



Belfast
Central School District

Newsletter

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Congratulations
CLASS OF 2026!



Bellast's Senior Class 2026



Abby Morton



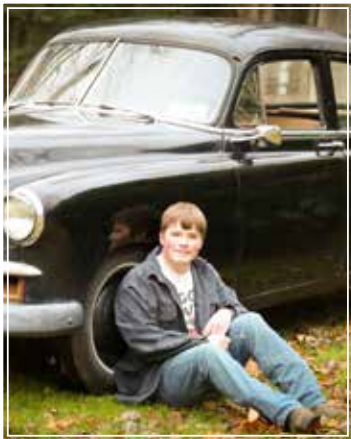
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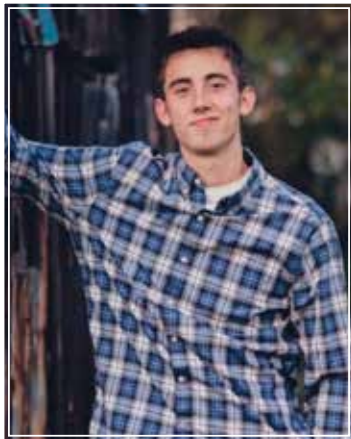
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Carly Moultrup



Cylie Burrows



Donovan Fields



Emalee Carman

Belfast's Senior Class 2026



Finn Heaney



Heather Padden



Izabella Lindo



Jayden Marshall



Leon Histed



Logan Estabrook



Nick Cross



Rachel Merriam



Rhianna Hoover



Samayah Lussier



Summer Buchholz

Belfast's Senior Class 2026



Tate Jenkins



Will Guilford



Xander Murray



Zakk West

Congratulations to all 5th & 6th grade recipients of 4th quarter excellence awards!



Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Zachary Thomas Guilford
Yvonne S Hamer
Arlus Mang
Connor L Edwards
Ella K Lavallee
Wyatt Bliss

GRADE 6:

Preston Foster
Maxwell J Prenatt
Nolan R Schrader
Gabriella Collins
Kaylee M Jones

GRADE 7:

Hailee M Webb
Lucy Burr-Hadsell
Kaine Bailor
Branden A Mellon
Isaac Miller

GRADE 8:

Jayce Shafer
Taylor Murns
Adam Oskar

GRADE 9:

Lydia McDonald
Haunz Mang
McKylie Elliott
Layla Lavallee
Crystal D Murns
Savannah Miller
Summer Histed

GRADE 10:

Onalee Aronson
Ella J Austin
Elizabeth Brundage
Alexis C Preston

GRADE 11:

Carson Treusdell
Benjamin Cater

GRADE 12:

Leon M Histed
Carly Moultrup
Tate Jenkins

Magna Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Matalie Ellsessor
Shylee A McCarthy
Natalie D Mellon
Kyson M Miles
McKenna C Preston
Micah J McCumiskey
Kayleena R Bisig

GRADE 6:

Bryson Mark
Karlin Harrington
Grayson Moore
Skyla G Merkel
Jareth Osburn
Tegan Enders

GRADE 7:

Alexandria Litchner
Brody Edwards

GRADE 8:

Edmund Horne
Lana Blocho
James Hazelton
Lydia Preston
Addison Kelley
Chelsea S Prenatt
Owen W Broughton

GRADE 9:

Matthew Guilford
Opal D Gordin
Catrina Mura
Taryn Moore
Evan Moore
Cooper Grastorf
Tesslynn Weaver
Mariah J Dannheim
Logan McCarthy
Nicholas D Chamberlain
Lyndsey A Hill

GRADE 10:

Caylin Burrows
Violet Edwards
Madeline S White
Khloe Jenkins
Raelynn Wilson
Emma Calanni
Rhaegan Hoover

GRADE 11:

Kaylee Sortore
Noah Miller
Jackson Powers
Derek Calanni
Wyatt J Weaver
George W III Merrell
Afton Hamer
Cheyanne B Cox

GRADE 12:

Heather L Padden
Emalee J Carman
Cane Treusdell
Samayah Lussier
Addisyn B Ely
Bryce E Conley
William Guilford
Donivan Fields
Cylie Burrows



Summa Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Foster A K Smithers
James Owen Brennan
Wallis Enders
Margaret A Barney

GRADE 7:

Sophia Isabella R McNevin
Eden Barney

GRADE 8:

Brynn L Preston
Caleb Stork
Shea Preston
Mackenna Yackeren

GRADE 9:

Elsa L Brennan
Jackson Barney
Greta Smithers

GRADE 10:

Avery Enders
Isabelle Guilford
Sarah C Hazelton

GRADE 11:

Tye Willard
Wyatt N Green
Emerson L Weaver
Lily A Green

Bayleigh Tallman
Madison N Yackeren
Mara C Heaney

GRADE 12:

Logan Estabrook
Rhianna Hoover

46th Annual Awards Assembly

Let's celebrate our students' accomplishments. Many received multiple awards in the areas of academics, service, music and art.

