



Belfast
Central School District

Newsletter

"a school dedicated to excellence"

Welcome Back Bulldogs!

I am so excited to welcome our BCS students and their families back to school for the 2023-2024 school year. We are planning our Back-to-School picnic which will be held on Tuesday, August 29 from 5:00-7:00. Our theme will be based on the classic book The BFG by Roald Dahl. Be sure to pick up your copy! There will be lots of treats, fun and games along

with dinner served by BCS faculty and staff. Students will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, drop off school supplies and fill out annual forms. Be sure to stop by my station, Popsicles with the Principal! I can't wait to meet all of our students and families.

Mrs. Chelsey Aylor- PK-4 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.

Meetings in classrooms as follows:

- Grade 5/6 @5:00
- Grade 1 & 2@ 5:30
- Grade 3 & 4 @6:00

- 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

- 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

Greeting from Mr. Bull

I cannot believe how fast the summer goes by. I want to give a shout out to Mr. Jason Hamer and his crew as they are working nonstop getting the school ready for our return! The classrooms and halls are looking magnificent! Thank you to all the summer school teachers, the school bus drivers, the students, and their families for making summer school a success. Congratulations to Ms. Austin on a fun packed summer recreation program!! And last but not least, thank you to Mr. Lingenfelter for hosting a triumphant summer game club.

I hope each of you have been able to relax and try new adventures this summer. I have spent a lot of time on the back of a horse this summer (and one time, falling off.....) doing mounted shooting, ranch shows, roping, and spent a little time fishing. My family and I have traveled to Archdale, North Carolina and to Nashville, Tennessee to watch different PBR events. I have been able to clear my mind and am ready for the new school year to begin!!!

Please plan to attend our Back to School picnic on August 29th from 5 - 7pm. This is great opportunity to get your schedule, meet your teachers, eat dinner and win some prizes! Parents, at the Back to School picnic please plan on updating your emergency contact form and completing the Digital Equity Survey.

This coming school year we will be opening our doors at 7:55am. Once again we will have breakfast carts on the second and third floors for students to grab breakfast on their way to their locker and first class. Dismissal is once again at 3:05pm.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time throughout the school year with questions or concerns. The office phone number is (585)365-8285, my email is rbull@belfastcsd.org but my favorite way to communicate is face to face.

Welcome back!!

Mr. Bull
5-12 Principal

New Bell Schedule:

<i>Doors Open 7:55am</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

As educators, at the beginning of a new school year, it's important to pause and reflect on our 'why'. Understanding our purpose and the reasons behind what we do can bring clarity and motivation to our daily lives in school.

For students, knowing your 'why' means understanding the value of education, the goals you want to achieve, and the dreams you aspire to fulfill, it's about connecting your learning to your passions and future. By discovering your 'why', you can find purpose in every assignment, project, and challenge that comes your way.

For teachers, knowing your 'why' is at the heart of everything they do for students. It's the driving force behind their dedication, lessons, and desire to make a positive impact on students. By knowing their 'why', teachers can inspire and empower students to become lifelong learners, and create a transformative educational experience.

For school-related personnel, knowing your 'why' is

the foundation for important roles. It's getting students to school safely, making sure students eat healthy meals, and making sure students' mental, physical, and emotional needs are met on a daily basis. Knowing your 'why' is about connecting with students.

For school leaders, knowing their 'why' means understanding the larger vision and goals for BCS. It's ensuring a safe, inclusive, and conducive environment for learning. By embracing their 'why', school leaders can lead with purpose.

As we begin the 23-24 school year, remembering our 'why' will be at the forefront of decisions and interactions throughout the BCS community.

