



## *Bismarck High School Advocate*

### **Welcome Back!!!**

It is with excitement that I welcome you to Bismarck High School for the 2022-2023 school year. I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and have been able to spend time with family and friends.

The beginning of the school year is just around the corner, and as a staff, we are working hard to ensure that we are prepared for the 1300+ students that will be coming through our doors on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We want to challenge our students to take courses that will allow them to leave Bismarck High School college and career ready. In addition to taking a rigorous course load, we want to encourage students to be involved in extra-curricular activities and clubs at Bismarck High School. High school is a wonderful time in a student's life, and we hope that you take advantage of the vast opportunities offered here at BHS. It is our goal that through rigorous course selection and participation in extra-curricular activities, students will leave Bismarck High School prepared for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As a school, it is vitally important that we collaborate with parents and guardians to educate our students successfully. Although PowerSchool and technology have replaced some communication regarding grades, we encourage you to attend parent teacher conferences and call us if you have questions or concerns. Our goal, much like yours, is to help our students find success and then build on those successes.

I look forward to the start of the school year and the opportunity to work with you and your children. Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember, "It is always a great day to be a Demon!"

*David Wisthoff – BHS Principal*

## **Two Open Houses at BHS**

### **Freshman Open House**

A Freshman Open House will be held on **Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** for all incoming freshmen and their parents. Please come to the Gilbreath Auditorium at the time designated below for a brief orientation.

<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>A-K 5:30pm</b>
<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>L-Z 6:30pm</b>

Following the presentation, ***students can pick up their 2022-2023 class schedule and their Chromebook.*** They will then have an opportunity to look for their classrooms. Schedules will not be mailed out to freshman students. Parents may also purchase the following items:

- Student Planners \$5.00
- Parking Permits \$5.00
- Student Athletic Passes \$30.00 (Adult pass \$85)
- Activity Fee \$50.00
- Deposits may be made for student's lunch account.



Lines will be long this night, so you may prefer to pay from home via [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) or you can come into the office during business hours.

\*\* Concessions will be available, and the Demon Den will be open for BHS gear.

### **Parent Night**

Parent Night will be held on **Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00– 8:00 p.m.** Parents of all students' grades 9-12 are invited to attend. There is no set schedule.

- Bring a copy of your students' schedule. You can walk around BHS and meet your students' teachers.
- The Demon Den (school store) will be open for BHS gear.
- Concessions will be available.

## BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2022-2023

<b>EARLY BIRD</b>	<b>7:20 – 8:10</b>
<b>TUTORING</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:10</b>
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	<b>8:20 – 9:10</b>
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	<b>9:14 – 10:04</b>
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	<b>10:08 – 10:58</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>11:22 – 11:52</b>
<b>PERIOD 4</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>11:02 – 11:52</b> <i>11:02-11:22</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>11:56 – 12:46</b>
<b>PERIOD 5</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>11:56 – 12:46</b> <i>11:56-12:16</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>1:10 – 1:40</b>
<b>PERIOD 6</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>12:50 – 1:40</b> <i>12:50-1:10</i>
<b>PERIOD 7</b>	<b>1:44 – 2:34</b>
<b>PERIOD 8</b>	<b>2:38 – 3:28</b>

Some of our BHS students attend classes at BPS Career Academy/Tech Center on the BSC campus. The schedule for those classes is listed below.

Bus transportation is provided to and from these classes. Buses load on the east side of BHS just off the courtyard.

### CAREER ACADEMY/TECH CENTER DAILY SCHEDULE

<b>Period</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Time</b>
EB-1	A	7:25-8:55
2-3	B	9:25-10:55
5-6	C	11:55-1:25
7-8	D	1:55-3:25

### CAREER ACADEMY/TECH CENTER BUS SCHEDULE

Block A	Leave BHS - 7:10 a.m. Arrive CA/TC - 7:20 a.m.  Leave CA/TC - 9:00 a.m. Arrive BHS - 9:10 a.m.
Block B	Leave BHS - 9:15 a.m. Arrive CA/TC - 9:25 (this is the start time)  Leave CA/TC - 11:00 a.m. Arrive BHS - 11:10 a.m.
Block C	Leave BHS - 11:40 a.m. Arrive CA/TC - 11:50 a.m.  Leave CA/TC - 1:30 p.m. Arrive BHS - 1:40 p.m.
Block D	Leave BHS - 1:44 p.m. Arrive CA/TC - 1:54 p.m.  Leave CA/TC - 3:28 p.m. Arrive BHS - 3:38 p.m.

