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Introducing a New Salad Bar Lunch Option!

Hey ***Belfast Bulldogs***, get ready for a fresh upgrade to lunchtime!

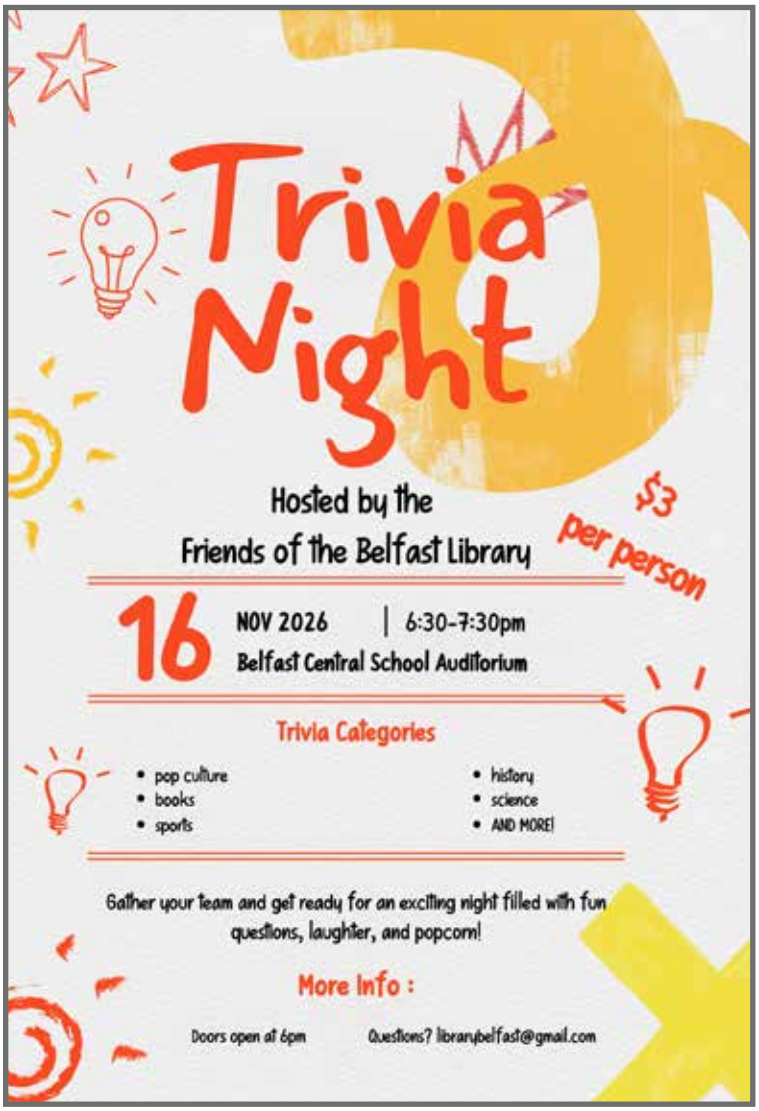
Starting November 2, 2026, we are officially launching our new School Salad Bar for students Grade 7-12 as a second lunch option.

Our goal is to provide students with nutritious, fresh, and delicious options daily. The salad bar option will feature a selection of crisp greens, colorful vegetables, lean proteins, and tasty dressings.

Here is what you can look forward to:

- **Fresh Ingredients:** Crisp lettuce, crunchy cucumbers, grape tomatoes, peppers, and onions.
- **Toppings & Proteins:** Load up on your favorites like shredded cheese, chicken, boiled eggs, and croutons.
- **Ultimate Flexibility:** Make a custom salad as your main meal and grab a side of fruit and milk to go with your lunch.
- **Pricing:** The salad bar is included as a free standard lunch option.

Introducing a salad bar lunch option is a great way to offer more variety, independence, and healthy choices alongside the traditional hot meal.



