









BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 12
Last day of Semester (Bridge Day)
- Jan 11
Senior Cap/Gown Fitting
- Jan 15
No school (Staff PD)
- Feb 7
NAEP Testing (some seniors)
- Feb 10
Winterfest Dance



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear BHS Families,

Happy New Year to you and yours. As we enter the halfway mark of the school year, we are busy preparing for a few important events:

2024-2025: Course Registration

We will be starting the process of selecting classes for our returning students soon. We are making some small tweaks to our course catalog and will be meeting with each class soon to talk about requirements and options. More information will come in separate communications about our scheduling timeline.

State Testing

We are preparing for the state-required assessments we will be administering. We have been selected to administer the NAEP exam to a random sampling of seniors. This is a national exam that we have to administer when selected. We will be giving this on February 7th and more information will come to the impacted students and families. Our juniors will be taking the ACT Statewide exam on March 13th. Our freshmen and sophomore students will be taking the PreACT in April.

Senior Scholarships and Graduation Prep

Seniors should frequent our [senior scholarship page](#) on our website. These are just some of the scholarships out there available to our students. In late February, the Berlin High School Senior Scholarship window will open. I highly suggest that all graduating seniors complete this scholarship application, regardless of post-secondary plans. Seniors should also frequent their email for important announcements about other senior activities. Some of those important dates are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

2023 was a great year at BHS and I look forward to all that 2024 brings. I appreciate all your support and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Yours,
Bryant



BRIDGE DAY - JANUARY 12

When: Last day of S1 (1/12/24)

Why: We believe it is 'that' you know it, not 'when' you know it. This 'last chance' day gives students one final opportunity before grades become permanent to show what they know or can do. Traditional grades are based on a point system and students can use this final opportunity to complete additional tasks and earn additional points towards their final grade.

What: All students will have the opportunity to improve their grades on this day.

- **Students with a D or F grade (mandatory attendance):**
 - Students who have a D or an F will be notified on Monday (1/8/24) of the last week that their attendance will be mandatory on Bridge day (all day). Students will attend school at the normal time and attend their classes according to the regular bell schedule. With mutual arrangement between teachers and student (email/hall pass system), students can see a non-scheduled teacher during a class period. Should students improve their grades to no D/F grades prior to Friday, their homeroom teacher will take them off the list for the mandatory attendance. Any student with a D/F grade on Bridge day must stay the whole day, even if they improve their grade throughout the day. Students who are required to attend but do not will be marked unexcused and normal attendance procedures (including the issuance of truancy) will be followed.
- **Students with A/B/C grades (optional attendance):**
 - Students who do not have a D or an F can still come and improve a grade if they wish. Their attendance is optional and they can attend for all, part, or none of the day. These students will be required to notify their teacher by Wednesday of the last week of whether they plan to attend or not, giving teachers ample time to prepare the necessary materials.

*Bus transportation will be provided like a normal school day.

**CAPP/Dual Credit classes have to follow the re-take rules of the University, and therefore will not be a part of Bridge day.



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 WINTERFEST DANCE "Candyland"

Saturday, Feb 10
8-12 p.m.



SENIOR DATES TO REMEMBER
CLASS OF 2024

- January 11 Graduation Cap & Gown fitting *and Diploma Names* in the High School gym 12:15p.m. – 12:48 p.m.
- January 12 Early graduates last day
- February 26 Berlin High School Senior Scholarship application (Google Form) emailed to the Class of 2024
- March 17 Berlin High School Senior Scholarship application due by midnight via Google Forms
- May 1 Caps & gowns distribution during ELT (8:40 – 9:45 a.m.)
- May 15 Scholarship Awards Program BHS Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- May 22 Last full day of school for Seniors
- May 23 Senior breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Graduation practice after breakfast in the high school gym. *Bring graduation caps & gowns for the walk through at Clay Lamberton after practice.*
- May 24 Graduation at 6:00 p.m. on the BHS Football Field *(in the event we have inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the BHS gymnasium at 6:00 p.m.)*

You will receive a letter in April with specific graduation information – please watch for it!

