



BNHS NEWS



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“The secret to getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is breaking your overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first.”

- Mark Twain

Happy Holidays!

When you receive this newsletter, first semester will be nearing the end. I encourage you to continue following your child's progress using our eSchool Parent Access. If you do not remember your login information you may contact our main office (815) 544-2636 and we will be happy to provide you with the information. You are also more than welcome to contact your child's teachers with any questions. All contact information for our staff is listed on the District #100 website. Information has been shared in this newsletter which provides the specific dates report cards will be mailed home in January. We also have a list of important dates for the remainder of the school year to assist in your planning.

There is also an area in this newsletter explaining the new BNHS suggestion box. Please use this electronic suggestion box to share information with me. All of the information you provide in the suggestion box is anonymous. If you would like me to respond to the information you provide, please include a telephone number or email address.

Our first Belvidere North High School Parent Advisory Team Meeting was held on October 28th. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the Belvidere North High School library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Finally, please know how thankful I am to serve as principal of Belvidere North High School. I care deeply about our students, and their academic success. Even on the most challenging days, they make my job the most wonderful job! I simply want you to know how much I enjoy being a small part in your child's life. If I can provide any support for your family, please do not hesitate to contact me. The direct line to my office is 815-547-3649 and my email address is meckmann@district100.com

Warmest Regards,

Marc Eckmann
Principal

STUDENT ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

BNHS will be sponsoring a Student Alumni Open House on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 7:45-11:00AM. Graduates may arrive any time after 7:45AM, park in the main parking lot off of Beloit Rd and enter through the front doors. They are asked to sign a guest register in the Main Office, pick up a name tag and report to the Learning Center prior to making any classroom visits. Classroom visits are by teacher's invitation only; the Learning Center will remain open as a place where the graduates can congregate and visit with each other and with BNHS staff.

SNOW DAYS/SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES

As we enter the winter months, the potential for school closings due to inclement weather or impassable roads increases. The decision to close the schools is made at approximately 5:30AM of the day school is to close. This decision is a cooperative one between the Director of Transportation and the School Superintendent. The District will notify parents via telephone of a school cancellation due to inclement weather. A school cancellation call will be made to the student's primary phone number beginning at 5:45AM. Always check with local TV and radio stations to verify that school will be in session. The following television and radio stations will carry news of school closings in Belvidere beginning no later than 6:30AM.

Television: WREX-13, WTVO-17, and WIFR-23.

Radio: WROK-1440AM, WZOK-97.5FM, and WKMQ-96.7FM.

Emergency weather information will also be posted on the District's website: www.district100.com

VACATION FORMS

If you are planning a vacation that will result in your student missing school, please remember that the vacation form needs to be completed and approved **prior** to the absence from school. Family vacations must be approved by the principal two weeks in advance. Family vacation forms may be picked up in the attendance office.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are 7:55AM-2:55PM. Students must be under the supervision of a teacher or coach before 7:30AM or after 3:15PM. Please make arrangements for students to be picked up from school by 3:15PM unless they are involved in a supervised school activity.

LUNCH ITEMS

Students are able to purchase lunch through Sodexo, our food service provider, or bring a lunch from home. Students are not allowed to bring fast food or have fast food delivered to school. If you have any questions about the lunchroom policies please contact Sodexo. They can be reached at 815-547-3856.

WEBSITE

Parents and students are encouraged to visit the BNHS website for daily announcements and updates on school events. The website is updated on a regular basis and can be found at the following link

<http://www.district100.com/bnhs-home> .

ESCHOOL PARENT GRADE ACCESS

District 100 parents can access their child's Current Grades, Schedule, Attendance, Class Work, Interim Progress, and Report Cards online. If you do not have a password, please contact Kay Beard at www.district100.com under the Parent link ESchool Grade Access.

