



Belfast

Central School District

Newsletter

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Welcome Back Bulldogs!

I am so excited to be able to welcome our BCS students and their families back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. We are planning our Back-to-School picnic which will be held on Tuesday, August 30 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Our theme will be based on the classic book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. This night is one of my favorites each year – I love getting to see how much everyone has grown over the summer, the smiling faces, the excitement for a new school year, and the fun that this evening brings. We will have our traditional treats like popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones along with dinner served by BCS faculty and staff. There will be fun and games for students of all ages as well as an opportunity for students to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, drop off school supplies, fill out annual forms, and win prizes! Make sure you pick up your copy of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory passport to complete your tasks and earn tickets towards our prizes!

Mrs. Jessica Hess, Pre-K – 4th Principal

Back to School Picnic

All students and families in the Belfast Central School District are invited to meet the faculty/staff, participate in fun activities, and enjoy our free picnic! Since this is an opportunity for families to meet the faculty and staff, students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. New families are invited to arrive at 4:30 for a tour prior to the picnic.

- Grades 7-12 may pick up schedules in the Aud at 6:00 (including locker assignment and student handbook)

- Grades 7-12 may visit classrooms from 6:00-6:30

- Senior class (mandatory meeting) meeting at 6:30 in the new café

- Meetings in classrooms as follows:

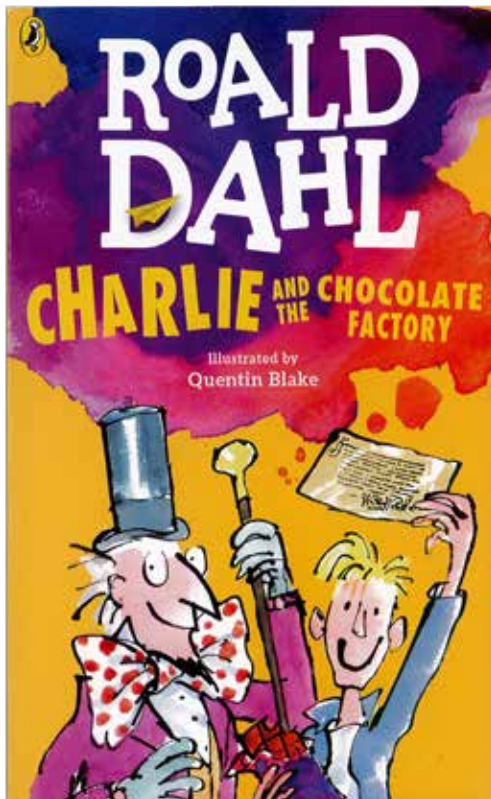
- Grade 5/6 @5:00
- Grade 2 @ 5:30
- Grade 3 & 4 @6:00



- Raffle drawing outside of the Aud entrance at 6:45 (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

- Picnic near playground 5:00 - 6:30pm with free food for all!

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 6



Preschool – 6th grade students will receive a copy of Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the month-long reading calendar on the first day of school when we kick off our 2022 One School, One Book novel. Here’s a sneak peek....

"Nobody has seen Willy Wonka - or inside his amazing chocolate factory - for years. When he announces plans to invite the winners of five Golden Tickets hidden inside the wrappers of chocolate bars to visit his factory, the whole world is after those tickets!"

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is perhaps Roald Dahl’s best-known story. The story of Charlie Bucket, the five Golden Tickets, the Oompa-Loompas and the amazing Mr. Willy Wonka has become firmly embedded in our culture since it was first published in 1964. Conservative estimates suggest the original book has sold over 20 million copies worldwide; it is now available in 55 languages.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Reading Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day! No School!	6 First Day of School Book kickoff!!! Here Comes Charlie	7 Mr. Willy Wonka’s Factory and Mr. Wonka and the Indian Prince	8 The Secret Workers and The Golden Ticket	9 The First Two Finders and Charlie’s Birthday	10
11	12 Two More Golden Tickets Found and Grandpa Joe Takes a Gamble	13 The Family Begins to Starve and The Miracle	14 What it Said on the Golden Ticket and The Big Day Arrives	15 Mr. Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Room	16 The Oompa- Loompas and Augustus Gloop Goes Up the Pipe	17
18	19 Down The Chocolate River and The Inventing Room	20 The Great Gum Machine and Good-by Violet	21 Along the Corridor and Square Candies That Look Round	22 Veruca in the Nut Room	23 The Great Glass Elevator and The Television- Chocolate Room	24
25	26 Mike Teavee is Sent by Television	27 Only Charlie Left and The Other Children Go Home	28 Charlie’s Chocolate Factory	29 Family Literacy Night 5:30-7:00		

New Staff Members



Corinn Marriott

My name is Corinn Marriott, and I have had the pleasure of being a temporary art teacher for BCS students since December of 2021. And now I am very excited to be the “new” permanent art teacher for Belfast Central School. Working with students and helping to foster the love of art in the community is my passion.

I was raised in Fillmore, then attended the Rochester Institute of Technology. I am still honing my craft while enrolled in the University of Hartford. My hobbies are hiking, horseback riding, and reading. As a child, my favorite book was Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien! My current favorite is Out of our Minds-The Power of Being Creative by Sir Ken Robinson. But of course there is nothing I like better than drawing and painting!

I am a Buffalo Sabres fan, and really enjoy spending time at Letchworth State Park.

I look forward to inspiring my students to create beautiful art!