HOMECOMING



The Court

King - Afton Hamer
Queen - Emerson Weaver
Junior Attendants -
Colden Caiazza & Onalee Aronson
Sophomore Attendants -
Jackson Barney & Caylin Burrows
Freshman Attendants -
Shea Preston & Evan Moore

Pep Rally









Twins Day





2026



New Staff Members



Alex Perkins

Hello Belfast! My name is Alex Perkins. My hometown is Wellsville, NY. I graduated from Wellsville Central School and Alfred University, where I earned my teaching degree, and majored in History.

I came to Belfast for the opportunity to engage with students while being able to pursue my passion of becoming a history teacher. I always knew I wanted to be someone who inspires, motivates, and encourages students and helps create the best version of themselves inside and out of classroom. My purpose as a teacher is not just to have students learn about U.S. History but also be someone they can look up to and remember later in life as the teacher who made a difference for them. I am a Varsity & Modified Football Coach for Wellsville/ GV/Belfast. I played football at Alfred U and love the game. I also enjoy playing guitar, hiking, and spending quality time with my family.



Amy Brundage

"Hello Belfast community! My name is Amy Brundage, and I am thrilled to join Belfast Central School as your new High School Chemistry, Biology, and 8th grade Science teacher!

I grew up nearby in the small town of Pike, NY, before earning my B.S. in Biology from Gannon University and my M.S. in Elementary Education from Alfred University. I bring 24 years of teaching experience with me, and I can't wait to share my passion for science with our students this year!

When I'm not in the classroom or lab, I love curling up with crime fiction and forensic thrillers, or relaxing with crime drama shows like NCIS and CSI. I am so excited to be a part of the Belfast family and look forward to a great school year!"



Patrick Histed

My name is Patrick Histed. I am a 1977 graduate of Belfast School. I've lived in Belfast most of my life. I worked at places like Cutco and Friendship Dairies. When I retired from the Dairies I realized I couldn't just sit around. I needed to do something. Willie from Genesee Valley suggested driving bus, and I'm really glad that I ended up here. I like the people here and my bus run. The kids are great, and I 'm glad to be a Bulldog!



Shauna Babbitt

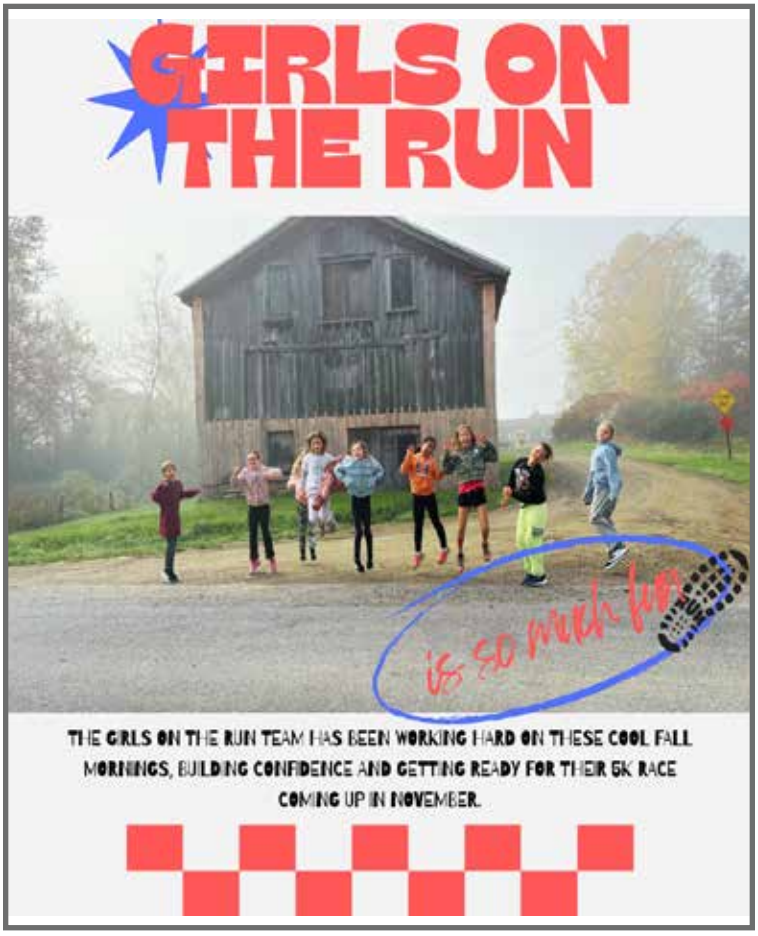
My name is Shauna Babbitt, and I am from Cuba, NY. I earned my teaching degrees at St. Bonaventure University. When looking for a teaching job, I wanted to find a school with a welcoming, family-oriented, and friendly atmosphere where I could feel part of a team. I'm a busy mom of four who keeps me going and on my toes. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cheering on the Buffalo Bills and New York Yankees, practicing yoga, watching Christmas Hallmark movies, and going for walks in nature with my kids and dog.