ENGLISH AWARDS

5th grade Excellence

Margaret Barney, Owen Brennan,
Kyson Miles, & Foster Smithers

5th grade Most Improved

McKenna Preston, Arlus Mang, &
Jackson Francis

6th grade Excellence

Tegan Enders, Jareth Osburn, & Skylar
Merkel

6th grade Most Improved

Gabriel West & Allison Prosser

Model Student Award for 7th Grade English

Eden Barney

Model Student Award for 8th grade English

Shea Preston

Model Student Award for 10th grade English

Avery Enders

English 9: Excellence in English

Crystal Murns, Lydia McDonald, Jackson
Barney, Greta Smithers, Elsa Brennan

Public Speaking: Excellence in Public Speaking

Rachel Merriam

College Writing: Excellence in Composition

Mara Heaney, Emerson Weaver, and
Madison Yackeren

Film Studies-Excellence in Filmmaking

Mara Heaney

High Score English Regents

Afton Hamer

Mastery in English Regents

Grant Preston, Bayleigh Tallman, Carson
Treusdell, Emerson Weaver, Wyatt Weaver,
Tye Willard, Madison Yackeren

MATH AWARDS

5th grade Outstanding Achievement 4th quarter

Natalie Mellon, Kyson Miles,
Margaret Barney, Owen Brennan

5th grade Most Improved

Arlus Mang, Chayse Beardsley,
Jackson Francis, McKenna Preston

6th grade Outstanding Achievement 4th quarter

Tegan Enders, Gabe West, Skylar
Merkel, Jareth Osburn

6th grade Most Improved

Carsyn Merrell, Maxwell Prenatt

7th grade Outstanding

Jack Cox and Kaine Bailor

8th Grade Super Star

Caleb Stork & Nick Chamberlain

Algebra All Star

Caylin Burrows & Logan McCarthy

High Score on the Algebra 1 Regents

Mackenna Yackeren

Mastery (85% or higher) on Algebra 1 Regents

Conan Tallman, Logan Estabrook

High Score on the Geometry Regents

Greta Smithers

Mastery on the Geometry Regents

Jackson Barney, Elsa Brennan,
Raelynn Wilson

High Score on the Algebra 2 Regents

Madison Yackeren

Mastery on the Algebra 2

Afton Hamer, Sara Hazelton

Senior Math Award

Rhianna Hoover



ACADEMIC LETTERS

*Students in grades 9–12 whose quarter
averages never fell below 90%.*

Grade 9

Jackson Barney
Elsa Brennan
Caylin Burrows
Greta Smithers

Grade 10

Avery Enders
Isabelle Guilford
Sarah Hazelton
Khloe Jenkins
Madeline White
Raelynn Wilson

Grade 11

Derek Calanni
Cheyanne Cox
Lily Green
Wyatt Green
Afton Hamer
Mara Heaney
George Merrell
Bayleigh Tallman
Carson Treusdell
Emerson Weaver
Tye Willard
Madison Yackeren

Grade 12

Summer Buchholz
Cylie Burrows
Bryce Conley
Addisyn Ely
Logan Estabrook
Donivan Fields
William Guilford
Finn Heaney
Rhianna Hoover
Samayah Lussier
Rachel Merriam



46th Annual Awards Assembly

HOME AND CAREERS AND PE SPORTSMANSHIP

Outstanding Health Student 7th Grade

Eden Barney

7th grade Home and Career Award

Edmund Horne

8th grade Home and Career Award

Mariah Dannheim

Outstanding High School Clothing and Textile Student

Madison Yackeren

Physical Education Sportsmanship award

Lana Blocho, Edmund Horne, Maggie Barney, Chayse Beardsley, Noel Holly, Carsyn Merrell, Alexandria Litchner, Brody Edwards, Bryan Preston, Evan Moore



PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

(Only for students in the 6th, 8th, and 12th grades whose grade point average is above 90%)

Grade 6: Gabby Collins, Tegan Enders, Karlin Harrington, Bryson Mark, Skyla Merkel, Grayson Moore, Jareth Osburn

Grade 8: Nicholas Chamberlain, Mariah Dannheim, Cooper Grastorf, Lyndsey Hill, Logan McCarthy, Catrina Mura, Brynn Preston, Shea Preston, Caleb Stork, Tesslynn Weaver, Mackenna Yackeren