Faith Redlecki

Hello, Belfast! My name is Faith Redlecki. I am looking forward to working with the students and growing as a teacher with the help of the faculty and staff. I was raised in Sherman, New York and attended Sherman Central School. I am a student at Houghton University where I am completing a degree in Inclusive Childhood Education.

I love to spend time with my friends and family, and pet dogs. I love learning new things, and I love to read. Two of my favorite authors are Tana French and Rick Riordan. There is a second hand book store in North Dakota (I’ve forgotten the name) that holds a special place in my heart. When I’m not reading, I enjoy embroidering and playing guitar.

I look forward to meeting you all! See you soon!

Remember always “do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” Theodore Roosevelt.



Jason Hamer

I’m Jason Hamer. I graduated from BCS and still live in Belfast with my wife, Liz, and our four children. I am taking over as the Maintenance (building/grounds) Supervisor. I’m excited about the challenges this jobs brings, and I look forward to working with everyone. My motto is don’t be afraid to learn something new and fail at it! Failure is a path which allows us to adjust, learn, and grow. When you fail, learn

from it and pick yourself up and give it another go! Dismiss the laughs that may come because of your failures, because that laughing will be gone when you succeed. Believe in yourself and your abilities even when things get tough. If you stick with it, there is nothing you cannot accomplish!



Katie Davis

Hello everyone! My name is Katie Davis and I am very excited to be in Belfast, and am looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of the Belfast community. I am from Orange County, New York, and grew up in a small town named Campbell Hall. I graduated from Houghton College and have made many friends here. Spending time with friends and family is very important to me. Some

of my favorite things to do are baking, walking, painting, and reading. My favorite book is Out of My Mind by Sharon M Draper.

I am a New York Yankees fan, and a lover of chocolate covered strawberries. I believe that “Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something is more important than fear. The brave may not live forever, but the cautious do not live at all”. Excerpt from Princess Diaries!



Nick Gughiocello

Hi BCS. My name is Nick Gughiocello and I am very glad to be coming back this year! Most of you know me, but did you know that I was raised in both Cuba and Belfast and that I love being outdoors! I enjoy working on cars, trucks, and small engines. In fact, in my truck is one of my favorite places to be. I’m a Buffalo Bills fan, love steak and seafood, and am grateful to be working along side wonderful people here at the school. My favorite book is Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer, and a favorite quote is “If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change the way you think about it”, Mary Engelbreit.

New Staff Members



Rebekah Brennan

It is nice to meet you BCS, I am Rebekah Brennan your new Vocal Music Teacher. Here in Belfast, I look forward to finding all the hidden talent that I know exists! I can't wait to meet our students, get to know the staff and faculty, and do amazing and creative things together! I consider my hometown to be Fillmore/Centerville/Houghton as this is where I spent most of my growing up years after age 12.

I graduated from Fillmore Central School and from Houghton College.

I love to spend time with my family camping, kayaking, hiking, watching movies, playing board games, making Lego creations. As music is what I do for a living, I love attending live theatre (music/drama), and directing plays and musicals. If I'm not being creative then I'm not happy! (But don't forget that I also love to sit and snuggle our kitties!) I love to be creative and creatively challenged turning my creative pursuits into hobbies like cooking, photography, and writing. I am a fan of the Buffalo Bills, Sabres, Boston Red Sox....coffee, chocolate(with PB), pizza, ice cream, inside-out-eggrolls, and all breakfast foods!! I also love to read. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and *The Wheel of Time Series* by Robert Jordan are two of my favorite novels. I will leave you with two quotes: "I Like messy people; people who don't fit in a box or stay between the lines, but whose integrity is greater than any rule book and whose loyalty is stronger than blood." by Jim Wern and "There are so many colors in the rainbow. So many colors in the morning sun. So many colors in the flower, and I see every one!" by Harry Chapin.



Sadie Ellis

(Pittacus Lore). I have a weakness for cooking and when I'm in the mood for something creamy and cheesy, I whip up some "Funeral Potatoes". When I go to Rochester, I make time to visit *Le Petit Poutine's* food truck, and Highland Park especially during the Lilac Festival. My other hobbies include baking, painting, and making crafts! I look forward to meeting you!

My name is Sadie Ellis. Nice to meet you Belfast Central School. I am very glad to be here! I look forward to sharing my passion for learning with the students, and watching them learn and grow. I was raised in Bolivar, New York, and went to Bolivar-Richburg Central School.

I enjoy spending time with family, playing board games and teaching! I love to read, and my favorite book is *Lorien Legacies* by James Frey



Tara Willgens

Hi! My name is Tara Willgens and I am the new Instrumental Music Teacher here at Belfast!

I graduated from Fillmore Central in 2018, and then went onto SUNY Fredonia where I received my bachelor's degree in Music Education. My primary instrument is the Saxophone. One of my favorite things to do is perform in pit orchestras for local musicals. I

also enjoy attending concerts. In fact, I rarely pass up a chance to listen to live music! Aside from music, during my free time I like to cook and bake, go on hikes, pet my dogs (I happen to have the cutest English Bulldog at home), and explore new places with my family. Although I don't watch much TV, I am a big *Stranger Things* fan.

Here at Belfast, I am most excited for watching my students develop their skills and gain confidence on their instruments. I cannot wait to build positive and rewarding relationships with all my students. Here's to a new school year full of MUSIC!



