



Panther Press

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON
Central School District

Main Events

August 18:

- 🐾 Fall Varsity & JV Soccer Begins

August 26 & 27:

- 🐾 Superintendents Days for Teachers and Staff

August 27:

- 🐾 4:30-5:30 pm Corn Roast for Staff, Students and Parents
- 🐾 5:30 pm Open House for AM Pre-K
- 🐾 6:15 pm Open House for PM Pre-K
- 🐾 5:30-7:00 pm Open House for K-12

September 2:

- 🐾 School Opens for ALL Students (Pre-K - 12)
- 🐾 Modified Soccer Begins

September 3:

- 🐾 Tax Collection Begins



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Start of the First
Day of School

8:00 AM

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School Telephone Numbers

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Mr. James Kettrick, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Sally Kohl, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent / District Clerk
Mrs. Colleen Bellinger, Business Manager
Mrs. Marisa Riordan, District Treasurer

(315) 846-5411

Mr. Adam Passage, Head Custodian
Mrs. Mindy Grandjean, Food Service Director
Mrs. Mary Forrester, Tax Collector

(315) 846-5121

Mr. Scott Storey, Principal / Athletic Director
Mrs. Teresa McIntosh, Typist-Main Office

(315) 846-5825

Mr. Shaun Gagan, School Counselor
Mrs. Jerrica White, Typist Guidance/Pre-K-12 Registration
Mrs. Emily Worden, CSE/CPSE Administrator

(315) 846-5323

Mrs. Karen Bertram, School Nurse

(315) 846-5023

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Lorelei-Work Force, Owen-Work Force, Joseph-Cornell University
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Anna-Liberty University, Alexis-Work Force, Selene-JCC
Lilly-Work Force, Joshua-Work Force, Zion-JCC
Gage-Work Force, Ashley-JCC, Stephanie-Work Force
Ivan-Work Force, Blake-Work Force, Jeffrey-Work Force
Jayla-Work Force, Allen-SUNY Canton, Emmalee-JCC
Ella-University of Vermont, Avery-JCC, Kagen-JCC
Natasha-Work Force, Eily-JCC, and Trey-SUNY Canton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2025

- Aug. 25 - Board of Education Regular Meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM
Aug. 26 - Superintendent's Day for ALL Staff
Aug. 27 - Superintendent's Day ALL Staff
Aug. 27 - Corn Roast in the Cafeteria from 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Aug. 27 - Open House Pre-K at 5:30 PM for AM Pre-K and 6:15 PM for PM Pre-K - Ends at 7:00 PM
Aug. 27 - Open House K-12 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM

September 2025

- Sept. 1 - Labor Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL
Sept. 2 - School Opens for all Students - Pre-K - 12
Sept. 2 - Modified Sports Begin
Sept. 8 - Board of Education Special meeting Executive Session Only at 3:30 PM
Sept. 15 - Board of Education Regular Meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM
Sept. 18 - Under the Lights Game - Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Beaver River at 7:00 PM
Sept. 19 - PTO Meetings in the Library at 6:30 PM
Sept. 19 - Under the Lights Game - Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Alexandria Bay at 7:00 PM
Sept. 20 - Community Ag Fair from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sept. 20 - Alumni Under the Lights Game at 7:00 PM
Sept. 23 - Prepared Panthers Come to the Table Family Event from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Sept. 30 - Elementary Picture Day

October 2025

- Oct. 1 - High School Picture Day
Oct. 4 - Homecoming Dance for Grades 7-12 - Sponsored by the BH Booster Club
Oct. 13 - Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
Oct. 23-25 - NYSSBA Convention (NYC)
Oct. 24 - Elementary Musical - 101 Dalmatians at 6:00 PM
Oct. 25 - Elementary Musical - 101 Dalmatians at 2:00 PM

From the Desk of the Interim Superintendent

Mr. James Kettrick

Dear Members of the Belleville Henderson Community,

As I arrived for the first time to the PK-12 Belleville Henderson school and community, the strong agricultural influence and warmth of a friendly community were clearly on display. So many people in this tightly knit setting, with a proud and accomplished history, went out of their way to make me feel welcome as the new Interim Superintendent. I have lived in the north country for almost fifty years and Belleville Henderson CSD has remained throughout as an outstanding community school with superior academics and athletics. The summer has been too dry and we need rain as we prepare to return to school which begins for faculty on August 26, 2025 and students on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Our Open House for students and parents is Wednesday, August 27, 2025 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

