BILLINGS WEST HIGH

In-Coming Freshmen Parent Meeting
Tonight’s Agenda

1. Getting Started
2. First Things First... Registration
3. So Long Middle School... Hello High School
4. Outside the Classroom
5. Tips for Success & Resources
6. Final Questions
1. Getting Started
Presentation Objectives

OBJECTIVES

✗ To talk about the upcoming registration
✗ To help inform you about the transition from middle school to high school
✗ To answer questions about your student coming to West High

EXPECTATIONS

✗ Don’t hesitate to ask questions!
   - We will take periodic breaks to answer them
✗ The Google Slides will be posted on the BWH Counseling website under the Parents tab
   - http://westhighcounseling.weebly.com/
Your Presenters

Dr. Jeril Hehn
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Fred Petak
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Jana Howell
FRESHMAN ENGLISH TEACHER

Kim Petersen
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
2. First Things First: Registration
Middle school counselors meet with students; outlying students enroll in BPS

Associate principal starts to “build” the schedules; students may make changes at middle school

Tentative schedules are shared with middle schools; students can make changes if there is room

School staff unavailable

High school counselors register eighth graders

Master schedule built; students loaded into classes

Letters about honors and reading placement are sent home

Tentative schedules are mailed home; schedules finalized by first day
Outlying Schools

BPS Enrollment

- Go to the BPS website to enroll your student
  - [https://www.billingsschools.org/our-schools/enrollment-registration](https://www.billingsschools.org/our-schools/enrollment-registration)
- Student cannot register for classes until this is completed
# Middle School Registration Dates

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<th>Middle School</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>West Counselor</th>
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<td>Trinity Lutheran</td>
<td>Monday, 2/6/23</td>
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<td>Will James</td>
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American History - 1 Credit
Government - 0.5 Credit
Senior Social Studies - 0.5 Credit
Biological Science - 1 Credit
Physical Science - 1 Credit
Health Enhancement - 1 Credit
Visual Performing Arts - 1.0 Credit
Career & Technical Education - 1.0 Credit
Elective - 7.0 Credits
Financial Literacy (completion; see next slide)

21 credits required to graduate from BPS
Freshmen Classes

Course Work

✖ Academic Requirements
  - English, Math, Science, Health Enhancement

✖ Honors Classes
  - Weighted Grades
  - Placement Guidelines
    - Test Scores
    - Grades
    - Teacher Recommendations
  - Summer Mailing

✖ Platinum Program
  - 15 honors/AP classes
  - Project presentation & adjudication senior year
Financial Literacy

- New Requirement starting with the **Class of 2027**
- Classes that satisfy the requirement:
  - Personal Finance
  - Economics
  - JMG (@ Career Center)
- The class counts for both the graduation requirement and the financial literacy
  - It is just a completion requirement
## What to Expect at Registration

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<th>Middle School Counselor</th>
<th>High School Counselor(s)</th>
<th>Final Schedule</th>
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<td>❌ Orientation prior to registration</td>
<td>❌ Two counselors per middle school</td>
<td>❌ Tentative schedule included with Back to School mailing</td>
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<td>❌ Ask your student to see their registration paperwork</td>
<td>❌ Mid-February</td>
<td>❌ PowerSchool opened to student prior to school starting</td>
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<td>❌ Check out the West High website - <a href="http://www.billingswesthigh.com">www.billingswesthigh.com</a></td>
<td>❌ Registration class depends on each middle school</td>
<td>❌ Once the school year begins, no changes are allowed</td>
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<td>❌ West High classes are created depending on how many kids sign up</td>
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<td>- If not enough kids sign up, the class is dropped</td>
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Career Center Classes
For Freshmen

- Medical Pathway
  - Principles of Biomedical Science
- Engineering Pathway
  - Engineering Design
- Construction Pathway
  - Technical Geometry/Construction
- Agriculture Pathway
  - Intro to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
## 2023-2024 Registration Form - Freshman Year