## ***First Day Information***

Students will attend a full day of classes on Thursday, August 25, 2022. Students should check their schedule on PowerSchool the first morning because adjustments to the master schedule may have been made prior to the first day of school.

***To access Class Schedule, students should:***

1. Log on to the PowerSchool App on a mobile device (they can download the PS App to their device and will be required to enter a “District Code”- CSMK to complete the login process.)
2. Log on to the student/parent portal from the PowerSchool link located on the BHS website or BPS website.

To view a class schedule with room numbers, students with Apple devices must log in through the PowerSchool Website through BPS apps.

Students without access to a phone/computer, should stop at the office.

**There is no standard school supply list. Bring a notebook and pencil to class.**

Students who begin their school day at the Career Academy/Tech Center should attend class at that location. Buses will be available to take students to the Career and Tech Campus beginning at 7:10 a.m. A full bus schedule is available on page 3.

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### ***Lockers***

**Freshman:** Your locker number and combination will be printed on your schedule.

**Sophomore/Junior/Seniors:** If you would like a locker, please stop by the attendance office to have one assigned.



### ***BHS Office Hours***

The BHS Administration office is open Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please use the direct numbers listed below to reach the following departments:

**Attendance 323-4803**  
**Student Services 323-4802**  
**Administration Office 323-4800**

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### ***Text-A-Tip Hotline:***

This hotline is available to all students, staff, and parents/guardians who are aware of anything that will affect the safety of students and staff during the school day. The confidential tips will be sent to a special team of school administrators and the BHS student resource officer who will respond appropriately during regular school attendance days.

[bhstips@bpsapps.org](mailto:bhstips@bpsapps.org)

### ***Message from Student Services***

Student’s counselor will be based off the student’s last name. This list will be available online under Student Services/ Counseling, we hope you find this user friendly.

<https://www.bismarckschools.org/domain/584>

Students **A-F** Counselor: Karmen Wahl  
Students **G-K** Counselor: Savannah Hogue  
Students **L-R** Counselor: Barb Coyle  
Students **S-Z** Counselor: Julie Berg

### **Virtual Office**

The *virtual office* is a quick and easy tool to access links to many resources and locate information quickly. Counselors are constantly updating and adding information as needed. The virtual office is especially useful for scholarships, registration information, ACT, college info, dual credit and much more!

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## **SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS National Honor Society**

Students interested in being inducted or renewing as a member in National Honor Society for 2022-23 should continue to volunteer to receive SERVICE HOURS (minimum 15 hours of which 8 hours need to be tier 1). All hours will be due the end of February 2023. If you have any questions see Mrs. Brenden, room 317 or visit the website, <https://sites.google.com/a/bismarckschools.org/bps-nhs/home>

## **Upcoming Events**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** –Freshman Open House

Student’s Last Name

A-K 5:30pm / L-Z 6:30pm

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** – **First Day of School**

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Open House

All Students: 6-8pm

**September 5** – Labor Day – (No School)

**September 21** – Picture Day

**September 26** – Staff Dev. Day (No School)

**September 30** – BHS Homecoming

**October 3 & 6** – Parent / Teacher Conferences

**October 12** – College Fair

**October 20 & 21** – Administrators Convention  
(No School)

**October 26** – Picture Retake

**November 10 & 11** – Veterans Day (No School)

**November 24 & 25** – Thanksgiving  
(No School)

**December 22** –Last Day of School - Holidays

View up-to-date events on the BHS homepage  
BHS Announcements/ BHS School Calendar

<https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS>



## **BHS / District Communication**

It is extremely important that BHS have correct demographic information on each student. If your **email** or **phone #** has changed, please call 323-4800 or email

[jodi\\_gerving@bismarckschools.org](mailto:jodi_gerving@bismarckschools.org) to update.

To keep up to date with the school year, please get familiar with the BHS website.

The right hand side of the home page at <https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS> will house important information that will be happening at any given time.

### **BHS Announcements**

School Supply

Chromebook Repair

Upcoming Events

BHS Fees - My Payments Plus

New Student Registration

[View All](#)

Daily announcements are posted on the TV in the commons area. In addition, the announcements are posted on the BHS Homepage under **BHS Announcements**.