Wendy Butler Ed. D
Superintendent

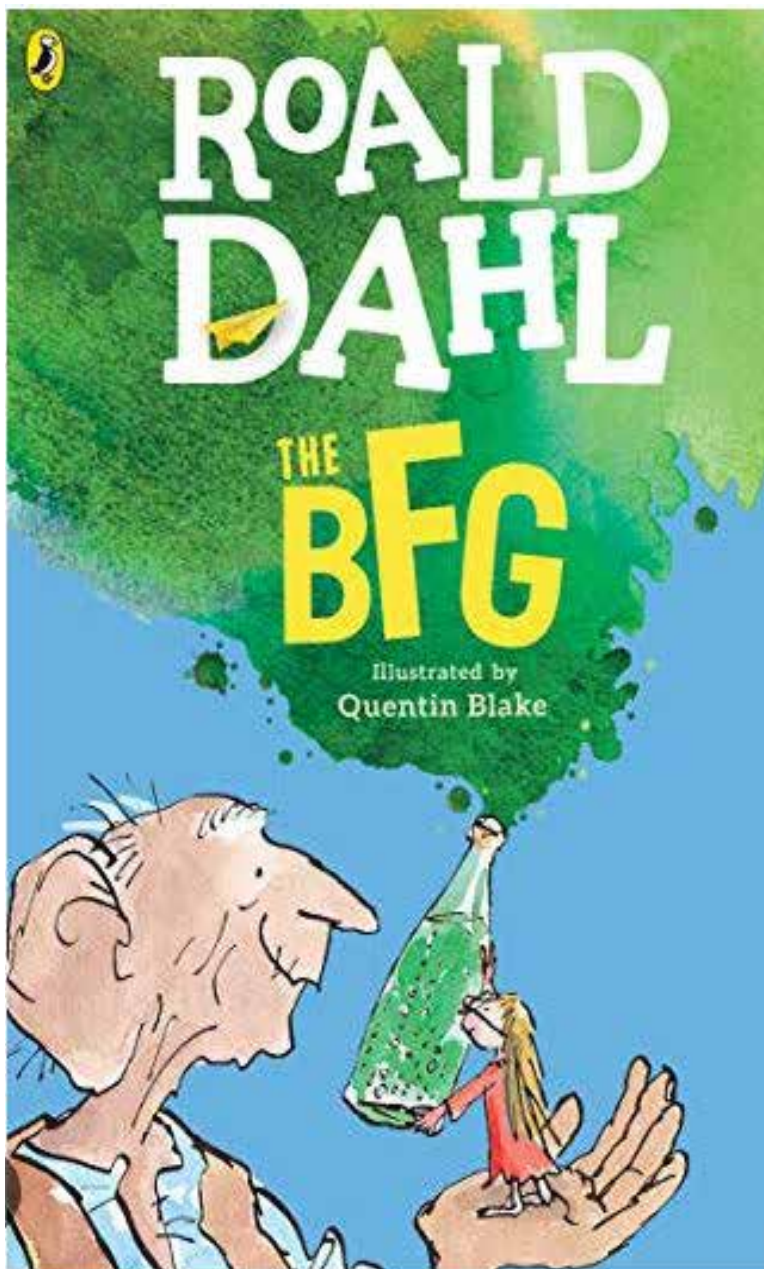
Welcome to Belfast

Hello Belfast! My name is Chelsey Aylor and I am so excited to be the new PK-4 Principal and Director of Curriculum. I'm a lifelong resident of Allegany County. My husband, two daughters and I live right down the road on the border of Belfast and Angelica. I love reading, being outdoors, riding horses and the Buffalo Bills. I'm a passionate and kid centered educator

with 18 years of experience in various roles of education. I'm excited to get to know and build relationships with the students, staff and community of BCS. I believe Rita Pierson said it best, "Every child deserves a champion- an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly."



2023 One School, One Book



Preschool - 6th grade students will receive a copy of Roald Dahl's *The BFG* and a month-long reading calendar will kick off our 2023 One School, One Book novel.

In Roald Dahl's tale, *The BFG*, an orphan named Sophie and a big, friendly giant, or BFG, are an unorthodox pair and the heroes of the plot. Discover how Sophie and BFG save England from child-eating giants in this children's classic book.

Nurse's Corner

School is right around the corner! Are you ready? Things to remember:

If your child is entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, or 11th grade they are due for new physicals as per New York State.

If your child is entering Kindergarten, 6th, 7th, or 12th grade, immunizations are due.

If your child plays a sport, they need a yearly updated physical.

Please reach out if there are any questions or concerns!

Amy Giboo RN

585-365-2646 x2051

agiboo@belfastcsd.org

WHO IS MY TEACHER?

