

# Belfast

*Central School District*

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# Welcome New Hires!

Important Reminder! At the end of the day, all students must be picked up on King Street, in front of the school.

## **Cindy Struckmann** Math Teacher

My name is Cynthia Struckmann, and I am a High School Math teacher for Belfast Central School. I attended college at Concordia University in Nebraska, and at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Having attended college in 3 different states, and having lived in seven different states, it is easy to see that I love to travel even though I don't get to do it often. One of my favorite places that I have traveled to is Yellowstone National Park.

My hobbies are sewing, camping, fishing, and baking. When spending time with my family, you will often find us cheering on our favorite teams; the St. Louis Cardinals, Buffalo Sabres, and the Buffalo Bills.

Everyone has favorite food and mine are bacon and pizza! Deciding to join the Belfast Central School family was an easy decision for me, because my family is already here. My son is a student, and my husband is a music teacher. I am very happy to live and work in the Belfast community, and excited to teach Math to the students of Belfast Central School.

## **Jasmine Shephard** Special Education Teacher

Hello! My name is Jasmine Shephard, and it is very nice to meet you!

I grew up in a military family, and we lived in various places around the globe. There are so many beautiful places I had the opportunity to see, but my favorite is Okinawa, Japan.

Traveling around the world meant going to many different schools. After attending 14 schools, I graduated from Cypress Falls High School near Houston, Texas. Then came back to Belfast to live, and then attend and graduate from St. Bonaventure University. I love to read, and learn, and teach. I also have a passion for creating things. My favorite foods reflect my travels, as I love Pizza (of course), Soba, Yakitori, and Onigiri. Or sweets like Blue Seal Ice Cream, and Sata andagi.

When it is time to relax, you can find me cheering on my favorite teams St. Bonaventure Basketball and the Denver Broncos. Or reading from a favorite book or author; The Giver, Omusubi Kororin, Franklin books, and Jan Brett. I am so happy to be here at the Belfast Central School!

## **Sarah Noniewicz** Kindergarten Aide

My name is Sarah Noniewicz, and I am an aide for the Kindergarten class. The Belfast Central School holds a special place in my heart. I graduated from this school and now have the joy of being of part of it. My children, two year old Adalynn, and six year old Mason, are growing up as I did here in Belfast, NY. I love spending time with my family. Other favorite past times of mine are gardening, and cheering on the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres.

When asked where my favorite place is, I always say home. Home with my family, sharing home cooked meals, and enjoying our small town.

I'm glad to be here at the Belfast School, and excited for the new school year.

## **Jessica Buchholz** Teacher Aide

Hi! My name is Jessica Buchholz, and I am a new Teacher Aide for Belfast Central School. I was raised just up the road in Perry, NY., and graduated from Perry Central School Home of the Yellowjackets. I like to spend my spare time reading and crafting. Fern Michaels and Nora Roberts are two authors I take pleasure in reading. As a sports fan, I also enjoy watching hockey, football, and Nascar. My favorite teams are the Buffalo Bill and Buffalo Sabres. It is a good day when I get to enjoy my favorite foods, pasta and chicken, while enjoying a favorite past time! Some people have special cities or states they consider a favorite. For me, I will call any place that is warm and sunny my favorite place!

Even in the winter, I will find a sunny spot to enjoy a "it is what it is!"

# Welcome New Hires (cont'd)

## **Emma Leigh** 2nd Grade Teacher

My name is Emma Leigh, and I am a 2nd grade teacher. I am so excited to spend this year with my amazing class of 2nd graders!

I was raised in Woodstock, NY. Woodstock is at the foot of the Catskill Mountains, and full of crystal clear mountain streams. I love hiking and swimming!

I graduated from SUNY Geneseo where I majored in Childhood Education with Special Education with a dual major in Theatre with a focus on acting and directing.

I love to cook, go on adventures, make things, dance, practice martial arts, and spend time with friends and family.

My favorite foods are all fruits and vegetables! Except for Swiss Chard. Swiss Chard is just ok.

One of my favorite quotes is:

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you could be." -The amazing Maya Angelou

My favorite places are: BCS, Wegmans, Overlook Mountain, Platte Clove, Gokarna and Tiruvannamalai India, Florence Italy (nothing like fresh olive oil!), The Valley of Fire NV, and outside. I hope to travel to Hawaii and Peru soon!