SPANISH AWARDS

8th grade Outstanding Achievement

Caleb Stork

Mariah Dannheim

Lyndsey Hill

Brynn Preston

Shea Preston

Mackenna Yackeren

Spanish I Outstanding Achievement

Lydia McDonald

Elsa Brennan

Greta Smithers

Jackson Barney

Spanish II

Avery Enders

Isabelle Guilford

Sarah Hazelton

Spanish III

Bayleigh Tallman

Emerson Weaver

Madison Yackeren

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Grade 5

Margaret Barney, Owen Brennan

Grade 6

Jareth Osburn, Skyla Merkel

Grade 7

Eden Barney, Addison Kelley

Grade 8

Lyndsey Hill, Caleb Stork

Grade 9

Elsa Brennan, Caylin Burrows

Grade 10

Sarah Hazelton, Avery Enders

Grade 11

Mara Heaney, Afton Hamer

Grade 12

Logan Estabrook, Rhianna Hoover



46th Annual Awards Assembly

SCIENCE AWARDS

5th grade Excellence

Margaret Barney & Owen Brennan

5th grade Most Improved

Ella Lavallee & Jackson Francis

6th grade Excellence

Jareth Osburn

6th grade Most improved

Tegan Enders

7th grade Science Superstar

Lana Blocho and Isaac Miller

8th Grade Science Superstar

Shea Preston, Brynn Preston, Mackenna Yackeren

High Score on the Earth Science Regents Exam

Greta Smithers

High Score on the Living Environment Regents

Ella Austin

Mastery on the Living Environment Regent

Violet Edwards, Avery Enders, Izzy Guilford, Sarah Hazelton,

Aidyn Robbins, Madeline White

High Score on the Chemistry Regents Exam

Madison Yackeren

Mastery on the Chemistry Regents

Afton Hamer, Carson Treusdell

High Score on Physics Regents

Samayah Lussier



ART AWARDS

Outstanding 5th grade

Natalie Mellon

Outstanding 6th grade

Jareth Osburn

Senior Art Awards

Heather Padden, Addisyn Ely, Will Guilford, Carly Moultrup, Cane Treusdell, Bryce Conley, Rachel Merriam, Summer Buchholz, Samayah Lussier

5-6 MUSIC AWARDS

Phenomenal Practicer

Choir: Maxwell Prenett/Kayleena Bisig

Band: Foster Smithers/Gabriella Collins

Choir's Choice Award

Karlin Harrington/6th, Margaret Barney/5th

Band's Choice Award

Jareth Osburn/6th, Owen Brennan/5th

Most Improved Award

Choir: Preston Foster-6th/Wallis Enders-5th

Band: Nolan Shrader-6th/McKenna Preston-5th



7-12 MUSIC AWARDS

Phenomenal Practicer

Choir: Mara Heaney

Band: Afton Hamer

Choir's Choice Award

Concert Choir: Eden Barney

Chamber Choir: Rachel Merriam

Band's Choice Award

Concert Band: Mackenna Yackeren

Wind Ensemble: Jackson Barney

Most Improved Award

Choir: Finn Heaney/Addison Kelley

Band: Savannah Miller/Isaac Miller

Treble/Bass Clef Award criteria for 7-12th grades

Elsa Brennan, Noah Miller

MASTER MINDS AWARDS

Varsity:

Greta Smithers

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

7th grade Outstanding Achievement

Eden Barney, Hailee Webb, Brayden Batchelor, Owen Broughton

8th grade Outstanding Achievement

Nick Chamberlain, Lindsey Hill, Mackenna Yackeren

High Score on the Global Regents Exam

Sarah Hazelton

Mastery (85% or higher) on Global Regents

Ella Austin, Colden Caiazza, Avery Enders, Isabelle Guilford, Rhaegan Hoover, Alexis Preston, Aidyn Robbins, Madeline White

High Score on the US History Regents Exam

Emerson Weaver, Madison Yackeren

Mastery on the US History Regents

Mara Heaney, Bayleigh Tallman, Carson Foster

Social Studies Award

Madison Yackeren



FROM LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

Alfred University Scholar

Grant Preston

St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholar Awards

Ben Cater, Mara Heaney, Carson Treusdell, Emerson Weaver, Wyatt Weaver, Madison Yackeren

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

Carson Foster

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology

Afton Hamer

Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award

Madison Yackeren

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Mara Heaney



NYSSMA Solo Fest 2026

Congratulations

TO THESE AMAZING BCS STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2026 NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL.