TEACHER E-MAIL

If you have questions or concerns that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher(s), we encourage you to contact them via their e-mail address. Each teacher's e-mail address is the initial of their first name followed by their last name then @district100.com, all with no spaces. For example: Principal Marc Eckmann's e-mail address would be MEckmann@district100.com. Teachers are encouraged to check their e-mail numerous times a day.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Are you interested in joining the BNHS Guidance Remind group? If so, please text @BNguidance to 81010 or visit the Guidance Office to sign up. You will receive information about upcoming college visits, deadlines, scholarships and more!



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All address/student information changes must take place by contacting the Belvidere CUSD 100's Central Office at 815-544-0301. Be sure to bring the following "required" documentation necessary.

Required Documentation:

Three current (November 2016 or after) proof of residency documents which are addressed to the guardian and verifies the students address.

Category A (Choose one from this category):

- Current Year Tax Bill
- Current Lease-must be dated during the school year of registration. Lease must be signed by all parties including landlord's name and phone number.

Category B (Choose two from this category):

- Electric Bill
- Gas Bill
- Water Bill
- Refuse Bill

NOTE: All utilities must state the service address and the mailing address from the same location.

BILLING STATEMENTS

Please be aware that billing statements have been mailed home to all students who have unpaid fees. Fees can be mailed to the school attention bookkeeping or paid anytime in the Main Office at BNHS. If you have questions or would like to setup a payment plan please contact Claudia Najera at (815)547-3513.

STUDENT MESSAGES

We are aware that emergencies happen and there may be a time when a message needs to be delivered to a student during the school day, this should only be used in emergency situations. Anytime a message is delivered to a student it is an interruption to the classroom and the learning process.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NEWS



The Science Olympiad team will be competing in their first invitational of the season at Harlem HS on December 10th.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR 17 & 18 YEAR OLD MEN

Federal law requires that you register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18 birthday. Selective Service accepts early submission of registration information; you can submit information to Selective Service at age 17 years and 3 months old and be automatically registered when you turn 18.

When you register, you stay eligible for federal student loans, federal job training, and federal jobs. You can register on-line at www.sss.gov and it only takes a few minutes.

2017 NORTH WAY DAYS

January 11	
February 1	February 15
March 1	March 15
April 19	May 3

Belvidere North High School Suggestion Box

The Belvidere North High School Suggestion Box can be accessed from the Belvidere North Website by clicking About Us and selecting Suggestion Box. You can use the BNHS Suggestion Box to:

- Share a Celebration,
- Ask a Question,
- Offer a Suggestion, or
- Share a Complaint.

Information provided using the BNHS Suggestion is completely anonymous. The suggestion box does not collect email addresses.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

"The World Language Department introduced peer tutoring this semester.

Every Monday through Friday, peer tutors are available from 3-3:20 for Spanish and German students. The peer tutors are members of the Spanish Honor Society and German 3 and 4. Every session is monitored by a teacher and the schedule of meeting rooms can be found in each World Language classroom. Tutors leave at 3:05 if no one comes for help, so please encourage your student to arrive on time in order to take advantage of the program."



JOURNALISM



Visit North's online newspaper

The North View at www.thenorthview.com

You can check out North's weekly broadcast videos on the district website or their YouTube Channel *BNHS Weekly Thunder*.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding research, finding cures and ensuring access to treatments for blood cancer patients.

January 9th- 20th, 2017- Belvidere North Student Council will be collecting donations during 6th hour classes. The winning class will receive a pizza party & the pride of knowing that they made a difference in finding a cure for leukemia and lymphoma.

Donations can be made in class as well as online using the following link:

<http://events.lls.org/pages/il/BelvidereNorthHighSchool-2017>

NORTH WAY STUDENT & STAFF OF THE QUARTER

Students and Staff submitted over 200 nominations for the Student and Staff of the Quarter. The individuals selected exemplify strong character traits including responsibility, respect, and purpose. Congratulations to the winners and to the many individuals nominated!