There are a few updates I would like to share with you as we get set for the 2025-2026 school year. We now have new parking lot lights on the entire campus and added lights to the basketball court and playground. These added lights will turn off after nine o'clock at night. Site lights on the parking lots will turn on automatically in cloudy weather. The parking lots throughout the campus are newly sealed and striped. Our security system is upgraded and includes additional cameras and newly run underground fiber to the bus garage. In addition, we have new clocks throughout the district.

The Capital Project is in the completion stages. Our SEI Architects and Watchdog Construction Managers have done a great job working together to oversee the project. We appreciate the community support and patience as we complete this capital project. A special thanks to Board Member, Gary Ramsdell, for his efforts as liaison between the school district and construction management.

Our buildings and grounds staff are cleaning and waxing in preparation for the opening of school. Transportation staff and buses are ready to go and are practicing route pickups. A new bus lift was added to maintain the safety of school vehicles. If there are questions regarding student transportation, please call (315) 846-5023.

The safety of our students and staff continue to be our first priority. We have installed a lockdown system with blue lights on the exterior of the building which will turn on during lockdown to alert anyone outside the building of the serious situation. We installed and upgraded our door access system to include ID badges for entry.

In February 2025, we implemented a cell phone policy that did not allow students to have cell phones during instructional time. It was in anticipation of the NYS law that restricts the use of cell phones and other internet-abled devices for students during the school day. This policy will continue and students will be required to keep cell phones or any internet-abled devices in their locker or in the main office during the school day between the hours of 7:57 AM and 3:05 PM. Parents can contact students during the school day through the school office phone (315) 846-5121, the student's school provided email or drop off a note.

We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to the BH faculty: Meghan Spaulding (Kindergarten), Cassandra Forrester (Special Education), and Crissa Barron (Fourth Grade). Lindsey Smith also joins us as our new BOCES Speech Pathologist. In addition, we are happy to introduce our new support staff members: Marissa Decker (Aide), Michele Strife (Aide), Sarah McGrath (Aide), Christie Weyerstrass (Food Service Helper), Ashleigh Rosenbaum (Cleaner), Aidan Nichols (Cleaner), and Isaac McBroom (Cleaner). We are thrilled to have them join our school community and look forward to all they will bring to our students and families.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! We look forward to September 2 when we are all back together!

Sincerely,

James Kettrick

Interim Superintendent

From the Desk of the Principal

Mr. Scott Storey

August 2025

**Dear Parents/Guardians,
Students, and Staff,**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a terrific summer vacation. The warm, sunny weather we had in July and August helped to overshadow the wet, cold spring we once had.

This past summer we were fortunate enough to provide in-person instruction to students in grades K-8. About 80 students maintained their academic skills this summer. I would like to recognize and thank the following teachers and staff who worked directly with our students this summer. I would also like to honor and acknowledge our non-instructional staff who supported the education of our students this summer.

A special thank you is extended to our transportation department, maintenance, and technology departments, whose staff worked daily to ensure our students experience a safe educational environment throughout the summer.

Changing topics, the Belleville Henderson Backpack Program will be in full swing again this year. We hope to grow the program in 2025-2026. If you would like more information about the Backpack Program please call the main office. To seek assistance, please call Mrs. Bertram at (315) 846-5323.

As in past years, Belleville Henderson, through Cornell Cooperative Extension, is pleased to be offering its students an after-school program. This program offers students an academic hour of support as well as a renowned 4-H curriculum. You may call the main office for more information.

This summer I was reminded of the beautiful area in which we live. In June, the Storey family purchased a jet ski. Each trip to the boat launch included passing fields, pastures, and wildlife. The smell of fresh air (albeit sometimes Canadian wildfires) was an added bonus to traveling to the boat launch. Having never owned a jet ski, I quickly became familiar with just how fast they can go. While the wind tussled my silver locks, the freedom of being on the water overtook me. Stopping in the middle of Lake Ontario, looking around at the nearby beaches, Nine Mile Point, and the many islands within sight, the song once sung by Louis Armstrong came to mind. Maybe the following verse could be added to his song, "What a Wonderful World."

