and any other associated course fees.

For more information contact Alyssa Wiese, our MCC Navigator, at awiese@mccneb.edu.

BPS Career Academy @ the Frank Kumor Career Center

Bellevue Public Schools will offer four Career Academy programs within the district at the Frank Kumor Career Center for the 26-27 school year. Current Sophomore and Junior students can apply for the Certified Nursing Assistant Academy, the Automotive Maintenance Academy, the Education Career Academy and the Aviation Academy. Students in these programs will earn Dual Enrollment credit through Metro Community College (except for the Aviation Program). The BPS Career Academy programs are free. Transportation to and from the high school is provided.

If you are interested in one of the Career Academy programs, please see your School Counselor for more information.



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UNMC High School Alliance

The University of Nebraska Medical Center offers a high school alliance where students have an opportunity to observe, shadow, and work alongside health care professionals and researchers at UNMC. Students take classes (2 classes each semester) on the UNMC campus from 1:00-3:00 p.m. each day. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in health care should consider applying. Class offerings may include Behavioral Health; Biology and Prevention of Cancer; Biomedical Research; Dimensions of Community Health; Exploration of Human Anatomy; Human Genetics; The Study of Patient Care; Infectious Disease; Pathology; Pharmaceutical Science; Medical Imaging; Art and Science of Decision Making.

Eligible students must be a junior or senior (for 2026-2027 school year) and at least 16 years of age by August of 2025, have completed and received a grade of "B" or above in Algebra I, Biology, a Physical Science course, and be concurrently enrolled in a third year of science.

If students meet the requirements and are interested in applying, they should go to unmc.edu/alliance to complete the application. The due date for the UNMC High School Alliance application is January 23, 2026.



Volunteer

CHI - Midlands Teen Volunteer Service Are you looking for volunteer hours? Well, CHI Health Midlands Teen Volunteer Program currently has openings! To learn more about joining the fun, please visit www.chihealth.com/volunteer-services or email Terra Smith at terra.smith@commonspirit.org for more information. [Midland Info Flyer](#)

Project Extra Mile Youth Group

We are excited to share with you that Project Extra Mile's annual Youth Leadership Retreat will be held this year from June 25th-27th in Omaha. This opportunity is open to all incoming 8th-12th graders interested in developing their leadership and advocacy skills to help prevent underage drinking and its harms. Youth can register by visiting our website at www.projectextramile.org. The registration fee is \$75 and includes two nights at a local hotel, a t-shirt, food during the training, etc.; however, scholarships are available for those who need them.

UNMC Volunteer Opportunities UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Recreational Therapy is looking for student volunteers ages 13 to 25 with a Covid vaccine. Volunteers will gain hands on experience interacting with children and youth with development disabilities. Please visit this link for more information: [NE Med Volunteer](#)



The Salvation Army
Register to Ring! Join the Salvation Army in helping raise money for needy families.
<https://www.registertoring.com/>



Administration/Athletic Department

Athletics Department

Mr. Jon Mauro, Activities Director, 402-293-4046, jon.mauro@bpsne.net

Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052, Nicole.jaros@bpsne.net

Athletic schedules can be found at: mhsaconference.org

Streaming info can be found at: fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds

2025-26 Athletic Admission Prices:

Varsity Football: \$8 Adults, \$6 Students

All other Sporting Events: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students

All Bellevue West students with an Activity Card are admitted free into all regular season home games

Winter Sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Boys Wrestling, Girls Bowling, Boys Bowling, Girls and Boys Swimming - Officially begin on Monday, November 17th. - Please contact coaches prior to tryouts for information.

Administration Staff

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Ms. Dorthena Wallace, Principal Secretary, 402-293-4049, dorthena.wallace@bpsne.net



Family Resources

Interested in Holiday Assistance?

Reach out to our Social Worker, Katie Reis to get connected to community resources to help support during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Katharine.reis@bpsne.net



In need of assistance for Back to School items? Please email school social worker, Katie Reis, katharine.reis@bpsne.net to be connected to help.

Is your student having social, emotional, and/or behavioral problems at home or school? Does your student seem to be sad, angry, worried, or have difficulty following basic rules? Bellevue Public Schools has partnered with Family Connections and CRCC, independent third party agencies, to help your student with counseling support. Family Connections & CRCC Providers are Licensed Mental Health Practitioners and are located right in your student's school. Their confidential counseling services can help your student put the pieces together to cope with life's stressors. There are immediate openings and most insurances are accepted. Financial assistance is available as well. Please contact your student's school counselor for more information or to make a referral.

Find out more about these organizations on their websites:

https://crccomaha.org/services/therapy/behavior_health_program.html

<https://familyconnectionsowa.com/>