*** Seniors with a chance of graduating will participate in cap and gown measuring, but graduating and participation in any graduation ceremonies is subject to meeting the necessary requirements. ***

WORK SKILLS CLASS PARTICIPATES IN MOCK INTERVIEWS



Students in Ms. Dallmann's and Mrs. Wood's Work Skills class at Berlin High School partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of the Tri-County Area in Berlin to gain some real world interview practice. Students spent the semester learning about job skills such as how to find a job at local businesses, completing job applications, writing resumes and cover letters, and understanding how to answer interview questions. Students then took a trip to the Boys and Girls Club where Club staff "interviewed" them for the positions they applied for! "We have partnered with the Boys and Girls Club for several years now to do these mock interviews", said Christine Dallmann, Berlin High School Teacher. "It's a great way for students to gain real-life skills, and for the community to be aware of and involved in the great things we do at the high school."

As part of the Work Skills class, students also work in the School Grounds Coffee Shop, located right in the high school. Students make and deliver hot and cold beverages such as coffees, shakes, and smoothies, and also prepare toasted bagels and muffins. "Working in the School Grounds Coffee Shop prepares our students for life in the working world", said Suzanne Wood, Berlin High School Teacher. "They learn customer service skills, problem solving strategies, and how to work together as a team." Once students successfully complete the Work Skills class, they have the opportunity to earn school credit for work in the future. Great job students!



Mrs. Deb Weiske's and Mrs. Denise Yancy's students collaborated with Dr. Jody Ziemann's Spanish 4 students to make piñatas in December. The classes will break them in January after learning about the Three Kings Day custom in Spain and Mexico.





BHS Seniors Kate Femali and Camille Bruce-DeMuri presented their Voices of Democracy speeches to the VFW. They are pictured with Jim Nuemeier, Craig Chovanec, and Gary Knoke who helped judge the contest. Also entering the contest were Emma Latza and Galicia Barraza who were unable to attend the dinner. The judges commented that this year's entries were among the best they have ever had.

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CAPP

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**CAPP students and families,
please note:**

If a CAPP student plans to enroll at UW Oshkosh as an incoming freshman, they may apply for a CAPP Scholarship of \$500 or, if eligible, CAPP Honors College Scholarship of \$1000. For more information please visit <https://uwosh.edu/capp/students/other-opportunities/>

The Deadline is March 15, 2024.

BHS ATTENDANCE IMPROVING!

Last fall during the 22-23 school year, 86% of students attended school at least 80% of the time.

This year, 90% of students have met that same threshold. We have also increased the number of students attending more than 90% of the school days.

Let's keep this trend going over the next few months!



CHROMEBOOK CARE

Chromebooks have been purchased for the students of the Berlin Area School District because we believe them to be a necessary requirement for access and completion of many learning activities. They function as a digital textbook and information access tool that is necessary for student success.

Here are the three most common types of damages we have seen in student chromebooks and tips for how to avoid these types of damages:

Type of Damage:	How to Avoid This Damage:
Damage from Backpacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should avoid placing chromebooks in a heavy backpack. Chromebooks can easily be crushed by all the heavy textbooks students are carrying around. Small items and food debris tend to get stuck in a chromebook's charging port and headphone jack. Students should always treat their chromebooks with care. Tossing a backpack to the ground or a desk—even if it's just a short distance—can significantly damage a student's chromebook.
Damage from Extreme Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any extreme temperatures—hot or cold—can cause damage to a chromebook. Students should not store school chromebooks outside in their vehicles for extended periods of time. Doing so may lead to damage to the chromebook screen and may shorten battery life.
Screen Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should avoid grabbing or carrying their open chromebooks by the screen. If the chromebook cannot be placed in a backpack or bag, students should carry their chromebook with the cover closed and consider "hugging" their chromebooks as they walk. Students should avoid touching the screen of their chromebooks. Touching a screen with a finger, pen, or pencil can damage or break the screen. Students should also avoid using their chromebook as a folder for their classwork.

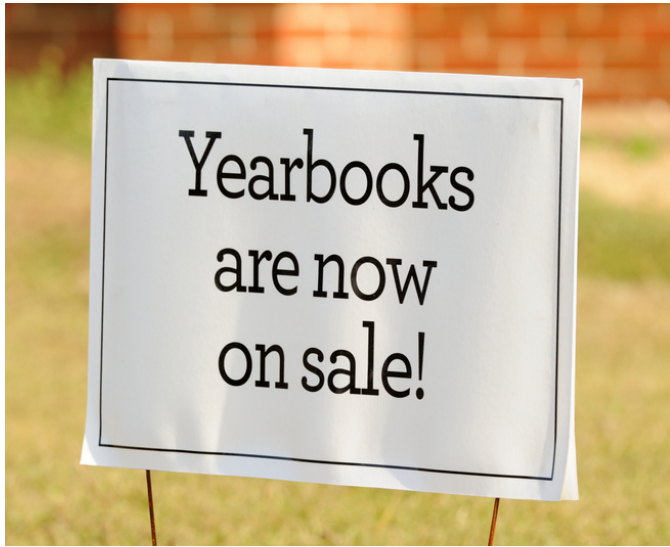
When a student's assigned chromebook is in need of repair, it should be taken to the BHS Library Media Center (LMC) as soon as possible. A student will be provided with a loaner chromebook if it is necessary for his or her chromebook to be sent in for repair. Problems due to defect or normal use will be repaired at no cost to the student/family. Damages caused by improper use or care or intentional breakage will be billed to the student/family. In the event that any chromebook damage occurs, an email will be sent home with a picture of the damage.