Pre-K - Joanne Ross

JozLynn Allen
Logan Cox
Phoenix Hunt
Kelby Keiser
Bryson Layman
Callum Layman
Easton Moore
Camila Mura
Niklaus Otero
Beckett Unfus

Kindergarten - Sadie Ellis

Giovanni Battle
Warren Beardsley
Zoe Bisig
Alice Brewer
Lucas Collins
Spencer Hennard
Wesley Landis
Kylie Layman

Kindergarten - Macy Beardsley

Ronan Allen
Walker Bliss
Oliver Burr-Hadsell
Joshua Gerow
Elliott Giordano
Calee Merkel
Sophie Osburn
Sophia Preston
Sylas Preston
Nora Schuld

1st Grade - Sandy Miller

Addilyn Babbitt
Saphire Burdick
Jaxson Dowd
Richard Hamer
William Histed
Jason Ives
Finley Kowalewski
Madelyn Layman
Jordan Mark
Waylon Miles
Vance Sortore
Isabella West

1st Grade - Jordan Sands

Braxton Covert
Roland Cox
James Cunningham
Adrianna Dejac
Willow Dixon
Trinity McNevin
Romulo Mendivil
Asher Moore
Brantley Otero
Rhys Powers
Jadwin Shafer

2nd Grade - Faith Redlecki

Isabella Burdett
Gunnar Cole
Norva Cole
Owen Foster
Kelan Harrington

Liam Moore
Ella Schuld
Finn Wesche
Liam Willard
Luca Willard

2nd Grade - Elizabeth Hazelton

Constantine Baumgartner
Sophia Black
Cirilla Cox
Michael Grimmelt
Edith Horne
Jackson Isenegger
Travis-Colton Ives
Kingston Jones
Malachi Lindo
Emma Prosser
Aubrey White

Jasmine Shephard

Ronan Allen
John Dunn-Grubb
Kyle McKelvey
Robert Miller
Kamryn Norton
Ainslee Ward
Isabella Bentley
Jack Green
Jesse Putt

3rd Grade - Deborah Borden

Margaret Barney
Owen Brennan
Thomas Guilford

Yvonne Hamer
Arlus Mang
Shylee McCarthy
Jaylin Outman
McKenna Preston
Foster Smithers
Ava White

3rd Grade – Reina Laughlin

Elaina Barber
Chayse Beardsley
Kayleena Bisig
Wyatt Bliss
Emmett Cole
Matalie Ellsessor
Wallis Enders
Kyson Miles
Libby Powers
Layndi Unfus

4th Grade – Katelyn Davis

Gabriella Collins
Karlin Harrington
Kaylee Jones
Bryson Mark
Skyla Merkel
Lily Murns
Jareth Osburn
Clayton Outman

4th Grade – Isabella Corwine

Tegan Enders
Preston Foster
Noel Holly
Mackenzie Lorenz

Carsyn Merrell
Grayson Moore
Allison Prosser
Gabriel West

5th Grade – Danielle Bainbridge

Lucy Burr-Hadsell
Candice Costa
Brody Edwards
Aiden Elliott
Emerson Ely
Lawson Fuller
Austin Humphrey
Addison Kelley
Isaac Miller
Bryce Norton
Lydia Preston
Alaina Pringle
Jantzen Stoer-Robinson

5th Grade – Paulsen

Kaine Bailor
Eden Barney
Lana Blocho
Owen Broughton
Jack Cox
James Hazelton
Ayden Hill
Edmund Horne
Malichai-Aiden Ives
Allie Litchner
Paislee Ludden
Carley Manning
Sophia-Isabella McNevin

6th grade – Jessica Romance

Abigail Cook
Lyndsey Hill
Kal Johnson
Logan McCarthy
Catrina Mura
Paittain Norton
Adam Oskar
Brynn Preston
Jayce Shafer
Caleb Stork
Tesslynn Weaver

6th Grade – Jessica Weaver

Nicholas Chamberlain
Mariah Dannheim
Cooper Grastorf
Matthew Guilford
Addison Hull
Evan Moore
Taryn Moore
Taylor Murns
Shea Preston
Kaylee Wilkins
Mackenna Yackerer