**I see a lake of blue
And islands abound
Fun family times
Seen all around
And I think to myself
What a Wonderful World!**

When the snow begins to fly this winter, may we all keep in mind the awesome area in which we live.

Sincerely,

Mr. Storey

Mr. Storey

Definitions

Community (noun): A group of people who live close together or have shared interests

Accountable (adjective): Managing your actions and the consequences that come with them

Respectful (adjective): When you show you care that your words and actions will impact others

Resilient (noun): The ability to overcome and recover from difficulty, challenges, or setbacks

Responsible (adjective): When you do what you're supposed to do and accept the consequences

Empathetic (adjective): When you try to understand the feelings or perspective of others



At School Events & in the Community, Panthers are...

COMMUNITY

- We show up (WE before ME)
- We wear our Panther or school supportive gear or our school colors
- We are positive and supportive

ACCOUNTABLE

- We control our actions to positively represent our school

RESPECTFUL

- We demonstrate sportsmanship
- We use kind words and appropriate language

RESILIENT

- We presume positive intentions
- We treat others the way we want to be treated
- We support community members in need

RESPONSIBLE

- We leave the environment better than we found it
- We follow posted rules and expectations

EMPATHETIC

- We cheer for our team and congratulate the other team

Panthers are....

COMMUNITY
ACCOUNTABLE
RESPECTFUL
RESILIENT
RESPONSIBLE
EMPATHETIC

From the Desk of the CSE Chairperson/Administrator

Mrs. Emily Worden

Dear Families and Community Members,

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to share several important updates from the Office of Special Education as we continue to nurture strong partnerships focused on student success.

The Triangle of Student Success

Student success is strongest when there is a consistent partnership between parents, students, and teachers — each forming a point in the triangle of support. As we move through this school year, we encourage:

- Parents to stay actively involved and connected,
- Students to take ownership of their learning and growth, and
- Teachers communicate regularly and foster positive relationships. Together, this collaboration helps ensure every child has the tools they need to thrive.

Program Highlight

We are pleased to continue offering a 12:1:1 Special Education classroom at the Primary level, designed to support the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of our youngest learners.

CPSE Services for Ages 2–3

Families with children ages 2 to 3 who may be experiencing developmental delays are encouraged to learn more about services available through the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). CPSE supports eligible preschoolers with special education services designed to promote school readiness in areas such as speech, fine/gross motor, behavior, and cognitive development.

If you have concerns about your child's development or are interested in learning more about the referral process, please contact your pediatrician or Jefferson County Community Services at (315) 785-3283 for guidance.

Committee on Special Education (CSE) Schedule

To streamline and ensure consistency in our process:

- All CSE meetings will now be held on Tuesdays.
- Mrs. VanBroklyn will continue to schedule and coordinate meeting invitations.

- Reevaluations will take place every three years, unless the Committee determines there is no educational need or change in the student's present levels of performance.

District Attendance Initiative

This year, we are committed to improving student attendance across the district with a goal of no more than 5 absences per student.

- Baseline data from last year: 196 out of 470 students (42%) were absent 5 days or fewer.
- Together, we aim to increase this percentage and ensure students are in school, learning, and thriving every day.

Staffing Update

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Forrester, our new Special Education teacher at the Middle School! We are thrilled for her to join our dedicated team.

Reminder: NYS Cell Phone Expectations

In alignment with New York State guidance, we are reinforcing a "bell-to-bell" no cell phone use policy. Cell phones should remain off and put away during instructional hours to promote engagement and reduce distractions.

Save the Date: Come to the Table Conversation

On September 23, we will be hosting a special parent and community event designed to bring parents, students, and community members together for open conversations around the challenges teens are facing in today's world.

More details to follow — we hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping every student reach their fullest potential. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs. Emily Worden

Learning Center

We will be having a learning center in the Middle and High School again this school year. The learning center will be scheduled on your child's schedule and will operate like a structured learning environment. The goal for the learning center is to build academic success and prioritize learning. It is important to know that the learning center is not a special education placement or accommodation.

What will occur in the Learning Center?

Organization tips
Assignment completion
Skill building
Assistance in establishing goals, routines and good habits

Who will be in the Learning Center?