## **Elizabeth Austin** 4th Grade Teacher

Hi there! My name is Lizzy Austin, a fourth grade teacher, and I am very happy to be here at Belfast! I was raised and went to Fillmore Central School, before deciding to go to St. Bonaventure University. Spending time with my family, camping, and reading are my favorite past times. I enjoy watching baseball and hockey games, and enjoying some favorite foods; chicken wing dip, tacos, and guacamole! My favorite author is Dr. Seuss, and The Lorax is a much loved book of mine. Dr. Seuss reminds us that "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." We are fortunate to have wonderful resources in our area like the Challenger Learning Center in Allegany, NY where I am a commander. I have had the opportunity travel outside of our area and went to Grand Bahama island three different times to assist with hurricane relief. While there, I helped rebuild communities, taught STEM lessons to students in the Bahamian schools.

## **Katherine Szwebjka** English Teacher

Hi! My name is Katherine Szwebjka, and I am an English teacher. Since student teaching at Belfast in 2014 (with the AWESOME Mrs. Preston), I knew I wanted to call this school my home. I'm overjoyed to join the BCS community this year!

I'm originally from Dunkirk, New York, right off the shores of beautiful Lake Erie. After receiving my BA in English and Adolescence Education from Houghton College, I went on to earn a Master's in English and an Advanced Certificate in Professional Writing from SUNY Fredonia. While at Fredonia, I enjoyed teaching ENGL 100: Composition and planning events for English alumni and students. I then worked as a freelance writer, specializing in grants. While grant writing was fun, my heart missed working with students, so I spent last year as a year-long substitute teacher in nearby Fillmore. Now I'm looking forward to teaching 7th, 8th, and 9th grade English at Belfast! When not in school, I enjoy seeing theater productions, reading, taking naps, and visiting friends. I also love watching sports games (but don't ask me to explain any sports rules...I cannot). I have too many favorite books to name here, but if you visit my classroom I'm always ready to talk about reading. Thank you to all the BCS students, families, and faculty for the very warm welcome. Go Bulldogs!"

## **Kayloni Dziedzic** District Treasurer

Hello everyone. My name is Kayloni Dziedzic, and I am the new District Treasurer for Belfast Central School. I was raised in Silver Creek, NY, and Angola, NY.

I attended Silver Creek Central School, and then onto Lake Shore, Medaille College, and Houghton College. I love to bake, and be with my children. My hobbies make it easy to be in my favorite place in the world, home. I enjoy watching my favorite football team, the Buffalo Bills.

When asked what my favorite food is, I say Pasta, Pasta, Pasta!! I like to read, and my favorite book is Girl, Wash Your Face by Rachel Hollis. I believe in good things and like the quote by an unknown author which says, "Everyday may not be good, but there is good in everyday".

## **Kim Stack** Band Teacher

My name is Kim Stack, and I am Belfast Central School's new Band Teacher.

I was raised in Marlboro, NY on an apple farm with my Mom's large Italian family. I attended school in Marlboro, CS and Marlboro, NY, before graduating from Ithaca College and SUNY Fredonia. My favorite things include laughing, reading, and walking. I enjoy watching my favorite teams; the New York Yankees and the New York Giants.

As you may guess, my favorite food is Italian food, and most all Chicken Marsala. A much loved place for me is the cabin, and authors I have long enjoyed are Rachel Held Evans, Rob Bell, and Mary Oliver. From The Journey by Mary Oliver, "...as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could do—determined to save the only life that you could save."

I have taught here at the Belfast Central School before, and I am very glad to be back!

## **Kristina Gould** Teacher Aide

Hello! My name is Kristina Gould and I am a new Teacher Aide for the Belfast Central School. Raised here in Belfast and a graduate of the Belfast Central School, I am very happy to be a part of this community. One of my favorite things to do is to create art! I enjoy painting, drawing, and giving life to new objects with a little (or a lot) of paint. Reading and baking are other past times I take delight in. I also greatly enjoy historical and period documentaries and dramas. A favorite book of mine is Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. I have traveled all around the United States, and into the UK. In my travels, I sampled many different types of food and find the pizza is still my favorite! I also enjoy Indian food. Of the places I've been, my home is my favorite place to be. About technology, comedian Emo Philips once said "A computer once beat me a chess, bit it was no match for me at kickboxing".

