









BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 2 - No School (Staff PD)
- Feb 7 - ELT Schedule
- Feb 10 - Winterfest Dance
8p-12a
- Feb 14 - ELT Schedule
- Feb 21 - Academic Awards
Breakfast 7a
- Feb 22- No School (Staff PD)
- Feb 23 - No School
- Feb 28 - ELT Schedule

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BHS Families,

I want to draw your attention to some data on page 2. We have set some goals for growth and am happy to share that, at the halfway point of the school year, we are making good progress on those goals.

Taking time to celebrate is important, whether it be personal or professional successes. It is also important to take time to acknowledge those who contribute to that success. While there are several groups that should share credit to our continued growth, our students deserve the first nod. The vast majority of our students have bought into our systems and do what is asked of them academically and behaviorally. Every day, I see signs of strong character in our student body.

Parents - You have been extremely supportive of the school as well. Thank you for working WITH us. It's cliché, but it does take a village to raise a child and we are glad to be a part of it.

We have more room to grow and new challenges to overcome. Let's take this moment to reflect and celebrate and use it as continued motivation to keep doing our best.

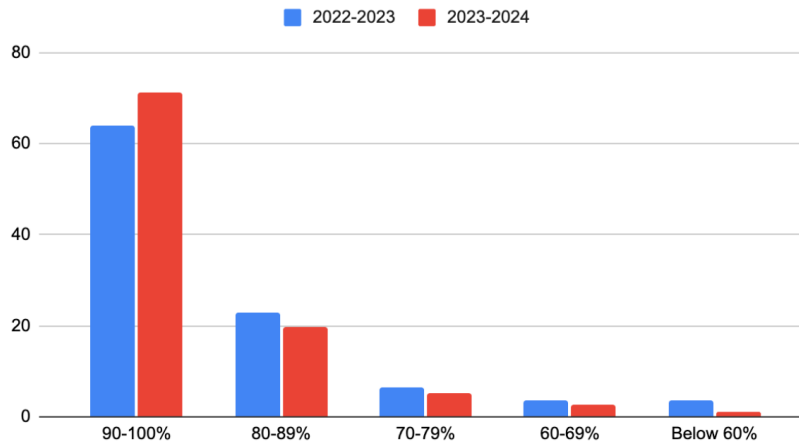
Yours,

Bryant



Attendance Update

Attendance Rates (percentage of students)



Take a look at the above graph. Our goal is to have the red bar on the far left (90-100%) continue to grow and the other red bars continue to shrink. This means that students are attending at a higher rate. When compared to last year (blue), you can see that our target percentage of 90-100% attendance is up, and we have decreased the number of students in the other categories.

Attendance is an area that we knew we could improve on, and Mr. Schommer has done an excellent job working with families. Please continue to communicate when your child is absent so we can code it appropriately, and please continue to prioritize being at school.

Failing Grades

When a student fails a class, it puts a great deal of stress on the student and our systems. We have created a goal to reduce the number of students failing two or more classes from the year before.

22-23 Semester 1: 34 students w/ 2 or more F's.

23-24 Semester 1: 8 students w/ 2 or more F's

I attribute this change to a few things. First, our attempt at 'Bridge Day' had an impact, even though we lost the day to a snowstorm. Students worked hard all week to avoid having to come to school. Second, our staff has been working on assessment techniques that allow students to show their work in different ways. Third, our staff cares about students, and many went the extra mile to push and motivate students until the end. We hope this trend continues for next semester.

Behaviors

96% of our students have 1 or fewer behavior referrals.

Total behavior referrals are down 29% from last year.

Great work, BHS Students!

VEX Robotics is State Bound



Coach Wasmuth, Kaytlyn Johnson, Tom Schumacher, Ben Johnson, Ewan Steffen, James Paskey, and Coach Steffen

The Berlin High School robotics teams traveled with two robots to compete at the 2024 Winneconne/VHS Blended Tournament on Saturday, January 27. Numerous revisions made to the robots over the last three weeks resulted in a top notch performance for both team Beta and team Chi. The teams are coached by Bret Steffen and Rick Wasmuth.

At the end of the qualification matches, the Berlin teams were ranked 1st and 2nd out of 32. Team Beta finished 8 qualification matches undefeated. Although Team Chi had one loss in the qualification rounds, they were ranked in 1st place due to offensive, defensive and point spread data.

Both teams made it through 3 elimination rounds into the final match of the day where they joined in an alliance to compete against VHS Excelsior! from Valley Home School and Rock Em' Sock Em' Robot from Neenah High School, the 3rd and 4th ranked teams.