Students who need extra support in any academic area including organization, skill development and quiet work environment.

The learning center will allow teachers to collaborate with each other in order to provide support to students proactively. Students may move in and out of the learning center as needed throughout the school year. Student data will be reviewed confidentially by the LSS Team that will meet monthly. If you have any questions regarding the Learning Center, please contact Mrs. Worden at eworden@bhpanthers.org or (315) 846-5825.



Who Do I Contact?

Have a question or concern? By following this chain of communication, parents, students, and community members can get their questions and concerns addressed quickly and efficiently. Contact information is available on the district website: www.bhpanthers.org

ACADEMICS Step 1: Classroom Teacher Step 2: Building Principal Step 3: Dir. of Student Services Step 4: Superintendent	ATHLETICS Step 1: Coach Step 2: Athletic Coordinator Step 3: Athletic Dir./Bld. Principal Step 4: Superintendent	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Step 1: Head Custodian Step 2: Business Manager
Bus Notes Step 1: Office Secretary Step 1: Dir. of Transportation Step 2: Superintendent	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Step 1: Activity Advisor Step 2: Building Principal Step 3: Superintendent	FINANCE & BUDGET Step 1: Business Manager Step 2: Superintendent
FOOD SERVICE Step 1: Director of Food Services Step 2: Superintendent	GUIDANCE Step 1: School Counselor Step 2: Bldg. Principal Step 3: Dir. of Student Services Step 4: Superintendent	HEALTH & MEDICAL Step 1: School Nurse Step 2: Building Principal
REGISTRATION & RESIDENCY Step 1: Guidance Secretary Step 2: Building Principal Step 3: Superintendent	SPECIAL EDUCATION Step 1: Classroom Teacher Step 2: Dir. of Student Services Step 3: Superintendent	Social/Emotional/Behavioral Step 1: Teacher Step 2: Counselor Step 3: Principal or Dir of Student Services Step 4: Superintendent
TECHNOLOGY Step 1: Building Principal Step 2: Dir. of Student Services Step 3: Superintendent	TRANSPORTATION Step 1: Bus Driver Step 2: Dir. of Transportation Step 3: Superintendent	Phone Number: (315) 846-5121 Fax Number: (315) 846-5617 Guidance Office: (315) 846-5825 Bus Garage: (315)846-5023

Attendance

Parents of students who are late or absent will be called on a daily basis to check on their attendance. We will be utilizing Parent Square again this year to make these calls. If you expect that your student will be late or absent, please call the health office phone. Calls can be made before school hours by calling (315) 846-5323 and leaving a message on the answering machine. If you do not call in before 8:00 a.m., please expect a phone call from the school to inquire about your student's absence.

Schools are responsible for your student's learning. Schools, however, cannot do their job if your student is absent. Learning builds day by day. A student who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Here's How You Can Improve Your Student's Attendance

1. Talk with your student about the importance of attending school regularly.
2. Avoid scheduling family trips during school hours.
3. Help your student stay healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
4. Discuss with your student what is happening at school.
5. Support school rules and consequences.
6. Show your student why education is important.
7. Set a good example for your student.

The Board of Education has adopted a policy that students must attend school a minimum 85% of class sessions.

Written Excuses for Absenteeism

It is necessary for the school to have information on file concerning absenteeism during the school year. When your student is absent for any reason please send in a written excuse with your student the day he/she returns to school. Excuses for students in grades Pre K through grade 12 should be taken to the Main Office.

An excuse should be provided EVERY TIME a student misses time from school. This includes late arrivals, early departures, and all day absences. The excuse must include:

1. Student's full name
2. Dates of Absence (s)
3. Reason for Absence
4. Parent/Guardian Signature

Excuses are legal documents and must be maintained as a student record.

Assignment Request

When a 7-12th grade student is unexpectedly absent from school it would be appreciated if that student would ask a classmate to pick-up his/her assignments and needed books. If this is not possible, please call the Main Office at (315) 846-5121 between 8:00-9:00 AM.

When a student knows in advance that they will be absent from school (field trips, dentist, doctor, etc.), they are responsible for getting their own assignments and handing those assignments in on schedule.