## **Tammy Dahill** Teacher Aide

Hello! My name is Tammy Dahill, and I am an aide for our new elementary class. I grew up in Richburg, NY and attended Richburg Central School. In my spare time, I like to listen to music, and spend time with my family. One of my favorite hobbies is playing golf. And I really enjoy the going to the beach. Now that winter is coming, I will be spending time doing something else I love to do, and that is to root for the Buffalo Bills!

Everyone has favorite things! Some favorite food of mine is steak, ice cream, and potato chips. My favorite book is Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls.

I am excited to be here at the Belfast Central School, and excited to get to know the students!

As embark on this new adventure, I will remember the words of C.S. Lewis, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."



## From the Desk of Jessica Hess

*Pre-K - 4th Grade Principal*

Back to school has brought about many exciting changes for our faculty, staff, students, and families. We are still working on demonstrating a growth mindset and practicing our PAWS behaviors. I've read a story to your child's class titled Perfect. This book is about a pencil who likes to draw things and an eraser who likes its paper to be 'perfectly clean'.

Perfect is a great example of how characters can change throughout a story – in the beginning, the eraser was quite frustrated by the pencil and the mess it made. By the end of the story, the eraser realizes that it enjoys the mess the pencil makes and that they can have a lot of fun together. This story also teaches the lesson of perseverance and 'making lemonade out of lemons.' Ask your child how the eraser made 'lemonade' out of the pencil's mess.



Our One School, One Book launch of The Wild Robot has been a great success. Students have been excited and eager

to read. Each day on the morning announcements, students have had an opportunity to answer a question from the previous night's reading and win a prize. There have been many great readers and lots of prize winners! I hope you've enjoyed reading with your child and discussing the themes of the book – loyalty, family, and compassion. Please join us for our Family Literacy Night on October 2 at 6:00 pm!

## From the Desk of Mike Roche

*5th - 12th Grade Principal*



At the 2019-20 school year has gotten off to a great start. It was really great to see all of our students back in school ready for another year of learning. It really is an exciting time for everyone; students, families, teachers and staff, we look with great anticipation each year for the return of students to the school. As we begin the year here are a few important study tips to help your son/daughter stay focused and do well during the year.

### *Students*

- Don't wait until the last minute to do that assignment or project.
- Use an agenda to write down assignments and stay on top of things.
- Stay organized, there is nothing more frustrating than looking for that assignment as the school bus is coming down the road to pick you up.
  - Make study cards for difficult tasks or lessons.
  - If you are struggling, ask for help. Your teachers are always willing to help out students in need.
- Make academics a focus in your life. Your education is an important investment in your future, make the most of it.
  - Manage your time.

### *Parents/families*

- Don't just ask your student, "Did you have/do your homework?" Be specific, what are you learning in Math, Social Studies, Earth Science...
- "What was your homework for tonight? Really, you didn't have any math homework tonight? Math teachers ALWAYS assign homework."

If in doubt check in with a friend or email the teacher. Also make sure you have signed up for Parent portal, it is a great way to monitor your child's progress. Mrs. Green in the Guidance Office can assist you if needed.

As always, feel free to contact me at the school if you have questions or concerns.



## BCS Back to School was great fun for everyone!!

The annual Back to School Picnic on August 27 was a fun event again this year with cooler weather prevailing on August 27, 2019. Although it was too breezy to enjoy water games, our water balloon team of Miss Jagodzinski and Mr. Robichaud were kind enough to save the balloons for some back to school fun in September.

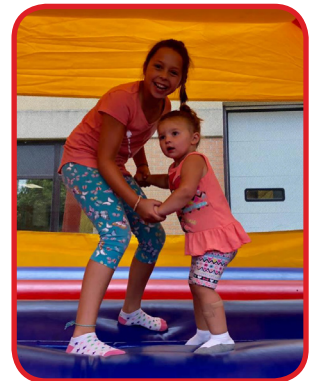
The always popular cotton candy, popcorn and snocone machines were manned by Mr. Evans, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Morgan, Randa Harrington and Dan Borden.