2023-2024 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 (Ellis/Beardsley)

6 glue sticks
2 2-pocket plastic folders with clip & child's name
2 boxes of crayons
1 box of pencils
1 box of markers
1 box of tissues
1 container of baby wipes
1 backpack (with child's name)
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)

1st GRADE (Miller/Sands)

2, 2-pocket plastic folders with clips
1 box of markers
1 box of crayons
1 box of tissues
1 box of standard pencils
5 black dry erase markers (Miller)
1 bottle of Elmer's glue
4 pink block erasers
Baby wipes
Sneakers for PE class
Reusable water bottle (with child's name)
Backpack (with child's name)

Ms. Shephard

Backpack with child's name in it
Sneakers for PE
2 boxes of tissues
1 package of 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

2nd GRADE (Hazelton/Redlecki)

1 backpack
2 boxes tissues
1 box colored pencils_OR markers
1 box pencils
3 composition notebooks
1, 2-pocket folder_with prongs
4 black dry_erase markers
2 pink erasers
Sneakers for PE
Reusable_water_bottle_with name

3rd GRADE (Borden/Pacholka)

1 large backpack
2 boxes of tissues
3 composition notebooks
1, 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
3 boxes of tissues
1 composition notebook
3 boxes #2 pencils
Pencil top erasers
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/Weaver)

3 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)
Chapstick (with child name on it)
Earbuds
Pkg. of dry erase markers
1, 2-pocket folder plastic with prongs (Weaver)

2023-2024 BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADE

ELA (7th & 8th grade)

Pencils
Pens (any color but red)
1 folder just for ELA
3 packs of sticky notes (any colors)
Highlighters
Headphones or earbuds

ELA (9th Grade)

2-inch binder with 5 dividers
Pencils
Pens (any color but red)
1 composition notebook (for ELA notes)
3 packs of sticky notes (any colors)
Highlighters (any colors)
Headphones or earbuds

ELA (10th- 12th Grade)

Notebook (100+ pages, college-rule)
Ballpoint pens in black/blue ink
Highlighters in two colors
iPad & charger
Earbuds

SCIENCE

7th and 8th grade Scienc

1 composition notebook with 100 sheets
Earbuds or headphones
Blue/black pens
Pencils
Folder for assignments

Earth Science

3-ring binder
Blue/black pens
Pencils
Earbuds or headphones
Folder (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, Algebra 1, Year 1/2

Binder
Loose-leaf paper
Pencils
8th grade/Algebra 1
Pencils/pens
Folder or 3-ring binder

GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA 2

Binder
Pencils
COLLEGE ALGEBRA/COLLEGE TRIG
Notebook
Binder/folders
Pens/pencils

HEALTH/HOME & CAREERS

Ear buds
Personal tissue packs
Manual pencil sharpener
Pens & pencils
Backpack

SOCIAL STUDIES

Colored pencils
Highlighters
Loose-leaf paper
Folder
Pens & pencils

SPANISH

Pens
Small vocabulary notebook
loose-leaf paper
3-ring binder for Spanish only

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

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
Folder with pockets (Business)
1-1/2" 3-ring binder (Business)

JR. & SR. HIGH CHOIR/BANDS

7th gr. general music

3-ring binder (1" wide)-any color for music
Pencils & erasers
Highlighters
Divider pages for binder
Loose-leaf paper
Choir
Pencils/erasers
Divider pages for 3-ring binder

Belfast Central School 2023-24 Calendar

July 2023						
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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 28,29 Superintendent's Days
- Aug 29 Back to School Picnic (5-7)
- Sept 4 Labor Day
- Sept 5 1st Day for Students
- Oct 9 Columbus/Indigenous People Day
- Nov 10 Veterans' Day
- Nov 20 Parent Teacher Conf. (12-8)

- Nov 21 Superintendent's Day
- Nov 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec 22-31 Holiday Recess
- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 19-23 Pres. Day/February Break
- Mar 14 Open House (1:00 dismissal)
- Mar 15 Superintendent's Day