In the finals match, the Berlin teams started strong and received the autonomous bonus. Although they played well, their opponents were both aggressive, and strong at defense, resulting in a loss for the Berlin teams.

After returning home, team Chi was notified that they have been invited to compete at the state championship which will take place in Ashwaubenon on March 1 and 2.

Dress Code Reminders

Belly Buttons/Midriffs should not be visible

No depictions or advertisements of alcohol

Hoods not to be worn during the school day.

Drop-off/Pick-Up Reminders

Students should not be at school prior to 7:30 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. unless part of an activity.

Parent drop-off/pick up happens on north side in the circle drive.

Parents/students should not enter the bus lot until after 3:40 p.m.

Prom Dress Drive



The student run Prom Closet will be open at BHS on Sunday, March 3, 11:00-1:00 for all area girls wishing to get a prom dress. There are a wide variety of styles and sizes available to try on. Dresses are free with another dress exchanged or just \$5 without an exchange.

Donations of dresses are always welcome and can be dropped off at the BHS office.

BHS Winterfest
"Candyland"
Feb 5-10

Dress Up Days

Monday- PJs

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Color Day

Frosh - Red, Soph - Green, Junior - Pink, Senior -Blue, Staff - Orange

Thursday - Anything but a backpack

Friday - Student/Teacher Switch

Donation Drive, Trivia - All Week

Pep Rally Friday Afternoon

Dance

Saturday, Feb 10, 8p-Midnight

Semi-Formal (no jeans, hoodies)

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at door

ECC Honors Band



Emma Latza (sr.), Ella Santori (so.) Dr. Scott Corley, UW-Milwaukee, Aleea Lichtenberg (jr.) Camille Bruce-DeMuri (sr.)

The ECC Honors Band was held January 26th and 27th in Waupun. Berlin High School is proud to have had four talented musicians participate this year! Students from all seven conference schools met for a large rehearsal day on the 26th, and they met again the 27th for rehearsals and a concert at Waupun Jr./Sr. High School. The guest conductor this year was Dr. Scott Corely from UW-Milwaukee. The students had two wonderful days of collaborative learning and music-making with peers and educators throughout the conference.

**BHS Senior
Scholarship
Application Open
Feb 26**

**ACT TEST FOR ALL
JUNIORS**
**Wednesday, March
13**
(Gr 9,10,12 Virtual Day)

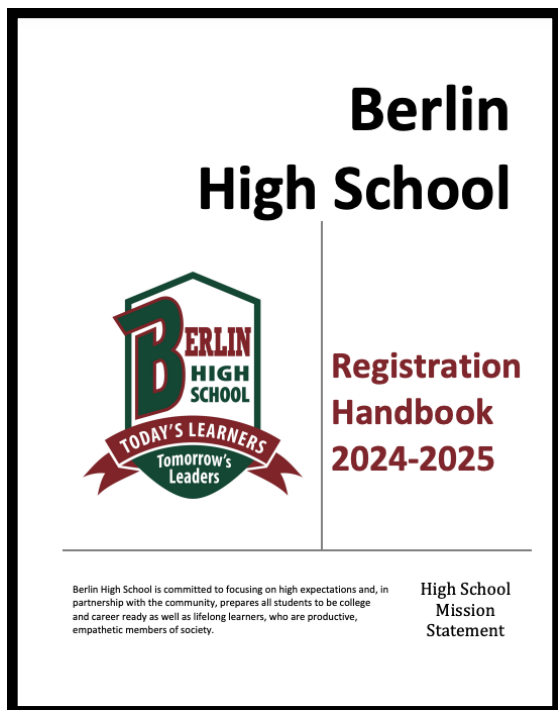
2024-2025 Course Registration

All returning BHS Students received course registration sheets on January 30th for the 2024-2025 school year. Course registration documents and the course registration handbook can be found on the school website by going to

BHS>ACADEMICS>HS COUNSELING

Please take time to review the course registration handbook and your child's course selections. Should you have any questions, please reach out to our counselors Ann Ragus (last name A-L) or Matt Willett (last name M-Z).

