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Project Prom Dress

Alfred State College is excited to announce that Project Prom Dress Extravaganza 2019 will be taking place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 in the third-floor park space of the Student Leadership Center on the Alfred campus.

Project Prom Dress is a student-driven initiative and it is the passion of the sorority sisters of Delta Chi Omega. Year round, new and gently used gowns are donated from local bridal shops and individuals.

Annually, the sisters collect hundreds of gowns, shoes, and accessories.

"Every April, we have the pleasure of working with local school districts in Allegany County and surrounding counties to offer these gowns and accessories free of charge to girls in need in order to make their prom night less of a financial burden," said Sandra Burdick, event concierge at Alfred State. "The reality is that prom gowns are an expense that does not fit into a lot of families' budgets. Our goal is to ease the financial burden so the girls can enjoy every moment of their prom."

Each year this event grows. For Extravaganza 2018, more than 100 gowns were given away.

"It is wonderful to see some of the girls come in from the previous year and re-donate their gown before choosing a new one," Burdick said. "It touches them and they feel how wonderful it is to give as well as receive. The sisters of Delta Chi Omega have really created a wonderful program here at Alfred State, and I am privileged to be able to work with them and participate in its growth."

As a reminder, the Delta Chi Omega sisters will also be collecting donations of gowns, shoes and accessories.

"Alfred State would like to thank its continued donors, as well as the individuals who have donated," Burdick said. "Thank you for helping us keep this program alive."

For more information, please contact Burdick at burdicsl@alfredstate.edu or at 607-587-4098.



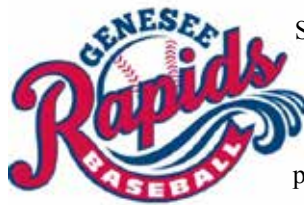
The Belfast Central School Prom

For Grades 9-12
Cuba VFW
May 18, 2019

Dinner: 6-7pm
Prom: 7-11pm
Don's DJ: 7-11pm



Genesee Rapids Host Families Needed



Seeking host families from approximately June 3 to July 22.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call: Ralph Kerr 716-969-0688

For game dates, times, promotions, player info and more, please visit the website at: www.geneseerapidsbaseball.com

SAVE THE DATE!

July 13, 2019, Belfast and Friends Alumni Banquet, Belfast Town Hall. Chicken BBQ, 4:00 p.m. \$15. Invitations will not be mailed, so class members are encouraged to talk with your classmates to make plans for a good time.

Send your reservation and check to Diana Grastorf, 7120 Co. Rd. 41, Friendship, NY 14739 or call 1-716-498-1799.



Reminder - Spring Sports Physicals are on May 15, 2019.

BCS Inventors Club

Grade 5 and 6 hard at work in the BCS Inventors Club!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 13 @ 11AM

Belfast Central School Auditorium

- Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 1-8)
- Scavenger Hunt (Ages 9-11)

FREE LUNCH!
(Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda & Dessert)

COME SEE THE EASTER BUNNY AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET!



Sponsored by the Belfast Lions Club & the Belfast PTO

IMPORTANT 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 new main entrance on South Street, near the gym.
- 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, and out front.

Skills USA Competition

Congratulations Julia Lindo on taking 1st place in the Animal Science Skills USA competition!

Congratulations Corey Brown on taking 1st place in the Precision Heavy Equipment Skills USA Competition!

#BCSBulldogPride



2019-20 District Budget

The Belfast Central Board of Education and District Administration have worked diligently to prepare a budget for the 2019-20 school year which supports student programming and is fiscally responsible to the taxpayers in the District. The proposed budget will be presented at the annual budget hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 14, 2019, in room 130. The proposed budget has a .28% increase in the school district tax levy, which is amount permissible by the New York State tax cap program.

The proposed budget will bring about changes in student programs, fiscal management, and facilities. The proposed 19-20 budget:

- maintains all student programs and adds an archery program for BCS students;
- increases services to students with disabilities within the building by creating a new primary 12:1:1 class in the building;
- includes funding to hire a District Treasurer and return all Business Office functions to the District rather than continue with the CA BOCES Central Business Office;
- includes a capital outlay project to address building and facility needs (renovations will be made to the District locker rooms and the softball field); and
- continues the planned building painting schedule.

Belfast Central can make these enhancements to student programs and facilities as a result of a 5% increase in state aid, changes in special education program expenditures, and savings associated with retirements in the District.

A capital outlay project allows the District to do up \$100,000 of work to address building needs. BCS will receive our 95% building aid on the project the next year (20-21), which will provide for continuous facility maintenance rather than waiting for a major project. Subsequent capital outlay projects will be funded with the NYS building aid to provide for continuous building maintenance.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Butler Ed.D. (365-9940) or Bob Lingenfelter (365-8289).