Jessica Bentley

Hello Belfast! My name is Jessica Bentley, and I'm very glad to be at BCS! I really look forward to meeting new people and learning new things here at Belfast Central School. I live in Weston Mills, but was raised and went to school in Franklinville. Some of my favorite things to do are embroidery and kayaking. I also love to read, and my favorite book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

When it's time for vacation, I head for the beach. I love lasagna and the St. Bonaventure Bonnies. I believe in the words Mother Teresa gave us; "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family".



Greeting from Mr. Bull

I trust everyone has had a relaxing summer and found some time to spend with loved ones and enjoy yourselves!! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Welcome Back to School Picnic on Tuesday, August 30 from 5:00 – 7:00. During these closing weeks of summer, I encourage you to begin setting goals for this school year. One simple goal that can pay off big dividends is simply creating a homework friendly area in your home that will allow your child to focus. I would also recommend starting to regulate a consistent bedtime; ensuring your child is getting enough sleep each night will help them focus better throughout the school day.

I would like to send a loud “Thank you” to the custodial staff who have worked extremely hard (and are still working extremely hard) to make sure the school building is in tiptop shape for your return. I would also like to recognize your teachers, many of whom have spent the summer completing hours of professional development to help equip them with tools to provide you with the best education available! Thank you!!

An important change to be aware of this year is that students will be held accountable for their attendance. Students who are tardy more than 3

times in a quarter will be assigned to a teacher during advisement and assigned an after-school detention to make up the missed seat time. Students who are absent more than 22 times for a full credit course or 11 times for a half credit course will be assigned an on-line credit recovery program and assigned detentions to make up the missed seat time.

I am not going to go into a covid speech, but I will remind you that if your child is sick please keep them home.

Please remember that one of the most important ingredients for student success is parent and school communication. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (585)365-8285 or email me at rbull@belfastcsd.org with any questions or concerns you may have. Another important ingredient is student preparedness. Students, please remember to bring your charged iPads to school each day. We are very excited for this school year and are looking forward to making new friends and experiencing new levels of learning and achievement.

Mr. Bull
5-12 Principal

New Bell Schedule:

<i>Doors Open 7:50</i>	
Block 1	8:05 – 8:50
Block 2	8:53 – 9:34
Block 3	9:37 – 10:18
Block 4	10:21 – 11:02
Block 5A	11:05 – 11:25
Block 5B	11:25 – 11:46
Block 5C	11:49 – 12:09
Block 5D	12:09 – 12:30
Block 6	12:33 – 1:14
Block 7	1:17 – 1:58
Block 8	2:01 – 2:42
Advisement	2:45 – 3:05
Buses leave	3:15

A Message From the Superintendent

The start of each school year is the best time to set the direction and tone of the school year. The curveballs that have been thrown at everyone the last two and a half years have left many people feeling uneasy and sometimes even broken. As we move in to the 22-23 school year, I want to remind everyone that broken crayons still color.

We are all using our favorite colors, on our favorite medium, and creating our best masterpiece of life. We all do not have the same artistic ability, but we are able to use our skills and tools to connect the dots, color by number, or free draw what we want our picture to be in the end. Some of us may start our picture over and over again, while others have a vision and spend days, weeks, or months to make it a reality. The important part is that we push ourselves to move forward and color with the crayons we have in front of us.

As students, families, teachers, administrators, etc. we have the power to create a strong sense of belonging in every student and staff member when they walk through the BCS doors by accepting our individual flaws and using our crayons to design the BCS canvas. The picture I envision for the new school year is one in that allows everyone to celebrate their strengths and support each others' needs. May 22-23 be full of color!

Wendy Butler Ed. D
Superintendent

WHO IS MY TEACHER?

Mrs. Ross-PK

Ronan Allen
Norah Arnold
Giovanni Battle
Warren Beardsley
Zoe Bisig
Oliver Burr-Hadsell
Lucas Collins
Joshua Gerow
Spencer Hennard
Sophie Osburn
Sylas Preston
Sophia Preston

Mrs. Hamer-K

Addilyn Babbitt
Braxton Covert
Roland Cox
James Cunningham
Adrianna Dejac
Willow Dixon
Jaxson Dowd
Richard Hamer
Avayah Hampshire
William Histed
Jason Ives
Aubrey Jablonski
Colin Keeler
Madelyn Layman
Avery Male
Jordan Mark
Waylon Miles
Gabriella Miller
Asher Moore
Jadwin Shafer
Vance Sortore
Isabella West

Miss. Shephard-Mixed

Isabella Bentley
Jack Green
Kyle McKelvey
Kamryn Norton
Rhys Powers
Matthew Sirianni
Ainslee Ward

Ms. Miller-1st

Constantine Baumgartner
Sophia Black
Isabella Burdett
Bailey Carlin
Gunnar Cole
Norva Cole
Cirilla Cox
Owen Foster
Kelan Harrington
Edith Horne
Jackson Isenegger
Travis Ives
Kingston Jones
Liam Moore
Emma Prosser
Finn Wesche
Aubrey White
Liam Willard
Luca Willard

Mrs. Hazelton-2nd

Elaina Barber
Margaret Barney
Chayse Beardsley
Kayleena Bisig
Wyatt Bliss
Zoey Button
Emmett Cole
Ivalee Cole
Matalie Ellsessor
Wallis Enders
Thomas Guilford
Yvonne Hamer
Arlus Mang
Shylee McCarthy
Kyson Miles
Scarlett Miller
Jaylin Outman
Libby Powers
McKenna Preston
Foster Smithers
Layndi Unfus
Ava White