Students:

Sidney Baird, 12th Grade
Savieon Craighead, 11th Grade
Victoria Croyle, 9th Grade
Michael Martz, 11th Grade
Manuela Rojas Vazquez, 12th Grade

Staff:

Ms. Booth, Hall Monitor
Mr. Chiodini, Social Studies Teacher
Ms. Dominguez, Sedexo Staff
Mr. Oldani, Careers Teacher
Ms. Smiley, English Department

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

On Friday, October 12th the Belvidere North Student Advisory Board met for the first time. During the meeting, the students broke into smaller groups and created a list of things to glow on and things to grow on. In essence, it was a list of things we do well at Belvidere North and areas we need to improve. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 11:00.

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Belvidere North High School Student Choir Board held their annual leadership retreat at the end of October. In addition to participating in various leadership activities, the student board drafted the new BNHS Vocal Music mission statement.

Olivia Albrecht ('17) participated in the National Association of Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honors Chorus in Grapevine (Dallas), Texas from November 10-13. Dr. Phillip Vermillion, BNHS Chorus Director, was selected to perform in the Directors' Chorus during the conference.

In early October, several Belvidere North High School musicians auditioned for seats for the upcoming Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) regional festivals. Thirty-one BNHS students earned seats in band, jazz band, chorus, and orchestra.

DECA

On Sept 29th, BNHS student Leah Hoffman was elected Illinois State Vice-President of the DECA organization.

ELECTION 2016

10 Belvidere North Students were trained to and acted as election judges on Tuesday November 8, 2016. They were trained by the Boone County Clerk's office and worked at various polling places in Boone County. This is the 6th election that Belvidere North has supplied election judges for the Clerk's office.

On Tuesday, November 8th, Belvidere North students participated in a Mock Presidential Election.

BLUE THUNDER SPORTS UPDATES

NIC-10 ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES

Girls Tennis

Leraaen Abbott First Team All Conference
Kayla Vittore First Team All Conference

Volleyball

Bailey Neiber First Team All Conference
Elise Rand First Team All Conference
Peyton Sewell Special Mention

Boys Soccer

Jhon Henao First Team All Conference

Football

Josh Shableau First Team All Conference
Tanner Mateus First Team All Conference
Jonathon Backs Special Mention

Girls Cross Country

Jenna Lutzow First Team All Conference & NIC 10 MVP
Madison Diercks First Team All Conference
Gianna Sagona First Team All Conference
Sabrina Elder First Team All Conference
Alexandria Reza First Team All Conference
Olivia Zaluckyj First Team All Conference
Remy Bice Special Mention
Ken Husser Coach of the Year

Boys Cross Country

Alec Scott First Team All Conference
Jack Macaluso First Team All Conference
Brandt Lerma Special Mention
Jared Ellingson Special Mention
Austin Harnois Special Mention
Troy Yunk Coach of the Year

Girls Golf-Team

Maddie Sturm First Team All Conference
Sara Redig First Team All Conference
Morgan McNulty Special Mention

Boys Golf

Josh Cassaro First Team All Conference
Brenton Payne Special Mention

Girls Swimming

Madelynn Marunde First Team All Conference & NIC 10 MVP
Jordan Andrews First Team All Conference
Hannah Cunningham First Team All Conference
Mikayla Gavina First Team All Conference
Sydney Wight First Team All Conference
Arielle Gavina Special Mention

IHSA STATE HONORS

Congratulations to the following athletes who have participated in the IHSA State Finals!

Jenna Lutzow Girls State Cross Country All-State Honors Finishing 1st
Madison Diercks Girls State Cross Country All-State Honors finishing 4th
Gianna Sagona Girls State Cross Country All-State Honors finishing 11th
Olivia Zaluckyj Girls State Cross Country
Sabrina Elder Girls State Cross Country
Alexandria Reza Girls State Cross Country
Remy Bice Girls State Cross Country
Kayla Vittore Girls State Tennis-doubles
Leraaen Abbott Girls State Tennis-doubles
Caroline Park Girls State Tennis-singles
Jordan Andrews Girls State Swimming
Madelynn Marunde Girls State Swimming
Hannah Cunningham Girls State Swimming
Mikayla Gavina Girls State Swimming

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

We had an incredible fall season of sports here at North, here are some of the highlights-

- **Girls Cross Country Team** had a very successful season placing first in every meet this season except one. They were NIC-10 Conference Champions for the 5th straight year, Regional Champions, and Sectional Champions for the first time in school history. The girls then dominated the IHSA 2A State meet bringing home their first ever **State Championship** as well as the individual **State Champion Jenna Lutzow**. The JV team also won the conference meet.