If work is required for a K-6 student, please call Mrs. McIntosh at (315) 846-5121 between 7:00-8:00 AM.

Note: When homework assignments are not called in during times noted above, it is not guaranteed that the homework will be available.

From the Desk of the Business Manager

Mrs. Colleen Bellinger

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and members of the Community,

I hope this message finds you well and that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer.

As we begin a new academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to share from the business side of school. While much of what happens behind the scenes may go unnoticed, our goal is always to ensure the school operates efficiently, safely, and in the best interests of our students and staff.

As the School Business Manager, my role involves ensuring that the school runs smoothly, from managing budgets and facilities to overseeing health and safety, site improvements, and support services that help create a safe and inspiring environment for learning.

Over the summer....

The school doesn't sleep! While students are off, we're busy doing deep maintenance, safety checks, and improvements projects that can't happen during school time. We tackled some much-needed projects around the school-from fixing up classrooms to giving certain areas a fresh new look. (Let's just say the paint rollers got quite a workout!) We have been busy making sure everything is shipshape and ready for a great school year.

Ever wonder how all those supplies magically appear?

From glue sticks to IT equipment, we handle all the ordering, tracking, and budgeting to keep classrooms stocked and ready to go.

We're also continuing our efforts to manage school resources efficiently while maintaining high standards in all areas. As always, we remain committed to transparency and responsible financial planning to ensure that every penny directly benefits our students education.

We know schools don't exist in a bubble-it really does take a whole community to help raise and inspire the next generation. From local businesses offering support, to volunteers giving their time, to friendly neighbors cheering us on-your involvement matters, and we truly appreciate it.

I just want to say a big thank you to our community. At Belleville Henderson Central School, we're proud to be part of such a supportive and engaged community, and we are excited about what's ahead. If you have questions, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or email me at Cbellinger@bhpanthers.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Colleen M. Bellinger

School Business Manager

From the Desk of the School Counselor

Mr. Shaun Gagan

STUDENT SCHEDULES

All students will receive an updated class schedule at Open House or in their homebase on the first day of school. Students are encouraged to see Mr. Gagan if there is an error on the schedule. To change a course, students should pick up an add/drop form from the Counseling Office. Some schedule changes may require a parent conference.

Attention Parents: Find Out What Your Child Should Be Doing For College Planning

One of the best sites for parents to learn more about your child's college and career options is:

www.collegeboard.org/parents. This site gives useful, user-friendly information on topics such as finding a college that fits, SAT college entrance exams (dates, fees, sample questions, financial aid: how much is out there and how to apply) and much more!

For Scholarship Information visit:

www.bhpanthers.org/page/1270

Northern NY Community Foundation (NNYCF)

JCC Scholarships-www.sunyjefferson.academicworks.com

FAFSA opens October 2nd for the 2026-2027 School Year-To start an application visit: <http://studentaid.gov/>

Save the Date- September 23 Come to the Table with our Community Partners to discuss challenges our teens are facing. First Topic will be Alcohol Awareness.

We are looking for students to join our YOUTH ALLIANCE! The Youth Alliance of Jefferson County works with youth and young adults ages nine to twenty-five in Jefferson County. The Youth Alliance is a youth led coalition supported by the Alliance for Better Communities with the goal to reduce and delay the use of substances for youth and young adults. We focus on positive experiences, community engagement, and youth empowerment through awareness and education. We have youth teams for grades 7-8th and 9-12th. For more information, visit:

<https://youthallianceofjeffersoncounty.com>. To join, please contact Mr. Gagan or Mrs. Heidi Williams at, hwilliams@pivot2health.com. They typically meet during the school day and occasional after school from 3:00-4:00pm.

Here are four ways that might help you get started.

1. Get to know your child's teacher as soon as possible. You know your child best. Share your knowledge with the teacher. Does your child have a special interest? Are there areas where you see your child needing special help? Don't wait until parent conferences to make that important contact. Don't hesitate to speak with the teacher about sensitive issues. Remember that what goes on at home can affect the student's performance in the classroom. Indeed, parental separation, a new baby, family illness, or even change of residence, can have a harmful effect on a student's schoolwork.

2. Please make certain that your child gets enough rest. Tired children cannot do their best work. Consistency is the key: Set a bedtime hour and stick to it. Be sure to keep all communication devices (re: cell phones) in another room at bedtime.