Mrs. Borden-3rd

Gabriella Collins
Tegan Enders
Preston Foster
Karlin Harrington
Noel Holly
Owen Jablonski
Mackenzie Lorenz
Owen Male
Bryson Mark
Carsyn Merrell
Grayson Moore
Lily Murns
Jareth Osburn
Clayton Outman
Allison Prosser
Gabriel West

Ms. Austin-4th

Damien Beardsley
Lucy Burr-Hadsell
Lawson Fuller
James Hazelton
Ayden Hill
Edmund Horne
Malichai Ives
Addison Kelley
Paislee Ludden
Bryce Norton
Lydia Preston

Mrs. Davis-4th

Kaine Bailor
Eden Barney
Lana Blocho
Owen Broughton
Candice Costa
Jack Cox
Brody Edwards
Aiden Elliott
Emerson Ely
Alexandria Litchner
Carley Manning
Isaac Miller

Mrs. Paulsen-5th

Abigail Cook
Matthew Guilford
Lyndsey Hill
Addison Hull
Logan McCarthy
Taryn Moore
Evan Moore
Adam Oskar
Jayce Shafer
Alley Tompkins
Tesslynn Weaver
Kaylee Wilkins

Mrs. Bainbridge-5th

Nicholas Chamberlain
Kylie Crabb
Mariah Dannheim
Cooper Grastorf
Kal Johnson
William Manning
Catrina Mura
Taylor Murns
Paittäin Norton
Brynn Preston
Shea Preston
Caleb Stork
Mackenna Yackerren

Mrs. Romance-6th

James Adams
Owen Armison
Jackson Barney
Delsin Bisig
Caylin Burrows
Ethan Chamberlain
Jessie-Joe Chamberlain
Conner Dowd
McKylie Elliott
Bradán Foster
Aidan Hirsch
Summer Histed
Megan Johson
Haunz Mang
Lydia McDonald
Bradley Middaugh
Devlin Miller
Savannah Miller
Crystal Murns
Greta Smithers
Conan Tallman

Calendar of Events

September

- 6 – first day of school
Pre-K Staggered start
Junior Class Cuba Cheese sales begin
- 7- Pre-k Staggered start
- 8- Bus Drill #1
Lockdown Drill
Pre-K Staggered start
- 9- Full day Pre-K
- 13 – Board of Education Meeting
- 16- Junior Class Cuba Cheese sales end
- 19- Senior Class Chicken BBQ Dinner Sales begin
- 28- Family Literacy Night
- 30 - Senior Class Chicken BBQ Dinner Sales end

October

- 3-7 Spirit Week
- 3 – Freshman Class Candy Bar Sales begin
- 7 - Homecoming Dance
- 8 – Chicken BBQ Dinner pickup!
- 10 – No School - Columbus Day
- 11 – PK-12 Picture Day
Board of Education Meeting
- 12 - PSAT test (Juniors) 8am-noon
- 14 - Freshman Class Candy Bar Sales end
- 15 – Freshman Class Dinner and Movie Night
- 17 – National Honor Society Popcorn sales begin
- 25 – ASVAB
- 26 – Bus Drill #2
- 27- Elementary Musical matinee
- 28 – Elementary Musical
National Honor Society Popcorn sales end
- 29 – Elementary Musical
- 31- Halloween
Art Club Wreath Fundraiser

November

- 1 – Niagara Chocolate Sales end
- 4 – Jr. High Area All State in Hornell
Publications holiday photos 3-7 PM
- 5 - Jr. High Area All State in Hornell
SAT
Publications holiday photos 10am-4pm

2021-2022 BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR PK - 6TH GRADE

PREK (Ross)

Backpack (write student's name on it)
Sneakers for PE class
1 decorated coffee can for their mail
1 box of tissues
1 box of non-perishable snack items
1 pencil/crayon box
1 pack of 16-24 count Crayola crayons
1 pair of children's Fiskar scissors
1 glue stick

KINDERGARTEN (Hamer/Ellis)

6 glue sticks
2 2-pocket plastic folders with clip & child's name
2 boxes of crayons
1 box of tissues
1 box of pencils
Erasers for pencils (not block style)
1 of Clorox wipes
1 large backpack (with child's name)
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)

1st GRADE (Miller)

2 composition notebooks
2 2-pocket plastic folders with clips
2 boxes of markers
1 box of crayons
1 box of tissues
10 black dry erase markers
4 pink block erasers
1 pair of scissors
Clorox wipes
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
Backpack (with child's name)
1 box gallon size Ziplock bags

2nd GRADE (Hazelton)

1 large backpack
1 box of tissues
Colored pencils and/or markers
3 composition notebooks
2 2-pocket PLASTIC folders with prongs
4 black dry erase markers
2 pink erasers
Sneakers for PE class
Chapstick with child's name on it
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)

Ms. Shephard

Backpack with child's name in it
Sneakers for PE
2 boxes of tissues
1 package or baby wipes
2 glue sticks
3 folders
1 package of dry erase markers (thick)
Chapstick (with child's name on it)
Reusable water bottle (with child's name on it)
1 package of pencils (thick or regular)
Change of clothes
Pink eraser

3rd GRADE (Borden)

1 large backpack
1 box of tissues
Colored pencils and/or markers
3 composition notebooks
2, 2-Pocket PLASTIC folders with prongs
Sneakers for PE class
Chapstick with child's name on it
reusable water bottle (with child's name)

4th GRADE (Austin/Davis)

