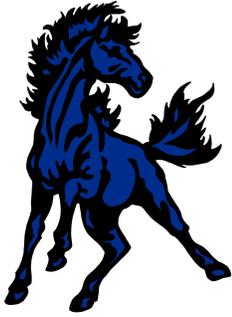


# 2024-2025 Back to School Newsletter



## Superintendent's Message

Hello, and welcome to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year! Hopefully, you all had a wonderful summer where everyone got a chance to take a break and recharge. We also hope that you are as excited as we are about getting back to school! On behalf of all the employees and Board of Education here at Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Schools, we welcome you to the start of the new school year at BLHS!

I am excited to introduce our new leaders and adjustments to our administration. Katie Ovitt was our former ECSE teacher and will now be the K-12 Dean of Students and Activities Director. Logan Swann will again be the BLHS Middle School/High School Principal. I will continue to be the Superintendent as well as the K-5 Elementary Principal. I will be working with the newly adjusted Little Stangs Learning Center in Buffalo Lake supporting the birth to Pre-K program. We are looking forward to working with these ambitious BLHS leaders and programs.

The administration and staff have been working diligently throughout the summer to prepare for the new school year. Thanks to our custodians as the final preparations are finishing soon. We are also excited to have hired some excellent new staff for this school year! We have waited all summer for the opportunity to work with you and your children once again! The first opportunity to meet the K-12 staff will be on August 27th from 4:00pm-7:30pm, for our annual BLHS Open House in Hector.

As always, every teacher in the District wants to be able to form a positive student/teacher relationship with each and every student they have. This promotes a strong and supportive relationship between the home and the school. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to visit with your child's respective teacher at our open house or set up a meeting where a positive discussion can be held.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the office at (320) 848-2233.

We are eager for the return of our students and look forward to an exciting school year with our first day of K-12 school on Tuesday, September 3rd. We wish you all a successful and enjoyable educational experience here at BLHS.

Joel Baumgarten  
BLHS Superintendent & Elementary Principal