



BELLEVUE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Oct 2 - Senior Panoramic

Oct 11 - No School

Oct 11 - Homecoming, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Oct 17 - In-person Parent/Teacher Conferences,
time TBD (will be shared in Oct. Newsletter)

Oct 18 - No School

Nov 11 - No School (Veteran's Day)

Nov 25-29 - No School (thanksgiving Break)

FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS: It is extremely important that you verify the spelling of your name in PowerSchool. For your diploma, the student's name needs to be EXACTLY how it is stated on the Birth Certificate (no initials for the middle name) it needs to be the FULL NAME, ABSOLUTELY NO NICKNAMES. The correct name is to be given to Donna Pearson/Counseling office by completing the link below no later than December 2, 2024. [Diploma Verification Form](#)
PLEASE BE ADVISED: a \$25 reprinting fee will be charged for any reprints because of incorrect information.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dear Families,

To better streamline the process for contacting teachers for parent-teacher conferences, we are implementing a conferences landing page. On this page, parents and guardians will find contact information for all teachers instead of receiving several emails from staff members.

Most of our staff members will be available for in-person conferences between 4-6pm on October 17th. For in-person conferences on the 17th, you will not need to schedule a time.

Staff will be available and seated in the cafeteria, commons and south gym. In order to schedule conferences outside of that in-person timeframe, we are asking you to visit our conference-scheduling website to contact the teacher with whom you'd like to conference.

Some teachers will use a scheduling system or website while others prefer a direct email to set up a conference. Clicking the name of the staff member will lead you to their preferred method of contact. The link to that website can be found below. Staff are organized alphabetically by department. If you are unsure of your student's current teachers, please visit the Bellevue Public Schools website to find the link to PowerSchool.

Thank you!



Testing Information

ACT Test Dates

October 26
December 14
February 8

Registration Deadline

September 20
November 8
January 3

Late Registration Deadline

October 7
November 22
January 20

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

SAT Test Dates

October 5
November 2
December 7
March 8

Registration Deadline

September 20
October 18
November 22
February 21

Late Registration Deadline

September 24
October 22
November 26
February 25

**Register online at www.sat.org/register



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.

AP Exam Information 2024-25

- AP exams are strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Students order exams through their MyAP College Board account (myap.collegeboard.org).
- Each exam costs \$91.00 and must be paid for online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>.
- Initial deposit of \$40 per exam is due by October 31 st , 2024. Final payment of remaining fees must be made by March 1 st , 2025.
- Students on Free/Reduced lunch pay \$26.00 per exam. A refund of the \$40 deposit less \$26 for the exam will be issued after exams are completed in May.
- Students who dual enroll an AP course through UNO will receive a refund of total exam fees paid once exams are completed in May.
- All other deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Exams can be ordered after November 1 st for a \$40.00 late fee per exam.
- Final ordering and payment deadline is March 1, 2025.
- AP classroom provides resources for students throughout the year to review and prepare for the exam in May. Students access AP classroom through their CollegeBoard accounts.

Scan this QR code now to make your deposit.



Payment by check or credit card can be made online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>

Exams ordered or paid for after October 31 will be charged a \$40 late fee per exam.

More information is available at ap.collegeboard.org
or on the Bellevue West webpage under "Academics"
or contact susan.polk@bpsne.net



School Information

Golden Feather Award

Students in grades 10-12 who earned a 3.25 GPA or higher last semester will receive their Golden Feather Award in Advisory during the month of October. Golden Feather is our Honor Roll Award. Students in grades 9-12 who earn a 3.25 GPA or higher this semester will be honored with a Golden Feather Award in January. Ask your child to show off their Golden Feather Award at home!



ASVAB TESTING

If you are a junior or senior interested in taking the ASVAB test on November 6 2024, 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 October 30th.

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.

Academic Assistance for Students:

General Tutoring

3:10pm - 4:30pm

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri
Bellevue West Library



Math & Science Center:

7:00am - 7:45am

Mon - Fri
Room 335

A NOTE FROM MR. ROHLFS:

Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience in the parking lot as we figure out the best routes in and out of the parking lot before, after and during school. Continue to be patient and vigilant because we will be dealing with this all year. **Just a few reminders:**

We are trying to limit the traffic in the west staff lot between 7:15-7:50 and 2:35-3:00. The additional traffic in this area when buses are entering and exiting our lot makes it very congested.

We are asking that everyone, during those same time periods, please exit from our main parking lot out the north gate, by the tennis courts. We have found that this gets everyone out quickly and efficiently.

Finally, encourage your sons/daughters to be waiting at the curb after school so they can get into the car quickly. This keeps our traffic moving.

Thanks again for your patience.



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SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Additional 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.

Bellevue Area College Fair

Bellevue West will be hosting a NACRAO College Fair at the Lied Center on October 15th from 8:30-10:30am. All juniors will be participating in the event. We will also be opening it up to seniors that may want to attend and a select group of current sophomores.

There will be over 50+ colleges and/or trade schools attending the fair making this a great opportunity to gather information on potential college/trade schools of interest. Below is a link to a list of schools that will be attending. If you would like to attend the college fair with your student, please reach out to Mr. Schultz at randall.schultz@bpsne.net.

Colleges/Trade Programs attending

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schultz or Mrs. Britten.

Exploring Programs for Students Ages 14-20

Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future. Whether you're a local organization looking to strengthen the community or a young person wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future,

Exploring is a great place to start. For more information and dates, visit the website at

<https://mac-bsa.org/programs-activities/exploring/>

UNK's Health Sciences Virtual Career Day

October 17th for high school seniors, juniors and sophomores who are interested in a health care profession. Students may join this free event individually. There will be time for students to chat and ask questions. [Career Day Registration](#)

UNL Application Fee Waiver

First-year students from Nebraska can use the code "HUSKER" to apply for free through November 1. Students who apply for admission by Nov. 1 will be notified of their scholarship awards on Feb. 12.