Tobias Webb

I grew up in Houghton and went to Fillmore Central School and graduated in 2020. I then graduated from Houghton University in 2024. With a strong passion for learning and a desire to get better every day, I realized Belfast was a place I wanted to be. After having lived in Africa and Europe, I spend my time traveling the world exploring culture and wildlife. Birds are my draw to most places, and experiencing something new around every turn. Other than traveling, I invest my time into sports. I coach basketball here and I help coach the Men's Soccer team at Houghton. I am always open for a new challenge and the opportunity to learn something new and experience something new.


BCS students, Join the Belfast Ski Club!
Any student, grades 4th - 12th are welcome to join the fun this winter season. Get ready for an unforgettable season filled with fresh powder, new friendships, exciting challenges, and memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're a seasoned skier or just learning, there's a place for you in our club! All skill levels are welcome. Lessons are included with school club purchases at Swain Ski Resort. Adventure is calling, and the slopes are waiting!
Please see or email Sandy Miller or Liz Hamer for a sign-up form.
Email addresses: smmiller@belfastcsd.org or ehamer@belfastcsd.org


GIRLS ON THE RUN
is so much fun
THE GRLS ON THE RUN TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON THESE COOL FALL MORNINGS, BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND GETTING READY FOR THEIR 5K RACE COMING UP IN NOVEMBER.


CLASS OF 2028
BASKET
RAFFLE
EARLY BIRDS DEC. 4TH 3-6 PM
DEC. 5TH 10-3PM
Belfast Town Hall
TICKET
TICKET
Mary Guilford
585-307-7130
Shelly Calanni
585-307-7579

Reading Success in Our Classroom!

Mrs. Hamer and Ms. Miller are proud of the hard work their students are putting into becoming stronger readers every day! Students are actively building their reading skills by focusing on vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, phonics, and phonemic awareness. Through engaging lessons, small-group instruction, and daily practice, they are growing in confidence and developing the tools needed to become successful, independent readers. We are excited to celebrate their progress and look forward to seeing their continued growth throughout the year!















Art Students Explore AKG Buffalo Museum

On October 8th, art students in grades 9–12 toured the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo. They were accompanied by art teacher Mrs. Wagoner and business teacher Mr. Webb. Our Belfast students encountered diverse installations and modern exhibitions, including works by Andy Warhol, Ragnar Kjartansson, and Natvar Bhavsar. We concluded the visit with a group photograph beside Robert Indiana's "Love" sculpture.





Christmas 2026

2026 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
IN THE PARK
DECEMBER 6 @ 6:00 PM

INCLUDING CAROLING, HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES SERVED BY THE LIONS, AND SANTA CLAUS IN THE TOWN PARK AS WELL



TO PLACE AN ORNAMENT ON THE MEMORIAL TREE AND HAVE YOUR LOVED ONE COMMEMORATED DURING THE CEREMONY, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT 716-801-2844 BY DECEMBER 3.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE:
NAME OF PERSON(S) MEMORIAL ORNAMENT HONORS
NAME OF PERSON(S) GIVING ORNAMENT

(REMOVE ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OR RETRIEVE FROM THE TOWN HALL BY JANUARY 3.)