3. Be familiar with what the school expects of your child, e.g., how much homework will there be?

4. Limit screen time. Study after study concludes that those children who do the best in school watch the least TV/play video games/etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gagan at the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

SAT/ACT Information:

Belleville Henderson School Code is **330380**

Next ACT Test Date: October 18 | Early Deadline: September 12

Higher Education Program

On September 29, Higher Education Day will be held at the Jules Center at Jefferson Community College. All college bound students should attend and take advantage of the opportunity to talk with admissions counselors. There will also be education planners and bank personnel to answer questions about financial aid, information on college athletics and NCAA regulations will be presented as well. This is an event not to miss!!

Fall Sports Update

There have been many changes in the area of athletics over the past five months. Beginning this fall, all students will be registered for athletics using a system called Arbiter. This online platform is a digital version of the paper copies used for years at Belleville Henderson.

There are many advantages to using Arbiter. First, all information will be stored digitally. The school will no longer need to manage paper copies of information. Second, most of the information provided by parents on Arbiter is carried over to other sports played by the student. Third, all information is kept safe, secure, and confidential. Only a limited number of people will have access to the student data provided.

As a reminder, all team schedules can be found on the following website:

<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/12>

We look forward to another exciting soccer season at Belleville Henderson.

Please note the dates of the Under the Lights games listed below.

September 18th, 7:00pm Girls vs. Beaver River

September 19th, 7:00pm Boys vs. Alexandria

September 20th, 7:00pm Alumni Soccer Game

From the Desk of the Head Custodian

Mr. Adam Passage

Wow, where did summer go! First and foremost, thank you to the teachers that cleaned their shelves and left a map of their room. It made it much easier for my crew to put your rooms back together the way you wanted them.

This summer we welcomed three new full-time team members to our crew, Aidan Nichols, Isacc McBroom and Ashleigh Rosenbaum.

All the soccer fields are ready for the first day of practice. Shelters are set up on the varsity field and ready for use. Fire inspection has been completed and all floors have been stripped and waxed. Classrooms have been cleaned and are ready for our students, we can't wait to hear their laughter fill the hallways. We look forward to working with our teachers, staff and students to make this another successful year for everyone here at BHCS.

Some improvements that have around the school, freshly painted playground equipment, restrooms, and classrooms that needed touch ups. All carpets have been shampooed. We have had many room changes, and teachers have been busily getting their rooms ready for the new school year.

I would like to thank my staff, Duane, Phil, Cindy, Connie, Nate, Faith, Jen, Isacc, Aidan, Ashleigh, Rusty, and 6 of our own BHCS students Alexis, Natalie, Madison, Gage, Mallory, Emilee for all their hard work and dedication in getting school ready for opening day.

Head Custodian,

Adam Passage

Adam Passage

Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic schools to provide periodic written notification regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the year. The Belleville Henderson Central School District maintains a list of all staff and persons in parental relation to students who wish to receive prior written notification of pesticide applications as required by law. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will also be made to supply written notification to those on the Prior Notification List.

If you would like to receive prior notification of pesticide applications that may occur at the school, please provide a letter to Adam Passage, Head Custodian at (315) 846-5411.

State your request, your address, day and evening phone numbers, and an email address. Sign and date your request.

Belleville Henderson Central School Asbestos Notice

All Belleville Henderson Central School District buildings have had an inspection for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials according to the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. Under the Federal Guidelines, the buildings were completely inspected for asbestos-containing materials. A copy of the Management Plan is available in the Main Office, as well as the District Office. Every six months surveillance is done of the asbestos-containing material. Every three years, a mandatory re-inspection takes place in each area that is known to contain these materials.

The District's contact person regarding asbestos is Adam Passage, Head Custodian. Mr. Passage can be contacted at (315) 846-5411.

Required Notifications

Please refer to www.bhpanthers.org > Board of Education > BHCS Policy Manual for more information on the following notifications:

- Access to Student Records (Policy #7240)
- APPR of Teachers and Principals (Policy #6130)
- Disclosure of Student Records to Military (Policy #7242)
- Student Information ("Directory Information") (Policy #7241)
- Student Privacy (Policy #7250)

Please refer to www.bhpanthers.org, under Site Shortcuts > Your Right to Know for more information on the following notifications:

- Teacher Qualification Requests
- Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

Policy #7221:

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES

Any student who has satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and all related graduation activities of his or her graduating class subject to certain exceptions. Students may be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony or related graduation activities as a consequence of violating the District's Code of Conduct.