Sincerely,

Josie Preston, Board President

Wendy Butler Ed.D., Superintendent

Robert Lingenfelter, Business Official

Legal Notice

Notice of School District Budget Hearing, Annual District Meeting and Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Belfast Central School District, Belfast, Allegany County, New York, will be held at the Belfast Central School auditorium foyer, Belfast, New York in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., at which time, the election of members of the Board of Education and the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the School District for the 2019-2020 school year, and the vote upon any and all Propositions involving the expenditure of money or authorizing the levy of taxes will take place.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the School District will be held by the Board of Education on May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Belfast Central School, Belfast, New York, at which Hearing, the proposed 2019-2020 School District budget will be presented to the voters of the District. A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the aforesaid Annual Meeting and Election (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday) at which the budget vote will occur. District residents may obtain this information at the office of the District Clerk at Belfast Central School, Belfast, New York, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

PROPOSITION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School is hereby authorized to levy the taxes within the District to expend the appropriation of necessary funds as established by the Board of Trustees of the Belfast Public Library, toward the support of the Belfast Public Library during the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year.

PROPOSITION

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2019" of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") of which the District is (or may become) a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$500,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) unappropriated fund balance of the District, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund), (c) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded District real or personal property, and (d) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes exclusive of public money and the amount of money which will be levied toward the support of the Belfast Public Library may be obtained by taxpayers or voters in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual District Meeting and Election except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at the Belfast Central School between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. not later than thirty (30) days before the Annual District Meeting and Election (by April 22, 2019).

Vacancies to be filled on the Board of Education:

FIVE-YEAR TERM TO SUCCEED THE EXPIRED TERM OF JOSIE PRESTON; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019.

And...

FIVE-YEAR TERM TO SUCCEED THE EXPIRED TERM OF PATRICIA KROTZ; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019.

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the length of the term of the office and the name of the incumbent.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said Annual School District Meeting and Election will be conducted by the use of paper ballots.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the absentee ballots are available for those who are unable to appear in person on the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election due to permanent disability, illness, work, school, military obligation, incarceration, or personal vacation. A letter signed by the voter, requesting an absentee ballot, must be received by the district clerk not earlier than April 22, 2019 nor later than May 14, 2019. Voters may personally request ballots at the district clerk's office of the Belfast Central School not earlier than April 22, 2019, nor later than May 20, 2019. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the district clerk's office during regular office hours until the day of the Annual District Meeting and Election and will also be posted at the polling place.

By Order of the Board of Education
Gina Larrabee – School District Clerk

WE WISH TO REMIND DISTRICT RESIDENTS OF SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

1. Petitions for our Board of Education seat are due to the district clerk's office by Monday April 22, 2019.
2. Public hearing on the 2019-2020 Belfast Central School budget will be held on May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCS auditorium.
3. Budget vote and school board member election – May 21, 2019 noon to 8 p.m. in the auditorium foyer.



Belfast
Central School District



FROM DR. BUTLER

The BCS Boys' Varsity Basketball team had a phenomenal, record setting year. The team played outstanding team defense throughout sectional play, stifling the powerful offenses of Elba and Prattsburgh. For only the third time in school history, the team made it to the Section V D2 championship game. On March 2, Belfast defeated the #1 seeded Prattsburgh team to capture the Section V D2 championship title, which had only occurred one other time in school history. Adam Enders was named the tournament MVP. Kevin McCumiskey and Carter Guildford were named to the All-tournament team, Alex Enders received a Sportsmanship, and Coach Hennessy was named Coach of the Year.

The Bulldogs were not done after accomplishing that milestone. BCS was crowned the overall Section V Class D Champion for the first time in school history when they defeated Mt. Morris in a hard fought battle. The Bulldogs trailed into the third quarter when our senior leadership once again powered the team to victory.

The Bulldogs finished the season ranked #6 among Class D schools in New York State!

CONGRATULATIONS

2018-2019

**VARSITY BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM**





Meet the Boys' Varsity Players

Andrew Blocho



Devin Harringer



Kevin McCumiskey



Adam Enders



Ethan Truesdell



Alex Enders



Carter Guilford



Jason Drozdowski



Stephen Struckman



Matt Weaver



Nick Ellison





Meet the Boys' Varsity Coach

Coach Joe Hennessy



Coach of the Year



Boys' Varsity Team Celebrate



Allegheny County Scoring Record February 5, 2019





Boys' Varsity in the News

Belfast wins 1st Section V crown in 79 years March 2, 2019



Belfast hoists up its first Section V, Class D2 championship brick since 1940 after the Bulldogs defeated Prattsburgh by a 60-55 count at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester Saturday afternoon. [CHRIS BROOKS/THE SPECTATOR PHOTOS]



Belfast senior Adam Enders is presented with the Section V, Class D2 Tournament MVP Award after posting 34 points and 11 rebounds as the Bulldogs defeated No. 1 Prattsburgh, 60-55, for their first title since 1940 Saturday at the Blue Cross Arena.



Belfast senior Kevin McCumiskey (22) puts up shot against the Prattsburgh defense during Saturday afternoon's Class D2 Finals at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.



Belfast senior Adam Enders (23) drives around the Prattsburgh defense on his way to the basket during Saturday afternoon's Class D2 Finals at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.



Belfast senior Alex Enders (40) provides an off-balanced shot to the basket against Prattsburgh defense during Saturday afternoon's Class D2 Finals at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.