Belfast Central School Winter Concerts

Grades 9 - 12
December 8, 2026
at 6:30pm

Kindergarten - 4th Grade
December 9, 2026
at 6:00pm

Grades 5 - 8
December 10, 2026 at 6:30pm



Annual Senior Citizens' Luncheon
Wednesday, December 2, 2026

The Belfast Central School Board of Education and Administration would like to invite Senior Citizen's from our school district to a holiday luncheon.

RSVP by November 20, 2026

Belfast students will provide entertainment while we celebrate the holiday season as a community.

Hors D'oeuvres served at 12:30 PM

Lunch served at 1:00 PM

Please park in the Sherman Street Lot, and enter at the Auditorium door.



Do you have a business and want to sponsor a tree in the park?

Contact Cindy Struckmann
cstruckmann@belfastcsd.org
by November 8
Trees are $30

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember Honor Teach

December 19, 2026

National Wreaths Across America Day

WREATHS across AMERICA
SERVE & SUCCEED

Help Wreaths for Belfast American Legion Robert W. Howden Post 1504 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Belfast American Legion Robert W. Howden Post 1504

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit
www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NY04070P

#RememberMe

To Sponsor a Wreath please contact

For Belfast Cemetery: Cecy Curcio 585-610-7535 or Chris Lentz 716-482-4767
For Caneadea and Ormal Cemetery: Rebecca Tucker 585-365-1000

BELFAST CHRISTMAS FUND

COULD YOUR FAMILY USE A LITTLE EXTRA HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

WAYS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION:

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE!



VISIT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR REACH OUT TO THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER TO HAVE ONE SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT(S). RETURN TO SCHOOL OR MAIL TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11/13/2026

Questions? Contact our School Social Worker:
Mackenzi Adams
Email: madams@belfastcsd.org
Call: (585) 365 - 2646 Ext.2101
Text: (716) 968 - 2033

Belfast Children's Christmas Fund Application

All applications must be received by 11/13/2026!!
Return to the Main Office at School or mail it to:

Belfast Children's Fund
7708 County Road 26
Belfast, NY 14711

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address for Physical Delivery of Items: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Number of Adults Living in the Home: _____

Number of Children **Under 18** Living in the Home: _____

Annual Income From **ALL persons residing in the home (please include employment, per year unemployment benefits, SSI, SSDI, child support, other income sources): S _____

Income must be filled out to be considered for this program

Please tell us why you would like help at Christmas:

_____

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Belfast Children's Christmas Fund Application

Child #1

First & Last Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Circle 3 Items That Your Child Needs the Most:

Pajamas Socks Underwear Shoes Sneakers Boots Winter Coat

Pants Shirts Books Toys Other Item: _____

List Preferred Sizes, Styles, Colors for **Each** item: _____

_____

Child #2

First & Last Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Circle 3 Items That Your Child Needs the Most:

Pajamas Socks Underwear Shoes Sneakers Boots Winter Coat

Pants Shirts Books Toys Other Item: _____

List Preferred Sizes, Styles, Colors for **Each** item: _____

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Child #3

First & Last Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Circle 3 Items That Your Child Needs the Most:

Pajamas Socks Underwear Shoes Sneakers Boots Winter Coat

Pants Shirts Books Toys Other Item: _____

List Preferred Sizes, Styles, Colors for **Each** item: _____

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Additional Children

First & Last Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Circle 3 Items That Your Child Needs the Most:

Pajamas Socks Underwear Shoes Sneakers Boots Winter Coat

Pants Shirts Books Toys Other Item: _____

List Preferred Sizes, Styles, Colors for **Each** item: _____

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BCS BUILDING PROJECT VOTE



SAFETY | RELIABILITY | INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS | A STRONGER BCS

$2.3 MILLION PROJECT

TAX NEUTRAL • NO ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

BOILERS



Replacement of aging boilers to improve reliability, efficiency, and continued safe, comfortable learning environments for our students and staff.

