










BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 7th

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

December 12th

No School - Professional Dev
BHS Band Concert 7 pm

December 14th

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

December 19th

BHS Choir Concert 7 pm

December 23rd - Jan 2nd

Winter Break

January 13th

First Semester Ends/Early
Grad Last Day

January 16th

No School - Professional Dev

January 27th - 28th

ECC Honors Choir

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BHS Families,

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving weekend and found time to spend with family and friends. Life can get busy and all too often we forget to make room for balance. There are reminders all around us that nothing we have can be taken for granted, and Thanksgiving is the perfect opportunity to “stop and smell the roses” and to show our appreciation for what we have and who we have in life. I’m very thankful to live and work in a community that does so much to support the schools and families in need in our district. I hope you know that you are appreciated.

As we look into the next month of school, we approach the final third of this semester. Please continue to monitor grades on Powerschool and, if you have questions or concerns about your child’s progress, reach out to any of them via email or phone. Our [staff directory can be found on our BASD app](#) or on the [BASD website](#).

Over the next few weeks we will have our music programs on display. Even if your child is not involved in the music program, I encourage you to come out and see the talents of our student body. We have several [home sporting events in December as well](#). Bring your family out and support our team.

Our school report card became public in November, and BHS again ‘Meets Expectations’ and has been given a 3/5 star rating. The school report card is one measure of our students’ academic success, and while it doesn’t tell the entire story, it is important we look to make improvements in areas for growth. One of those areas is to perform our very best on the statewide assessments.

After Winter Break we will be offering some optional ACT prep opportunities for our students. Our statewide assessment for juniors is in early March, and these sessions will help students become familiar with the unique style of test they will be taking. New this year, our freshman and sophomore students will be taking the PreACT as part of their statewide assessment (replacing ACT Aspire). This test is an abbreviated version of the ACT, but comes with many of the same question styles and strategies found on the ACT. Students interested in these prep sessions should stay tuned to announcements or stop into student services after Winter Break. We will be having our ACT bootcamp again this year for all students and some ELT activities to make sure all students are prepared for these upcoming tests.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays. In an effort to make sure that everyone is able to enjoy the holidays, please know that Berlin High School and Berlin Area School District have resources available to help anyone going through a difficult time. We want to make sure that there is food on the table and gifts under the tree for everyone. We also recognize that this can be a very stressful time of year, so if any student or family is needing mental health support, we can be of assistance as well. Mental and physical health are imperative to learning, and we want to make sure that the mental and physical needs of our students are met, especially during this time of the year.

I hope you close out 2022 on a great note and have a happy 2023!

Yours,
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Bryant Bednarek
BHS Principal





IMPORTANT DATES

January 13th

Early Grads Last Day - End of 1st Semester

January 10th

Grad Cap & Gown Fitting & Diploma Names

February 27th

BHS Senior Scholarship Application Opens

March 17th

BHS Senior Scholarship Applications Due by midnight

April 28th

Cap and Gown Distribution in Homeroom

May 17th

Berlin High School Senior Scholarship Awards

6 pm BHS Auditorium

May 24th

Seniors Last Day

May 25th

Senior Breakfast, graduation practice, and Senior Stroll

8 am BHS Commons

May 26th

Graduation

6pm BHS Football Field

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship information will be regularly updated on our [website](#). The Berlin HS Senior Scholarship Application will be available via email to all 2023 grads beginning on February 17th. All applications are due March 17th by midnight. Student with questions should contact their counselors in Pupil Services [Ann Ragus](#) (Last Names A-L) and [Matt Willett](#) (Last Names M-Z).



Girls Basketball Strong Start to the Season



Congratulations!

Girls' Basketball Team & Coaches

On your 3 and 1 start



Boys Basketball Strong Start to the Season



Congratulations!

Boys' Basketball Team & Coaches

On your 2 and 1 start



BHS WINTER SPORTS PICTURES

Rachel Van Den Hout will once again be taking sports pictures for our winter athletes on the dates below. Pictures can be ordered ahead of time at on her [website](#).