1 large backpack with child's name on it
2 boxes of tissues
2 composition notebooks
2 boxes #2 pencils and pencil top erasers/sharpener
3 prong binder
1 pack of highlighters
1 package-colored pencils
1 package wide-lined loose-leaf paper
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
2 folders-2 pocket plastic colors (any color)

5th-6th GRADE (Bainbridge/Paulsen/Romance)

1 jumbo book cover
2 composition notebooks
4-6 pkgs. of pencils & erasers
Manual pencil sharpener
2 boxes of tissues
Sneakers for PE class
Shorts/sweats, t-shirts for PE
1 pkg. Clorox wipes
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
Earbuds
Pkg. of dry erase markers

2021-2022 BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADE

ELA (7th & 8th grade)

1 composition notebook
1 folder or binder
2+ packs of sticky notes
pens & pencils
earbuds or headphones
1 pack of lined paper (to be left in classroom)
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

ELA (9th Grade)

2 composition notebooks
1 folder or binder
2+ packs of sticky notes
Pens & pencils
Earbuds or headphones
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

ELA (10th- 12th Grade)

1 composition notebook
1 folder or binder
2+ packs of sticky notes
Pens & pencils
Earbuds or headphones
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

Science

7th and 8th grade Science and Earth Science

3" binder with dividers
Earbuds or headphones
Index cards
Agenda
Blue/black pens
Pencils
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

Biology

3-ring binder OR 3-5 subject notebook

Chemistry or Physics

3-ring binder OR 1 -3 subject notebook
Scientific calculator

MATH

(7th grade, Geometry, Algebra 1, Year 1)

Binder
Loose-leaf paper
Pencils
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

Precalculus/calculus

Notebook
Pens/pencils
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

MATH (8th grade, Algebra, Algebra 2, Algebra Year 2)

Lined or loose-leaf paper & folder
Pencils/pens
1 box of Kleenex (optional) for math classes

HEALTH/HOME & CAREERS

Ear buds
Personal tissue packs
Manual pencil sharpener
Pens & pencils
Backpack
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Colored pencils
Highlighters
Loose-leaf paper
Folder
Pens & pencils
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

SPANISH

Pens
Small vocabulary notebook
loose-leaf paper
3-ring binder for Spanish only
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

TECHNOLOGY & WOODWORKING

Folder with pockets (not necessarily new-just good condition)
15-20 sheets of loose-leaf paper in the folder
4-#2 pencils
good eraser
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

OTHER 7-12 CLASSES

Several pkgs. of pencils
Several pkgs. of pens (blue or black)
Sneakers for PE class
Shorts/sweats, t-shirts for PE
Spiral notebook for all other math classes
2 folders with prongs and pockets (Business)
1 2" 3-ring binder with 10 dividers (Business)
Pens & pencils (Business)
1 box of Kleenex (optional)

Jr. & Sr. High Choir/Bands:

1" black, 3 ring binder (choir)
pencils (band & choir)

ART (8TH-12TH GRADE)

Sketchbook 8X10" minimum (soft or hard cover)

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

2021-22

4TH QUARTER



SUMMA CUM LAUDE

95%+



GRADE 7:	Afton Hamer, Emerson Weaver, Madison Yackerer
GRADE 8:	Logan Estabrook, William Guilford, Rachel Merriam
GRADE 9:	Sadie Estabrook, Jenna Hill, Danika Scott, Sophie Zillgitt
GRADE 10:	Abigail Sullivan
GRADE 11:	Anna Drozdowski, Justin Hill, Stiven Lopez, Isabelle Male, Canaan Sullivan
GRADE 12:	Alicia Borden, Brooke Middaugh, Matthew Weaver



MAGNA CUM LAUDE

90%-94.99%



GRADE 5:	Jackson Barney, Caylin Burrows, Bradan Foster, Haunz Mang, Conan Tallman
GRADE 6:	Ella Austin, Avery Enders, Sarah Hazelton, Karlianne Jones, Noah Sands, Madeline White, Raelynn Wilson
GRADE 7:	Benjamin Cater, Nadia Incognito, Josilyn Kirch, Noah Miller, Grant Preston, Bayleigh Tallman, Carson Treusdell, Wyatt Weaver, Tye Willard
GRADE 8:	Cylie Burrows, Emalee Carman, Addisyn Ely, Finn Heaney
GRADE 9:	Ava Aronson, Catherine Calanni, Allyson Hazelton, Dillion Kelley, Natalee Lindo, Jaizelyn Marcello, Carissa Mura, Kayliegh Wojcik
GRADE 10:	Jacob Borden, Carley Burrows, Matthew Cater, Mary Hamer, Owen Heaney, Sean Mahon, Christopher Weaver
GRADE 11:	Tykota Burnell, Trevor Clark, Brianna Morton, Carter Stout
GRADE 12:	Jacob Buchholz, Jaiden Enders, Max Miller, Cayla Mura



