October 2026

Happy October, Chieftain Nation

It is hard to believe we are already into October! The school year is moving quickly, and I have really enjoyed seeing our students and staff settling into the routines of the year. Our hallways are busy, our activities are in full swing, and there is a lot of great energy throughout Bellevue East.

As we continue our **LEVEL UP** theme this year, October is a great time to focus on **POWERING UP**.

The first weeks of school are about getting settled. Now is the time to take that next step.

For our students, I encourage you to get involved, try something new, and find your place at Bellevue East. Go to the game. Join a club. Support a friend. Take pride in your school. Ask for help when you need it. Challenge yourself in the classroom. Sometimes leveling up means taking a big step, and sometimes it is simply making a better choice than you did yesterday.

One of the things I have always loved about Bellevue East is that there is a place for everyone. Our students have so many opportunities to connect, compete, create, lead, and grow. I want every student to find something that makes them excited to come to school and gives them a reason to be proud to be a Chieftain.

To our families, thank you for your continued partnership. Please continue talking with your student about how school is going, checking in on attendance and academics, and encouraging them to be involved. Those conversations matter more than you may realize.

And to our staff—thank you. Every day I see you building relationships with students, encouraging them, challenging them, and finding ways to make Bellevue East better. That is what makes this place special.

We have a lot of exciting things happening this month, and I hope you will take the time to be part of them. Come to a game, concert, activity, or event. Cheer on our students. Get involved in our school community. The best part of Bellevue East is our people, and there is nothing better than seeing our community come together.

We have started the year strong. Now let's keep building, keep supporting one another, and keep moving forward.

One School. One Team. One Mission.

Nathan Bacon
Principal
Bellevue East High School



From the Health Office:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of Nebraska's school health screening requirements, our school will be conducting health screenings this week. Screenings will be conducted for all students in 10th grade and students in any grade level who are new to the district this school year.

Screenings will include vision, hearing, dental health, and height/weight measurements. These screenings are designed to identify possible health concerns that may affect a student's ability to learn and are not intended to provide a diagnosis. The screenings are brief and are conducted by trained school staff or health professionals during the school day. Screening results will be kept confidential, and families will be contacted if follow-up with a healthcare provider is recommended.

For more information, please refer to 2026 NE School Health Screening FAQ. If you have any questions, please contact your building nurse.

Thank you for partnering with us to help ensure our students are healthy, safe and ready to learn!

Healthy Students Learn Best

As cold and flu season begins, many families wonder when children should stay home and when they can safely attend school.

Students should remain home if they have a fever, are vomiting, or have symptoms that would prevent them from participating in learning. Once they have recovered according to school health guidelines, returning promptly helps prevent unnecessary missed instruction.

Routine medical and dental appointments remain important. Whenever possible, consider scheduling appointments before or after school or on days when students are not in session.

Good nutrition, adequate sleep, regular exercise, and handwashing are simple habits that reduce illness throughout the school year.

Family Tip: Review your school's illness guidelines so you know when students should stay home and when they are ready to return.

Attendance Reminder: Missing several individual days throughout the year can add up quickly. Healthy habits help students stay engaged in learning.

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Champion Mentality

Possible Appointment Dates: 2026-2027

To minimize missed instructional time, families are encouraged to schedule routine medical, dental, vision, and therapy appointments:

- ✓ After school whenever possible
- ✓ On teacher workdays or other non-student work days
- ✓ During winter or spring break for non-urgent procedures
- ✓ Outside district and state testing windows
- ✓ So students can return to school before or after the appointment whenever possible

Non-student Days for the 2026-2027 School Year

September 18 - Professional Learning/Professional Work Time (No School)
October 16 - Professional Learning/Professional Work Time (No School)
October 23 - No School
November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 23-January 5 - Holiday Break (No School)
January 6 - Professional Learning/Professional Work Time (No School)
February 15 - Professional Learning (No School)
February 26 - No School
March 15-19 - Spring Break (No School)
March 26 - No School
April 16 - Professional Learning (No School)

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Posibles Fechas Para Citas: 2026-2027

Para minimizar la pérdida de tiempo de instrucción, se recomienda a las familias programar las citas de rutina médicas, dentales, de la vista y de terapia::

- ✓ Después de clases, siempre que sea posible.
- ✓ En los días de trabajo docente u otros días sin actividad para los estudiantes
- ✓ Durante las vacaciones de invierno o primavera para procedimientos no urgentes.
- ✓ Fuera de los periodos de exámenes del distrito y del estado
- ✓ Por lo tanto, los estudiantes puedan regresar a la escuela antes o después de la cita siempre que sea posible.