Mr. Lingenfelter, Cecy Curcio and Patty Krotz served delicious pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans created by Mrs. Enders. Bounce houses were kept safe and fun by Mrs. Majoros, Mrs. Weaver, Ms. Denning and Becky Backer.

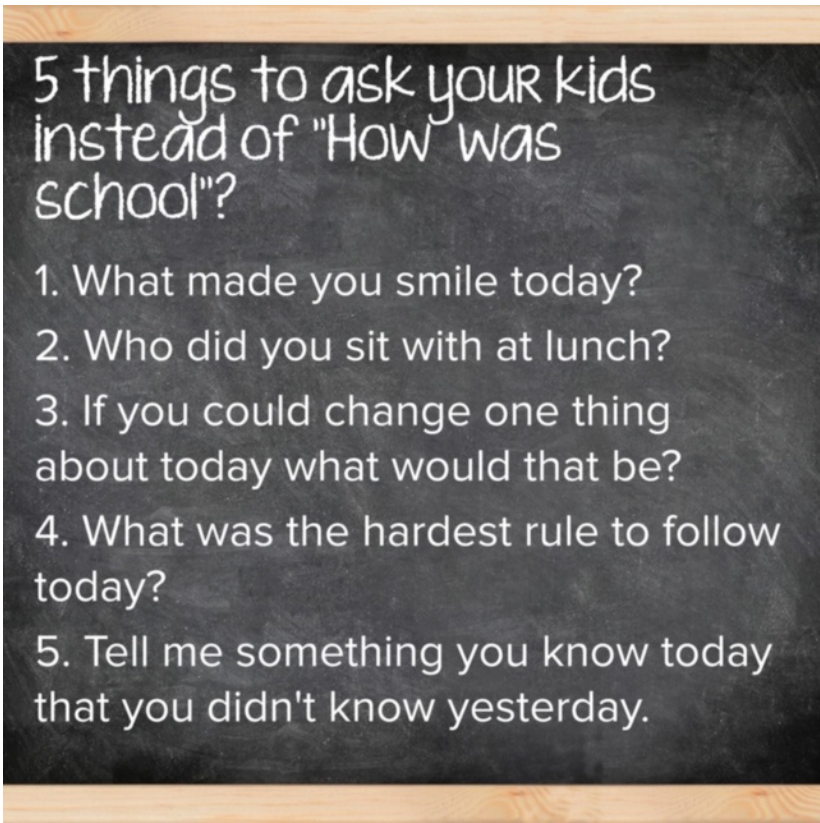
Amazing prizes were donated by our faculty and expertly distributed by Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. McGarvey and Mrs. Lingenfelter. Ski Club and Fun Starts after school were special features in the auditorium, along with face painting. Our face painters did a fabulous job and the artistry of Sue Preston, Holly Sadler and Mrs. Ross was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Atherton was our event photographer.

A new feature this year was a tour for families new to the district. Mrs. Burdick, Mrs. Larrabee, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Painter and Mrs. Morey did the honors welcoming new students and their families. Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Larrabee provided directions and instructions to families about the flurry of activity for the evening with meet the teacher, class meetings and class schedules rounding out the evening. We were joined by Carla Chamberlain for extra help at the event. The clean up committee of Mrs. Paulsen, Mrs. Struckmann, Mrs. Stack and Mr. Roche did a super job. A big thanks to all who helped to make the event run smoothly!

We are always looking for ways to make our family engagement events have more purpose for busy parents. Please share your suggestions with our Home to School Coordinator, Jane Foster, at 585-365-2646 at extension (8)2210.



BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020			
7:50 AM	School doors open		
8:00 AM	Teachers in classroom		
8:05 AM	First period		
8:50 AM	First period ends		
8:53 AM	Second period begins		
9:34 AM	Second period ends		
9:37 AM	Third period begins		
10:18 AM	Third period ends		
10:21 AM	Fourth period begins		
11:02 AM	Fourth period ends		
GROUP A	GROUP B		
11:05 AM	5A begins	11:49 AM	5C begins
11:25 AM	5A ends	12:09 PM	5C ends
11:25 AM	5B begins	12:09 PM	5D begins
11:45 AM	5B ends	12:30 PM	5D ends
12:33 PM	Sixth period begins		
1:14 PM	Sixth period ends		
1:17 PM	Seventh period begins		
1:58 PM	Seventh period ends		
2:01 PM	Eighth period begins		
2:42 PM	Eighth period ends		
3:15 PM	<b>BUSES LEAVE</b>		
<b>Class times for students at Belmont BOCES are as follows:</b>			
Morning session begins *8:30 AM / Ends 11:20 AM (bus leaves 8:13 AM, returns 11:40 AM)			
Afternoon session begins *12:15 PM / Ends 2:40 PM (bus leaves 11:45 AM, returns 3:00 PM)			
*All day BOCES students are to report to the bus for attendance; half-day morning BOCES students will have attendance taken in their homeroom. Afternoon students report to the Greeter to await the bus and sign-out.			



give blood, give life

**Blood drive**  
 • October 17, 2019 •  
 1-6 pm • Auditorium

*Please use Auditorium entrance for this event.*

# Hat and dress down days

On a Friday morning has your child asked you for a quarter or said they want to wear a hat in school? Maybe you've been in our school on a Friday and have noticed faculty and staff wearing jeans or students wearing hats. Every other Friday we have "hat/dress down days" where students can pay a quarter to get their hand stamped with a special designated stamp to wear a hat; faculty and staff donate money to wear jeans to school. The money we collect is donated to various worthy causes in our community.

Thank you for your support as we continue our "hat/dress down days"

# Belfast Central School

## Parent Teacher Organization:

### Every Dollar Makes a Difference!

#### Contributions

**2014** Organization formed in July  
Assisted Student Council with manning the concession stand

**2015** Hosted a community sledding party  
Contributed to Belfast Boys Soccer Program  
Contributed to After-Prom Party

**2016** Purchased a popcorn machine  
Sponsored the local Boy Scouts  
Donated to a local student with a serious medical condition  
Contributed to After-Prom Party  
Contributed to National Honor Society Scholarship  
Donated to a BCS Poetry Book  
Donated to the Boys/Girls Soccer & Cheerleading programs  
Provided Spirit Week items for all students  
Donated to a local family that experienced a tragedy

**2017** Contributed to the K-2 Dr. Seuss week festivities  
Donated to a local student's Eagle Scout Project  
Provided Staff Shirts for all BCS Staff  
Provided Spirit Week items for all students  
Donated to a local student with a serious medical condition  
Donated to Cheerleading program

**2018** Contributed to BCS PAWS shirts  
Sent 5th & 6th grade students to Pioneer Central School to see a theatre production  
Contributed to OM shirts  
Donated to a former student with a serious medical condition  
Contributed to LEGO League shirts

**2019** Contributed to Middle School Gym Day at Houghton College

**Yearly** Community Easter Egg Hunt      Back to School Event  
Ice Cream for all students      Family Gift Giving Event  
Staff Appreciation Week      Children's Christmas Program  
Backpack Giveaway      Scholarship to BCS student

#### Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 5:30pm  
In the conference room near the Main Office  
\*\*Childcare is provided\*\*

#### Yearly Events

##### March

Craft Show & Chicken BBQ

##### May

Memorial Day Parade Float

##### October

Fall Festival

##### December

Tree Decorating in town park

##### Concession Stands

April - June: Youth Baseball/Softball

July - August: Youth Summer Soccer

#### Officers

Maike Zillgitt- President  
Shelly Calanni - Vice President  
Mary Guilford - Secretary  
Ashley Yackerren - Treasurer

#### Contact Information

BelfastPTO@outlook.com



# IMPORTANT Attendance Reminder

Please remind your child that they are required to be IN first period class at 8:05 a.m.

Note that excused and unexcused Absent, Tardy, and Early Dismissal dates are documented. At the end of each quarter a letter will be sent home with report cards to inform parents of attendance dates. Excuses are required in order to change "A"=(Absent) to "E"=(Absent Excused), and "T"=(Tardy) to "L"=(Tardy Excused). Excuses should be sent in within 24 hours of returning to school. A list of excused absences is in the student handbook.

When a parent request is made for a student to be excused early for a Doctor/Dentist/Ortho/Counseling/Professional visit, a note from the professional's office should be turned in to the school within 24 hours of returning to school. You may also request doctor's notes be faxed to 585-365-2648. You do not have to take your child to a doctor to have an illness excused. A note stating that your child is ill, briefly tell why (symptoms), with a signature and dates of absence is still an acceptable excuse.

