

# BELLEVUE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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## Important Dates

**Nov 11** - No School (Veteran's Day)

**Nov 25-29** - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

**Dec 18 - 20** - FINAL EXAMS

**Dec 20** - Early Dismissal

**Dec 23 - Jan 3** - No School (Winter Break)

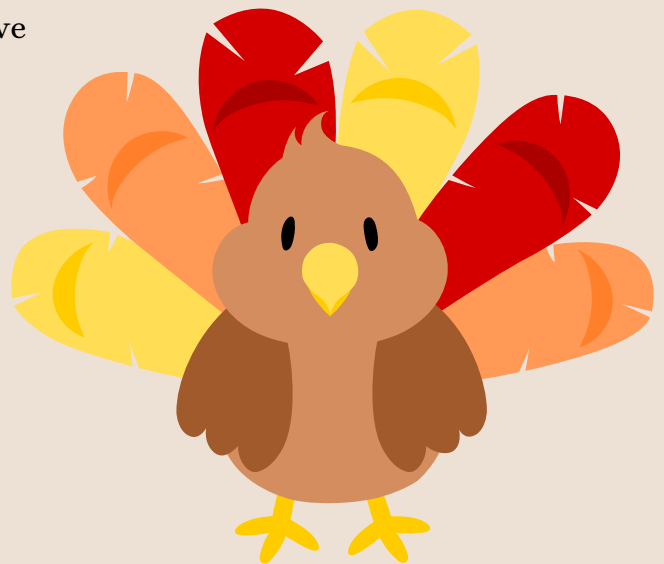
**Jan 6** - No School

**Jan 7** - Return to 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.

## "ACT Online Test Prep - for 11th Grade Students"

All 11th graders will be getting access to a new ACT Online Test Prep program in November. Students will get login credentials and be shown how to log in to the system. Core subject area teachers will use the program to help students prepare for the NSCAS ACT that all 11th graders in the state of Nebraska have to take in March. Students are also encouraged to use the program to review and prepare for this test on their own.



# Testing Information

## “Tentative” 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.

#### Wednesday, 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

#### Thursday, 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

#### Wednesday, 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



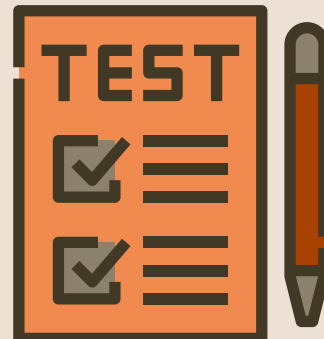
# Testing Information

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 14	November 8	November 22
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](http://www.act.org/bts)

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
November 2	October 18	October 22
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](http://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

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://apcentral.collegeboard.org>
- 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](http://ap.collegeboard.org).

## 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).



# College and Career Planning

## Kumor Career Center Tour

Junior parents,

On November 12th, all juniors will be touring the newly remodeled Bellevue Public Schools Kumor Career Center to learn about the Aviation, Auto Technology, Education, and CNA Academies. These programs are available to Juniors and Seniors and offer a unique hands-on experience in a state-of-the-art facility. We want students to see first hand what the programs have to offer. Students will be transported to the Kumor Center and meet with Mr. Stueve, Coordinator of College and Career Education, for a tour of the four programs and then will return to Bellevue West.

If you have any questions or concerns about the in-district tour, please contact Mr. Schultz via email at [randall.schultz@bpsne.net](mailto:randall.schultz@bpsne.net).

**The EducationQuest Foundation** will be hosting several webinars during the month of November to help families with completing the FAFSA. Each webinar will walk you through the 2025-26 FAFSA, provide detailed instructions for confusing parts of the FAFSA, and explain the FAFSA submission summary. Click [THIS LINK](#) to register.

**Nov. 4, 13, and 19** - FAFSA Completion Webinar, 6:30pm

**Nov. 18** - Spanish Language Webinar, 6:30pm

**Nov. 20** - YouTube livestream: Prepping for the FAFSA at 7pm

## **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](#)

## **Henry Doorly Zoo Academy**

The Henry Doorly Zoo Academy provides an innovative high school learning environment where students can make discoveries about the natural world and apply them to their learning. The Zoo Academy concept combines career exploration, classroom experiences, and research opportunities in a non-traditional high school setting. Students can choose either an Animal Science course pathway or a Conservation Research course pathway. This program is a 1-2 year program. Students attend classes at the Henry Doorly Zoo for half their school day.

### **Qualifications:**

- \*Must be a Sophomore or Junior for the 2025-2026 school year.
- \*Must be on track for graduation and have excellent attendance
- \*Zero tolerance discipline policy

### **Application Required:**

The application is online and is due November 30, 2024.