BUS LIFT



Installation of a new bus lift to safely maintain our school buses, improve efficiency, and extend the life of our fleet.

PARKING LOT



Repaving and improvements to the auditorium parking lot to provide a safer, long-lasting surface for students, staff, and visitors.

AC COMPONENTS



Addition of air conditioning to elementary classrooms to address NYS classroom temperature requirements.



PROJECT VOTE

11/17 | **12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

BCS CONFERENCE ROOM

#BCSBulldogPride

Building for a Brighter Tomorrow!

Calendar of Events

November

7 – 4-H Competition
9 – HS Musical Try-outs
10 – Board of Ed Meeting
11 – Veteran's Day – ***No School***
13 – Awards Assembly Grades 5-12
16 – Friends of the Library-Trivia Night
17 – Capital Improvements
Project 2026 Vote
School retakes and Senior Pictures
23 – Parent Teacher Conference
No School
24 – Superintendent's Day
No School
25 - 27 – Thanksgiving Recess
No School

December

2 – Senior Citizens' Dinner
3 – FBI Presentation
4&5 – Class of 2028 Basket Raffle public
8 – Board of Ed Meeting
Winter Concert - Grades 9-12
9 – Winter Concert - Elementary
10 – Winter Concert - Grades 5-8
14 – Pre-K Holiday Tea
17 – CABOCES Vex Robotics Competition
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 – Holiday Recess
No School

Belfast Central School 2026-27 Calendar

November 2026

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December 2026

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February 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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Belfast Central School
Class of 2027 Yearbook! ON SALE NOW!!

Send in a completed order form plus cash, check, or money order payable to Belfast Yearbook Club…or…*ORDER ONLINE!*

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY provide special offers to personalize your yearbook. See details below…

Walsworth yearbooks — yearbookforever.com

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MEMORIES!

1 ORDER YOUR 2027 Belfast Central School YEARBOOK!

- For online orders, go to yearbookforever.com to pay with credit card, debit card, or PayPal.
  - Yearbook Orders with Name Stamps and Plastic Cover due by 2/22/2027
- For in school orders, bring this form along with cash, check, or money order, made payable to Belfast Yearbook Club to the BCS main office.
- Questions: Contact Mary Guilford 585-365-2646 ext. 3091

Online orders end 4/3/2027. In School orders continue while supplies last. Delivery approximately 5/28/2027

2 COMPLETE YOUR ORDER

Details	Cost
Yearbook order by January 14	$40.00
Yearbook order after January 14	$45.00
Additional Yearbook Personalization and Options available online with purchase of a yearbook)	

3 ENTER YOUR PURCHASE INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Walsworth yearbooks — yearbookforever.com



CARD CLUB



GUITAR CLUB



CRICKET CLUB



CHESS CLUB

Family Advisement – "a time set aside for students and staff to make a family like connection"



CRAFTERS CLUB





WALKING CLUB



Students in our Hope Club meet every Monday during family advisement to make a difference in the lives of pediatric cancer patients. Throughout the year, students create and send cards to pediatric cancer patients across the United States. They also make crafts for pediatric patients at Roswell Park to help brighten their days and remind them that they are not alone.

Our goal is simple: to spread hope, kindness, and encouragement during some of the hardest times.

As Christmas approaches, we are hoping to collect new toys and hats to send to pediatric patients at Roswell Park. If you have any new toys or hats that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school.

Thank you for helping our students spread a little extra hope and joy this holiday season!

