



BUFFALO LAKE - HECTOR - STEWART SCHOOL
ISD #2159

NEW Pre-K-12 INFORMATION & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*****First Day of School (K-12) - Tuesday, Sept. 1st*****

*****First Day of School Readiness is September 8th and VPK is September 9th*****

A few important details as we return to school:

- Please remember to register your student for the 2026/27 School Year on Infinite Campus.
https://buffalolakehectormn.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/buffalo_lake_hector.jsp
- Please be prompt in returning all necessary paperwork that was picked up at Open House. If you have questions, please contact the Office at (320) 848-2233

Breakfast

Students can enter the building and breakfast will be available beginning at 7:30 each day.

Start Times

Each school day the student entrances will unlock at 7:30 and lock again at 7:50.

Middle & High School classes begin at 7:50.

Elementary classes begin at 7:55.

Attendance

To report absences and any other attendance related items for your student, please email office@blh.k12.mn.us.

Visitor Entrance

All visitors should enter through the East Entrance and check into the office. This includes students being dropped off and picked up during the school day. Before and after school pick up and drop off will still happen at the North Entrance. The doors lock in the morning at 7:50.

Student Medication

If your student has medication that they need to take at school, please bring them to the office. Medications should not be stored in student lockers. All medication administration forms must be updated annually.

Bussing

Please contact Superior Bus Company if you have any changes in bussing needs or are new to BLHS. Email at blhsoffice@superiortm.com or by phone at 320-848-2237.

Announcements/Newsletters

To ensure consistent, clear communication, be on the lookout for the following informational emails each week:

- PK-12 Student Announcements: We are combining the Blue Sheet, Weekly Bulletin, and Announcements into one place. This will be shared daily.

- BLHS Newsletter: Mr. Westbrook & Mr. Elton will continue the principal's weekly newsletter with dedicated sections for Elementary and Middle/High School information all in one place.
- Week-at-a-Glance: Mr. Elton will be putting together a weekly schedule of Athletic & Activity events.

Cell Phone Reminder

A quick reminder as we begin the new year: our personal electronic device policies remain unchanged, and we appreciate your partnership in keeping our school day distraction-free.

- Elementary (PreK–5): We ask that elementary students do not bring their devices to school. If a student does, it is to be given to the teacher at arrival and returned at dismissal.
- Middle School (6–8): No electronics (phones, earbuds, smartwatches, gaming devices) in hallways or classrooms from 7:50 AM to 3:30 PM.
- High School (9–12): No electronics in classrooms or hallways. Devices are permitted only in the cafeteria during lunch. Smartwatches may be worn if not actively used.
- Cell phones and devices are strictly prohibited in bathrooms and locker rooms at all times under any circumstances. Privacy violations will be handled immediately.

Thank you for helping us protect instructional time and student privacy!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Supply Lists

[PreK-5th Grade Supply List](#)

Milk Break

Please return milk break forms and money as soon as possible. If you need a new form or have questions, please contact the office.

School Bus Safety

VPK & Elementary students will participate in school bus safety on September 11th.
School Readiness students will participate on September 15th.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Supply Lists

[Middle & High School Supply List](#)

Open House Follow-Up

Middle and High School students who were unable to attend Open House to get your schedule may pick them up in the office in the morning of the first day of school.

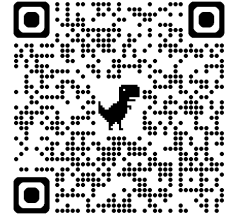
MS/HS Detention

Similar to last year, detention will be held after school twice a week from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We kindly ask for your cooperation and support in reinforcing the importance of attending detention for any student who is assigned this consequence.

GENERAL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Threat Assessment

We now offer a dedicated Threat Reporting Form for parents, students, and staff to report potential safety concerns quickly and confidentially. Access the form 24/7 by scanning the QR code or visiting this [link](#).



2026/27 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

For more information regarding voluntary accidental insurance, please contact the office at 320-848-2233. This is not required but an available service. This service assists with medical expenses if your student gets hurt in a school-related activity. [Form](#)

Application for Educational Benefits

The Application for Educational Benefits (Formerly known as the Free & Reduced Lunch Application) benefits you and our school in a number of ways. It is still used to determine discounts for activity fees, college application and testing fees, and a variety of funding sources that benefit BLHS. Apply at blhsd.org/district/forms-notice or if you would like a paper copy, please contact the office at 320-848-2233. Only one application is needed per household.

Interested in Subbing? Now's the Time!

Join the BLHS team as a substitute teacher or paraprofessional today.

Minimum requirements:

Substitute Paraprofessional – High School Diploma/GED

Substitute Teacher – ANY **2-year degree** with a MN Short Call License or **4-year degree** with a MN Full-time Teaching License. Certain [Career and Technical Education certificates](#) can also apply for a Short Call License.

Want to find out more information? Check out the [Minnesota Department of Education site](#) or contact the BLHS Office at 320-848-2233.

Permanent School Fund

This November, Minnesota voters will consider a constitutional amendment related to the Permanent School Fund, a resource that has supported public education since Minnesota became a state in 1858. This video provides an overview.

Here are a few key facts:

- The Permanent School Fund already exists and currently supports public schools throughout Minnesota more than \$2.3 billion through revenue generated from school trust lands and investment earnings.
- The proposed amendment does not raise property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, or any other tax.
- The recommendation came from a nonpartisan legislative task force and received strong bipartisan support from the Minnesota Legislature.
- If approved by voters, the amendment would increase support for public schools while preserving the long-term strength of the fund.
- BLHS would see an estimated \$12,000 in additional funding without raising property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, or any other tax.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Permanent School Fund amendment, including frequently asked questions, background information, and voter resources, visit: www.mnPSFamendment.org

As always, we encourage community members to become informed and participate in the election process.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1st = First Day of School (K-12)

September 8th = First Day of School Readiness

September 9th = First Day of Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

September 11th = School Bus Safety (VPK-5)

September 13th = Homecoming Coronation

September 14th = School Readiness School Day

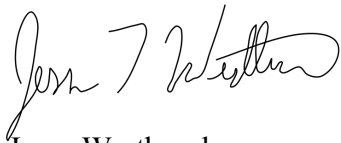
September 14th = School Bus Safety (School Readiness)

September 15-18th = VPK School Days

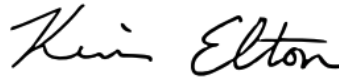
September 14th-18th = Homecoming

September 30th = Mustang Time (PK-5) 2:30pm

With Mustang Pride,



Jesse Westbrook
PK-5 Principal
Director of Teaching & Learning



Kevin Elton
6-12 Principal
Activities Director