**Billings West High School**

### Academic Courses

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<th>Math</th>
<th>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</th>
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### Elective Courses

- **Public Speaking**
- **Fitness & Conditioning**
- **World Languages**
- **Additional Courses**

### Health Enhancement

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<th>PE114</th>
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### Additional Information

- **Students will be placed in this course based on qualifying scores.**
- **Elective Classes for Career Technical Education**

### Required Academic Classes

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<td>English 1, 2, 3</td>
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### Career Technical Education

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<td>Computer Programming</td>
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### Social Studies

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How to Make Changes to Course Requests

**During 8th Grade**
See your middle school counselor

**In June & July**
Contact Billings West and talk to our registrar

**In August**
Contact your student’s West High counselor
  - Email
  - Voicemails
  - Requests via the BWH Counseling Website
    - [http://westhighcounseling.weebly.com/](http://westhighcounseling.weebly.com/)
Questions?
(Should be general in nature; if you have specific questions about your child, please contact us or your middle school counselor directly)
3. So Long Middle School... Hello High School!
What’s Different?

Credits
- Must pass classes to earn credit
- Failed required classes must be recovered
- There is a built-in cushion

Attendance
- 10-day policy enforced

Open Campus for Lunch
- Kids can leave campus for lunch
- Cafeteria & Bear Market

Cell Phones Are Allowed
- For educational purposes
- During passing period and lunch
Your Student is a Golden Bear!

Typical Day

- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Classes 58 minutes
- Two lunches
  - Determined by 4th period
  - Lunches are by department
- 6-minute passing period

Wednesdays

- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Classes 48 minutes
- One lunch
- 5-minute passing period

Schedules cannot be changed to accommodate lunches
Alleviating Stress:
For Both Parents and Students!

Open House
Come talk about academics and meet the coaches and sponsors in April
Stay tuned for date and time

Tour
Middle schools will bring students to BWHS for a tour
Stay tuned for date and time

First Day
Freshman only!
Students meet teachers, find lockers, work with mentors

PowerSchool
Keep track of your student’s grades with the PS app
Daily Bulletin posted in PS

Progress Reports
For failing student, progress reports are mailed home

Triads
Students are assigned a counselor based on last name & are with the same counselor all four years
Counselors work in triads with an assistant principal
Questions?
4. Outside the Classroom
Get Involved!

Clubs
- Academic
- Service
- Special Interest
- Career Organizations

Sports
- Watch for camp dates
- Tryouts (Fall Sports)
  - Volleyball
  - Golf
  - Soccer
- Cheer Tryouts
  - Listen for announcements this spring
- Non-Cut Sports (fall)
  - Football
  - Cross Country
- Sports Physicals

Questions? Call Liz Welch at 281-5617
Important Dates

✖ Spring Open House
  - Watch announcement and an email for date

✖ Sports Physicals
  - Must be done after May 1st
  - Can't practice until physical is turned in
Questions?
5. Tips for Success & Resources
How a Counselor Fits In

- Academics
  - Low grades
  - Scheduling
  - Registering
- Social/Emotional
  - Mandatory Reporters
  - Other resources
    - Tumbleweed
    - Rimrock
  - SOS
- Post-Secondary Planning
  - Working towards a plan
  - Career Coach
  - Financial Aid
    - TRio
Tips from a Teacher

- Be prepared and organized
- Expect homework
- Participate in class
- Ask for help when you are struggling
  - Advocate!
- Get missing work when you are absent
  - Check Google Classroom
- Form relationships with your teachers
  - The more we know about your child, the more we can help them!
An Assistant Principal’s Perspective

OUR ROLE
- Attendance
  - 10-Rule Reinstated
  - Medical
  - Truancy
- Discipline
- Teacher/Student Relationships

SOME ADVICE
- Technology
  - Bullying
  - Monitor phones
- Vaping
- Policies & Rules
  - Student Handbook
Questions?
Thanks!

Any questions?

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