



# Bellevue West High School

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## Important Dates

March 14 - Early Dismissal

March 17 - 21 - No School (Spring Break)

March 25 - NSCAS ACT - 11th Graders Only

April 17 - Early Dismissal

April 18 - No School

## Testing Dates

<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
June 14	May 9	June 6
July 12	June 6	July 4

\*\*Register online at [www.act.org/bts](http://www.act.org/bts)

<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
May 3	April 18	April 22
June 7	May 22	May 27

\*\*Register online at [www.sat.org/register](http://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.*

## 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 [Online Prep link](#). 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.

## 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](mailto:kathie.britten@bpsne.net).

## Registration for 2025/2026

- During January, students received registration information during Advisory and complete online registration for the 25-26 school year.
- February-March: Counselors met with students during February and will continue to meet with students individually in March 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](#)

## Summer School Info

Summer school is from June 2- June 20 and is available for students who need credit recovery. To register, students or parents should contact the assigned school counselor. Please go to <https://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/domain/409> for more information.

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## College and Career Planning

### Advanced Placement Testing Spring 2025

- Advanced Placement testing will take place May 5th-16th at the Bellevue Public Schools Welcome Center, 2600 Arboretum Drive
- Students are no longer able to order exams
- All payments for AP exams were due on March 1st, 2025
- Dates and times for individual exams can be viewed [HERE](#)
- Questions regarding exam balances can be directed to [susan.polk@bpsne.net](mailto:susan.polk@bpsne.net)



### 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](#)





# College and Career Planning

## ASVAB TESTING

If you are a junior or senior interested in taking the ASVAB test, we will be offering a spring test on April 3rd, 2025 at the Welcome Center. Please see Mr. Schultz in the College and Career Center to sign up. Cost of the test is free. You must be signed up by March 28th.

The ASVAB measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. It can be used as a tool for career exploration or if you are planning to join a military branch, be used to help determine military occupation placement. Students can take the ASVAB and use the Career Exploration Program WITHOUT being obligated to join the military or be contacted by a recruiter.

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

## The Omaha Community Playhouse

The Technical Theatre Apprenticeship Program application at the Omaha Community Playhouse is now open. You can find out more about the program and find the application here:  
[Theatre Tech Apprentice Program at Omaha Community Playhouse \(omahaplayhouse.com\)](#)

## UNL Jeffery Raikes School of Computer Science and Management

Computer Science Summer Camp  
July 13-26, 2025  
[Summer Camp Details](#)

## 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](http://www.cornhuskerboysstate.com)

To Apply: [Application](#)



## UNO Admitted Student Day

Save the Date! April 4

Students admitted to UNO are cordially invited to celebrate future Mavericks!

[UNO Mavericks Admitted Day Info](#)



# College and Career Planning

## 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](#)



# 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](http://www.chihealth.com/volunteer-services) or email Terra Smith at [terra.smith@commonspirit.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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Athletic Schedules can be found at: [mhsaconference.org](http://mhsaconference.org)

Streaming Information can be found at: [fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds](http://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](mailto:kevin.rohlf@bpsne.net)

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Ms. Dorthena Wallace, Principal Secretary, 402-293-4049, [dorthena.wallace@bpsne.net](mailto: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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Facebook: Search "Bellevue West"

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

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