



July 3, 2024

Hello Orioles and families ~

I hope that you are enjoying a spectacular summer filled with fun times with family and friends!

The 2023 - 2024 school year was amazing! I could not be more proud of our students, our educators, and our families for the relationships that have been fostered and maintained and the respect, responsibility, reflection, and resilience that has been shown as outstanding teaching and learning continued to take place complete with rigor.

You Are Orioles! Be very proud of all that you and your educators have accomplished this year! We are so very fortunate to have you in our lives! Thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do for your educators, your families, for each other, and for me! Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of you! It is Different Here!

It is now time for you to rest, relax, rejuvenate, recharge, recuperate, and reflect. Take care of yourself and your family!

The Belchertown High School community looks forward to the 2024 - 2025 school year with continued appreciation for the truly important elements in our lives. We can't wait to see you back in the Nest on Wednesday, August 28th! Wishing you a very Happy Fourth of July!

Mrs. Vigneux



Fourth Quarter/Final Report Card

You will find a link to your fourth quarter/final report card. To open it, you will need to enter your four/five digit PIN number. If you are unable to open your report card, please contact me at cvigneux@belchertownps.org.

If you are unable to receive electronic report cards and need them delivered by mail, please let me know.

I would also like to make you aware of a variety of topics as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year.

2024 - 2025 Calendar

Here is a link to the district calendar for the 2024 - 2025 School Year.

[BPS 2024 - 2025 Calendar](#)

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 28th!

Doughnuts & Dialogue/Cookies & Conversation

On Tuesday, July 9th between 6:30am - 8:00am, please stop by the Main Office for Doughnuts & Dialogue or between 6:30pm - 8:00pm, please stop by the Main Office for Cookies & Conversation. Students, caregivers, and community members are all welcome to attend to ask questions or to talk about the 2024-2025 school year. Looking forward to seeing you on July 9th!

Class of 2028 and New Student Orientation Program

This program will take place on Tuesday, August 20th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. If you would like to volunteer at orientation, you must complete the Google Form below by Friday, July 19th.

[Belchertown High School - Class of 2028 and New Student Orientation Volunteer Form](#)

The Class of 2028 and New Student Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 20th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. If you would like to volunteer at orientation, you must complete this Google Form by Friday, July 19th. Over the years, the orientation programs have been so successful because of students' assistance. If

you helped out last year, I hope you will be back on August 20th. If you did not help out last year, you are more than welcome to be a part of this very important program. First year students really enjoy meeting with you and having you tell them about the high school and your experiences. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation in this very important event! There will be a Student Leadership Dinner on Monday, August 19th for all orientation volunteers. More information will be sent to all volunteers regarding the Student Leadership Dinner and Orientation program in early August.

BHS School Council and School Committee Student Representatives

If you are interested in learning more about serving as a student representative to the BHS School Council or the Belchertown School Committee. Please complete the form at the link below -

[BHS Representatives to School Council and School Committee](#)

Club/Organization Fair

Students at BHS have expressed interest in knowing more about the clubs and organizations available at our school. A Club/Organization Fair is being organized to do exactly this. Each club/organization is asked to make either a poster or a tri-fold representing the purpose of their club/organization and what one can expect if they were to join. These posters will be displayed at both the New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 20th and the first day of school on Wednesday, August 28th to encourage more student participation in clubs/organizations at BHS. We are very excited about making this happen and hope that all clubs/organizations will participate! Please drop off your posters and tri-folds at the Main Office by Friday, August 16th.

Class of 2025 - Senior Yearbook Photograph

Senior yearbook photographs are due by Friday, September 27th. The photograph needs to be 640 x 800 pixels. The senior must be dress code appropriate in the

photograph. If you have any questions regarding your yearbook photograph, please email Ms. Vaz at lvaz@belchertownps.org.

Open House/Open Nest - Wednesday, September 4th

Open House/Open Nest will take place on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. We encourage all Orioles and their families to attend Open House/Open Nest! There will be no other events taking place on September 4th during Open House/Open Nest - no athletic contests, no athletic practices, or music rehearsals - just Open House/Open Nest! Please place this date on your calendars. You are not going to want to miss this celebration in our Nest!

