

CHIEFTAIN NEWS

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Upcoming Dates

8/17 Back to School Bash/
Curriculum Night 4:00-6:30 PM
8/19 Arrows to Aerospace Parade
10:00 AM
9/4 Labor Day (no school)
9/13 Homecoming Parade
9/15 Teacher Professional
Development (no students)
9/15 Homecoming Dance

Jr/Sr Newsletters

Monthly newsletters for juniors and weekly newsletter for seniors can be found at the Bellevue East link under "Newsletter". Start at bellevuepublicschools.org and click Bellevue East to get started.

Follow on Twitter

Twitter is a great place to keep up to date on school happenings. A few suggestions to follow:

@ChieftainNation
@MikeChudomelka (for
counseling news)
@BEast_boosters

Welcome to Bellevue East

Welcome back to school! I am very excited about this school year and the opportunities our students will have at Bellevue East. Whether this will be your first experience with Bellevue East or you are a veteran Chieftain parent, the start of a new school year is always a time filled with excitement. Our focus is to provide each student with new challenges and opportunities that will result in a rewarding school experience. Our school goals this year focus around building bridges for our student's future. Belonging, Recognition, Instruction, Differentiation, Goals, and Engagement help build that bridge.

There are numerous academic, athletic and extracurricular activities for students to be involved in at school. Research shows that students who are involved in school tend to enjoy school more and do better academically.

I am fortunate to be a part of this high-quality learning community, and I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say we are excited to have each of you as part of our school community. It takes all of us to help each and every child reach his/her potential, and we look forward to sharing in your student's learning experiences. Working together we will have a wonderful year filled with learning, lifelong relationships and the joys of success and accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Wagner
Principal



Dean's Dispatch

- 1) Students should be dropped off between 7:30-7:45 AM. The building will not open for students until 7:30 AM.
- 2) Students need to be off of school property by 3:30 unless they are participating in a supervised school activity. Please arrange for transportation accordingly.
- 3) Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately and adhering to the school dress code. See the parent/student handbook for specific information.
- 4) Help set your student up to succeed by emphasizing the importance of being on time to school as well as being on time to each class. Vital information is shared in the first 10 minutes of class. Being on time is a key part of the formula of success.

Block Schedule

We will be utilizing an 8 period alternating block schedule this year. Classes will be 90 minutes in length and alternate every other day. There will also be a GPS (guided personal study) at the end of each day for students to get help from teachers, complete homework, and participate in various clubs and activities. There will be an Advisory class on Wednesday. The block schedule allows students to take an additional class versus the former 7 period day, allows students to focus on only 4 classes per day and allows students some flexibility and choice when planning their academic tasks for the week.

Dual Enrollment

We are fortunate to offer many dual enrollment classes where students can earn college credit through UNO or Metro Community College by simply enrolling in the dual enrollment option and paying the fee for classes they currently are taking. There are over 28 classes available and more added each semester. There is information included below and our counselors can also answer any questions for students or parents.

Drop Off and Pick Up

The parking lot is crowded during pick and drop off times. In order to keep traffic moving smoothly and to ensure students can get to school safely we ask that you plan on dropping off your student by 7:45 AM. Students arriving on the west side of the drop off should exit the car to their right, towards the stadium, and walk to the cross walk where we have a staff member assisting with the traffic flow and crossing. Students may exit the vehicle prior to the crosswalk, but should walk to the crosswalk before crossing traffic. We encourage students arriving from the east to drop off along the sidewalk and exit the vehicle once the vehicle can safely stop. Dropping off a few minutes early saves a lot of time!

Counselor's Corner

Dual Enrollment/College Credit

A UNO representative will hold an informational meeting at East on August 24th at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium. Information will be provided on dual enrollment through UNO and the benefits of earning college credit while in high school. Parents are welcome to attend!! Students enrolled in AP classes and those interested in dual enrollment will be permitted to leave class to attend.

The registration deadline for UNO dual enrollment is September 29, 2023 at 11:59 pm. Students will create or log into their MavLink account and sign up online at applydual.unomaha.edu. Parents will receive an email after they have enrolled to confirm the registration. The \$250 dual enrollment fee for UNO covers the cost of the AP exam.

All billing takes place through the UNO offices and bills will be mailed out in October. The ACE scholarship is available to students who qualify. Information on the ACE scholarship can be found at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/ACE>.

Bellevue East offers several courses concurrently enrolled through Metropolitan Community College. Students will receive a paper application from their teacher in eligible classes. This form does not require a parent signature so please make sure to ask your student about their application. Registration forms will be due to their teacher by August 30th. The concurrent enrollment credits through Metro are FREE!

