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IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 4** - No School
- **January 16** - No School (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- **February 17** - No School
- **February 20** - No School (Professional Learning)
- **March 13-17** - No School (Spring Break)

Important Note from Mr. Rohlf:

Bellevue Public Schools is unveiling a new BPS Mobile App. Please visit this link for information on how to access the application <https://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/bpsmobileapp>.

TESTING

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 11	January 6	February 3
April 15	March 10	April 7
June 10	May 5	June 2

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

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 11	February 10	February 28
May 6	April 7	April 25

**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.

Junior Parents,

We are excited to continue our partnership with *On To College* ACT prep with John Baylor this spring semester! Our Junior students will receive dedicated ACT test preparation through a series of large group, live sessions with John Baylor and classroom sessions with their Math and English teachers to prepare for the spring State ACT. The ACT Prep program will begin January 27th, 2023 and be spread over 7 weeks leading up to the March 21st State ACT. We will be offering valuable instruction time during the school day to complete the course. Students are expected to attend all sessions and to complete all assignments in order to help prepare them for the test.

Students will also have online access at home to further prepare. If your student is struggling with a specific subject area or concept on the ACT, the Additional Prep and Solution Video resources from *OnToCollege* can help.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to Bellevue West Juniors to help students maximize their score and potentially reduce college debt! We appreciate your support and we ask that you encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity.

Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin during the month of January. Below are important dates and information for parents.

- January 11: Registration presentation during Advisory
- January 12-24: Students will work with Advisory teachers to select classes for the 23-24 school year.
- January 25: Students will input course requests into their PowerSchool Student Portal during Advisory AND will turn in a back-up copy of the registration form to their Advisory Teacher

Parents and students will have access to presentations and general registration forms via the Bellevue West website under Academics>Registration>Registration 2023-2024. Students will also have access to all presentations and general registration forms via their Schoology grade level Instructional Roster in the Advisory folder. Students should be discussing class options with parents between January 12-January 24. Counselors will follow up with short meetings with all students to ensure requested courses meet graduation requirements and future college/career plans.

AP Exam Information 2022-23

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the corresponding AP exam in May 2023. Each exam costs \$80.00. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch pay \$15.00 per exam. Although the deadline has passed, students can still order exams by paying a \$40.00 late fee per exam. Please contact Susan Polk to register: susan.polk@bpsne.net

Tutoring Resources through Metro Community College

If you are taking ANY class at Metro Community College, you can use these tutoring services for any class (not just an MCC Class)! Click link for more information: [Metro Tutoring - Math & Writing](#)

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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.

FAFSA now Open!

The [2023-24 FAFSA](#) application is now open! EducationQuest has lots of free resources to help seniors and their parents prepare for and complete the form.

- [FAFSA Tutorial Webinars](#) (October) walk students and parents through the FAFSA form.
- [FAFSA Tools](#) help families through the process. They include:
 - o [Financial Aid FAQs](#) answer common questions about financial aid.
 - o [Paying for College Video Series](#) provides a quick overview of the types of colleges, financial aid, the FAFSA process, and how colleges award aid.
- [The WhyFAFSA webpage](#) explains why students should complete the form.

You can also contact EducationQuest for more information on appointments to help complete your FAFSA. Contact them at 402-391-4033.

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

BPS Career Academy @ the Frank Kumor Career Center

Bellevue Public Schools currently offers three 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** or the **Education Career Academy**. Students in these programs will earn Dual Enrollment credit through Metro Community College. 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. The application and additional information can be found on the Bellevue West webpage under the Academics/Registration Tab. **Applications are due February 3rd, 2023.**

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 & Prevention of Cancer, Biomedical Research, Dimensions of Community Health, Exploration of Human Anatomy, Human Genetics, The Study of Patient Care, Infectious Disease, Pathology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical Imaging, Art & Science of Decision Making.

Eligible students must be a junior or senior (for 2023-2024 school year) and at least 16 years of age by August of 2023, 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 meet with their counselor or go to the UNMC High School Alliance webpage for an application. **The UNMC application will open December 15th and closes on February 3rd, 2023.**

Metro Community College Career Academies

Metro offers academies designed for high school juniors and seniors (for the upcoming 2023-2024 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. Possible programs being offered for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows: *Administrative Technology *Advanced Manufacturing *Architecture *Auto Collision *Automotive Technology *Business Transfer *Diesel Technology *Civil Engineering *Emergency Medical Technician *Fire Science Technology *Google Support Professional *Criminal Justice *Horticulture, Land Systems, and Management *Culinary Arts

Foundations *Web and Mobile App Programming *Powersports and Outdoor Power Equipment *Digital Cinema/Filmmaking, *Early Childhood Education *Heating &A/C *IT Technician *Theatre Technology *Construction Technology *Prototype Design *Electrical Technology *Pre-Apprenticeship Plumbing *Welding Technology *3-D Animation & Games *Human Services.

Eligibility requirements: high school junior or senior (for 2023-2024); on-track for graduation; be 16 years of age (by 8/2023) and meet any criteria listed in program description; must provide 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. Students should see their counselor and Mr. Schultz in the College and Career Center if they are interested in applying. **Deadline to apply will be in early March 3, 2023.**

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, Concurrent Enrollment and Gateway to College. Click here 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. Students will be responsible for tools, textbooks, and any other associated course fees. Tuition for dual enrolled students will be paid for by federal funding, directed by the State and CCPE.

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](#)

VOLUNTEER

Project Extra Mile

Learn leadership and advocacy skills, think critically about the harms of excessive alcohol use, and take action to make their communities a safer and healthier place. Any youth that are interested in developing leadership skills to help improve their communities, which is what our Youth Leadership Network (YLN) is all about. YLN is a group open to Omaha-area youth in grades 8-12 who want to develop leadership skills and make a difference in their communities. YLN youth develop lifelong skills needed to create community-wide change, including public speaking, media literacy, advocacy, problem-solving, and collaboration. We know that excessive drinking is a complex problem with no single solution.

For more information: [Here is a link for our flyer](#)

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.**

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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.

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