BHS Graduates

Do you know a BHS graduate who is willing to come back to BHS to share their experiences after high school with our current BHS students? We have had very successful Alumni Career Fairs in the past and we plan on continuing this tradition on Tuesday, November 26th and possibly add other events during the 2024-2025 school year where BHS graduates can speak with our current students to share their experiences, their accomplishments, and their advice. BHS graduates are encouraged to contact Chris Vigneux at cvigneux@belchertownps.org to get involved.

Fall Athletics

Below are the important dates for the fall season and information on registration.

Friday, August 16, 2024: Pre Season begins for football and golf

Monday, August 19, 2024: Pre Season begins for cross country, soccer, girls' volleyball, field hockey, cheer

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - Caregiver and Student Athlete Fall Season Meeting at 6:30PM - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium - please enter the building via the cafeteria entrance.

Registration for all sports is online at:

<https://hello.familyid.com/> - create a new account and choose Belchertown

Online registration for fall sports. If you were unable to register in May, please contact Mr. McNeill, our Director of Athletics at kmcneill@belchertownps.org

A list of all of our athletic offerings, athletic fees, as well as the link to register can be found on the Belchertown High School web page:

<http://www.belchertownps.org/belchertown-high-school/athletics>

Any student athlete playing a fall sport must have had a physical within 13 months of the day of practice/tryout or competition..

Winter Season tryouts begin Monday November 25, 2024

Spring Season tryouts begin Monday March 17, 2025

You can review athletic schedules at:

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/School/Calendar/1430>

Belchertown High School does not approve of or condone any type of summer gathering of our student athletes. Captain's practices are not in any way sanctioned, encouraged, recognized, or condoned in any sport by the MIAA or Belchertown High School.

[BHS Website/Daily Announcements/Twitter/Instagram](#)

You can check out the BHS website by clicking this link:

[Belchertown High School](#)

You can check out daily announcements by clicking this link:

[Daily Announcements](#)

You can check out the official BHS Twitter account at

<https://twitter.com/BtownHS142>

You can check out the official BHS Instagram account at

<https://www.instagram.com/btownhs142/>

Important Dates (Subject to Change)

Friday, August 16th - First day of football and golf pre-season

Monday, August 19th and Tuesday, August 20th - Band Leadership Training - 9:30am - 2:00pm

Monday, August 19th - First day of pre-season for all other fall sports (cross country, soccer, girls' volleyball, golf, field hockey, cheer)

Monday, August 19th - Leadership Dinner for all students volunteering at the Class of 2028 and New Student Orientation - 4:00pm - 7:00pm - Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 20th - Class of 2028 and New Student Orientation - 5:00pm - 8:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, August 21st - Friday, August 23rd - BHS Marching Orioles - Band Camp - 9:30am - 2:00pm

Wednesday, August 21st - Caregiver and Student Athlete Fall Season Meeting at 6:30PM - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, August 23rd - Band Rehearsal and Picnic - 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium/Band Room/Cafeteria

Monday, August 26th and Tuesday, August 27th - Staff Reports

Wednesday, August 28th - Students Report

Wednesday, August 28th - BHS Marching Orioles Rehearsal - 2:15pm - 3:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day - No School

Wednesday, September 4th - BHS Marching Orioles Rehearsal - 2:15pm - 3:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, September 4th - Open House - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Monday, September 9th - Undergraduate Photographs - 7:45am - 2:10pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Monday, September 9th - BHS Marching Orioles Rehearsal - 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, September 11th - Humanities Club Meeting - 2:15pm - 2:45pm - Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 12th - Students for Social Justice (bi weekly meetings) - 2:30pm - 3:30pm - Room 101A

Thursday, September 12th - BHS Marching Orioles Rehearsal - 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Athletic Field

Monday, September 16th - Friday, September 20th - Start With Hello Week

Tuesday, September 17th - BHS Marching Orioles Rehearsal - 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Athletic Field

Friday, September 20th - Sunday, September 22nd - Belchertown Fair

Wednesday, September 25th - Humanities Club Meeting - 2:15pm - 2:45pm - Cafeteria

Friday, September 27th - Midpoint of First Quarter

Friday, September 27th - Band to the Big E

Monday, October 7th - Financial Aid Night - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, October 9th - Early Release Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

Monday, October 14th - Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School

Thursday, October 17th - PSAT Exam - 7:30am - 12:00pm - Gymnasium

Monday, October 21st - Undergraduate Photographs - Retakes - 7:45am - 12:00pm Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, October 23rd - Thursday, October 31st - Red Ribbon Week - Life is a Movie. Film Drug Free.