Días sin clases para el año escolar 2026-2027

18 de septiembre-Desarrollo Profesional/Trabajo profesional (No hay clases)
16 de octubre- Desarrollo Profesional/Trabajo profesional (No hay clases)
23 de octubre- No hay clases
23-27 de noviembre - Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias (No hay clases)
23 de diciembre al 5 de enero: Vacaciones de invierno (No hay clases)
6 de enero - Desarrollo Profesional/Trabajo profesional (No hay clases)
15 de febrero- Desarrollo Profesional (No hay clases)
26 de febrero - No hay clases
15 al 19 de marzo: Vacaciones de primavera (No hay clases)
26 de marzo- No hay clases
16 de abril - Desarrollo Profesional/ (No hay clases)

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2026-2027 Daily Bell Schedule

2026-2027 Block Schedule

85 min class / 35 min lunch / 30 min GPS end of day

Bellevue East High School

A Block *Pledge of Allegiance at 7:51am			B Block *Pledge of Allegiance at 7:51am		
Period 1		**7:50-9:15**	**Period 1**		**7:50-9:15**
PASSING 9:15-9:20					
Period 2		**9:20-10:45**	**Period 2**		**9:20-10:45**
PASSING 10:45-10:50					
Period 3/Lunch		**10:50-12:55**	**Period 3/Lunch**		**10:50-12:55**
1st Lunch	2nd Lunch	3rd Lunch	1st Lunch	2nd Lunch	3rd Lunch
1st Lunch **10:45-11:20 (35)** *Passing 11:20-11:25 (5)* Class 11:25-12:55 (90)	Class 10:50-11:30 (40) **2nd Lunch** **11:30-12:05 (35)** *Passing 12:05-12:10 (5)* Class 12:10-12:55 (45)	Class 10:50-12:20 (90) **3rd Lunch** **12:20-12:55 (35)** *Passing 12:55-1:00 (5)*	**1st Lunch** **10:45-11:20 (35)** *Passing 11:20-11:25 (5)* Class 11:25-12:55 (90)	Class 10:50-11:30 (40) **2nd Lunch** **11:30-12:05 (35)** *Passing 12:05-12:10 (5)* Class 12:10-12:55 (45)	Class 10:50-12:20 (90) **3rd Lunch** **12:20-12:55 (35)** *Passing 12:55-1:00 (5)*
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Period 4		**1:00-2:25**	**Period 4**		**1:00-2:25**
2:25-2:30					
GPS/Advisory			**2:30-3:00**		

Lunch Schedules	1st Lunch 10:45-11:20	2nd Lunch 11:30-12:05	3rd Lunch 12:20-12:55
	C F H wings, B05 & B10	D G K wings	A B E I J wings C19 D04 D06 D07 F03 & Gyms

2026-2027 October A/B Schedule

October

				1 A	2 B	3
4	5 A	6 B	7 A	8 B	9 A	10
11	12 B	13 A	14 B	15 A	16 PL/PW	17
18	19 B	20 A	21 B	22 A	23 No School	24
25	26 B	27 A	28 B	29 A	30 B	31

One of the greatest predictors of student success is something every family can influence—consistent school attendance. Attendance is not only important within the classroom, but also in order to attend extra curricular activities - such as Homecoming and Prom.



<u>Prom will be on Saturday. April 10th 2027</u>

2026-2027 Student Tardy Policy

Not only is attendance important, but arriving on time is also important.

LEVEL UP

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CHAMPIONSHIP MENTALITY

BELLEVUE EAST

TARDY POLICY

# OF TARDIES	CONSEQUENCE	STAFF RESPONSIBLE
1-2	Conversation with student	Teacher
3	Automated Email Home	Admin
6	Guardian Phone Call, Minor Referral in Educlimber, Detention with Teacher	Teacher
9	Dean consequence, Major Referral in Educlimber	Dean
12	Dean consequence, Major Referral in Educlimber	Dean
15+	Loss of Privileges, Major Referral in Educlimber	Dean

EVERY DAY. SHOW UP.