CUM LAUDE

85%-89.99%



GRADE 5:	Ethan Chamberlain, McKylie Elliott, Summer Histed, Lydia McDonald, Bradley Middaugh, Savannah Miller
GRADE 6:	Gabriella Ammons, Onalee Aronson, Elizabeth Brundage, Violet Edwards, Isabelle Guilford, Khloe Jenkins, Kristopher McLaughlin, Anthony Snyder
GRADE 7:	Lily Green, Jenna Hitchcock, Emma Moultrup, Kaylee Sortore
GRADE 8:	Karson Ahrens, Summer Buchholz, Cory Cobb, Audrina Costa, Alexa Ely, Monica Harriger, Izabella Lindo, Abigail Morton, Heather Padden, Lucy Simzer, Callahan Tallman
GRADE 9:	Jordan Hamer, Ellyonah Wright, Morgan Yackerer
GRADE 10:	Thayne Cobb, Cassandra Guilford, Tristan Jenkins, Micaylah Mages, Damien Rinker, Jackson Stout
GRADE 11:	Daemon Cobb, Gabriella Costa, Chelsea Goldsmith, Logan Lopez, Garrett Miller, Benjamin Preston, Harley Proctor
GRADE 12:	Harley Haas, Christianna Hansgen

Belfast Central School 2022-23 Calendar

July 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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- Prof. Dev. Days (No students)
- Graduation
- Parent/ Teacher Conference

- Holidays (Offices Closed)
- 3-8 Testing Dates
- Open House

- Breaks (No Students or Faculty)
- Regents Exam Dates

- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Aug 29, 30 Superintendent's Days
- Aug 30 Back to School Picnic (5-7)
- Sept 5 Labor Day
- Sept 6 1st Day for Students
- Oct 10 Columbus/Indigenous People Day
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day

- Nov 21 Parent Teacher Conf. (12-8)
- Nov 22 Superintendent's Day
- Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec 23-31 Holiday Recess
- Jan 2 New Year's Day (celebrated)
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 20-24 Pres. Day/February Break

- Mar. 9 Open House (1:00 dismissal)
- April 3-10 Spring Recess /Good Friday
- May 29 Memorial Day
- Jun 19 Juneteenth
- Jun 22 Last Day- 12:30 dismissal
- Jun 23 Rating Day
- Jun 23 Graduation

Teacher Days: 185 Student Days: 181 2- Make-Up Days built in the calendar

ADOPTED 2/8/22

Drop Off / Pick Up Reminders

Drop Off and Pick up of Students

Students' pickup location and drop off location must be well-planned by parents because the District will NOT allow any changes in these locations without prior written notice.

- Bus riders will enter and exit through the elementary wing entrance. Students can be dropped off and picked up at the main entrance on South Street. Walkers will also enter and exit using the main door.
- Students will be assigned seats on each bus to follow social distancing rules.

Sign in/out Procedure for all Students

Students who are late or being picked up early, will use the new main entrance located on South Street. Use parking lot on South Street. Parents/Guidance must personally sign their children in and out at the office window in the new main entrance.

Dismissal of Walkers

Student walkers will leave by the main entrance located on South Street.

Bus pick up times

For the safety of all our students, BCS no longer publishes students' bus pick up times in the school newsletter.

Families will receive a letter from the school informing them of their children's morning bus and pick up times.

IMPORTANT Attendance Reminder

Please remind your child that they are required to be IN first period class at 8:05 a.m. Absences, tardiness, and early dismissals will be entered as excused or unexcused along with the district code for the reason. Excuses should be sent in within 24 hours of returning to school. A list of Excused Absences/Tardiness 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. All tardy or early dismissal occurrences will follow the rules described in Pick Up and Drop off of Students.

District Transportation Procedures

Please make note of the following regarding student transportation.

Students will have only one pickup and only one drop off address. These may both be the same or may be two different addresses. Example: a student may be picked up at home and dropped off at a childcare provider. Both addresses must be within the boundaries of the school district. We will not pick up or bus students to any other address but the two provided to us. (The district will not transport students to social functions such as parties, overnights, or youth group activities.) Should you wish to make a permanent change in either of the two addresses, you must request this change in writing two days before the change is to take effect. There is no exception to this rule as bus drivers are not authorized to make changes to the bus schedule without notice from BCS administration.

Phone calls requesting changes WILL NOT be accepted. Requests for changes must be made in writing two days in advance.



3rd Annual Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 1st, Armstrong will be holding their 3rd annual Fall Festival at their warehouse on the corner of 305 and Route 19. The festival runs from 10 am to 5 pm. The "Growler's Blues Band" will be playing from 3-5. They will be giving away free pumpkins, balloon animals, hayrides and have lots of vendors. The Junior Class (Class of 2024) will be hosting a booth with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, popcorn and other concession items. Come on out and support the Junior class and have some fun at the fall festival.

Junior Class Cheese Sales

The Junior Class (Class of 2024) will be having a Cuba Cheese sale at the beginning of the school year. If you are interested in buying Cuba Cheese and haven't seen a Junior, please call Bob Lingenfelter, 365-8289 and we will make sure your order gets placed. All orders must be placed by Friday, September 16th so please call prior to noon on September 16th if you'd like to place an order.



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Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Pre-registered students only!!

Noon-2 at the church.

Must register online by August 15

Pre-Register at www.nkxumc.com

Choose the forms tab.

Attention first year CTE students!!

New student orientation for first year CTE students and families will be Wednesday, August 31, 2022 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Belmont CTE center! Watch your mail for further details coming soon!!

Senior Pictures

Seniors are required to have their picture taken on October 11, by the school photographer. You may also choose to have additional professional pictures taken to be submitted for publication in the BCS yearbook.

**2021 and 2022 Yearbooks for Sale
in the Main Office. \$40.00**

Notices and Reminders

BE A GOOD SPORT

Did you know that fans, players, and coaches of each school are rated for sportsmanship after each game? We would like to encourage all BCS sports fans to be positive in their comments to all players and referees. It is important to remember that as adults we need to set positive examples for the young people around us. Let's all make a concerted effort to encourage others by what we say and do. Be a good sport!