BELFAST CENTRAL SCHOOL

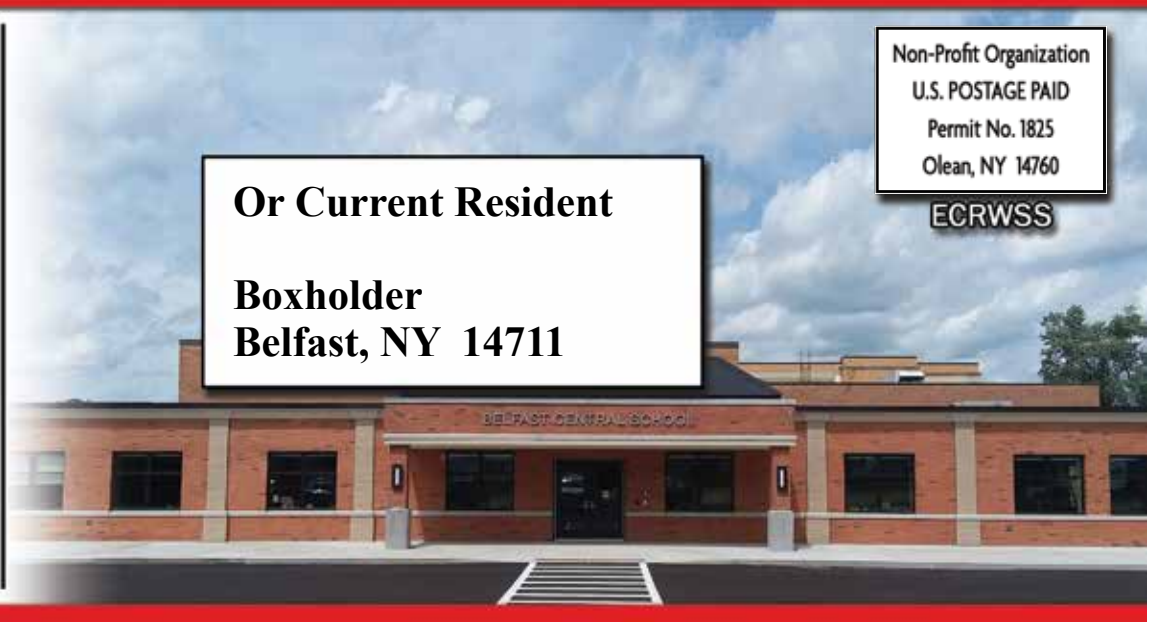
Disney's FROZEN JR. THE MUSICAL

The magic of Arendelle came to life as our talented 3rd-6th grade Elementary Drama students took the stage for three wonderful performances of Frozen Jr. on Thursday, October 22, Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24. The production was a tremendous success, showcasing the hard work, dedication, and creativity of our students and the entire school community. Directed by Mrs. Rebekah Brennan and Mrs. Jessica Romance, the musical featured 45 elementary students who brought this beloved story to life through their performances. From memorable characters to exciting musical numbers, the cast worked together to create a show that entertained audiences and made everyone proud. Their commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm were evident throughout each of the performances! Congratulations to Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Romance, our talented elementary cast, our dedicated high school volunteers, and all of the staff & parents who helped make this production such a memorable experience. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and grateful for the teamwork and school spirit that made Frozen Jr. a success! Thank you to everyone who helped make the magic happen. It truly was a show to remember!



Belfast Central School District
1 King Street
Belfast, NY 14711
www.BelfastCSD.org

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Becky Backer
Jonathan Barney
Russ Calanni
Ashley Moore
Marc Smithers



IMPORTANT BCS TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Superintendent's Office	365-9940
Principal's Office	365-8285
Business Office	365-8289
Guidance Office	365-8297
Bus Garage	365-2609
Nurse's Office	365-2053
Special Education Office	365-8297
Preschool	365-8088
Automated Attendant	365-2646
Fax	365-2648
Website	www.Belfastcsd.org

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.

CABOCES Design & Print Publication

Thank you Belfast Board of Education!

The New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) recognized school boards of education October 12-16, 2026. This yearly appreciation highlights the work school boards put into creating an educational space where all students can thrive.

We would like to express our gratitude to Belfast Central School's Board of Education for their dedication and leadership, and commitment to the success of our students.

Thank you!!



Back row
Marc Smithers, Russell Calanni, Jonathan Barney

Front row
Ashley Moore, Josie Preston, Becky Backer, Randa Harrington