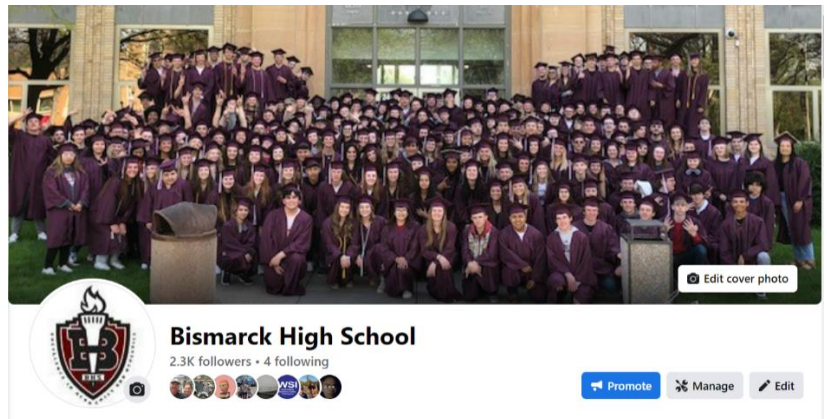
<https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS>



## **BHS FACEBOOK PAGE / NEW MARQUEE**

If you have any news you'd like to share with the BHS family, please email your details to Cassie Bauer. We've been using this tool for information more and more. It can help promote fundraising, accomplishments, school news, etc.

This spring, BHS received a new electronic marquee. The marquee allows us to acknowledge BHS accomplishments instantly. We've been able to welcome class reunions, note the days where there is no school, congratulate a team or an individual, etc. This has been a huge addition to the tradition of BHS.



## **TRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENTS**

Bismarck High School acknowledges the awards and honors that our staff and students achieve during the year. We will try very hard to catch *every* achievement. If your student receives honors or an award this year, please call or email Cassie Bauer with the information. This will help assure that we do not miss anyone.

If you have a picture of your student winning an award. Or if you are a coach and have a team picture, please email that with your details. This is great for the BHS Facebook page.

The accomplishments are:

- Posted on the BHS website under *About Our School / School News*  
<https://www.bismarckschools.org/Page/1605>
- Highlighted in the yearbook.
- Placed on the BHS Facebook page.
- Put on the marquee

Cassie Bauer 701-323-4800 ext. 6006

[cassie\\_bauer@bismarckschools.org](mailto:cassie_bauer@bismarckschools.org)



## **Bismarck Demon Athletics Department**

Welcome back for the 2022-23 school year! Again, this year, BPS is utilizing an online registration system to help streamline the paperwork process for students who participate in activities. **In order to complete registration for your student so that he/she is eligible to participate here is what needs to be done:**

- A physical examination must be completed prior to your student participating in a practice. Physicals are good for the current school year as long as they took place on or after April 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding school year. There will be a section in the online registration for you to upload the physical. A valid copy of the physical must be uploaded here <https://bismarck-ar.rschooltoday.com/> or your student will not be eligible to participate.
- Complete the online registration for your student. A link is available from each school's activities page that will take you to the online registration. Click on the icon for activities registration. In this process, you will be asked to fill out some general information, upload a physical (if you are able), complete the code of conduct form, complete a medical history/information section and complete a section on concussions.
- Pay the appropriate activity fee in one of two ways.
  - Activity fees can be paid in the office at your student's school or you may choose to take advantage of [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).
  - MyPaymentsPlus allows you to pay for all activity fees in addition to depositing lunch money, paying for parking passes, etc. and does not charge a fee to do so. MyPaymentsPlus also allows you to see a history of your payments so you know when you made a payment and what the amount was.

Once you have completed the online registration, uploaded a physical and paid the fee for your student he/she should be registered and ready to go for the school year. You should not have to complete a new registration each time a new season rolls around as long as all items (including all activity fees for the year) were taken care of in the initial registration. You may choose to pay your activity fees each season or you may choose to pay them all up front if you know your student will be participating in that activity.

If you have any questions about the online activity registration, please do not hesitate to contact your school activities director at the contact number or email listed for them.





## **Activity Fees**

Activity fees must be paid before students can participate in any sport, club, or activity. Activity fees may be paid in the BHS Administration office.

- Fees for major sports at the high school level are \$50 for each sport.
- Individual maximum of \$125 and a family maximum of \$200 yearly.