GENERAL NOTICE

The Belfast Central School District complies with all applicable Federal and State regulations, laws and requirements including, but not limited to the following: the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 Laws, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, and the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply.

The District does not discriminate in employment practices or in the planning and implementation of its educational programs because of factors such as age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, or arrest record. Anyone wishing to obtain information or lodge complaints on the part of the school district is asked to contact the Superintendent of Schools at 365-9940.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL BANNED ON PROPERTY

Included in Education Law are provisions that impact every school district that directly or indirectly receives Federal funds. The regulations ban smoking, alcohol, e-cigarettes, vapor cigarettes, and the possession of firearms on school grounds. Belfast Central School will abide by those regulations. Everyone's assistance is necessary!

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS REINSPECTION

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we performed re-inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in the school administrative office.

The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. Six-month inspections

are performed during the school year.

All asbestos material in this school remains in good condition, and we will continue to manage them in place, as recommended by EPA guidelines.

You are welcome to view these materials anytime during normal school hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.) The Asbestos LEA Designee is available to answer any questions you might have about asbestos in our school building; the phone number is 365-2646.

FIREARMS IN SCHOOL, MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

The Belfast Central School District has adopted various Board of Education Policy statements over the years relating to various issues focusing on public order. Pursuant to various laws and regulations be advised that firearms or other weapons are not allowed on school property. Education can flourish only in an environment of mutual respect, self-restraint, civility, and trust among all groups and individuals. The failure on the part of individuals to live by our rules for the maintenance of public order and discipline will be addressed in a prompt and serious manner.

POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Belfast Central School District has a policy concerning sexual harassment. The entire school and community is alerted to the fact that acts of sexual harassment are contrary to school district policy and will not be tolerated in the school district environment. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy applies to all staff members and students. Sexual harassment creates an unhealthy atmosphere destructive of the School District's educational purpose. The Board of Education will investigate alleged harassment and will affect an appropriate remedy when an allegation is determined to be valid. Such conduct violates Education Laws 3214, 3020A, and Civil Service Law 75. Any complaints are to be reported to the Superintendent of Schools who shall investigate the complaint.

PARENTS "RIGHT TO KNOW" ADVISORY

Under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, parents are required to be given several official notifications:

1. Parents may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's Title I teachers and paraprofessional staff. Parents may request specific information as to the following: ["Title I" Teachers are those supported by Federal Title I funds]

- whether the teacher has met State qualification and

licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- if the child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

2. Section 9528(a)(1) of the legislation requires that each school district receiving Title I funds under No Child Left Behind shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A student or a parent may request that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. In order to make such a request, please contact the high school guidance office at 365-8297 for further information. If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the military or to colleges without your expressed permission, you must send a signed, written statement to that effect to the high school guidance office.

Under the Sex Offender Registration Act (Megan's Law) information that is disseminated to the School District regarding the presence in the community of a convicted sex offender will be communicated to staff, community, and local law enforcement officials in order to ensure that the offender does not have contact with children.

Any information that the School District receives regarding a sex offender from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry, and which is maintained independent of the requirements of Megan's Law, will be available from the District, upon written request to the District Office, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law.

HEAD LICE PROCEDURES

Schools often experience problems with head lice when students return from extended vacation periods. If you have any reason to believe that your child may have come into contact with head lice during this vacation period, please consider checking your child's hair carefully before he/she returns to school.

The following is a listing of the procedures followed at Belfast Central School in regard to head lice.

1. Upon receipt by our health office personnel of reliable, confidential information, students in various classes may be

checked for the possibility of head lice infestation.

2. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs), the school sends notification to all parents with children in the affected classroom(s), indicating that such a condition exists, along with recommendations for dealing with the situation. We trust that this information is helpful to you, and that you may then play a role in minimizing the possibility of contagion.

3. Upon the discovery of head lice or nits (lice eggs) for the third time in the same family in a given school year, county health authorities may be contacted and asked to intervene to help to remedy this situation. The family involved is informed that contact has been made.

YOU CAN HELP!

1. If you discover that your child has head lice and treat your child at home, please notify our health office that this has occurred. We will confidentially check your child upon his or her return, and we may then check the other children in your child's classroom. Please check your child's hair regularly.

2. If you feel that you have reliable information regarding possible lice infestation in any child in our school, you might also consider notifying our health office. The information will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions at all about any aspect of head lice, please contact the Health Office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

HEALTH OFFICE

If a student becomes ill or injured in school or during a school activity, she or he should report to the school nurse, who will then make an assessment. When students are ill, they may not leave the building without permission. If the nurse is not in, students are to report to the Main Office. All students must be signed out before leaving school.

DENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Dental Health Certificates are recommended and kept on file for grade Pre-K, K, 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

If your child has any health problems, please let the school nurse know. This information will only be shared with those who need to know. If students have had illnesses or injuries over the summer, please inform the nurse.



JOIN OUR PRIDE!

The Belfast Lion's Club is excited to welcome YOU as our newest member! We meet bi-weekly and coordinate various events including the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Town Park and an Easter egg hunting event at BCS. The motto of the Lion's Club is "We Serve;" our goal is to serve the Belfast community through philanthropy, volunteerism, and fellowship. See any member or message us on our Facebook page to learn more and join!



