



Bellevue West HS

May 2024 Newsletter

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Important Dates

May 10 - No School (Forensics Tournament)

May 16 - Seniors Last Day

May 21 - Seniors Honors Night

May 21 - May 23 - Finals

May 23 - Last Day for students - early dismissal (1:20pm)

May 23 - Baccalaureate

May 25 - Graduation

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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.

[Underclassmen iPad Check in Procedures](#)

Testing Dates

| ACT Test Dates | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| June 8 | May 3 | May 19 |
| July 13 | June 7 | June 21 |

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

| SAT Test Dates | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| May 4 | April 19 | April 23 |
| June 1 | May 16 | May 21 |

****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.

Semester 2 Finals Schedule

Tuesday, May 21

B Block

7:50-9:20 Block 2 Class
9:27-10:57 Block 4 Class
11:04-1:06 Block 6 Class
1:13-2:43 Block 8 FINAL
2:43-3:20 GPS

Wednesday, May 22

A Block

7:50-9:20 Block 1 FINAL
9:27-10:57 Block 3 FINAL
11:04-1:06 Block 5 FINAL
1:13-2:43 Block 7 FINAL
2:43-3:20 GPS

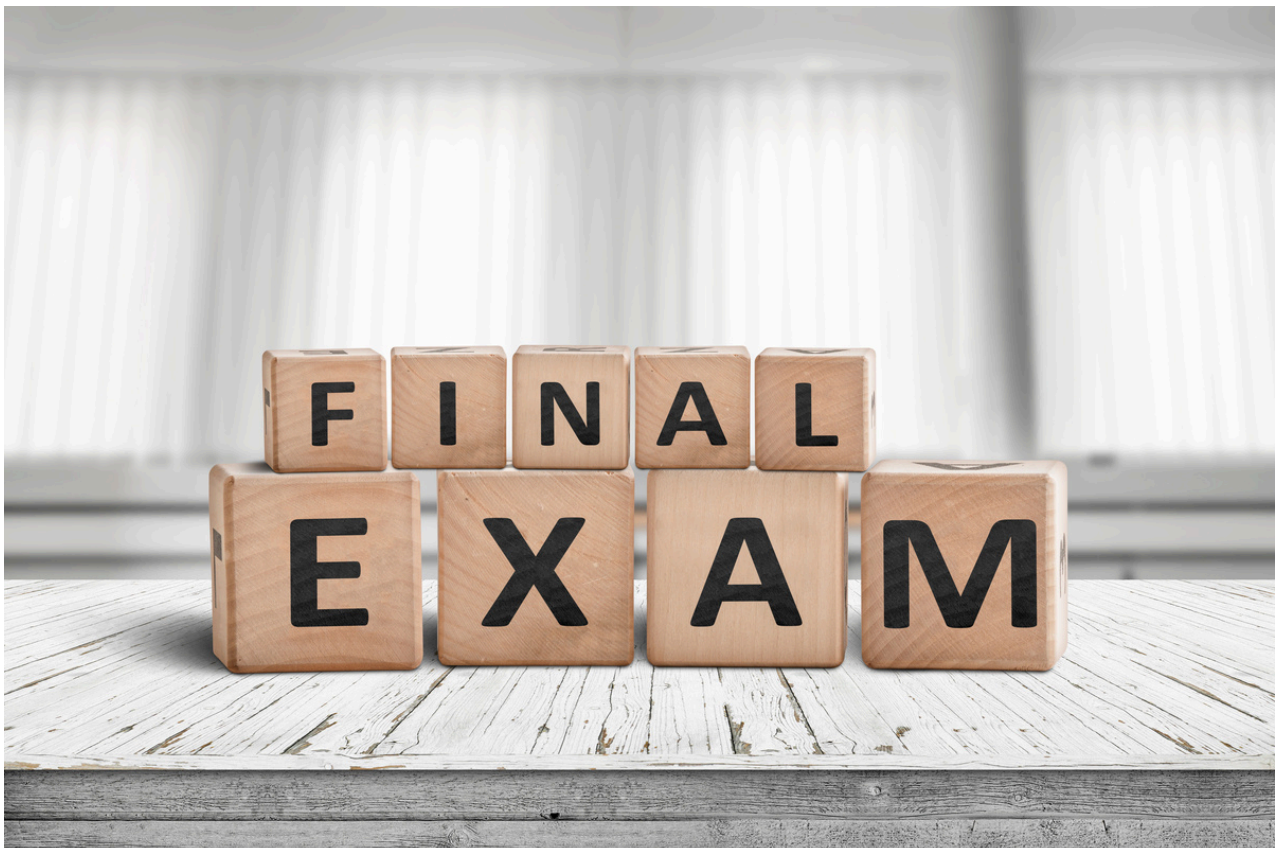
Thursday, May 23

B Block

7:50-9:15 Block 2 FINAL
9:25-10:50 Block 4 FINAL
11:00-1:20 Block 6 FINAL

***Students will be dismissed at 1:20**

iPads will also be checked in on May 23. If you have a damaged iPad bring it to the library prior to May 23.



Advanced Placement Testing Schedule Spring 2024:

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 402-293-4054 or susan.polk@bpsne.net.

AP Exam Schedule 2024

| Date | Exam Title | Start Time | Approximate End Time |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| May 6th | U.S. Government | 8 a.m. | 11:45 a.m. |
| May 6th | Chemistry | 12 p.m. | 4 p.m. |
| May 7th | Statistics | 12 p.m. | 3:45 p.m. |
| May 8th | 12th English Lit | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 8th | Computer Science A | 12 p.m. | 3:45 p.m. |
| May 9th | Environmental Science | 8 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| May 9th | Psychology | 12 p.m. | 2:45 p.m. |