Students involved in our music programs can expect the following fees:

Band Uniform Fees	\$60.00
Choir Fee	\$20.00
Band Instrument Maintenance Fee	\$110.00/year
Orchestra Instrument Maintenance Fee	\$110.00/year

Payments can be made by using MyPaymentsPlus [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) or sending check/cash.



## **Athletic Season Tickets**

**Student season tickets** are available for \$30 in the **BHS Administration office**. These tickets are valid for admission to all Bismarck High School home games. Single admission price is \$4 for students.

There is a \$1 surcharge for any event held at the Community Bowl or Civic Center. This surcharge also applies to those holding student athletic tickets or adult season tickets. For those without season tickets, Community Bowl or Civic Center events cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

**Adult and Senior season tickets** are available at the **Activities Office** at **806 N. Washington**, at the gate at **home games** or at **BHS**. **Passes purchased through MyPayments Plus** [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) **have to be picked up at BHS**. The price is **\$85** for a combination BHS/CHS/LHS season ticket. Single adult admission price is \$6. **Senior citizen season tickets** are \$50 for those 62 years old and over and are valid for all BHS home games.

All other events:  
Adult \$6.00 / Student \$4.00



## **BHS Demon Den**

The *Demon Den* is Bismarck High’s school store. If you have not had a chance to check it out, it’s a must see. During the school day, the school store is run by our students. It has everything a Demon would need; clothing, stickers, lanyards, etc.

*Demon Den* items are sold at a lot of home games. They will also have some evening hours: Freshman Open House – August 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm, Parent Open House – August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, during every parent/ teacher conference night.



## **Meal Prices**

Breakfast	\$1.55
Lunch	\$2.85
A la carte	Individually priced items



You will find it convenient to deposit a check (please include student name and number) or cash into your lunch account at the BHS administration office. You may deposit any amount you wish- \$10, \$25, \$50, etc. It is also possible to pay by the meal, if you so desire. **No charging of lunches is permitted; students will deposit money into their lunch accounts and each student must always have funds in their account to pay for their daily meal.**

Families who feel they might qualify for **free or reduced meals** should pick up an application in the BHS administration office, from the students' counselor or they are available online <https://www.bismarckschools.org/Page/2193>. **Free or Reduced meal benefits DO NOT rollover from year to year you must re-apply.**

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## **Bismarck Schools Accepts Credit Cards**

Credit card payments can be made for many of the financial transactions, which are typically made with the school. Such items include:

- Lunch account deposits
- Activity fees
- Planners / Parking permits

If you have made deposits to your child's lunch account in the past, you already have an account through MyPaymentsPlus. If you have not, you will need to register with [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) in order to access the setup for your child/children. In order to register, you will need to know your child's student number. Once you create an account, you will be able to see all the options available to your child.

\*\* Please note, there is **NO TRANSACTION FEE**

## **School Photos**

Jostens PIX will be taking school photos. These photos will be used for student IDs and for the yearbook. Here is the schedule:

**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
ALL BHS STUDENTS  
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Knaak Center**



**Photos will be taken during English classes. If you DO NOT have an English class – please have your photo taken before your classes begin for the day *or* during your lunch/free period in the Knaak Center.**

Parents will have the opportunity to preview the pictures online and personalize the photos with background and text. Photos will be shipped directly to your home and are also downloadable.

### **SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINE**

Senior pictures must be turned in to the yearbook advisor by **January 31st, 2023**. If not, Josten's photo will be used in the yearbook.

#### ***Important Details for Pictures:***

- jpg format only
- At least 300dpi / Which is about 1MB file

Submit Photo By [Senior Picture Submission](#)

or

- Drop off at room 204
- Make sure students' first & last name is on the photo

**Senior Parents:** To help you stay organized for this busy year, please watch the BHS website under Graduates/ Graduation. Important dates and information for seniors will be added to this site. <https://www.bismarckschools.org/domain/668>





## ***New Staff at Bismarck High***

We are excited to welcome the following staff members to Bismarck High.