- Mar-Apr 29-5 Good Friday /Spring Recess
- May 24, 27 Memorial Day
- Jun 19 Juneteenth
- Jun 26 Last Day- 12:30 dismissal
- Jun 17 & 26 Rating Day
- Jun 24-26 12:00 dismissal
- Jun 28 Graduation

Teacher Days: 188 Student Days: 182 4- Make-Up Days built in the calendar

Approved 2/14/2023

Calendar of Events

September

- 4** – Labor Day – **No School**
- 5** – First day of school
- ½ day Pre-K Staggered start
- Krispy Kreme sales begin-Senior Class Fundraiser
- 6-** ½ day Pre-K Staggered start
- 7** – Pre-K full day
- 8** - Pre-K full day
- 12** – Board of Education Meeting
Krispy Kreme sales end
- 19-** Senior Class Chicken BBQ Dinner Sales begin
- 21** – Literacy West Family Fun Night
- 27** – Rachel’s Challenge
- 28-** Family Literacy Night
- 25-29** – Spirit Week
- 29** - Senior Class Chicken BBQ Dinner
Homecoming Games
9th -12th Golf Field Trip
- 30** – Homecoming Games

October

- 9** – **No School** - Columbus Day
- 10** - PK-12 Picture Day
Senior Pictures
Board of Education Meeting @ 5:30pm BCS Conference Room
- 21** – Billy Martin Circus
- 26-28-** Elementary Musical
- 31-** Halloween

Notices and Reminders

Pick Up and Drop off 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 on South Street.
- 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 main entrance.
- Parents/Guidance must sign their children in and out at the office window just inside the main entrance.

Dismissal of Walkers

Student walkers will leave by the main entrance.

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

District Transportation Procedures

Please make note of the following regarding student transportation.

Students will have one pickup and 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.

Important Attendance Reminders

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.

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 Procedure

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.

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.

1. 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.

2. 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.

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.

**2023 Yearbook for
Sale in the main
office.
\$40.00**



Senior Class Krispy Kreme Sales

The Senior Class (Class of 2024) will be having a Krispy Kreme sale at the beginning of the school year. Reach out to a senior to place an order, or call the main office for more information.

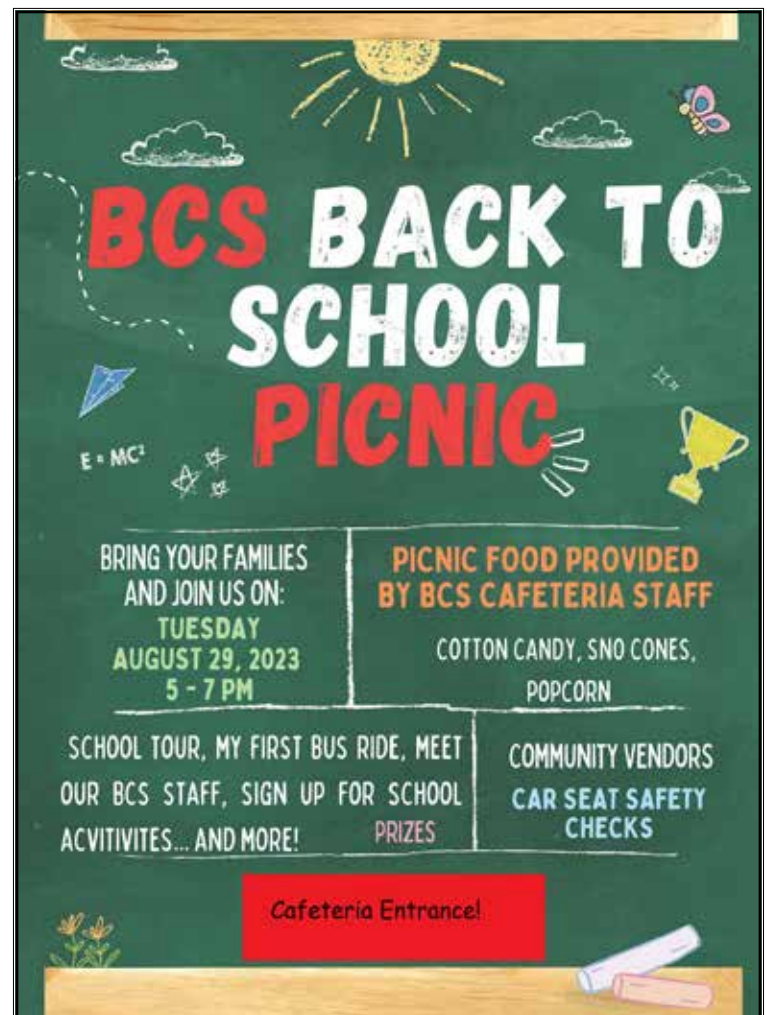
Attention first year CTE students!!

