

Bellevue West HS May 2025 Newsletter

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Important Dates

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May 2 - College Decision Day (Career Center)

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May 15 - Seniors Last Day

May 20 - Seniors Honors Night

May 20 - May 22 - Finals

May 22 - Last Day for students - early dismissal (1:20pm)

May 22 - Baccalaureate

May 24 - Graduation





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

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

Senior LAST DAY Info:

Seniors, please click on the link below for very important information on the checkout process for the last day of school.

Senior iPad Check In Procedures

9th - 11th graders CHECK OUT PROCESS:

Please click on the link below for very important information for the last days of school. <u>Underclassmen iPad Check in Procedures</u>

Testing Dates

<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u> </u>
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**Register online at <u>www.sat.org/register</u>

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Semester 2 Final Exams

Semester 2 Final Exams will be held on May 20, 21 & 22nd. Students are expected to complete exams on assigned test dates. If alternate test dates are required, students must get approval from administrators by May 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.

Semester 2 Finals Schedule

Tuesday, May 20		Wednesday, May 21		
A Block		B Block		
7:50-9:25	Block 1A	7:50-9:25	Block 1B FINAL	
9:31-11:04	Block 2A	9:31-11:04	Block 2B FINAL	
11:10-1:21	Block 3A	11:10-1:21	Block 3B FINAL	
1:27-3:00	Block 4A FINAL	1:27-3:00	Block 4B FINAL	



Thursday, May 22

A Block

7:50-9:06 Block 1A FINAL 9:22-10:28 Block 2A FINAL 10:54-12:25 Block 3A FINAL 12:25-1:00 Lunch

*Students will be dismissed at 1:00

Parents will be able to access report cards via the PowerSchool Parent/Student portal beginning May 27, 2025. The report card can be found on the left-hand side under the Report Card tab.

Paper report cards will not be provided. If you are not connected to your child's PowerSchool account or need assistance, please contact Kathie Britten at kathie.britten@bpsne.net.

YEARBOOK INFO

Yearbooks can no longer be pre-ordered. Students who have pre-ordered yearbooks will be able to pick them up on distribution day (date to be determined). After initial distribution, any remaining yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis for \$70. We take cash, check, and credit cards.

Important: Class of 2025 Parents & Guardians:

A new graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2025, requires ALL seniors to complete the FAFSA or an opt out form. If you wish to opt out please complete the link below: FAFSA opt out form for Class of 2025

Advanced Placement Testing Schedule Spring 2025:

Advanced Placement testing will take place the first two weeks of May at the Bellevue Public Schools' Welcome Center, 2600 Arboretum Drive, across from the Lied Activity Center.

Transportation will be provided to and from Bellevue West by school bus or van.

ALL STUDENTS are required to complete the Google form for transportation which can be accessed at this link:

Afternoon exams often extend beyond the end of the school day – please make alternate arrangements if your student is AP testing in the afternoon and normally rides the bus home. Tests will be administered according to the schedule below set by the College Board. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Polk at susan.polk@bpsne.net

AP Exam Schedule 2025

Date	Exam Title	Start Time	Approximate End Time
May 5th	Biology	8 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
May 6th	Chemistry	8 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
May 6th	US Government	12 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
May 7th	12th English Lit	8 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
May 7th	Computer Science A	12 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
May 8th	Statistics	8 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
May 8th	World History	12 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
May 9th	U.S. History	8 a.m.	12 p.m.
May 12th	Calculus AB & BC	8 a.m.	12 p.m.
May 13th	Physics 2	12 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
May 14th	11th English Language	8 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
May 15th	Computer Science Principles	12 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
May 16th	Physics 1	8 a.m.	12 p.m.
May 16th	Psychology	12 p.m.	3:15 p.m.



Summer School Info

Bellevue West Summer School Change:

Due to construction and building updates, Bellevue West Summer School 2025 will take place at Bellevue East High School. Information regarding this change will be communicated with impacted students and families at the beginning of May.

Need to Register for Summer School?

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.

Already registered for Summer School? Follow these steps to access your Summer School schedule:

Option 1: Web Browser: Go to www.bellevuepublicschools.org and click on the PowerSchool icon. Once logged in, under Grades and Attendance, click on the SMMR-H tab in the top/middle of the page to see your summer school schedule.

Option 2: PowerSchool App: After logging in, go to Classes on the left side, click on the S5 Term to see your summer school schedule.

Summer School Schedule Information

- HI courses are morning courses and run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- $\rm H2$ courses are afternoon courses and run from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Room numbers indicate where you will report for assigned classes.
- On the first day of summer school, students will report to the Auditorium for a meeting with the summer school administrator before reporting to their assigned classroom.
- Summer School is held from June 2-June 20 (no school on 6/19).
- *If you have not created a PowerSchool Parent/Student account, please contact Kathie Britten at kathie.britten@bpsne.net for assistance.