- Cassidy Barclay PE
- Tara Bohlen Orchestra
- Jermaine Cledera Math
- Vicki Conner English
- Adam DeBoer Special Ed
- Beth Gotta Science
- Rachael Scott Math
- Christian Medick School within a School
- Kirsten Nies English Teacher / Yearbook Advisor
- Mercedes Trujillo-Hanson Special Ed
- Marshall Tschida Social Studies
- Jordan Upgren Social Studies
- Karmen Wahl Counselor
- Paula Vetter Special Ed

*Welcome*

### ***BHS Teachers are Highly Qualified***

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 requires teachers in K-12 schools to meet the definition of Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) through three criteria: 1) minimum of a bachelor's degree, 2) full state teacher certification, and 3) demonstrated subject matter knowledge in each core academic subject assigned to teach, including Bilingual, English Language Learner, and Special Education classrooms. All Bismarck High School teachers have met the requirements necessary to retain this status.

*Through federal education law, parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. If you are interested in learning this information, please contact the school administration office at (701) 323-4800. Upon this request, you will receive a detailed explanation of the licensing, education, and experience of each of our teachers. You will also receive information regarding the names and qualifications of the paraprofessionals at our school(s).*

## **Parent/Guardian of Juniors and Seniors:**

The North Dakota Department of Health School Immunization Requirements requires a second dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for students entering eleventh or twelfth grade.

MCV4 protects against meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can cause meningitis, and possibly lead to death or permanent disability within hours of first symptoms. Meningococcal disease is contagious and can be very serious in young people.

Ideally, children should receive one dose of MCV4 when they are eleven to twelve years old and a booster dose on or after their sixteenth birthday. The first dose of MCV4 is required for seventh grade entry. With recent rule changes, one dose of MCV4 is now required for grades eighth through tenth, if missed at seventh grade. Two doses of MCV4 are required for grades eleventh and twelfth.

Please schedule an appointment with your child’s health care provider or your local public health department today.



### **2022-2023 School Immunization Requirements**

Vaccine Type	Number of Required Doses		
	Kindergarten-6	Grades 7-10	Grade 11-12
<b>DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td*</b>	5	5	5
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	3	3	3
<b>IPV/OPV<sup>†‡</sup></b>	4	4	4
<b>MMR</b>	2	2	2
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b>	2	2	2
<b>Meningococcal<sup>§</sup></b>	0	1	2
<b>Tdap<sup>⊖</sup></b>	0	1	1



## **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The efforts of the Parent Advisory Council truly make a difference for our school. Therefore, we'd like to invite you to participate in our Parent Advisory Council.

We will meet at 12:00pm on the third Thursday of each month in the library on the second floor at BHS. The schedule of meetings are: September 15, October 27, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 23, April 20, May 17 (May is an exception due to NHS).

We invite you to be our guest at lunch. Go through any of our lunch lines to pick up your lunch before reporting to the library.

Those who actively participate in PAC will also get reserved seating at graduation once their senior graduates.

If you have any questions, feel free to email [cassie\\_bauer@bismarckschools.org](mailto:cassie_bauer@bismarckschools.org).



### ***Information for Parents:***

Turnitin is an online program used by teachers and students to help ensure the integrity of student work by detecting plagiarism. Students agree that papers in 9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database so that students can avoid plagiarism and improve their writing. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site.



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- SO. MANY. MEMORIES.
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DONATE A YEARBOOK	\$60.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	\$4.50

Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.  
Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

## **PowerSchool Sign-On**



PowerSchool provides parents with a “single sign-on” to access all of their children’s information.

When you log on to PowerSchool for the first time, or if you have not logged on to PowerSchool for some time, please follow the steps below:

1. **Click “Create Account” Button** – Begin by going to the PowerSchool parent portal at <https://bismarck.ps.state.nd.us> or the Bismarck Public Schools homepage and click on the PowerSchool logo. The first time signing in click on the “Create Account” button to create a Single Sign-On (SSO) account, which can be linked to one or more students.
2. **Create an Account** – Enter your first name, last name, and email address in the top section. Also, enter what you would like your username to be and a secure password.

In the bottom section, you can link one or more students to your account. Enter each student’s name, ID, password, and your relationship to that student. The Access ID and Password were previously used to sign in to PowerSchool. Now these will be used to give you “access” to your student. Contact the school office at 701-323-4800 if you do not know the ID and password.

3. **Sign in with Your Account** – Sign into PowerSchool using your personal SSO username and password created in Step 2.

**For more information, click on the “Learn More” link on the PowerSchool Parent Portal or contact your school office at 323-4800 and press zero to speak to a secretary.**

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**HAVE A GREAT 2022-23  
SCHOOL YEAR!!!**