

Bellevue West High School

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Important Dates

February 14 - No School

February 17 - No School

March 14 - Early Dismissal

March 17 - 21 - No School (Spring Break)

March 25 - NSCAS ACT - 11th Graders Only

ACT Online Test Prep for 11th Graders

Great news! 11th graders have access to ACT Online Test Prep to help them prepare for taking the ACT on 3/25/25. Students can access this program by using the following link <https://onlineprep.act.org/login>. 11th graders were all provided with their log in information at school. If students have trouble logging in, please have them see Mrs. Sasek, Assistant Principal for help. She is located in room 618.

Testing Dates

<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
April 5	February 28	March 16
June 14	May 9	June 6
July 12	June 6	July 4

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

<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 3	April 18	April 22
June 7	May 22	May 27

**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.



Note from Mr. Rohlfs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to invite you and your sons/daughters to our spring Parent/Teacher/Student conferences to be held on Thursday, February 13 from 4:00-6:00. Conferences will be held in the cafeteria and the freshmen team teachers will be located in the commons. Families should park in the west staff parking lot and enter the building through the commons door. We will also continue doing conferences via phone, email or zoom if you would prefer those options.

If you are unable to attend in-person conferences and would like to arrange a conference outside of the in-person timeframe, we are asking you to visit our conference-scheduling website to contact the teacher with whom you'd like to conference. You can scan the QR code below to schedule a conference. Staff will work individually with you to find a time that works for everyone. If you would prefer an email, please reach out to the teacher and ask for an update.



AP Exam Information 2024-25

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the corresponding AP exam in May 2025. Each exam costs \$91.00. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch pay \$26.00 per exam. Although the deadline has passed, students can still order exams by paying a \$40.00 late fee per exam. See Ms. Polk in counseling if you wish to register.

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

Class of 2025 Parents & Guardians:

New graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2025 requires ALL seniors to complete the FAFSA or opt out. If you wish to opt out please complete the link below: [FAFSA opt out form for Class of 2025](#)

Registration for 2025/2026

- During January, students received registration information during Advisory and completed online registration for the 25-26 school year.
- February-March: Counselors will meet with students individually to review course requests and graduation progress, and will make any course adjustments as needed.
- April: Parents and students can access the final course request list for the 2025-2026 school year in their PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal.
- Late July: Schedules will be completed and students will access them through their PowerSchool Student Portal.

Videos, presentations, forms, and links to all registration materials have been placed in each students' Instructional Roster course in Schoology, so they may access resources at any time. In addition, all presentations, forms and links are available for parents to view on the Bellevue West website at the link. [Registration 2025-2026](#)



PARENT PORTAL - Student Information

Parents can access updated grades, attendance, assignments, and the daily bulletin by logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you need assistance logging in, please contact Kathie Britten at kathie.britten@bpsne.net.

College and Career Planning

College of Saint Mary

Showcase Days – a fantastic opportunity for students to explore our campus, programs, and vibrant community. Please click the link for more information and important dates.

[College of Saint Mary campus dates](#)

Southeast Community College Virtual Program Showcase

Students can attend as many as they'd like and will learn about [SCC's Programs of Study](#).

[Register Now](#)

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. 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(excludes the Aviation program). The BPS Career Academy programs are free. Transportation too and from the high school is provided.

Students can complete the application located in Schoology.

Applications are due February 10th, 2025.

If you have questions about any of the Career Academy programs, please see your School Counselor for more information.

Siembra Nebraska

They are offering local high school and college students internships in fields such as environmental and agricultural sustainability, multimedia, business, construction, and public health. Through Siembra Nebraska, interns gain leadership skills, hands-on experience, and valuable mentorship opportunities.

Students are paid \$15.50 and can work up to 30hrs a week. An additional perk is that students are also able to obtain CNA certification for free and get paid.

Deadline for the application is February 14th [Application Link](#)

Listed Below are some requirements:

- 16-21 years old
- Resume
- Reference letter
- Complete application
- Complete Interview Process

For any additional questions please contact: siembrane@latinocenter.org



Cornhusker Boys State Scholarship

85th Annual Session - June 1-7

Junior class 2024/2025 boys interested in Government can apply for a scholarship opportunity. Application deadline is Mar. 15th.