EVERY STUDENT. LEVEL UP.

EVERY STAFF MEMBER. LEAD THE WAY.

Helpful Phone Numbers - Please reach out!



STUDENT RECOGNITION:

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BEast in the know for October

- **Building Hours:** The building is open for students from 7:30-3:00pm. Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:45. Students that are not a part of a group, club, sport or activity must leave the building at dismissal time. We do have PMGS most nights (Monday-Thursday) from 3:15-5:30pm that students can attend and get extra support with their homework.
- **Bound:** **Bellevue East is on Bound**– For all upcoming events and schedules, check out Bellevue East on Bound at: **https://gobound.com/ne/schools/bellevueeast**
- **AP Exam Information:** For students in AP classes interested in taking an AP exam, the following link provides information for ordering an exam and paying the required $40 deposit per exam. The deadline is Oct 31 at 11:59pm.

  AP Exam Signup and Billing 2026-27

  Would you like to know how your AP exams will transfer to UNL? See the link below:

  AP Transfer Credit to UNL

  If you have taken any AP exams and/or dual enrolled with Metro or UNO and want to know how your credits will transfer to various colleges, start a free Transferology account. In this account, you can list all your AP exams/scores as well as all your dual enrolled classes then select a list of potential colleges. The site will then let you know how those credits transfer to each college.

  Transferology.com

- **First Count Date:** Your student(s) will be bringing home the annual First Count Form on Tuesday, October 6th. PLEASE complete this and return it the next day. More information will come to your email on Tuesday, so be on the lookout for it in your mailbox.
- **SRP (Standard Response Protocol) Reminders:** As a reminder, we follow the SRP guidelines during any emergency situation. Please check out the video and graphic to review the Standard Response Protocol. **Video Link** **SRP Link**
- **Dress Code in the Cooler Months:** Now that we are getting into the cooler months, please remember that blankets, onesies, and slippers are not allowed. Hoods and stocking caps cannot be worn in the building as well.
- **BEast Trick Or Treat Night:** **The Annual BEast Trick or Treat night is happening on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** This is open to the community and is **free except for the donation of canned or non-perishable food items**. Food items are used for our own **Bellevue East food pantry** -as well as donated to the **Bellevue Food Pantry**. Join us for a fun night of halloween activities and lots of candy!
- **School Day Costumes and Facepaint:** Halloween is right around the corner. Please remember that costumes (including onesies), face paint/makeup, hats, etc. are not allowed to be worn in the building.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of **October 19th-22nd.** Be on the lookout for an email on October 12th with our conference website link so that you can sign up to meet with your student's teachers via email, phone or Zoom. Our in person conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd** from **3:30-6:30pm.**
- **Yearbooks for sale:** Order your **2027 Yearbook here**. You can also purchase **Senior Dedication pages here.**
- **Unified Bowling:** If your student is interested in participating in Unified Bowling this season, please plan to attend an informational parent meeting on October 5th at 7pm, in the cafeteria. Students will have the opportunity to attend an informational meeting during Advisory on September 28th.
- **Lunch**: Students without off campus lunch privileges (approved seniors) are expected to remain on campus for lunch. Parents or guardians may not call the school to excuse their student for the sole purpose of leaving campus during lunch. Students should only leave school during lunch for special occasions that have been approved at least 24 hours in advance by school administration. This practice is in place to ensure student safety and maintain accountability during the school day.
- **Student Family Handbook:** **Located at this link**



IMPORTANT DATES

(STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
10/6 Tues.	First Count Day	
10/6 Tues.	Fall Choir Concert	7:00pm
10/9 Fri.	East/West Football Game	7:00pm at East
10/13 Tues.	Fall Jazz Concert	Time TBA
10/16 Fri.	NO School	PL/PW Day for teachers
10/19–22	Fall Parent Teacher Conference Week	
10/22 Thurs.	In Person Conferences	3:30–6:30pm at East
10/23 Fri.	No School	
10/29 Thurs.	BEast Trick or Treat Night	6:00–8:00pm
10/30 Fri.	Fall Play	7:00pm
10/31 Sat.	Fall Play	2:00pm
11/1 Sun.	Fall Play	2:00pm