| May 10th | U.S. History | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 13th | Calculus AB & BC | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 14th | 11th English Language | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 14th | Physics C | 12 p.m. | 3:45 p.m. |
| May 15th | World History | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 15th | Computer Science Principles | 12 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 16th | Biology | 12 p.m. | 3:45 p.m. |
| May 17th | Physics 1 | 8 a.m. | 12 p.m. |
| May 17th | Physics 2 | 12 p.m. | 3:45 p.m. |



Summer School Info

Need to Register for Summer School?

Summer school is from June 3- June 21 and is available for students who need credit recovery. To register, students or parents should contact the assigned school counselor.

Please go to the [Bellevue West website](#) for more information.

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

- H1 courses are morning courses and run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 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 3-June 21 (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.

Building Access

Due to construction, below are the options to access Bellevue West for summer school.

- Student Drop Off: Students will be dropped off in the main parking lot near the football field. Follow the signs to enter the building.
- Student Parking: Students will park on the West side of the building and enter through the West Commons door.

Additional information on attendance, discipline, transportation, and lunch for summer school can be found at the [Bellevue West website](#).



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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.

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>.

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 \(omahaplayhouse.com\)](#).



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](#)

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UNO Summer Scholars

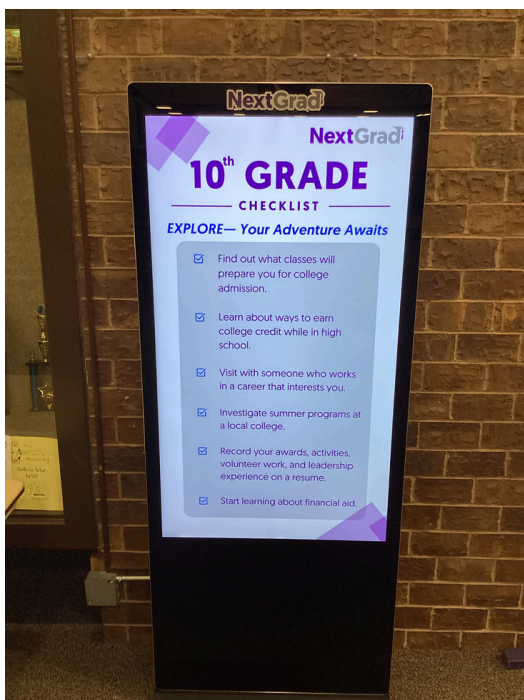
Summer Scholars Program offers an unparalleled opportunity for college-bound students to earn an academic course (3-credits) during UNO's summer school session, experience college life through 5-weeks of engaging programming from May 28, 2024- June 28, 2024, and gain essential skills that facilitate 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. [UNO Summer Scholar](#)