- **Boys Cross Country Team** finished the season as NIC-10 Conference champs for the 8th time in the last 9 years for the varsity and the fresh/soph team won the conference title as well.
- **Boys Golf** qualified for sectionals as a team.
- **Girls Golf** had three girls make it to sectionals, Maddie Sturm, Sara Redig, and Morgan McNulty.
- **Girls Coop Swimming** had Madelynn Marunde and Jordan Andrews qualify for state in individual events as well as two relays with Marunde, Andrews, Mikayla Gavina, Hannah Cunningham, and Halle Cox.
- **Girls Tennis** had the doubles team of Leraean Abbott and Kayla Vittore win sectionals and qualified for state along with singles player Caroline Park. JV Tennis The JV Tennis team were the NIC-10 Conference Champs.
- **Freshman Volleyball Team** finished their season as Freshman Conference champs.
- **Varsity Volleyball Team** finished as NIC-10 Co-Champions for the first time in school history, sharing the title with Guilford.

WEBSITE

Check out the Blue Thunder Athletic Website at il.8to18.com/belviderenorth. This is where you will have access to rosters, schedules, news from coaches, Athlete of the Week, as well as information on all upcoming athletic department events. Each Blue Thunder team has a page where they can add photos and announcements. 8to18 also offers an app for smartphones now, please see the main page of our website for more information.

NIC-10 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Belvidere North High School is proud to announce that 96 BNHS students have earned the recognition as NIC-10 Scholar Athletes. To be eligible, a student must be a Varsity athlete with a 3.30 or higher GPA. Unfortunately athletes that attend Running Start at RVC will not be recognized for this award until we receive their 1st semester grades in January.

Athletes who received this award for the fall season are: Morgan Auman, Emily Carter, Braylee Cebuhar, Sophia Dutz, Giana Enciso, Emilie Gibbs, Katelyn Kehrer, Hannah Konkler, Jovi Lazzerini, Ashleigh Liebenberg, Halie Lindberg, Jordyn Lutzow, Alex Martinez, McKenzie Mueller, Olivia Sawyer, Quinton Willingham, Maggie Anderson, Jazmin Alvarez, Sidney Baird, Nicole Bratton, Kathy Gutierrez, Grace Johnson, Leslei Lopez, Lynnea Nottingham, Alyssa Stamper, Kari Torgerson, Bennett Baker, Adam Veruchi, Christine Chustak, Morgan McNulty, Rachel Nelson, Gracie Thies, Ryan Alt, Alexis Garcia, Tanner Mateus, Andrew Tremud, Aidan Westerberg, Jordan Andrews, Morgan Ceniseros, Stephanie Cipolla, Haley Dahl, Madelynn Marunde, Sydney Wight, Jared Ellingson, Austin Harnois, Jack Macaluso, Jake Martocci, Virgil Munyemana, Tyler Paddock, Remy Bice, Madison Diercks, Sabrina Elder, Brinley Hefty, Katie Luna, Jenna Lutzow, Kayla McGuire, Chelsey Recendez, Gianna Sagona, Olivia Zaluckyj, Nicole Ackerman, Ellyn Boatman, Taylor Ferguson, Kristen Guenev, Jadah Harris, Danielle Leider, Brookelyn Messenger, Bailey Neiber, Cassiana Pozzi, Elise Rand, Peyton Sewell, Abigail Stegman, Jack Ahlenius, Caleb Blatchford, Noah Bowman, Sam Brown, Chance Cregeen, Callahan Diercks, Jose Gonzalez, Manuel Mendoza, Josh Pawlowski, Jason Rodgers, Matthew Swanson, Ben Turner, Anthony Vega, John Willsea, William Willsea, Olivia Hart, Angela Ignacio, Olivia Kersten, Alyssa Martelin, Caroline Park, Sophia Psaltis, Lauren Shelton, Vanessa Sida, Ana Valenzuela, and Kayla Vittore.