A mandatory new student orientation for first year CTE students and families will be Wednesday, August 30, 2023 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Belmont CTE center! Watch your mail for further details coming soon!!

- How a CTE program fits into your regular school day/ graduation plan
- Program requirements (dress/uniform, safety, PPE)
- Teacher expectations (professionalism, behavior, responsibility, attendance)
- Physical space and equipment
- Program outcomes (certifications/credentials/college credits/articulation agreements)
- Possible career opportunities

The Career & Technical Center at Belmont is located at:
5536 County Route 48
Belmont, NY 14813

If you need assistance or directions, you may contact us at 716-376-8322.





Cafeteria Corner



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

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications can be found on the BCS Website.

Paper copies can be requested at the main office.

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 the cafeteria.

Thank you.
Mary Enders
Cafeteria Manager

Welcome Back from the BCS Cafeteria Staff!

Belfast Central School is pleased to announce that our CEP Grant will continue SY 23-24 which means we will be serving free breakfast and lunch to all BCS students (completed forms still required)! Just note, this is for the first complete breakfast and lunch. If students would like to purchase extras, they can do so. You are able to put money on their accounts by sending in cash (please put in an envelope with name on it), check or through MySchoolBucks.com (they do charge a fee each time you deposit money). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Our goal here at BCS is to serve as many students as possible. With that in mind, we try to serve many of their “favorite” breakfast/lunch foods (that meet USDA/CN-NYSED requirements). Want to learn more? Contact me anytime at menders@belfastcsd.org

-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.

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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. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

BCS Alumni Banquet Continues to Grow Each Year!



School Tax Information

Belfast Central School Board of Education set the tax rate for the 2023-2024 school year. For a town with a state equalization rate of 100%, the true tax rate per \$1000 of assessment is \$15.44.

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 pm – 7:00 pm

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

Friday, September 29th, 8:00 am - 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.**



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Belfast Bicentennial

2024

The Belfast Bicentennial Planning Committee is preparing as the town gears up to mark its 200th birthday in 2024. As we approach the Bicentennial Celebration, scheduled for August 9th to 11th, 2024, we invite everyone to be a part of this journey.

The planning committee is preparing an extensive lineup of monthly events and a weekend extravaganza featuring live music performances, a block party, a parade, fireworks, a beard-growing contest, Civil War reenactments, and amusement park rides, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Your support, no matter the size, will go a long way in making the Belfast Bicentennial Celebration an unforgettable experience for all. From cherished memories to the anticipation of future generations, your contribution will leave a lasting mark on the tapestry of our town's history.

As we march towards this celebration, the planning committee is organizing fundraisers throughout the year, culminating in the main event. For further information on how you can contribute or get involved, please contact the bicentennial committee at belfastbicentennial@gmail.com. Together, let's make history!

Donations can be mailed to Belfast Bicentennial, 1 King Street, Belfast, NY 14711, with checks made out to Belfast Bicentennial. Information about digital payments will be available on the "Belfast, NY Bicentennial" FB page. Thanks to our community for their generous support!

Belfast

Bicentennial 1824-2024

Coming soon!

Cornhole Tournament

Sept. 16th, Town Park
Registration open soon on "Belfast, NY Bicentennial" page on FB

Tailgating Raffle

Yeti Cooler, Bills Apparel, and more

Bicentennial Celebration

August 9-11, 2024
Live music, street dance, parade, food vendors, bounce houses, and more!

Follow "Belfast, NY Bicentennial" page on FB
Email belfastbicentennial@gmail.com



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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.