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## Drop Off / Pick Up Reminders

### Drop Off and Pick up of Students

All students will enter the building through the cafeteria door. We are asking that parents drop students off in the parking lot behind the school. Please remember that students should not be in the building before 7:45 AM.

### Sign in/out Procedure for all Students

- Students who are late or being picked up early, will be brought to, or picked up at the Fitness Center door located on the front corner of the school. Use parking lot on King Street.
- Parents and guardians must personally sign their children in and out.
- All parents and guests to the school will need to have a picture ID to enter the building, which will be scanned.

### Dismissal of Walkers

Student walkers will leave by the playground doors.

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# Belfast Public Library

Belfast Library would like to thank everyone who attended our summer programs and concerts in the park. Thank you to the community members as well as the local businesses that helped make the "Taste of Belfast" a success again this year. As always if you have suggestions for improvements or new program ideas, we welcome your input. Come in between 6 & 7 on Halloween for our costume contest and of course, candy!

### Items to look for this month:

#### Adult Fiction-

*A Dog's Promise-* Bruce W. Cameron  
*Imaginary Friend -* Stephen Chbosky  
*Blue Moon-* Lee Child  
*The Night Fire-* Michael Connelly  
*Quantum-* Patricia Cornwell  
*The Shape of Night-* Tess Gerritsen  
*The Guardians-* John Grisham  
*A Mrs. Miracle Christmas-* Debbie Macomber  
*Meant to Be Yours-* Susan Mallery  
*The 19th Christmas-* James Paterson  
*Bloody Genius-* John Sanford  
*Child's Play-* Danielle Steel  
*Stealth-* Stuart Woods  
*The Stranger Inside-* Lisa Unger

### Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of the Month.  
6 p.m. at Belfast Public Library

### Library Hours

Main Building and  
Children's Annex

M, W, Sat - 10am-1pm  
Tu, W, Th - 3pm-7pm

#### Juvenile Fiction-

*A Tale of Magic-* Chris Colfer  
*Wizards of Once: Knock Three Times-*  
Cressida Cowell  
*The Scarecrow-* Beth Ferry  
*Big Nate: Hug it Out-* Lincoln Peirce  
(graphic novel)  
*Amelia Bedelia Gets the Picture-* Herman  
Parish  
*Dork Diaries 14: Tales From a Not-so-best  
Friend Forever-* Rachel Renee Russell  
*Who is the Mystery Reader-* Mo Willems

#### DVDs-

*Spiderman Far from Home*  
*Toy Story 4*  
*Child's Play*  
*MIB International*  
**Belfast Library would like to thank everyone who attended our summer programs. Keep an eye on our facebook page for more exciting upcoming events.**

**Join us September 14th for a special showing @ 6:30pm of a One Woman COMEDY show about family life. Tales of the Welsh Aunts presented by Connie Finney.**

## Check us out on Facebook!



## Nurse's Corner

Hello everyone! Wow! September has flown by! I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the new school year. Just some reminders for Parents/Guardians about immunizations, and the need to make sure your child is up to date. I have sent home letters to those who still need to be immunized.

Fall Sports physicals are scheduled for November 13. All students playing sports must have a physical first. If your child has not had theirs, please ask them to stop at the nurse's office to see me before this date. The school doctor is here on physical day in the morning, so students attending AM BOCES will need to stop in the nurse's office (before physical day) to make arrangements.

## High School Sports Injuries

Every year, millions of teenagers participate in high school sports. An injury to a high school athlete can be a significant disappointment for the teen, the family, and the coaches. The pressure to play can lead to decisions that may lead to additional injury with long-term effects. High school sports injuries can cause problems that require surgery as an adult, and may lead to arthritis later in life.

When a sports injury occurs, it is important to quickly seek proper treatment. To ensure the best possible recovery, athletes, coaches, and parents must follow safe guidelines for returning to the game.

## The Adolescent Athlete

Teenage athletes are injured at about the same rate as professional athletes, but injuries that affect high school athletes are often different from those that affect adult athletes. This is largely because high school athletes are often still growing.

