










BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 2nd

No School - Staff Development

January 11th

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

January 13th

End of First Semester - Early Grads Last Day

January 16th

No School - Staff Development

January 18th

Extended Learning Time (ELT)

January 25th

First Semester Ends/Early Grad Last Day

January 27th - 28th

ECC Honors Choir

February 4th

Winterfest

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BHS Families,
I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. While we are starting a brand new year, we are also closing out our first semester of the school year on January 13. We have nine days for students to wrap up any outstanding work, so encourage your child to make a strong final push. Staff will be finalizing grades during their work day on January 16th, and report cards will be available by the 23rd. Information about accessing report cards can be found in this newsletter. New classes will begin on Tuesday, January 17th.

In addition to starting the new semester, we will be starting the process of registering for classes for the 2023-24 school year this month. We will be meeting with each class to share information about the registration process and the course offerings available to them. Our 2023-24 course handbook will be available for viewing on our website on or before the 18th of January (BHS>Students and families>Handbooks). Please feel free to reach out to your child's counselor with any questions about your child's courses or track in high school (Last name A-L is Ann Ragus, Last name M-Z is Matt Willett).

The beginning of the new year and new semester is also a good time to refresh on some important procedural items:

- If your child is too sick to attend school, please notify the school of this by calling and leaving a message on the attendance line. These absences are coded differently and do not accrue towards truancy in the same way as when a student is absent without an explanation.
- Excessive tardiness (to school or between classes) can result in

- truancy or other school consequences. It is important to on time for learning and as a life skill.
- Students should be out of the building by 3:30 p.m. unless involved with a supervised extracurricular activity or arrangements have been made with a teacher.
- Students should be bringing their charged Chromebook to school every day. It is an essential part of their learning 'toolbox'.

It is hard to believe, but the end is near for our seniors. There is important information in this newsletter regarding dates and things to be thinking about that pertain to our seniors. Please check that out, especially the scholarship information and deadlines.

The last thing I wanted to mention is that we are starting to enter our state testing season. Our Juniors will be taking the ACT exam on March 7th, and our freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PreACT in April. We will be advertising some optional ACT prep sessions for our juniors starting this month that will help them understand the format of the test as well as some tips and strategies to be successful on the test. Students interested in this opportunity should listen to announcements or stop into student services for more information. Opportunities for additional prep activities for underclassmen will come in March.

I hope your 2023 gets off to a fantastic start. I look forward to another great year and semester at BHS!

Yours,
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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 27th. 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).

Thank You!



The Berlin Area School District would like to offer its sincerest thanks to the Berlin Kiwanis Club for its generous donation of two iPads to two of our students as part of the Club's iPads for Autism Project. The Berlin Kiwanis chapter has provided 16 iPads to students since the project's inception in 2016.

"We truly appreciate our community partnerships. This program is so important because it provides a direct positive impact on our students in our schools" noted Ann Schnyder, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education.

Thanks again Berlin Kiwanis!

BHS REPORT CARDS

Families can access their student's report card by using the desktop version of PowerSchool and selecting "Student Reports" from the left hand menu. If you would like a paper copy of your student's report card mailed, please complete this [online form](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact the BHS Office at 920-361-2000 ext 1000.

Please remember, eligibility for winter and spring extracurricular activities will be based on your student's final semester grades.



BHS Counseling Department JUNIOR PLANNING MEETINGS

Schedule your meeting today!



CLASS OF 2024 PLANNING MEETINGS

The BHS Counseling staff will be hosting Junior Planning meetings for Juniors and their families beginning this month. These meetings are critical to setting your student up for success in college, career, and/or life. To register for a meeting, visit [Signup Genius](#).

2023-24 Course Registration

January 18th during Extended Learning Time



Grades 9-11 will register for next year's courses on January 18th. Families should review their student's course selections prior to course form due date. A new course catalog will be posted on our website soon so please check your email for when the catalog is published. Contact your student's Counselor [Ann Ragus](#) (Last names A-L) or [Matt Willett](#) (Last Names M-Z) with any additional questions.

WINTERFEST INFORMATION

Winterfest February 4th

More information coming soon!