Please contact Mrs. Pribyl with any questions at 402-293-4168 or colleen.pribyl@bpsne.net

AP (Advanced Placement courses) Enrollment

All students enrolled in an AP class are required to have a College Board account. If students have previously taken an AP exam or the PSAT, they should log in using their credentials. If they have forgotten their login or password, they must reach out to College Board themselves to recover it. If this is their first AP class, they will need to create an account. This account allows them to access information about their class and allows them to sign up for the AP exam. AP teachers can assist students with this process. Cost is \$81 per course or \$16 for students qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Students enrolled in a dual enrollment class through UNO will receive a \$40 reimbursement per course in June. Students must sign up for an AP exam no later than November 1, 2023. After that date, they will incur a \$40 late fee to add an exam, sign up, or cancel.

Homecoming Events

The parade will be Wednesday September 13th starting at 6:30 PM. Entries will line up on Bert Murphy and the route will go north on Lincoln to High School Drive and then up to the stadium for a pep rally. There will be fireworks after the football game on Thursday 9/14.

The dance will be held on Friday 9/15 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Bellevue East. There is a full slate of athletic contests this week that can be viewed at the calendar below.

Homecoming and Prom Criteria

Credits

Students must be on target to graduate.

- **Seniors** must have earned 30 credits (Homecoming) 35 credits (Prom).
- **Juniors** must have earned 25 credits (Homecoming) 30 credits (Prom).
- **Sophomores** must have earned 10 credits (Homecoming) 15 credits (as a guest Prom).
- **Freshman** must have earned 5 credits (as a guest to Prom).

Attendance

Students may not have missed 5 or more days of school prior to Homecoming and 18 or more days of school prior to Prom.

Behavior

Students having 3 or more days of OSS or a receiving a police citation at school are not eligible to attend.

Students Bringing Guests to Homecoming or Prom

- Guests must be under the age of 21.
- A completed form must be returned to Bellevue East by the designated deadline. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Students may only bring ONE guest.
- Guests must present a photo ID at the door.

Notice of Compliance

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Bellevue Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion or disability in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

Bellevue East Athletic Calendar

For a complete listing of all athletic events go to bellevuepublicschools.org, click on the Bellevue East tab and search under calendar.

BEast Athletic Booster Club

The Bellevue East Booster Club is great way to support and be involved with Chieftain Nation. The Booster Club provides meals when teams travel out of the Metro, provides teams with equipment and supports the athletic program at Bellevue East. Signing up at the platinum level gets you 20 free admissions to home athletic events. *Twenty admission punches can be worth up to \$120! Questions, call Kyle at 402-618-1622 or email us at BEastBoosters@gmail.com*



BEast Athletic Booster Club Family Membership 2023/2024

You are invited to join the BEast Athletic Booster Club, a group of actively involved parents and community members who advocate and raise money for all student-athletes at BEHS.

Your membership dues go directly back to the student athletes through the purchase of meals, equipment and supplemental gear for our programs.

In 2022/2023 the BEast Athletic Booster Club supported 400+ student-athletes, 92 coaches, 17 teams. Our main expenditure this year was assisting Softball and Cross Country with their end of season banquets. With your membership, support and volunteering we can greatly grow our support to the student athletes

Help us support BEHS student-athletes by joining TODAY!
Thank you for your support!

Questions, call Kyle at 402-618-1622 or email us at BEastBoosters@gmail.com

Join the **BEast Athletic Booster Club** community on social media and grow CHIEFTAIN NATION Bigger. Stronger. Better!



Internal Use: Collected by _____ Date _____

Payment Method: Credit card, Check # _____, Cash \$ _____



BEast Athletic Booster Club Family Membership 2023/2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Home# _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class of 20 _____ Sports: _____

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Membership Type - are per household & includes your name in program. .

_____ **BEast Purple \$25**

_____ **BEast Silver \$50**

_____ **BEast Platinum \$100** (Membership and a 20 punch activity card)

Make checks payable to BEast Boosters. Completed forms may be dropped off at the main office or mailed to: BEast Boosters c/o Bellevue East, 1401 High School Dr, Bellevue NE 68005.

Volunteers are needed throughout the year, is there an area that would interest you?

Concession Stands _____ Membership selling _____ Chieftain Forever Banquet _____

Contacting Businesses _____ Other _____



BELLEVUE EAST FALL ACTIVITIES

YARD SIGN ORDER FORM

Choose sign (circle option)

Football, Cheer, Volleyball, Band, Theatre, Dance, Golf, Tennis, Softball, Cross Country, Chieftain, Jr. ROTC, Drill Team, Vocal Music, Bowling and Education Academy



Your Information

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

First or Last Name on the Sign _____ Optional Grad Year _____

Band only—Instrument _____

SIGN COST \$25.00

Please make all checks payable to: Beast Athletic Boosters.

Please mail this form to: Bellevue East High School 1401 High School Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005.

All signs are waterproof with a firmly attached, 4 ft hand painted stake. Our signs have been proven to survive Omaha's most challenging weather conditions. Please allow 10-12 days for delivery once order is placed.