Growth is generally uneven: Bones grow first, which pulls at tight muscles and tendons. This uneven growth pattern makes younger athletes more susceptible to muscle, tendon, and growth plate injuries.

*It is very important if your child tells you he/she has a pain or complaint.*

We need to have open communication with the coach. Even if you think it may be insignificant please make note and tell your coach. It only takes a minute to document and it may not amount to nothing but at least we are aware. Your child may not want us to know because they do not want benched but in the long run sitting out one or two games is better than an entire season or two.

Amy Giboo RN  
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agiboo@belfastcsd.org

## Did you know....

Our school receives 10 cents from every box top given to the school?! This money helps to keep the cost of the BCS Yearbook down. And like many other things, box tops are going digital. For now, we can accept both digital and those cut from the packaging. But soon, only digital will be accepted. Please read over this month Box Top information sheet to learn how you can help.



## BOX TOPS BONUS APP

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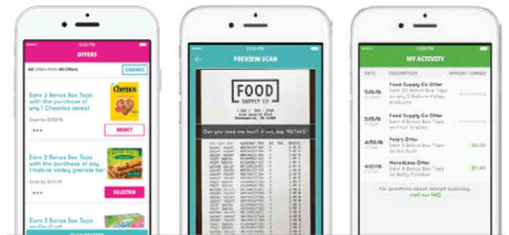
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# Fall Festival for all

Hosted by the Belfast PTO  
Saturday, October 26th • 5-7 PM  
In the BCS Gymnasium and Cafeteria

- FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER
- CHINESE AUCTION \$5/sheet
- KIDS GAMES \$2/child (unlimited games)
- FACE PAINTING \$1/\$2
- FREE TRICK OR TREATING

Donations are currently being accepted for the Chinese Auction  
Please contact Ashley Yackerer with any questions 716-498-6361

**TRICK  
OR  
TREAT**  
Kids are welcome  
to come in costume!





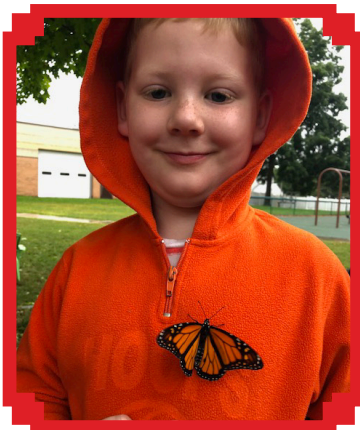
# Calendar of Events

## *October 2019*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Literacy Night	3 Kindergarten Parent Night	4 Senior Fundraiser - Krispy Kreme sales end	5
6	7 <i>Spirit Week</i>	8 <i>Spirit Week</i>	9 <i>Spirit Week</i>	10 <i>Spirit Week</i>	11 <i>Spirit Week</i>	12
13	14 No School- Columbus Day	15	16	17 NHS Blood Drive	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 PTO Fall Festival 5-7pm
27	28	29	30	31		

# Cycles in Nature BC&S 2nd Grade

The 2nd graders started the year learning about Cycles in Nature. Though we focus on many different cycles, our favorite cycles to study are Life Cycles of Animals! We had the opportunity to watch six caterpillars grow, form chrysalises, and hatch into beautiful Monarch butterflies. The students studied their own life cycles and created posters with pictures of themselves in their years of life and thought ahead to what they may look like or want to be when they grow into adults. The beautiful posters line our hallway for all to see! We also got to visit the Alfred State College farm to see animals in various stages of their life cycles. We saw cows, horses, sheep, goats, and chickens. We also toured the garden and saw plants in different stages of their life cycles. To wrap up our unit, we talked in depth about the importance of bees, became engineers and made our own pollinators, and learned how to code "Bee-bots," bee-shaped robots. It's been a fun and exciting start to the school year and we can't wait to keep learning!