The BHS Student Council will once again be planning its annual Winterfest week of activities January 30th - February 4th. The semi-formal Winterfest dance will be held Saturday, February 4th. Please watch your social media and app for more information!

WINTERFEST WEEK ATHLETIC EVENTS!



SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 31st, 2023

Girls' Basketball at Markesan | 6:00 PM & 7:15 PM
Boys' Basketball at Waupun | 5:45 PM & 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

Girls JV Basketball at Waupun | 6:00 PM
Girls Varsity Basketball at Waupun | 7:15 PM

Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Boys' JV2 & JV Basketball vs. Kewaskum | 5:45 PM
Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Kewaskum | 7:15 PM

Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Wrestling at Ripon High School | 9:00 AM
Boys Swimming at Chilton High School | 9:00 AM





NURSE UPDATE

I hope everyone enjoyed their time away from school and had a wonderful time with their families! It is that time of year, unfortunately, where people are becoming ill. There are colds, flu, COVID, strep throat, RSV and many other illnesses out there. Please remind your children of the importance of washing their hands to decrease their risk of becoming ill. Remind them not to share food and drinks with friends and try to encourage them to keep their hands away from their faces as that is one of the most common ways viruses enter our bodies. Please do your best to follow the “stay-at-home” health guidelines to keep others at school from becoming ill. If you have questions please feel free to contact me via email or phone at 920-361-2442 ext 2129 and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

BASD “Stay-at-Home” Health Guidelines

Your child should stay home when they:

1. Have an Oral temperature that is higher than 100.3° F. They must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If fever reducing medications have been used, like Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Motrin), this does not count as being fever free.
2. Have a fever or other symptoms caused by COVID-19 without a negative test. Your child must stay home for 5 days from the first day COVID symptoms appeared. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and symptoms improving before you can return to school.
3. Are positive for COVID-19 and have no symptoms, then you must stay home for 5 days from the day the test was done.
4. Have diarrhea or vomiting. You should be vomit and/or diarrhea free with a normal temperature for 24 hours before returning to school.
5. Have coughing and/or wheezing that are not related to COVID-19 but are causing difficulty breathing or moderate chest pain.
6. Have an undiagnosed rash or open sores with drainage.
7. Have abdominal pain that is accompanied by fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting
8. Have a sore throat serious enough to interfere with swallowing or is accompanied by a fever or rash.
9. Have “pink eye” and drainage is present and/or have discomfort/itching that interferes with activities. You may return after 24 hours of antibiotics if they are ordered by a physician.
10. Have any infectious bacterial infection. You may return once fever free, symptoms are improving, and you have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

Sincerely,
Sara Miller, BASD Director of Health Services

TRAVELING CLOSET

The Traveling Closet is bringing clothes to the Berlin community on Wednesday, January 25th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This is a completely free event that offers weather-appropriate clothing to those in the Berlin community. The Traveling Closet will visit the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area every 60 days with a big truck full of new or gently used clothes for individuals and families showing financial need.

To participate, families need to sign up for the program through the following link provided by the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. Registration is required in order to participate in the event. At the time of registration, we will have you pick a shopping time to help us better serve you.

By pre-registering, we can ensure that we have enough items as well as limit waiting times. We are excited to be in your community, we know when you look good, you feel good! If you have questions or additional information is needed please reach out to us at 920.731.7834, or send us an email at info@communityclothescloset.org

PASS SURVEY

With a continued commitment to addressing social and emotional barriers to learning, we are asking all students enrolled in the Berlin Area School District to complete the Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) survey. The PASS Survey was developed by a team of educational psychologists from multiple universities to provide highly reliable and valid information into how students feel about themselves as learners and how they feel about school. Available in twenty languages, PASS allows schools to detect possible barriers to student learning, including issues around confidence, resilience, motivation, and concentration. The PASS survey will allow our district to proactively address non-academic barriers to learning, which can compromise our students’ well-being and academic success. The survey will be administered in late January, to OPT OUT of the survey, please email Ann Schnyder, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education.

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)

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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)

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**Today's Learners.
 Tomorrow's Leaders.**