Belfast junior Carter Guilford (42) looks to put the basket away during Saturday afternoon's Class D2 Finals against Prattsburgh at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.



The Bulldogs pose with their Class D2 championship after they defeated top-seeded Prattsburgh for their first championship since 1940 on Saturday at Blue Cross Arena.

Enders charges Belfast past Mount Morris

Bulldogs shade off foul trouble, win crossover 54-42 with fourth-quarter barrage



Belfast's Adam Enders (23) drives by Mount Morris' Steven Soto during the Section 5 Class D boys basketball state qualifier Wednesday in Gainesville.



Belfast's Kevin McCumiskey (22) attempts a 3-pointer against Mount Morris during the Section 5 Class D boys basketball state qualifier Wednesday in Gainesville.

Belfast on to 1st Far West Regional



Belfast's Adam Enders hugs head coach Joe Hennessy after the Bulldogs finished off a state qualifier win over Mt. Morris Wednesday night in Letchworth.



Belfast's Kevin McCumiskey lays in two points for the Bulldogs in Wednesday's 54-52 state qualifier win over Mount Morris in Letchworth. The Bulldogs will now meet Panama Saturday at Greece Athena in the Far West Regional. [CHRIS BROOKS/THE SPECTATOR]

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Boys' Varsity in the News

More history in store for Belfast?

Bulldogs to battle Panama for state final four spot



The Belfast boys basketball team celebrates with the Section 5 Class D2 championship trophy on Saturday, March 2, at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester.

End of the line



Belfast senior Adam Enders (23) drives his way inside against the Panama defense during Saturday night's Class D Far West Regional in Greece. [CHRIS BROOKS/THE SPECTATOR PHOTOS]

Belfast's storybook season closes up in Far West Regional



Belfast senior Kevin McCumiskey (22) drives baseline against the Panama defense during Saturday night's Class D Far West Regional in Greece.



Role Models & Pep Rally





JV Boys

Girls' Varsity

Cheerleading

JV Boys' Basketball Tournament Champions

January 26, 2019



The two above photos were from January 2, 2019 - JV Boys vs. Hinsdale.

The photo to the left was from January 4, 2019 - JV Boys vs. Fillmore.

Varsity Girls' Basketball



The two above photos were from February 6, 2019 - Girls Varsity vs. Walsh..

Cheerleading



Allegany County Cheer off held at Houghton College. BCS Cheerleaders first division win in 11 years. Congratulations, Bulldogs!!!

April 2019

2018-19 Belfast Central School District Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 NYS ELA Testing	4 NYS ELA Testing	5	6
7 Senior's Trip	8 PTO meeting @ 5:30pm Senior's Trip	9 Board Meeting @ 5:30pm Senior's Trip	10 Senior's Trip	11 Masterminds Competition Senior's Trip	12 Middle School Dance 6-7:30pm Spring Sport Pictures	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 No School	20
21 Easter 	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
28	29	30	"Take me out to the ball game" It's Baseball and Softball Season! For up to the minute game schedules, please visit our website. You will find all things Athletic under the Departments tab. <i>Thank You for supporting BCS Athletics!</i>  			

- Prof. Dev. Days (No Students)
- Holidays (Offices Closed)
- Breaks (No Students or Faculty)
- Graduation
- 3-8 Testing Dates
- # Regents Exam Dates
- Parent/Teacher Conference
- Open House

MAY 2019						
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JUNE 2019						
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 5/1-5/8 MATH 3-8 Testing Range
- 5/24-5/27 Memorial Day Break
- 6/3 3-8 Testing Range / Regents Exam Date
- 6/18-6/21 Regents Exam Dates
- 6/24-6/26 Regents Exam Dates
- 6/26 Rating Day / Last Day of School
- 6/28 Graduation

Fitness Center Open

The BCS fitness center will be open to the community starting January 28, 2019. Community members who are over 18 years old will be able to use the fitness center Monday - Friday from 6:00 - 7:30 AM and from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. The fitness center is located by the front parking lot by the outdoor classroom. Please enter the building through that entrance. The fitness center is located in the first classroom on the right side of the hall.

- When using the fitness center, please
- wear clean, dry footwear on the equipment
 - sign the visitor log
 - report any issues to the District Office





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ECRWSS

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Belfast, NY 14711

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Belfast Central School is to work together to provide a technological, comprehensive, challenging, equitable and quality education for all students based on the belief that all children can and will learn. The community, faculty, staff, parents and students will cooperatively foster each individual's intellectual, moral, social, civic and physical development so that Belfast Central School will continue to be looked upon as an example of excellence in rural education in New York State.

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
Safe School Tip Line (leave a message).....	365-2053
Website.....	www.BelfastCSD.org

CALLING ALL SENIORS!
Scholarship Opportunity

The PTO scholarship application has been put in your senior mailbox!

Applications and all required information are due to Ms. Foster, Mrs. Calanni or the guidance office no later than May 1, 2019.



Board of Education Meetings

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

Where can I find the Board of Education Meeting Minutes!

Visit www.belfastcsd.org to find meeting minutes and much, much more!

Meeting minutes are also available at the Belfast Public Library.

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.