Thursday, October 24th - Mini College Fair - Gymnasium - 12:30pm - 2:10pm - Gymnasium

Friday, November 1st - End of First Quarter

Tuesday, November 5th - Professional Day - No school for students

Friday, November 8th - Veterans' Day Assembly - 9:00am - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Monday, November 11th - Veterans' Day Observed - No School

Thursday, November 14th - Fall Concert - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, November 15th - ASVAB Testing - 7:45am - 11:45am - 317

Monday, November 18th - Tuesday, November 26th - Spirit Week

Friday, November 22nd - Student Faculty Basketball Game - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Gymnasium

Tuesday, November 26th - Alumni Career Fair - 7:30am - 12:30pm

Wednesday, November 27th - Friday, November 29th - Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 25th - First Day of Winter Athletics

Friday, December 6th - Midpoint of Second Quarter

Tuesday, December 17th - Music Department Dress Rehearsal - 2:30pm - 4:45pm
- Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Thursday, December 19th - Winter Pops Concert - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st - Holiday Recess - No School

Wednesday, January 8th - Early Release Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

Friday, January 17th - End of Second Quarter

Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Monday, February 3rd - College Information Night - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Thursday, February 13th - BPS Instrumental Pyramid Concert - 6:00pm
Gymnasium -

Monday, February 17th - Friday, February 21st - Winter Recess - No School

Wednesday, February 26th - Tri-M Induction - 6:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, February 28th - Midpoint of Third Quarter

Thursday, March 6th - Chorus and Percussion Ensemble Concert - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, March 12th - Early Release Day for students - Dismissal at 12:00pm noon

Wednesday, March 12th - Mandatory Pre-Prom Meeting (for all juniors and seniors and caregivers) who did not attend a pre-prom meeting during the 2023 - 2024 school year - 6:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, March 14th - Volleyball Lock-In - 5:00pm - 11:00pm - Gymnasium

Monday, March 17th - First Day of Spring Athletics

Thursday, March 20th - Senior Show - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Tuesday, March 25th and Wednesday, March 26th - MCAS English Language Arts Testing - Class of 2027

Thursday, March 27th - Spring Band Concert - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, April 4th - End of Third Quarter

Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th - MICCA - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, April 9th - District Choral Pyramid Concert - 5:30pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, April 11th - Junior Prom - 6:00pm - 10:00pm - Crestview Country Club

Thursday, April 17th - Jazz Showcase - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday - No School

Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th - Spring Recess - No School

Friday, May 2nd - Midpoint of Fourth Quarter for Seniors

Friday, May 2nd - Writing Club Coffee House - 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Cafeteria

Friday May 9th - Drama Club Performance - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Saturday, May 10th - Drama Club Performance - 1:00pm and 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, May 14th - Early Release Day for Students - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

Thursday, May 15th - Spring Pops Concert - 7:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Friday, May 9th - Midpoint of Fourth Quarter for Undergraduates

Tuesday, May 20th and Wednesday, May 21st - MCAS Mathematics Testing - Class of 2027

Friday, May 23rd - BHS Marching Band Rehearsal - 2:30pm - 4:00pm - Athletic Field/Auditorium

Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day - No School

Thursday, May 29th - Senior Prom - 6:00pm - 10:00pm The Starting Gate at Greathorse

Monday, June 2nd - Thursday, June 5th - Mandatory Graduation Rehearsals - 10:00am - 12:30pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Wednesday, June 4th and Thursday, June 5th - MCAS - Biology Testing - Class of 2027

Tuesday, June 3rd - Senior Awards Ceremony - 6:00pm - Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Thursday, June 5th - BHS Commencement - 6:30pm - Stadium Field

Friday, June 13th - Last Day of School with no snow days

Thursday, June 19th - Juneteenth - No School

Monday, June 23rd - Last Day of School with five snow days

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Main Office at 323-9419 extension 5106 or cvigneux@belchertownps.org.

I wish you a continued safe and relaxing summer vacation! Enjoy the Fourth of July Weekend! The 2024-2025 school year begins on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:45am! Can't wait to see you back in the Nest!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vigneux