**Course registration forms need to be returned to homeroom teachers by
Friday, February 9th.**



Berlin Area School District | 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

| JULY 2023 | | | | | | |
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1 - 2 No School - Winter Break
 12 End of First Semester
 15 No School - Teacher Work Day

| AUGUST 2023 | | | | | | |
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15-18 New Teacher Days
 22-24 No School - Staff Development
 28-29 No School - Staff Development
 31 First Day of School

| FEBRUARY 2024 | | | | | | |
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 22 No School - Staff Development
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| SEPTEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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4 No School - Labor Day
 29 Homecoming

| MARCH 2024 | | | | | | |
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21 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
 22 No School
 25-29 No School - Spring Break

| OCTOBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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2 No School - Staff Development
 26 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
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| APRIL 2024 | | | | | | |
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| NOVEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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10 No School - Staff Development
 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

| MAY 2024 | | | | | | |
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10 No School - Staff Development
 24 Graduation
 27 No School - Memorial Day
 31 Last Day of School

| DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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11 No School - Staff Development
 25-29 No School - Winter Break

| JUNE 2024 | | | | | | |
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Today's Learners.
 Tomorrow's Leaders.

Berlin High School - Winter Sports' Schedule 2023-2024

Revised October 30, 2023

| Boys' Basketball (5:45 JV & JV2 - 7:15 V) | | | Girls' Basketball (5:45 JV - 7:15 V) | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| November 21 | WLA | H | November 14 | Green Lake/ Princeton | A |
| November 28 | Wautoma 5:30p.m. | A | November 16 | Waupaca | H |
| December 4 | Weyauwega-Fremont (V) | A | November 21 | Mayville | A |
| December 8 | Westfield | H | November 28 | Westfield | H |
| December 9 | Saint Croix Central @Wis Dells | A | December 1 | Kewaskum | A |
| December 12 | Ripon | A | December 5 | Wautoma | H |
| December 15 | Waupun | H | December 7 | Ripon | A |
| December 19 | Markesan | H | December 9 | Chilton @Wis Dells (V) | A |
| December 21 | Winneconne | A | December 14 | Waupun | H |
| December 28 | Lomira | A | December 21 | Winneconne | |
| January 4 | KML | H | December 28 | Lourdes (V) | |
| January 8 | N. Fondy 5:50p.m. | A | January 2 | Omro | A |
| January 11 | Plymouth | A | January 5 | KML | H |
| January 15 | Omro | H | January 9 | Pardeeville | H |
| January 18 | Kewaskum | H | January 12 | Plymouth | A |
| January 23 | Adams-Friendship 5:30p.m. | A | January 16 | Markesan | H |
| January 26 | Laconia | H | January 19 | Kewaskum | H |
| January 30 | Ripon | H | January 22 | Lomira | A |
| February 2 | Waupun | A | January 25 | Ripon | H |
| February 5 | Waupaca | H | January 29 | N. Fondy | A |
| February 8 | Winneconne | H | February 1 | Waupun | A |
| February 13 | KML | A | February 6 | Winneconne | H |
| February 16 | Plymouth | H | February 9 | KML | A |
| February 22 | Kewaskum | A | February 15 | Plymouth | H |
| | | | February 20,22,23 | Regionals | TBD |
| Wrestling | | | Boys' Swimming | | |
| November 28 | Scrimmage | H | December 2 | Plymouth Invite | A |
| November 30 | Berlin Quad | H | December 9 | Appleton West Invite | A |
| December 1 | Kimberly JV Invite | A | December 14 | Chilton Triangular | A |
| December 2 | Kimberly Invite | A | December 16 | Port Washington Invite | A |
| December 5 | Weyauwega-Fremont Tri | A | January 6 | Cedarburg Invite | A |
| December 7 | Wautoma Quad | A | January 11 | Chilton Triangular | A |
| December 14 | Waupun Dual | A | January 13 | Fond du Lac Invite | A |
| December 18 | Lomira JV Invite | A | January 18 | Plymouth Triangular | A |
| December 21 | Winneconne Dual | H | January 25 | Plymouth Triangular | A |
| January 4 | KML Dual | A | January 27 | Shorewood Invite | A |
| January 5 | Port Washington Invite | A | February 3 | Kiel Conf. Meet | A |
| January 11 | Plymouth Dual | H | February 9 | WIAA Diving Sectional | TBD |
| January 13 | New London Invite | A | February 10 | WIAA Sectional @Plymouth | A |
| January 18 | Kewaskum Dual | A | February 16-17 | WIAA State @Waukesha South | A |
| January 25 | Markesan Quad | A | | | |
| January 27 | Wisconsin Dells Invite | A | | | |
| February 2 | ECC Tournament @Waupun | A | | | |
| February 5 | Columbus JV Invite | A | | | |
| February 10 | WIAA Regional @Richland Center | A | | | |
| February 17 | WIAA Sectional @ Wisconsin Dells | A | | | |
| February 22,23,24 | WIAA State @ Madison Kohl Center | A | | | |