## Boys' Varsity Soccer

10/1/19	5:00	@ Whitesville
10/3/19	5:00	@ Hinsdale
10/7/19	5:00	@ GV
10/11/19	7:00	vs. Friendship *Senior Night
10/15/19	5:00	@ Houghton
10/17/19	6:00	@ Andover

## Girls' Varsity Soccer

10/2/19	7:00	vs. Andover
10/4/19	5:00	@ Scio
10/7/19	7:00	vs. Scio
10/8/19	7:00	@ GV
10/11/19	5:00	vs. Friendship *Senior Night
10/18/19	5:00	@ Whitesville

## Girls' Modified Soccer

10/3/19	5:00	@ Fillmore
10/5/19	10:00	@ Andover
10/10/19	5:00	@ BR
10/12/19	10:00	V Wellsville
10/16/19	5:00	@ GV

## Boys' Modified Soccer

10/5/19	11:30	@ Andover
10/10/19	5:00	@ BR
10/12/19	10:00	V Wellsville
10/16/19	5:00	@ GV



### Is your child eating breakfast or need a snack for later?

As you know, Belfast Central School offers **free breakfast** to every student PreK-12. But is your student taking advantage of this? We've noticed a trend in the 7-12 students who aren't doing so. We have a Breakfast Cart for this group of students that has a hot breakfast (on the menu), a variety of cereals, cereal bars, juice, fresh fruit and milk daily. Many mornings we offer a second hot breakfast item or other grab n go items. Even if your child is not hungry first thing in the morning, they can always grab a cereal bar and a juice and save it for later in the day. They make a great snack before or after practice, a game or a concert. Remember, it's hard to concentrate on an empty stomach!



# HOME COMING AND SPIRIT WEEK

## THEME - VICTORY IS SWEET! OCTOBER 7 - 11, 2019

**MONDAY • 10/7** - Senior Citizen Day

**TUESDAY • 10/8** - Color Day

the class with the most color wins a pizza party

12-yellow 11-blue 10-purple 9-black 8-green

7-orange (elementary teachers you pick your color)

**WEDNESDAY • 10/9** - Christmas Day

**THURSDAY • 10/10** - Mr. Roche Day

**FRIDAY • 10/11** - Red and White Day

Each class will make a banner for Friday night's homecoming games. They will be hung outside. Classes may start their banners **Thursday Oct. 3rd**.

### Elementary :

Will be making a banner or decorating their classroom doors with the homecoming theme.

Pizza party for the winner.

They will be judged Friday morning 10/11

Sophomores are having a chicken bbq on 10/11!!!!

### ASSEMBLY

Friday October 11

2:30-3:08pm for all grades.

### BON-FIRE

Friday October 11

after the games sponsored by Student Council and PTO.



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**IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Superintendent's Office.....	365-9940
Principal's Office .....	365-8285
Business Office .....	365-8289
Guidance Office .....	365-8297
Bus Garage.....	365-2609
Nurse's Office .....	365-2053
Special Education Office.....	365-8847
Preschool.....	365-8088
Automated Attendant .....	365-2646
Fax.....	365-2648
Website.....	www.belfast.wnyric.org

Please remember our school safety tip line. This line remains at **365-2053** and may be used for anonymous calls for reporting student safety concerns.

**Board of Education Meetings**

Belfast Central School Board of Education Meetings  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
5:30 PM  
Conference Room located near gymnasium

**Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!**

Please go to the Belfast Central School website at:  
<https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/>  
for an application, or stop by the greeter's desk at the rear of the building to pick up an application.

**Tax Information**

The Belfast Central School Board of Education is scheduled to set the tax rate for the 2019-20 school year at the August 13th board meeting. This information will be included in the October newsletter.

This year taxes will be collected in the Business Office located near the auditorium just inside the rear entrance of the Belfast Central School, *on a limited basis*.

**The tax collector will be available:**

- Tuesdays in September & October, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Saturdays in September & October, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Monday, September 30th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 31st, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

**We are unable to collect taxes at the school at any other times.**

**Taxes may be mailed to:**

Robin Owens, Tax Collector  
Belfast Central School, P.O. Box 419, Warsaw, NY 14569.

Payment of taxes may be made during the month of September with no penalty or in October with a 2% penalty. No taxes will be collected in November at the school, by mail or at Allegany County Treasurer.

In order to better protect our children, Belfast Central School is asking **PARENTS** to take a very important step in helping us to keep your child safe. Please call the school if your child is at home sick or absent from school for any reason. Our policy is to account for the attendance and absence of every child. We want to make sure that every child who leaves home for school arrives here safely, therefore **PLEASE** call **365-2053** if your child will be absent. Thank you again for helping us to keep your children safe.