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](#)



UNL Jeffery Raikes School of Computer Science and Management

Computer Science Summer Camp

July 14-27, 2024

[Summer Camp Details](#)

Omaha STEM Ecosystem

Lighting the Spark. This event is dedicated to helping students and young adults find their passion, especially those who are unsure of their next steps. Lighting the Spark will showcase the diversity within the tech industry, giving a glimpse of the many career opportunities available. Participants will have the opportunity to visit with different businesses each representing a diverse array of tech-focused careers.

Register on the link below.

[Light the Spark](#)

Next Grad

We are excited to announce that Bellevue West has recently joined the NextGrad College Opportunity Network! This partnership provides our school with a digital screen to share information with our students about their higher education options with in our state and region. It will showcase information from our Counseling Center regarding applications, financial aid, events, college rep visits, and other college and career resources.

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 for 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](#)

Project Extra Mile Youth Group

We are excited to share with you that Project Extra Mile's annual Youth Leadership Retreat will be held this year from June 25th-27th in Omaha. This opportunity is open to all incoming 8th-12th graders interested in developing their leadership and advocacy skills to help prevent underage drinking and its harms. Youth can register by following the QR code on the brochure or by visiting our website www.projectextramile.org. The registration fee is \$75 and includes two nights at a local hotel, a t-shirt, food during the training, etc.; however, scholarships are available for those who need them.

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

[Direct link to the job posting/application](#)

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

Volunteers
needed

Athletics Department

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Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052,
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Athletic Schedules can be found at: mhssaconference.org
Streaming Information can be found at: fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds

Administration Staff

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



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.

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

Follow Bellevue West on Social Media

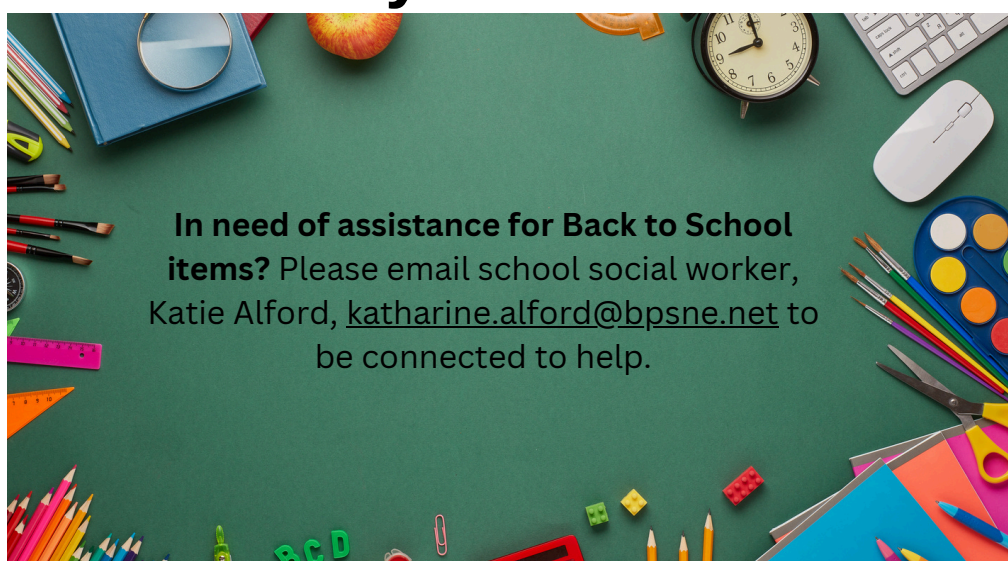
Twitter: @TbirdEMPIRE

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



In need of assistance for Back to School items? Please email school social worker, Katie Alford, katharine.alford@bpsne.net to be connected to help.

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://familyconnectionsiaowa.com/>

Bellevue Public Schools Preschool Screenings for 2024-2025 School Year

Please see the attached links for more information on dates
and qualifications for our Preschool program

[Preschool Screening info](#)

[Preschool Screening Spanish](#)

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.