According to our [BHS Student Handbook](#), the Berlin Area School District will cover the cost of repair for a student's first accidental break, but families may be responsible for any subsequent damages after the first incident:

FIRST INCIDENT - The BASD will assume the cost of the repair.

SECOND INCIDENT - The student/family may be responsible to pay \$54, which is the cost of insurance the BASD has purchased for each device.

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT ISSUES - The student/family will be billed equal to the repair/replacement cost of the Chromebook (\$350 maximum) and power cords (\$50 maximum)



**BUY YOUR
YEARBOOK!**

LINK

Wordsmiths of Berlin's
9th Annual

POETRY SLAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 7 PM

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Submissions due by Wednesday, January 17

- Poem format is open.
- Poems must be the poet's own original work.
- Performance must be under three minutes.
- A one-minute or less introduction to the poem is permissible.
- Avoid obscenities or graphic sexual content.
- No accompaniment or technical enhancement are allowed.
- Poets need to submit two poetry pieces.

Questions and Submissions:
Mr. Reise,
areise@berlin.k12.wi.us



Free Admission
Open to Any Area Poets
High School-Age & Older



VEX ROBOTICS COMPETES IN MENASHA

The Berlin High School and Middle School robotics team traveled with two robots to compete at the 10th Annual Menasha VEX Robotics Meet on Saturday. At their first meet of the school year, Teams Beta and Chi made a strong showing against 36 other robots.

Both Team Beta and Team Chi advanced to the round of 16 and were able to compete together as an alliance. The Berlin teams won the round with 156 points, the second highest score of the entire day for all teams. The next round was not as successful and did not advance to the semifinals.

The VEX Robotics game changes every year, resulting in new engineering challenges. This year's game involves launching acorn shaped "triballs" into the air and moving them into a designated goal area.

Bonus points are awarded for completing an autonomous challenge that is preprogrammed using coding. Points are also given for making the robot climb an elevation bar so the wheels are off ground at the end of the match.

The teams will work together to make adjustments to the robots before competing again on January 6.

Tech Ed Looking for your Shop Clutter

If you have any of the following items laying around and no longer need, consider donating to our Tech Ed Department. Email bsteffen@berlin.k12.wi.us

- Pallet Racking
- 2-stroke engines (running or not)
- Plumbing components (piping, faucets, other fixtures)
- Electrical components (outlets, switches, housing boxes, light fixtures, etc.)
- Old car parts (carburetors, alternators, starters)
- Tile board
- Tiles

BHS SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB INFO

Registration is now open for Ski & Snowboard Club for the 2023/24 season! We will be traveling to Nordic Mountain for four trips this season. Ski & Snowboard Club is open to any BHS student, regardless of their experience level.

All students attending Ski Club trips should plan on attending ALL FOUR trips. The discounted rates are for students who sign up for four trips. Students who are unable to attend a trip WILL NOT receive a refund for the missed trip, unless they have sustained an injury that will prevent them from participating. This is policy per Nordic Mountain.

We will leave BHS at 4:00p and will return at 9:00p.

2023/24 Dates
January 16, 2024
January 23, 2024
February 13, 2024
February 20, 2024
February 27, 2024 (Make Up - If Needed)

To sign up, please visit: <https://shop.nordicmountain.com/groups>
Use group code: berlinhs24
Due Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024



For more information, check out the following links or contact Mr. Marshall.
[23/24 Parent Handout](#)
[Ski Club 2023-24 Registration](#)

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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

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 22 No School - Staff Development
 23 No School

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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4 No School - Labor Day
 29 Homecoming

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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
 27 No School

APRIL 2024						
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15 No School - Staff Development

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			