Additional information on attendance, discipline, transportation, and lunch for summer school can be found at the <u>Bellevue West website</u>.



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.

<u>College of Saint Mary campus dates</u>

Metropolitan Community College Summer Classes

Registration for students who want to sign up for a summer college class through MCC is now open! Graduating Seniors are eligible to take classes through MCC during the summer quarter tuition-free. Incoming Freshmen do not qualify for the tuition waiver until the fall quarter.

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The summer quarter starts on June 5th and ends August 15th. Students can sign up for summer classes by scheduling a meeting with Miss Wiese, our Metro Navigator, at MCC Partnership or by completing the CollegeNOW form at https://mccneb.edu/collegenow.

West Point's Summer Leaders Experience

At West Point we develop Leaders of Character, and we are looking for high-achieving young people who are in great standing with their school and community, and who want to challenge themselves.

Apply now-

https://apply.westpoint.edu/portal/candidate SLE Flyer

Southeast Community College Virtual Program Showcase

Students can attend as many as they'd like and will learn about SCC's Programs of Study.

<u>Register Now</u>



UNO Summer Scholars

Summer Scholars Program offers an unparalleled opportunity for college-bound students to earn an academic course (3-credits) during UNO's summer school session, experience college life through 5-weeks of engaging programming from May 27- June 27, 2025, and gain essential skills that facilitate their transition. Participants get a head start in their college journey as they build their support system and connect with UNO faculty, staff, and students. <u>UNO Summer Scholar</u>



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 tor more information. Midland Info Flyer



UNMC Volunteer Opportunities

UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Recreational
Therapy - Student volunteers ages 13 to 25 with
Covid vaccine, hands on experience interacting
with children and youth development
disabilities. Please see the link attached for
more information NE Med Volunteer

Omaha Public Schools Internship

Student Intern Program Benefits:

- Recruitment tool to encourage students to consider teaching as a profession
- Resume builder
- Classroom support for teachers during summer school
- Small group and one to one assistance in literacy and math for our elementary students
- A regular and reliable work schedule
- Earn a wage in a positive and supportive setting <u>Direct link to the job posting/application</u>



Athletics Department

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Athletic Schedules can be found at: mhsaaconference.org Streaming Information can be found at: fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds

Administration Staff

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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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Twitter: @TbirdEMPIRE

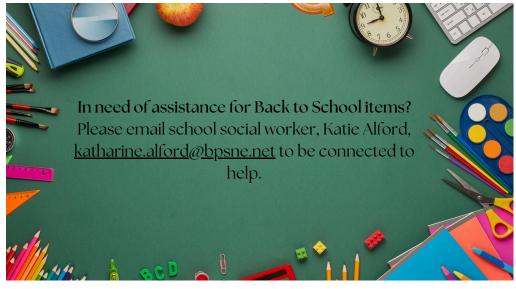
Facebook: Search "Bellevue West"

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)



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://familyconnectionsiowa.com/

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Bellevue Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the student's education records. However, Bellevue Public Schools may disclose, without consent, Directory Information, unless the parent, legal guardian or eligible student (18 years or older) elects to opt-out of the disclosure of Directory Information. Directory information is information from a student's education record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The following information is designated by Bellevue Public Schools as Directory Information:

- Student's name
 - Grade level
- School of enrollment
- Photographs, video, film or livestream of student for inclusion in any District/School publications, District/School websites and social media sites, and on school property or at any school sponsored event.
- Photographs, video, film or livestream of student when permitted by the District to be taken by news media on school property during the school day. Including release of school yearbook photo upon receipt of a public records request.
 - Height and weight, if a member of an athletic team
 - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
 - Degrees, honors, and awards received

Bellevue Public Schools is required by law to comply with requests by military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to high school students' directory information (grades 9-12 only). Schools will provide student's name, home address, and parent's/guardian's phone numbers. No personally identifiable information, including a student's name or photograph will be released without parent/legal guardian permission if doing so would identify that student as having a disability or being a member of a special education class, group or program.

Opt-Out Process:

Parents, legal guardians and eligible students (18 years or older) have the right to opt-out of the disclosure of Directory Information, subject to the requirements and limitations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), state law, and the policies and procedures contained in policy. To obtain an Opt-Out Form you must complete and submit the document at the school office which the student attends. The request form should be submitted within 15 days of the first day of the school year. Forms submitted after the date will be accepted, however, some information may have already been disseminated or submitted for printing and cannot be changed or reversed. The opt-out request is only effective for the school year in which they are submitted.