Vocal

EDEN BARNEY - ALTO
IANA BLOCHO - SOPRANO
ADDISON KELLEY - SOPRANO
ALEXANDRIA LUTCHNER - ALTO
LYNDEY HILL - SOPRANO
LOGAN MCCARTHY - TENOR
CATRINA MURA - ALTO
JACKSON BARNEY - TENOR
ELSA BRENNAN - SOPRANO/PERFECT SCORE
CAYLIN BURROWS - SOPRANO
BRADAN POSTER - TENOR
SUMMER HISTED - SOPRANO
SAVANNAH MILLER - ALTO
ELLA AUSTIN - SOPRANO (ALL STATE)
NOAH MILLER - BASS (ALL STATE)
MADELINE WHITE - SOPRANO
MARA HEANEY - ALTO/PERFECT SCORE

Instrumental

KAYLEENA BISIG - CLARINET
OWEN BRENNAN - TRUMPET
MAGGIE BARNEY - FRENCH HORN
POSTER SMITHERS - BARITONE
SKYLA MERKEL - TRUMPET
GRAYSON MOORE - ALTO SAXOPHONE
EDEN BARNEY - FLUTE
ADDISON KELLEY - FLUTE
IANA BLOCHO - FLUTE
ISAAC MILLER - TENOR SAXOPHONE
EVAN MOORE - ALTO SAXOPHONE
TARYN MOORE - FLUTE
JACKSON BARNEY - BARITONE SAXOPHONE
ELSA BRENNAN - FRENCH HORN
ANTHONY POSTER - VIOLIN/PERFECT SCORE
SAVANNAH MILLER - BASS CLARINET
GRETA SMITHERS - MARIMBA/PERFECT SCORE
MARA HEANEY - FRENCH HORN (ALL STATE)
NOAH MILLER - TRUMPET

ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED WORKED ON THEIR VOCAL/INSTRUMENTAL SKILLS WITH MRS. BRENNAN AND/OR MISS. CLENDENIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. EVERYONE SHOWED GROWTH, TENACITY, AND CONFIDENCE - AND WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF OUR MUSICAL BULLDOGS!

Paris Trip Flyers

Monday, September 21st informational meeting at 6pm at BCS in the cafeteria.
More information in the meantime? Contact Shorne@genvalley.org

PARIS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Travel to Paris
over Thanksgiving
Break 2027!

Open to 9-12th grade students and
adult community members



#BCSBulldogPride



PARIS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

On this 9-Day Trip you will...

- Ride an elevator up the Eiffel Tower
-
- Tour the restored Notre-Dame Cathedral
-
- Visit the legendary F1 course in Monaco
-
- Hit the beaches on the Mediterranean Sea
-
- Experience life in a completely new culture

What's included?

Trip cost includes flights, hotels, most meals, tour director, and travel protection.
Sign up by October 31 to save \$300.

Contact Mrs. Horne for more information at
shorne@genvalley.org



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 fundraiser



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 birthdays
 and holidays



Pause
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 services



Cut back
 on energy
 drinks &
 Dunkin'

Prom '26



Bradley Middaugh and Elsa Brennan



Colden Caiazza and Sarah Hazelton



Afton Hamer and Lily Green



William Guilford and Rachel Merriam



Prom Court 2026



Allegany County Fair

Belfast Central School's student art work was displayed at the Allegany County Fair and included works from elementary, middle and high school students. Congratulations to our BCS artists!



Shea's Jr. Theatre Celebration

The elementary cast of Aladdin, Jr. had the opportunity to participate in Shea's Jr. Theatre Celebration in Buffalo in May at the main Shea's stage! The students performed "Prince Ali" in front of a panel of adjudicators from iTheatrics and several other school districts from Buffalo and across Western NY. They also had the chance to attend a dance workshop led by a professional choreographer from NYC. Owen Brennan and Kyson Miles were chosen as "Star Performers" for standing out during our group performance. They had the chance to perform a separate dance later in the program with other all-star students chosen from their respective schools. This was an amazing opportunity for our 3rd-6th grade theatre students to be at Shea's during the theatre's 100th anniversary.



Planting for Knowledge 2026



Belfast Lions and the NYS DEC partnered again this year for our annual tree giveaway on May 8. As we prepare to celebrate the 250th birthday of our nation, students at Belfast Central School are planting our national tree, the Northern Red

Oak. Seedlings were provided through the Saratoga Springs Tree Nursery's School Seedling Program.

Pre-K and Fourth Grade students had the unique opportunity to participate again this year in the NYSDEC's 25

Million Trees by 2033 Initiative. Parents were asked to let us know as trees were planted so that we can record them in the NYS DEC on-line tree tracker. Forester Gregg Muller and Lion Sheree Gielow talked with students about the importance of trees and maintaining sustainable forest environments.

