



# January 1, 2025

Dear BC Community-



Another fantastic year is in the books—thank you to the incredible BC community!

This week, we'll begin focusing on the course selection process for the 2025-2026 school year. [Our Academic Planning](#) site contains all the information you need. It's essential for students and their families to take time to thoughtfully plan their course requests for next year and beyond.

The master schedule is built based on the course requests that students enter in the IC Academic Planner. **Last year, 94% of those requests were successfully scheduled!**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns. My email is [gruetzmb@elmbrookschools.org](mailto:gruetzmb@elmbrookschools.org) or call/text me at my work cell phone number 262-350-8614.

Thanks and take care-

Brett J. Gruetzmacher-Proud Principal

# THE WEEK AT BROOKFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

**January 2**

**Lancer Block**

**Thursday-B**

- [Previewing Our Week! 7:55am-8:02am Google Meet](#)
- D/F Message for 6 Weeks Grades via IC Messenger 8am

**January 3**

**Lancer Link**

**Friday-A**

## **Lancer Link: Scheduling Overview/ACP Review - Over Google Meet (9-12th)**

- Featured All Grades: ACP Annual Review (Student Self Reflection) - 25 minutes. Students are emailed a Google Form link, which counselors will provide a live overview of via Google Meet. This will most likely take the entire link if students take time on their ACP reflection google doc.
  - [9th Grade Slide Deck](#) via Google Meet
  - [10th Grade Slide Deck](#) via Google Meet
  - [11th Grade Slide Deck](#) via Google Meet
  - [12th Grade Slide Deck](#) via Google Meet

**January 6**

**Lancer Block**

**Monday-B**

- Previewing Our Week! 7:55am-8:02am Google Meet



On Monday, January 6, 2025, all BC juniors will take a practice ACT in the main gym. The Wisconsin Statewide ACT for juniors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Students **do not need** to register for either the practice ACT or the Statewide ACT.

**January 7**

**Lancer Block**

**Tuesday-A**

**January 8**

**Lancer Block**

**Wednesday-B**

**January 9**

**Lancer Block**

**Thursday-A**

**January 10**

**Course Fair 9th/10th/11th**

**Friday-B**

- BC Course Fair for 9th/10th/11th Graders 7:55am-10:25am
- **1st Block Begins for ALL STUDENTS at 10:30am.**



- **Friday, January 3rd in Link** - Academic and Career Planning - Overview & Opportunity to complete annual review of individual Academic & Career Plan.
- **Friday, January 10th** - BCHS Course Fair for current 9th-11th grade students (Adjusted Schedule) 1st Block Starts for all students at 10:30am. Seniors need to be at BC by 10:25am.
- **Monday, January 13th** Alpha House Visit from Hills. 9:30am-11:30am
- **January 14th-16th** 9-11th Grade: Work in IC Academic Planner to sign-up for courses. Counselors will guide each grade (9-11th) via Google Meet in Lancer Links
- **Friday, January 17th** Beta House Visit from Hills. 9:30am-11:30am
- **Thursday, January 24th** - BC Counselors will be at WHMS to help students with scheduling.
- **Wednesday, January 29th-** BC Class of 2029 Welcome Night 6:00pm-7:30pm
- **January 28th, 29th and 30th** - BC Counselors will host scheduling help sessions during Lancer Block. Students sign up in Edificency.
- **Wednesday, February 5th 8am-3pm** - BC Counselors will host a Scheduling Help Day. Sign up through Calendly links by counselor.
- **Thursday, February 6th 4pm-8pm** - BC Counselors will host a Scheduling Help Night. Sign up through Calendly links by counselor.
- **Friday, February 7th** Full School Google Meet Lancer Link to Double Check Your Academic Planner!
- **Monday, February 10th** - Academic Course Planner closes at 8am. The number of requests for each course will determine the number of sections for each course that will drive the creation of the 25/26 master schedule. Additionally, we make our staffing and scheduling decisions for the 25/26 school year based on the number of sections. This school year (24/25), **94%** of all requests entered into the Academic Planner were scheduled! It is imperative that students thoughtfully select, review, and save their course requests in the Academic Planner.



# HAVE A LAPTOP YOU AREN'T USING?



**We know students across the State of Wisconsin and around the world who can use them!**

**Please donate used PC laptops w/ power cords at the following locations (sorry, no desktops or tablets):**

- **Brookfield Public Library** – 1900 N. Calhoun Road
  - Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Elm Grove Public Library** – 13600 Juneau Blvd.
  - Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- **Brookfield East High School** – 3305 Lilly Road
  - Drop off in bin in Entryway/Lobby from Jan. 6 – Feb. 7, 2025
- **Brookfield Central High School** – 16900 Gebhardt Road
  - Drop off in bin in Entryway/Lobby from Jan. 6 – Feb. 7, 2025

*This project is hosted by the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) GEARheads Robotics Team and the Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF), so your donations be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions, contact the team Outreach Coach Deborah Nustad at [deborah.nustad@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.nustad@gmail.com). (To protect minors, student emails are not publicly posted.) Thank you!*

#### **Impact of this project so far:**

Over 85 laptops given to Wisconsin robotics teams, Boys & Girls Clubs, STEAM Milwaukee, and schools in Honduras and Africa!

[See details at these links:](#)



CBS 58 News: Robotics Team Closes Technology Gap



Elmbrook Schools News Story



Tech Crew Robotics Team from Dr. Howard Fuller Academy

**ELMBROOK EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**



**GEARheads**

Team #16460  
Elmbrook Schools, Wisconsin, USA



# Brookfield Central HS Information

- **Attendance Procedures**

In addition to calling the BC attendance phone line (262-785-3994), families can also send an email to [BCHSattendance@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:BCHSattendance@elmbrookschoools.org) to report an absence to school. When reporting an absence, please provide the student's name and reason for the absence. All Parents/Guardians will receive a monthly attendance summary for each of their students. Additionally, we encourage students and parents to regularly monitor attendance records by logging into Infinite Campus for review.

- **Chromebook**

For the 2024/2025 school year, when teachers require technology for instruction and assessments during class, students must use their SDE-issued Chromebooks. Student-owned devices should be closed and put away. If you're having trouble with your Chromebook or need to update it, please visit this [site for guidance](#). If the issue continues, bring your Chromebook to the BC Library for assistance.

- **College Representatives Visits**

BC Student Services continues to offer opportunities for students to connect with representatives from colleges and universities from across the country. Click [here](#) for the schedule!

- **Connect with a Teacher**

If parents/guardians need to connect with a teacher, please consider emailing rather than calling. If a phone call is necessary, please email the teacher to request a phone call.

- **School Meals**

We have an outstanding food service team at BC- quality food, service, and a great variety. Click [here](#) for instructions on adding funds to your students account. Students will access their lunch accounts with their student ID. Click [here](#) for the SDE Food Service Information for the 2024-2025 School Year.

- **Student IDs**

Students are required to have their school IDs daily. A student ID is required to enter the building anytime after 7:55am. From 7:55am-3:09pm, all students must enter through our main doors Door S1. Students use their IDs to access their lunch account, check out library books, and to gain entry to BC sporting events.

- **Week-at-a-Glance**

Each week teachers will email a snapshot of the week to parents/guardians and their students. This will include items such as learning targets, quizzes/tests/major due dates for the week.