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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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, and Concurrent Enrollment. 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 through the Summer 2025 quarter. Students will be responsible for tools, textbooks, and any other associated course fees.

For more information contact Alyssa Wiese, our MCC Navigator, at awiese@mccneb.edu.

On To College ACT Prep for Seniors

Seniors, just a reminder that you still have access to the On To College ACT Test Prep by John Baylor through December. You can use the ACT Refresher Course or any of the other videos and materials to help prepare for the ACT. If you have questions about your access credentials to the online program, please email Mr. Schultz.

Apply to College Days

We will be holding our annual Apply 2 College Days on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Seniors can sign up to come to the Career Center on those days to get help completing college applications. We will have admissions representatives from various colleges here on each day to help students with questions on their application. Seniors will receive information on how to sign up during their Senior Presentation.

Clarkson College High School Preview Days:

Hello! Clarkson College is hosting two High School Preview Days this fall on Friday October 25th and Friday November 15th. Students interested in attending one of their High School Preview Days should register at this link: [Event Registration \(campusnexus.cloud\)](https://campusnexus.cloud)

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 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](#)

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 visiting our website at 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.



Administration/Athletic Department

Athletics Department

Mr. Jon Mauro, Activities Director, 402-293-4046,
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Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052,
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Athletic schedules can be found at: mhsaconference.org
Streaming info can be found at: fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds

Homecoming Game: Thursday, October 10th vs. Lincoln Southwest - 7:00pm Kickoff - Homecoming Court announcements at halftime of the football game.

Homecoming Dance: Friday, October 11th at Bellevue West - 7:00pm - 10:00pm - \$10 entry fee at the door that evening.

2024-25 Athletic Admission Prices:

Varsity Football: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students

All other Sporting Events: \$6 Adults, \$4 Students

All Bellevue West students with an Activity Card are admitted free into all regular season home games

Winter Sports: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Boys Wrestling, Girls Bowling, Boys Bowling, Girls and Boys Swimming - Officially begin on Monday, November 18th. - Please contact coaches prior to tryouts for information.

Administration Staff

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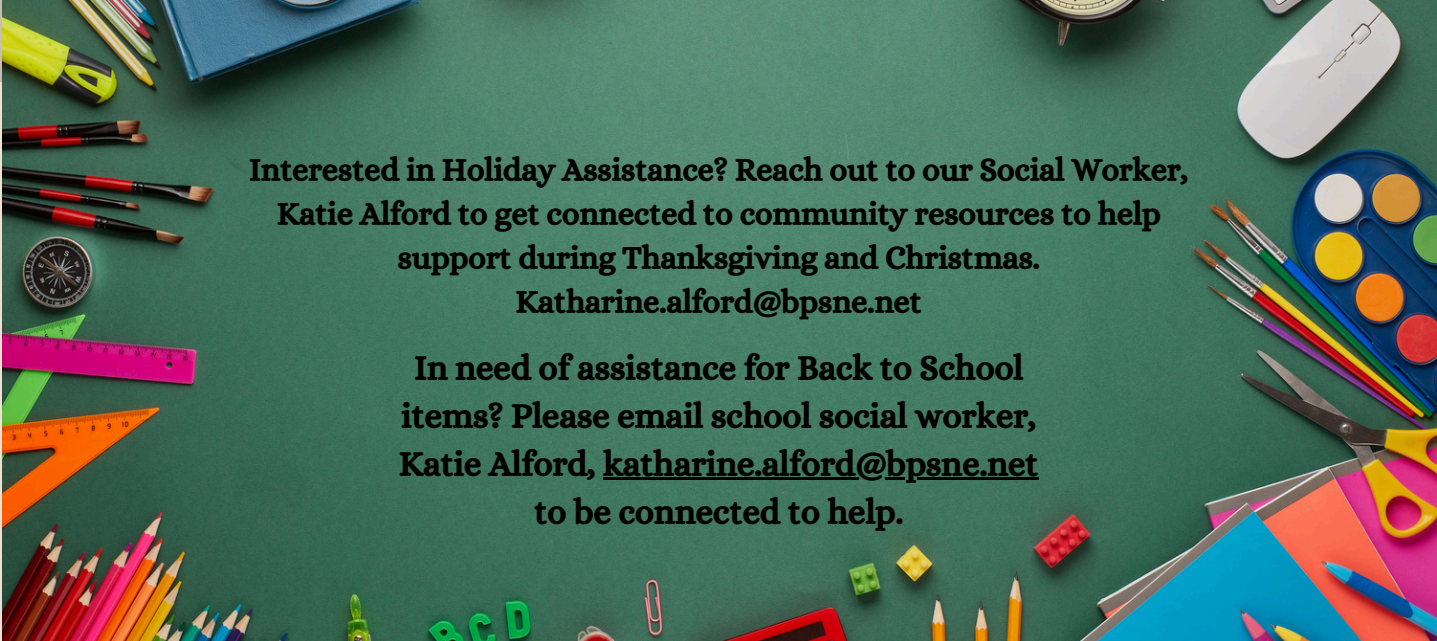
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Family Resources



**Interested in Holiday Assistance? Reach out to our Social Worker,
Katie Alford to get connected to community resources to help
support during Thanksgiving and Christmas.
Katharine.alford@bpsne.net**

**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/>