CHEER COMPETITION

Please join us for the Blue Thunder Coed Challenge - Illinois' only coed -only cheer competition on Friday, December 16th. 20 Coed Cheer teams will be competing, including defending state champs Buffalo Grove, and your own state runner-up Belvidere North. 6 of the teams competing finished in the Top 10 in 2015. The competition begins at 5:30 PM; \$5 for adults and North students with ID are free! Food will be provided by the Blue Thunder Boosters! Come on out and support your North Cheerleaders!



BNHS DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 13 Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. District #100 PAC
- 14 North Way Day (Students will follow the North Way Day Schedule)
- 15 Improv Anonymous 7:00 p.m. BNHS Cafeteria
- 21 End of First Semester
- 22-31 Winter Break

January

- 1-3 Winter Break
- 11 North Way Day & PLC Early Release (Students will follow the early release schedule)
- 13 First semester grades will be mailed to parents
- 16 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 19-21 BNHS Winter Play "Radium Girls" 7:00 p.m. (District #100 PAC)
- 30 Freshmen Preview Night (6:30 - 8:00 p.m. BNHS Gymnasium)

February

- 1 North Way Day (Students will follow the North Way Day schedule)
- 3 Weekly IPR will be used for Semester II Progress Report 1 and sent home with students.
- 7 Pops Concert 7:00 p.m. BNHS Cafeteria
- 8 PLC Early Release (Students released at 1:55. PLC begins at 2:05)
- 9 Improv Anonymous BNHS Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Band Concert 7:00 p.m. District #100 PAC
- 15 North Way Day (Students will follow the North Way Day schedule)
Spring Parent/Athlete Meeting
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:30-8:30)
- 17 School Improvement Day (No School)
- 20 Presidents' Day (No School)

March

- 1 North Way Day (Students will follow the North Way Day Schedule)
- 4 Student Council Rec Night
- 7 Winter Athlete Awards Night
- 8 PLC Early Release (Students released at 1:55. PLC begins 2:05)
- 10 Semester II Midpoint - Weekly IPR will be used as Semester 2 Progress Report 2 and mailed home
- 15 North Way Day (Students will follow the North Way Schedule)
- 16-18 BNHS Musical 7:00 p.m. District #100 PAC
- 27-31 Spring Break

April

- 5 SAT State Test for all Juniors
- 8 BNHS Prom
- 12 PLC Early Release (Students will follow the early dismissal schedule)
- 13 No School - School Improvement Day
- 14 Good Friday (No School)
- 19 North Way Day (Students will follow the NorthWay Day schedule)
- 20 Improv Anonymous 7:00p.m. Cafeteria
- 21 Weekly IPR will be used as Semester II Progress Report III sent home with students
- 25 SAT Make-up for Juniors
Band Concert 7:00 p.m. PAC
- 27 Student Council Blood Drive

May

- 3 Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. District #100 PAC
North Way Day (Students will follow the NorthWay Day schedule)
- 13 BNHS Graduation (Rock Valley College 2:00 p.m.)
- 16 Spring Athletic Awards Night
- 22 Last Day of Student Attendance (without emergency days) End of Semester II
- 23-30 Emergency Days (If needed)
- 31 Second Semester Report Cards will be mailed to students



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*Happy
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A simple line drawing of a Christmas ornament. It has a circular body with a wavy pattern on the top half and a dotted band on the bottom half. A small stem with a loop is attached to the top.