For more information, visit www.cornhuskerboysstate.com

To Apply: [Application](#)

College and Career Planning

Lighting the Spark: Women in STEM

An event dedicated to helping students and young adults discover their passions.

[Women in Stem Info](#)

Werner Park Job Opportunity

Hiring seasonal staff, please see attached link:

[Job Opportunity](#)

UNL ROTC Program

UNL offers an opportunity for college students to commission as officers in the US Air Force upon graduation. please see attached link for more information:

[UNLAFROTC](#)



Omaha Public Schools Summer Job Opportunity

Omaha Public Schools is again hiring current high school students (from any district/school) to intern during our summer learning program. This internship gives high students the opportunity to work in a classroom setting supporting elementary students in literacy and math. They receive professional development on specific activities and interventions that support student learning. For more information click the link: [OPS Summer Job Info](#)

Metro Community College Career Academies

Metro offers academies designed for high school juniors and seniors (for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year) to earn both high school and college credit. Students who are accepted take classes at Bellevue West in the morning and classes at Metro Community College in the afternoon. Programs being offered for the 2025-2026 school year include: *Accounting *Advanced Manufacturing *Architecture *Auto Collision *Automotive Technology *Business Transfer *Diesel Technology *Civil Engineering *Emergency Medical Technician *Fire Science Technology *Data Science *Criminal Justice *Human Services *Horticulture, Land Systems, and Management *Culinary Arts Foundations *Web and Mobile App Development *Digital Cinema/Filmmaking *Heating/Cooling and Refrigeration *IT Technician-Cyber Security *Construction Technology *Powersports and Outdoor Power Equipment Technician *Photography *Electrical Technology *Pre-Apprenticeship Plumbing *Welding Technology *3-D Animation and Games.

Eligibility requirements:

High school junior or senior (for 2025-2026); on-track for graduation; be 16 years of age (by 8/2025) and meet any criteria listed in program description; must provide your own transportation to/from Metro classes and internship/apprenticeship sites. Current Nebraska High School students are automatically eligible to take credit classes at no tuition cost. Cost of books is covered by the District. For more information students/parents can go to <https://www2.mccneb.edu/secondary-partnerships/career-academy>.

Deadline to apply is March 7th, 2025.

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 to for more information. [Midland Info Flyer](#)



Pottawattamie Arts, Culture, & Entertainment (PACE)

We are a non-profit arts and culture organization that runs the Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center. PACE is proud to host an awesome volunteer group named the PACE Ambassadors and PACE Junior Ambassadors. PACE Junior Ambassadors are a group of volunteer youths that are eager and ready to help support the arts. We are looking to bolster this program by bringing students in to help support arts and culture by ushering shows, working in our art galleries, helping teach art classes, assisting in administrative tasks, building sets, helping in our day-to-day operations, running lights and sound in our theater, helping backstage on shows, help set up art shows, classes, programs, and so much more.

Students can either visit the [PACE Ambassador Volunteer Portal](http://pace.galaxydigital.com) at pace.galaxydigital.com or use our handy app - [CauseConnect!](#)

The Omaha Food Bank for the Heartland

is grateful for our extraordinary volunteers who donate their time to help our neighbors in need across Nebraska.

To find out how you or a group can help, Go to volunteerfoodbankheartland.org

UNMC Munroe Meyer

UNMC is in need of volunteers for their spring programming. See attached flyer: [Spring Volunteer](#)

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](#)



Athletics Department

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

Athletic Schedules can be found at: mhssaconference.org

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

Spring Sports (Baseball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Track & Field, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf) begin Monday, March 3rd. Please contact our spring coaches for more information.

Administration Staff

Mr. Kevin Rohlf, Principal, 402-293-4049, kevin.rohlf@bpsne.net

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

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Family Resources

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/>

YEARBOOKS can be ordered online. Visit <https://yearbookforever.com/#>

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Student Publications Department: thethunderbeat.org (includes streaming video, articles & pictures)

District Website: www.bellevuepublicschools.org (under school tab, click on Bellevue West—includes contact info for teachers)