Additional information about the Zoo Academy can be found at [www.omahazoo.com/zooacademy](http://www.omahazoo.com/zooacademy). Students can attend a Zoo Academy informational zoom session for more information. Click on the following link for more information.

[Zoo Academy Student Information Zoom Meeting Information Flyer](#)

## **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.

Please contact Mr. Schultz in the College and Career Center for more information to apply!



# College and Career Planning



## Clarkson College High School

### Preview Days:

Hello! Clarkson College is hosting two High School Preview Days this fall on Friday November 15th.

Students interested in attending one of their High School Preview Days should register at this link: [Event](#)

[Registration](#)  
([campusnexus.cloud](#))

## 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).

## 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.

## UNMC High School Alliance

The University of Nebraska Medical Center offers the UNMC High School Alliance program 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. 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 Sciences, Medical Imaging, and the Art and Science of Decision Making.

### Application required:

The UNMC application for the 2025-2026 school year opens mid-November and closes on January 24, 2025. Eligible students must be a current junior or sophomore, 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; be concurrently enrolled in a third year of science; and be on track for graduation.

If students meet the requirements and are interested in applying, they should go to [www.unmc.edu/alliance](http://www.unmc.edu/alliance) to complete the application.

# 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.





# 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

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)

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 Rohlfs, Principal, 402-293-4049, kevin.rohlfs@bpsne.net

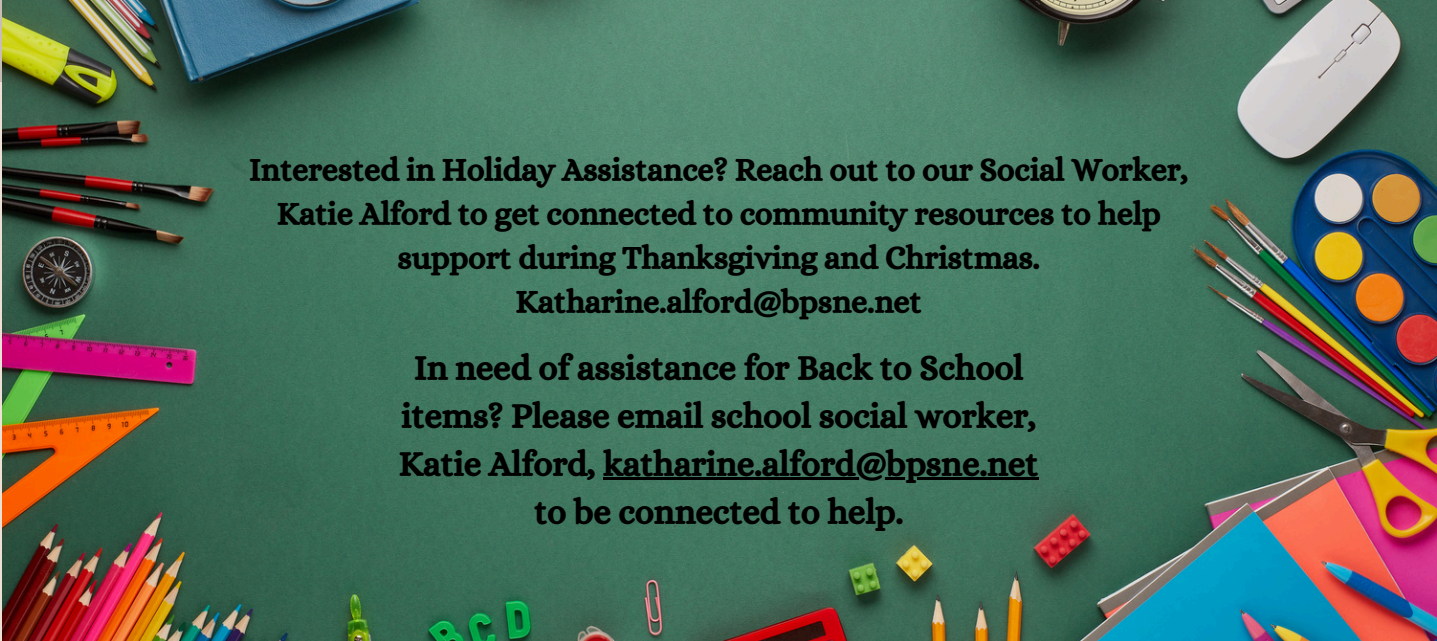
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Mrs. Mary Sasek, 9th Grade Principal, 402-293-4086, mary.sasek@bpsne.net

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](mailto:Katharine.alford@bpsne.net)**

**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/>