BOYS SWIM - 12/6 4 PM

BOYS BASKETBALL - 12/13

3:30 PM

WRESTLING - 12/15 3:30 PM



School Instrumental Music Department Presents:

EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL

Music for the Season



Monday, December 12 at 7 PM | Berlin High School Auditorium

BHS BAND CONCERT

Please join us for an evening concert on Monday, Dec 12th at 7 pm in the BHS Auditorium featuring several holiday tunes and carols. We will feature the works of John Rutter, some traditional carols with various arrangements, and the work Everything Beautiful by Samuel R. Hazo. Admission is free with a free-will donation during the concert.

Berlin High School CHOIR CONCERT



Monday, December 19 at 7 PM

BHS CHOIR CONCERT

Please join us Monday, December 19th at 7 pm in the BHS Auditorium for our annual Holiday Concert featuring plenty of songs and cheer for the season. Admission is free with a free-will donation during the concert.

Prom Date Changed to May 6th



Due to a scheduling conflict with State Solo and Ensemble, Prom has been moved back one week to May 6th.

Attention Spain Travellers!

March 30 - April 8, 2023



BHS SPANISH TRIP

Our exciting 10-day exploration of the beauty and wonders of Spain is only 114 days out. Contact [Senora Ziemann](#) with any additional questions. Please make sure you are ready by ensuring you've completed the following tasks...

- Pay final payment in Jan
- Contract for Travel Insurance ASAP
- Keep practicing your Espanol!
- Pack your bags!





SKI CLUB INFORMATION



BMS/BHS Ski Club

Nordic Mountain
January 17
January 24
February 7
February 21

Sign up online on [Nordic Mountain's website](#) using codes [BerlinMS23 \(BMS\)](#) [BerlinHS23 \(BHS\)](#). Parents must also complete a parent consent for the bus.

BHS students can now sign up [online](#) for Ski Club using the code BerlinHS23. Families must also complete the paper waiver and pay the \$20 fee/season for the bus. For more questions, please visit the [BMS/BHS Ski Club Website](#).

VETERAN'S DAY RECAP

Thank you to all of the students, staff, veterans, and community members who made our Veteran's Day Program a success!



CELEBRATIONS



BHS Students & Staff Selected as Kind Students/Staff of the Month



Congratulations!

Ethan Brunke
Kind Committee
Upperclassman
Student of the Month



Congratulations!

Jack Gerber
Kind Committee
Underclassman
Student of the Month



Congratulations!

Sarah Gumtow
Kind Committee
Staff Member of the Month



The Kind Committee recognizes an upperclassperson, underclassperson, and staff member each month who go out of their way to show kindness to the BHS community. The upperclassperson wins use of the Kind Committee Parking Spot for the month, the underclassperson wins a School Grounds Gift Card, and the staff member wins a School Grounds Gift Card.

Berlin Area School District

2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Freshmen Orientation (8/9)
 New Teacher Inservice (8/15-8/19)
 Packet Pick Up and Pictures
 (8/16-8/18) 3-6pm
 Teacher Inservice (22-26)
 Teacher Inservice (29-31)
 Middle School Open House (8/29)
 Clay Meet and Greet (8/30)

AUGUST 2022						
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Staff Development
 (2/17 & 2/20)
 Winterfest (2/4)

First Day of School for Grades K-9 and
 new students (9/1)
 First Day of School Grades 10-12 (9/2)
 Holiday Labor Day (9/5)
 Picture Retakes Clay (9/13)
 Picture Retakes MS/HS (9/14)
 Homecoming (9/30)

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Parent Teacher Conferences
 (3/2) 4-8pm
 ACT - (3/7)
 Staff Development (3/10)
 Spring Break (3/20-3/24)

Staff Development (10/3 & 10/4)
 Parent Teacher
 Conferences 10am-7pm (10/27)
 No School (10/28)

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No School (4/7)
 Staff Development (4/10)

Staff Development (11/23)
 Thanksgiving Holiday (11/24)
 No School (11/25)

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Prom (5/6)
 Staff Development (5/12)
 BHS Graduation (5/26) 6 pm
 Memorial Day Holiday (5/29)

Staff Development (12/12)
 Winter Break (12/23-1/2)

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8th Grade Promotion (6/1)
 Last Day of School - Student ½ day &
 Staff Development (6/2)

Staff Development (1/2)
 First Semester Ends (1/13)
 Staff Development (1/16)

JANUARY 2023						
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JULY 2023						
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**Today's Learners.
 Tomorrow's Leaders.**