



BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baldwin High School

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Dear Baldwin High School Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Academic Year at Baldwin High School! Throughout the year, we will be engaging students in learning aligned to the District's Five Competencies: Responsible Collaborators, Adaptive Learners, Creative and Critical Thinkers, Empathy, and Communication.

Important Updates:

- **Modified Block Schedule:** The School has adopted a modified A/B block schedule. Blocked courses meet every-other day. Juniors and seniors with a double-period study hall at the start or end of the day may arrive late or leave early with permission. Check out this [sample schedule](#).
- **Semesterized Courses:** Year-long courses have been broken into semesters. For example, a student might have World History 3rd period during the fall semester and 7th period during the spring semester.
- **Freshman Orientation:** August 29th—Please [RSVP!](#)
- **Family Engagement Event:** October 10th for grades 9-12 replaces the traditional Open House.
- **Assistant Principal Caseloads:**
Denise Wells: Freshmen | John Saras: Grades 10-12 (A-K) | Brandon Whitfield: Grades 10-12 (L-Z)
- **School Counselor Caseloads:**
Julie Sumper: Freshmen | Jennifer Pellen: Grades 10-12 (A-G) | Kaitlyn Figurelli: Grades 10-12 (H-N) | Noel Santini (Department Chair): Grades 10-12 (O-Z)
- **Transportation:** Student drop-off is in the Central Lot from 7:10-7:25 AM. Buses drop off/pick up at the South (Pool) Entrance. The South Lot is closed to personal vehicles during these times.
- **Steel Center Bus Runs:** Limited bus runs on August 27-30 for Steel Center students. Details will be communicated directly to Steel Center students/families closer to the 27th.
- **Absences/Tardies:** Excuses must follow District policies and can be emailed to Beth Depetro at bhsattendance@bwschools.net. Excuses are due within three school days of returning to school.
- **School Picture Dates:**
Sept 10: Grades 9-10 @ BHS | Sept 11: Grades 11-12 @ BHS | Sept 13: Makeup Day @BHS | Sept 23: Remote students @ Whitehall Elementary

Please review and sign-off on the 24-25 [BHS Student Handbook](#) with your student.

For more information, visit our website, follow us on Instagram [@bhsactivities](#), and check Skyward and Canvas regularly. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Welcome back, Highlanders! Let's make this year one of engagement and discovery.

Sincerely,

Shaun Tomaszewski
Principal

Denise Wells
Assistant Principal

John Saras
Assistant Principal

Brandon Whitfield
Assistant Principal