



BUFFALO LAKE - HECTOR - STEWART SCHOOL
ISD #2159

NEW PreK-12 INFORMATION & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Friday, October 2, 2026

Visitor Entrance

Important reminders about visitors:

- All visitors must enter through the East Entrance and sign in at the office.
- All visitors must have a visitor sticker if they are going to be staying in the building.
- Student being dropped off and picked up during the school day (7:50-3:30) must come through the East Entrance
- Before and after school pick-up and drop-off are at the North Entrance. Doors open 7:30 and lock at 7:50.

Attendance

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

Drills

Each year schools across the country do a variety of drills to make sure staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. The drills that our students participate in at BLHS are:

- **Hold**: Used to control movement within parts of the school while minimizing unnecessary disruption to normal school activities. Staff close doors and keep students in rooms when appropriate.
- **Evacuation**: Typically called a fire drill, but used whenever the building is unsafe to be in. Students and staff quickly and orderly evacuate the building to assigned locations where staff take attendance.
- **Shelter**: We practice this as a tornado drill, but used whenever the surrounding environment is unsafe. All students and staff practice moving efficiently to windowless, interior locations on the bottom floor of the building.

Conferences Are Coming

Conferences are an important part of the parent-school relationship. Our fall conferences will be October 12 & 13 from 4:00-7:30.

Elementary families: times will be shared early next week.

Middle/High School families: we encourage you to come in and meet with your child's teachers.

BLHS Site Advisory Council

BLHS is looking for parents who would like to participate in our Site Advisory Council to help guide our decision-making. If you are interested, please email Superintendent Swann

(lswann@blh.k12.mn.us). The meetings will be at 5:30pm on the dates listed below:

October 28, 2026

January 27, 2027

March 10, 2027

April 28, 2027

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Winter Clothes

The season has turned officially to fall. With that comes cooler weather, especially in the mornings. The following guidelines are observed for clothing at recess:

- If the temperature is below 60 degrees, students should have a sweatshirt on
- If the temperature is below 50 degrees, students should have a jacket on.
- Once the snow comes, snow gear is an expectation to keep clothes dry.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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.

Kyle Q Presentation

On October 7th, our 6th-12th grade students will be hearing from motivational speaker, Kyle Quilausing, on the power of choices and how one decision can change your life. We will also be hosting students from GFW and St Mary's-Bird Island. Here is a video introduction: [Link](#)

Ignite Your Future

10th graders will be going to the Ignite Your Future career exploration event at Ridgewater in Hutchinson on October 9th.

Reward and Recovery

Our first Reward & Recovery day is scheduled for Friday, October 30th from 12:00-3:30pm. Students who have met certain criteria will be allowed to leave the building during our Reward & Recovery schedule. Students receiving the reward portion of this day and who do not have permission to leave, a location will be made available to them to socialize and be on phones, etc.

To be eligible for permission to leave, students must have NO failing grades or missing assignments. Students must have above a C- in all classes.

Conferences Are Coming

MS/HS conferences are come-and-go style on October 12 & 13 from 4:00-7:30. Teachers will be in their rooms. You can stop by the office to get a copy of your student's schedule if needed.

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](#).



Activity Admission

Starting this fall, admission to Mustang home athletic events will be **digital and cashless through Bound**. Fans can purchase tickets in advance through the **Bound app** or **pay at the gate using a credit or debit card**.

Infinite Campus

If you have questions or need a Parent Portal login, please contact the office at (320) 848-2233. Parents can download the Infinite Campus app on their personal devices to receive notifications regarding attendance and grades.

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. We encourage community members to become informed and participate in the election process. This video provides an overview: [Video](#). For frequently asked questions, background information, and voter resources, visit: www.mnPSFamendment.org

Interested in Subbing? Now's the Time!

Substituting is a phenomenal opportunity to be a mentor and help students become the best versions of themselves. Substitutes are essential to ensuring students continue to learn and grow every day.

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? Contact the BLHS Office at 320-848-2233 or check out the [Minnesota Department of Education site](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

October 7th = Kyle Quilausing Presentation (6-12)

October 9th = Hearing & Vision Screening

October 9th = Fire Prevention Week Presentation (PK-5)

October 9th = Ignite Your Future Event (10th)

October 12th = School Day

October 12th & 13th = Fall Conferences

October 14th = Picture Retake Day

October 15th & 16th = No School (MEA)

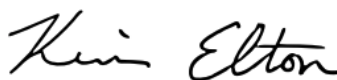
October 30 = Reward & Recovery #1

November 10 = Blood Drive

With Mustang Pride,



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