



# BELLEVUE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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## Important Dates

Sept 2 - No School

Sept 5 - Picture Day

Sept 13 - No School

September 17 - 9th-11th graders take  
practice ACT (**no school for 12th grade**)

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

**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.

## 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.

# Testing Information

## ACT Test Dates      Registration Deadline      Late Registration Deadline

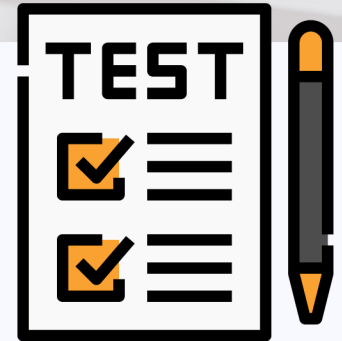
October 26	September 20	October 7
December 14	November 8	November 22

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

## SAT Test Dates      Registration Deadline      Late Registration Deadline

October 5	September 20	September 24
November 2	October 18	October 22

\*\*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.



### September 17th Testing Day

September 17th will be all school test day at Bellevue West HS. All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will take the practice ACT on that day. **12th graders don't have school.**

### PSAT/NMSQT Exam

Bellevue West will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT on **Wednesday, October 9th** for any interested 9th, 10th, & 11th grade students.

Cost for the exam is **\$20**

Deadline to sign up for the PSAT is the end of the day, **Tuesday, September 3rd!!**

To register for the test, please **bring your payment to the Counseling office.**

The PSAT/NMSQT exam assesses the academic skills that students have developed over the years, primarily through their coursework. These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.

The PSAT is co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. You must take the PSAT in 11th grade in order to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

# Testing Information

## AP Exam Information 2024-25

Dear AP Students and Families,

Welcome to the 24-25 school year and the opportunity to earn college credit or advancement by enrolling in Advanced Placement classes. Taking the AP exam is an important culmination to an Advanced Placement class. Bellevue West High School encourages all students currently enrolled in an AP class to register for and take the corresponding exam in May of 2025.

### How to Register for an AP Exam

- Create a College Board account or login to your account at [myap.collegeboard.org](https://myap.collegeboard.org).
- Be sure to make a note of your username and password for accessing AP Classroom throughout the year
- Connect to each of your AP classes using the specific join code from your teacher/class section
- Set your exam decision indicator to “YES” for each exam you would like to order for testing in May
- Any account left set to “Undecided” or “No” by October 31 st , 2024 will not have an exam ordered, including students who dual enroll through UNO.

### Payment of Fees for AP Exams

- The cost of each AP exam is \$91.00; Payments can be made online only through a check or credit card.

#### **NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT SCHOOL**

- A \$40.00 deposit per exam ordered is due by October 31, 2024.
- The cost of each AP exam for students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch is \$26.00.
- Dual enrollment students who wish to test must register for exams through MyAP and make the \$40 deposit by October 31, 2024.
- Students who dual enroll an AP course through UNO will have the cost of the exam for that course paid for by UNO.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** All students who plan to test in May MUST make a \$40 deposit online for each exam ordered through MyAP.
- Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE, except for UNO dual enrollment students and students who qualify for F/R lunch that complete the exam in May. Refunds will be issued in June once testing is complete.
- ALL EXAM FEES FOR 24-25 LESS ANY DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2025.

### Other Important Information

- Exams ordered between Nov. 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025 will be charged a \$40.00 late fee PER EXAM.
- Balance due will be billed in January through APTS, our online payment system.
- No exams can be ordered after March 1, 2025.

Payment by check or credit card can be made  
online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>  
Exams ordered or paid for after October 31  
st will be charged a \$40 late fee  
per exam.

Scan this QR code now to make your deposit.



More information is available at [ap.collegeboard.org](https://ap.collegeboard.org)  
or on the Bellevue West webpage under “Academics”  
or contact [susan.polk@bpsne.net](mailto: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!



## 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





# College and Career Planning

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

### **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](#)

### **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.

### **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](mailto:awiese@mccneb.edu).

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## Senior Parent Presentation

Thank you to all parents who attended the Senior Parent Presentation during the Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 15th. We have posted the presentation and information on the transcript release on the Bellevue West web page. To find the information, go to [bellevuepublicschools.org/choose Bellevue West under schools/Academics/College and Career](https://bellevuepublicschools.org/choose-Bellevue-West-under-schools/Academics/College-and-Career). If you have any questions, please contact the counseling office.

## 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.

## Dual Enrollment Information - Registration - Deadlines

Bellevue West has many opportunities for students to earn dual enrollment credit through UNO & Metro Community College. Please click on this link to the Bellevue West website for the most updated lists and information. [Bellevue West Dual Enrollment](#)

**The Metro Community College dual enrollment deadline is September 6th!**

## UNO Dual Enrollment:

Students: There will be a Dual Enrollment meeting on Monday, August 26th at 10:25am in the auditorium with reps from UNO to ask questions or get information about UNO dual enrollment eligible courses. The UNO Dual Enrollment application is **due September 27, 2024**.

## 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.

**The Nebraska congressional delegation** (Senator Ricketts, Senator Fischer, Congressman Bacon, Congressman Flood, and Congressman Smith) are hosting an additional Service Academy Day event on September 15th from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm at Lincoln Northwest High School, 4901 West Holdrege St. in Lincoln. Nebraska high School students will learn more about the process to gain admission to a U.S. Service Academy. This will be extremely useful for Juniors, but also helpful for underclassmen to attend to better prepare themselves. This event includes NE Academy Alumni and NE Parent Association representation, so parents are also highly encouraged to attend. [Service Academy Info](#)

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

## **The "Mayors Youth Council"**

Created by the Bellevue Police Department and the City of Bellevue, selected students will hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the Bellevue City Council Chambers on Tuesday evenings. They will provide guidance/perspective to the Bellevue City Council on select topics, participate in community events, and other self-generated endeavors. Please see attached links for more info.

[Mayors Youth Council](#) and [Mayors Youth Council application](#)





# 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](http://mhsaconference.org)  
Streaming info can be found at: [fan.hudl.com/thunderbirds](http://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

Mr. Kevin Rohlf, Principal, 402-293-4049, kevin.rohlf@bpsne.net

Dr. Larry Murry, 10th Grade Principal, 402-293-4044, larry.murry@bpsne.net

Mrs. Mary Sasek, 9th Grade Principal, 402-293-4086, mary.sasek@bpsne.net

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



# Family Resources



**In need of assistance for Back to School items? Please email school social worker, Katie Alford, [katharine.alford@bpsne.net](mailto: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/>