Students also learned about the tiny oak tree that exists within each germinated acorn they took home and how the strength and endurance of the mighty oak also exists within each of them. Teachers and mothers were recognized for caring for

our students and helping them to grow as well, as we wound up Teacher Appreciation Week and prepared to celebrate Mothers' Day. Tree Care-Giver certificates were awarded to preschoolers and Fourth Grade Forester certificates were awarded to fourth-graders.

Thanks to all who supported this event!



NHS Clean Up

Last year, our NHS students helped clean up the Belfast community, and we were happy to do so again this year! We washed windows at some of the local businesses, like the Belfast Historical Society, picked up garbage along the streets, swept our way through sidewalks, and helped move chairs for the Catholic Church. Way to go BCS students!

Shelby Moir, BSW

Home to School Coordinator

Belfast Central School

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Grade 5 Visited Prehistoric World



SPRING SPORTS

Varsity Baseball



Modified Track & Field



Varsity Track & Field



2026 Golf



Modified Baseball



JV Baseball



While the win-loss column may not tell the whole story, this year's team showed growth and learned the fundamentals from the first practice to the final out. Every player battled through challenges and continued to learn and improve throughout the season. The highlight of the year came when we beat Fillmore. This is a game these kids look forward to teach and every year.

Individual accomplishments were also a major part of the season's success. Most Valuable Player-Aason White

Aason consistently led by example with his effort, leadership, and performance on the field. Whether making big plays, coming through in key moments, or encouraging his teammates, Aason proved to be an invaluable part of the team's success and earned this year's MVP honors.

Most Improved Player- Owen Armison

Owen's dedication and hard work were evident throughout the season. His growth in both skill and confidence stood out from the first game to the last, making him a deserving recipient of the

Most Improved Player Award. Sportsmanship Award - Finn Hunter

Finn demonstrated outstanding character all season long. His positive attitude, respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials, along with his willingness to help others, made him the perfect choice for the Sportsmanship Award.

Although the season did not produce as many wins as we hoped, it was a time for the kids to learn, understand, and incorporate the skills needed to be successful at the varsity level.

Bryan Depew

Modified Softball



The Modified Softball team ended their season with a 6-6 record. We all battled the weather to get games in this spring. The girls worked hard to improve through the whole season. Remember to keep working on your game out of season ladies, it will pay off for you! It was a young group so will be exciting to see most of them back next year! Thanks to the 8th graders.

Coach George

JV Softball

The GV/BC Junior Varsity Softball Team closed out its season with a 10-4-1 record. Their only losses were to Wellsville and Allegany- Limestone. Offensively the team finished with 187 hits, 196 Runs, and an impressive .448 Batting Average. Liz Grantier, Brynn Thomas, Natalie White, and Paizlee Tilton paced the offense with a .500 batting average or greater. The power surge of Liz and Brynn produced multiple doubles and home runs during the season. Clutch hitting also became contagious as Rae Wilson, Mariah Dannheim, and Violet Edwards provided big hits at key times this season.

With the offense chugging along the pitching staff developed a one- two punch with Liz Grantier and Rae Wilson shutting down teams. Rae Wilson earned a no-hitter vs Mount Morris and Liz Grantier no-hit Avoca Prattsburgh. Rae Wilson finished the season with a 5-1 record while Liz Grantier finished with a 5-3 record, the two pitchers combined for 3.59 ERA and a BAA of .218.

The defense this year was a stellar unit as the team finished the season with a .923 fielding percentage. There were some amazing defensive plays provided by Paizlee Tilton, Liv Rice, Addy Sekoll, Savannah Miller and Shea Preston.



The highlight of the season belonged to Alaina Davis who broke open our final game vs Bolivar Richburg/ Cuba. That was the perfect way to end our season.

Thank you to all the players for their hard work, being coachable and amazing attitudes this season, your coaches can't wait to see what next season brings....

Coach Gamache

Varsity Softball

The softball team wrapped up the season with a 9-11 record, showing determination and growth throughout the year. The team reached sectional play and earned a memorable victory in its first sectional game, demonstrating its resilience and competitive spirit when it mattered most.

Their postseason run came to an end in the next round against eventual sectional champion Caledonia-Mumford Raiders. Despite the loss, the team proved it could compete at a high level and finished the season on a positive note.

With valuable experience gained and a strong foundation established, the players can take pride in their accomplishments and look forward to building on this season's success in the years ahead. Thank you to this years seniors and good luck in your future endeavors!

Coach Powers





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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.

Once a Bulldog... always a Bulldog!

