

Bellevue West High School

December
2024

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Upcoming Events

December 18-20 - FINALS
December 20 - Early Dismissal - End of Quarter
December 23 - Jan 3 - No School (Holiday Break)
January 6 - No School
January 7 - School Resumes
January 20 - No School (Martin Luther King Day)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PARENTS:

Please follow the link attached for important information and dates for Seniors
<https://www.bellevuepublicschools.org/domain/1586>

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](#)

December Finals Schedule

Semester 1 Final Exams

Semester 1 Final Exams will be held on December 18, 19, & 20th. Students are expected to complete exams on assigned test dates. If alternate test dates are required, students must get approval from administrators by December 6th. 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.

Wed, Dec. 18th B Block

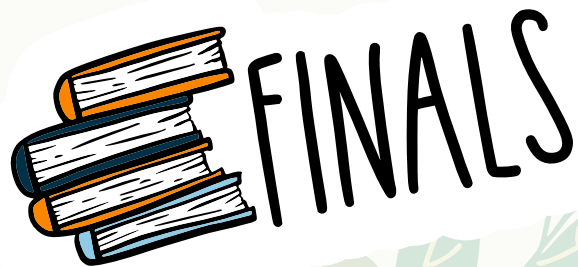
7:50-9:25 Block 1B
9:31-11:04 Block 2B
11:10-1:21 Block 3B
1:27-3:00 Block 4B Final Exam

Thurs, Dec. 19th A Block

7:50-9:25 Block 1A Final Exam
9:31-11:04 Block 2A Final Exam
11:10-1:21 Block 3A Final Exam
1:27-3:00 Block 4A Final Exam

Fri, Dec. 20th B Block

7:50-9:16 Block 1B Final Exam
9:22-10:48 Block 2B Final Exam
10:54-1:00 Block 3B Final Exam



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

Testing Information

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 8	January 3	January 20
April 13	March 8	March 24
June 8	May 3	May 19

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

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 7	November 22	November 26
March 8	February 21	February 25
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 3	April 18	April 22

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

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AP Exam Information 2024-25

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the corresponding AP exam in May 2025. The initial deadline to register for AP exams has passed; however, exams can still be ordered between November 1 st and March 1 st by paying a \$40 late fee per exam.

- The base cost for an AP exam is \$91.00
- Students on Free or Reduced lunch qualify for an exam fee reduction
- Payments can be made online at <http://aptsusa.com/bwhs>
- A \$40 late fee per exam will be added to orders placed after November 1 st
- Students who wish to test but did not order an exam must notify Ms. Polk in the counseling office by March 1, 2025

More information is available on the Bellevue West website under “Academics” then “Advanced Placement,” or at ap.collegeboard.org.

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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.

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.



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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BPS Career Academy @ the Frank Kumor Career Center

Bellevue Public Schools will offer four Career Academy programs within the district at the Frank Kumor Career Center for the 25-26 school year. Current Sophomore and Junior students can apply for the Certified Nursing Assistant Academy, the Automotive Maintenance Academy, the Education Career Academy and the Aviation Academy. Students in these programs will earn Dual Enrollment credit through Metro Community College (except for the Aviation Program). The BPS Career Academy programs are free. Transportation to and from the high school is provided. If you are interested in one of the Career Academy programs, please see your School Counselor for more information.

UNMC High School Alliance

The University of Nebraska Medical Center offers a high school alliance where students have an opportunity to observe, shadow, and work alongside health care professionals and researchers at UNMC. Students take classes (2 classes each semester) on the UNMC campus from 1:00-3:00 p.m. each day. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in health care should consider applying. Class offerings may include Behavioral Health; Biology and Prevention of Cancer; Biomedical Research; Dimensions of Community Health; Exploration of Human Anatomy; Human Genetics; The Study of Patient Care; Infectious Disease; Pathology; Pharmaceutical Science; Medical Imaging; Art and Science of Decision Making.

Eligible students must be a junior or senior (for 2025-2026 school year) and at least 16 years of age by August of 2025, have completed and received a grade of "B" or above in Algebra I, Biology, a Physical Science course, and be concurrently enrolled in a third year of science.

If students meet the requirements and are interested in applying, they should go to unmc.edu/alliance to complete the application. The due date for the UNMC High School Alliance application is January 24, 2025.



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](#)

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.

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](#)



The Salvation Army
Register to Ring! Join the Salvation Army in helping raise money for needy families.
<https://www.registertoring.com/>



Administration/Athletic Department

Athletics Department

Mr. Jon Mauro, Activities Director, 402-293-4046, jon.mauro@bpsne.net

Ms. Nicole Jaros, Secretary, 402-293-4052, Nicole.jaros@bpsne.net

Winter sports begins on Monday, November 18th

(Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving, Boys and Girls Bowling)

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

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://familyconnectionsowa.com/>