**2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:
JOSEPH CURCIO**

**2022 LION OF THE YEAR:
CAROLYN BURR**

The first Lion's Club Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm. We will meet at The Belfast Hotel. See you then!

English Corner

What's happening in BCS's English Department?

Ms. Szwejbka is currently reading...

Please Don't Go Before I Get Better by Madisen Kuhn



"This poetry collection is a quick but powerful read. Each poem is written in a different style, and every one conveys a strong emotion. The author included doodle-like illustrations to emphasize certain feelings."

Did you do your bonus summer reading assignment? Check Ms. Szwejbka's page on the BCS website for details, or email her at kszwejbka@belfastcsd.org

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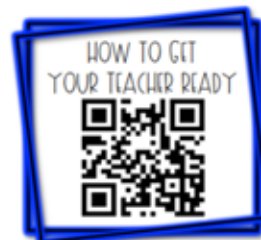
Mrs. Preston is currently reading...

Storyteller by David Grohl

"Grohl tells the story of his early life learning to drum along to his favorite rock and punk records, then joining Nirvana and then starting his own band, the Foo Fighters. It's very honest, funny, and fascinating!"



We are so excited for the new school year! One of our favorite parts of school is reading books, so we're sharing some favorite "back to school" ones with you. Scan the QR code with any device to listen to each story.



Back to School!

By Sara Holbrook

I've rewatched every rerun.
I have no skin on my knees.
I've had it with the crickets,
the sunburn, and the bees.
I hiked around the woods
and got peed on by a tree toad.
My neighbor took me fishing.
I got gang-jumped by mosquitoes.

I've been bitten, scorched, and stung,
and the ball field is a sneeze.
My controller went on strike, and
I'm bouncing off the trees.
Days, no longer long, whisper,
Time to move along.
School is calling, no use stalling.
Fall is falling, and it cannot be ignored.
Should I follow? Might as well.
I'm pretty bored.

School Tax Information

At the July 12th meeting, the Belfast Central School Board of Education set the tax rate for the 2022-2023 school year. For a town with a state equalization rate of 100%, the tax rate per \$1000 of assessment is \$13.09.

Taxes will be collected in the office located at the main entrance on South Street on a **limited basis**.

The tax collector will be available:

Tuesdays in September & October, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Saturdays in September & October, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday, September 30th, 8:00am - 6:00 pm

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

Taxes may be mailed to:

MaryBeth Arnold, Tax Collector
Five Star Bank
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.**



Proposed Building Project

Early in the 22-23 school year, BCS will be finishing the details of a proposed building project. While the specific date for the community project vote and the complete details of the have not been finalized, it is essential that our community have an awareness of the project that is in development.

The proposed project will include window replacements for virtually the entire building. Unfortunately, window replacements were removed from the last two capital improvement projects because of the cost of other project items. As a major emphasis of the proposed project, new windows will increase energy efficiency throughout the building.

Other elements of the proposed project will include:

- Updating the auditorium and gymnasium roofs,
- Building new restrooms on the athletic complex,
- Replacing the lights on the lower athletic field to energy efficient lights (like the upper athletic field),
- Installing additional drainage on the lower soccer field, and
- Updating cabinetry in the art and business rooms.

The proposed project will be critical to maintain a steady debt service for the district to have a limited impact on the BCS annual budget. The district will be paying off a previous building project. The proposed project will address the physical needs of the district, while maintaining a steady balance of building aid and debt service.

Additional information about the proposed project will be communicated with the Belfast community in the hope of a project vote in early November.

Wendy Butler Ed. D
Superintendent

Breakfast at BCS!

Grades 7 -12 grab breakfast hot and fresh from the breakfast cart (near the Science wing/starry hallway)

Grades 5 & 6 pick up their hot breakfast from the cart next to their classroom.

Grades Pre-k – 4 will continue to eat breakfast in the new cafeteria.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Can be found on the BCS Website
<https://www.belfastcsd.org/Page/4000>



Food and Allergy Forms

If your student has ANY food allergies, we must receive a new Allergy Form from your student's physician. We are required to have a new one on file each year. You can find a blank form on our website under DEPARTMENTS, the SCHOOL NURSE. All forms should be submitted to the School Nurse who will forward them to me.

Thank you.
Mary Enders
Cafeteria Manager

Pesticide Notification

The Belfast Central School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Plan that emphasizes the use of non-chemical solutions when pest removal from the district buildings or grounds is necessary. This plan is available for inspection in the district of office. This plan promotes proper storage of food items and to prevent any possibilities of unwanted pests. If it becomes necessary to eliminate pests, traps, environmental modifications, and/or mechanical means are utilized whenever possible. Occasionally, chemical pesticides may be used for serious or unsafe pest infestations for which other non-chemical means are either inappropriate or ineffective. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice. For more information contact the superintendent's office at 365-9940.

Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

- Superintendent’s Office.....365-9940
- Principal’s Office365-8285
- Business Office365-8289
- Guidance Office365-8297
- Bus Garage.....365-2609
- Nurse’s Office365-2053
- Special Education Office.....365-8847
- Preschool.....365-8088
- Automated Attendant365-2646
- Fax.....365-2648
- Website.....www.Belfastcsd.org

Teaching and Non-Teaching substitutes needed!
Check out the Belfast Central School website under District Information/Employment. Or go to <https://www.applitrack.com/caboces/onlineapp/> to complete an application.

Board of Education Meetings
Belfast Central School
Board of Education Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30

Catch a Soccer Game!!
Check the BCS website for GV/BC Soccer game schedules!



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.