The District permits any student to participate in the graduation ceremony and all related graduation activities of his or her high school graduating class, if the student has been awarded a Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential or a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential, but has not otherwise qualified to receive a Regents or local diploma. While permitted to participate, these students are not required to participate in the graduation ceremony or related graduation activities of his or her high school graduating class. For purposes of this policy, a student's high school graduating class is the twelfth grade class with which he or she entered into ninth grade.

Bus News

Please have your student ready and waiting for the bus 5 minutes before it is due to arrive. We do not honk our horn when we are in front of your house. Our horns are used for emergency and for when we are backing up. We teach the student if they hear the horn while crossing the road to get back to where they came from. It means possible danger. This is what we teach during and practice during our emergency drills.

Please have all their belongings, papers, books, toys, etc placed in their backpacks. This helps from them dropping an item as they are getting on the bus. We don't want them to accidentally drop it and it goes underneath the bus or get lost on the bus. The drivers and monitors on the bus encourage the students to keep their belongings in their backpacks.

Please do not send the student to the bus with their breakfast in their hand. There is no eating allowed on the bus.

If you know your student is going to be absent with an extended illness or vacations and such please contact the transportation department. 315-846-5023 or email Rthomas@bhpanthers.org or Codonnell@bhpanthers.org

We will be doing 3 emergency drills during the school year. During the drills, we go over the bus rules, what to do in an emergency and we practice how to exit the different doors on the bus. You will need to send in a change of drop off or pickup each year. We cannot use any notes from the previous school year. We will need these before school starts so that we can get the information to our drivers. Feel free to email at the email addresses above to let us know this information or Tmcintosh@bhpanthers.org

We have the bus rules posted on all of our buses. They are:

1. Listen to the bus driver and follow directions
2. Stay in your seat
3. Respect others and be kind
4. Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself
5. Keep the noise level down
6. No eating on the bus.

Bus Change Information

Parents / Guardians at the beginning of the new school year please update your children's bus information. We need new updated transportation information each year. We can not use old bus notes.

Please see the Annual Transportation update form on page 19.

Bus change information should be directed to the Main Office. Please be very specific when writing bus note changes. The

following information should be included on the bus note:

1. Student's full name
2. The date
3. The person's name where the child is going
4. The address and telephone number for that person
5. Parent/Guardian Signature

Transportation Questions: Call the Bus Garage (315) 846-5023

2025 - 2026 Annual Transportation Update for Students in Grades K-6

AM and PM Bus information/After School Program Participation/Unplanned Early Dismissal

You may complete one form for up to five children with the same dismissal instructions. For additional children, or for any child with different instructions, please complete a separate form. If changes occur to your address, phone number, daycare provider, etc., please submit a new form reflecting the updated information.

For occasional dismissal & transportation changes, please send a written note with your child. If this is not possible, please call the office at 315-846-5121 and follow up with a ParentSquare message, email or FAX so we have the change in writing. All changes must be made before Noon (12:00 p.m.) Email to tmcintosh@bhpanthers.org FAX to 315-846-5617.

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade/Teacher _____

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Student's Name _____ Student's Grade/Teacher _____

Parents' / Guardian's information (required):

Name _____ Home/Cell Number _____

Name _____ Home/Cell Number _____

Home Address: _____

How will your child/children get to school each morning? ____ Parent Transport; ____ Ride bus # _____

Morning Bus Pick-up address (if not home address): _____

Primary Dismissal Plan: (Check one of the 3 options): 1. ____ Bus Drop-off; 2. ____ Parent Pick-up; 3. ____ Dismiss to 4-H

Option 1. Address for after school bus Drop Off: _____

Name of adult at drop off location _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Option 2. Adults permitted to pick-up @ 2:45 p.m.: _____

Phone # _____ to call if no one arrives on time. Note: Students not picked up by 3:00 will be moved to Main Office.

IN THE EVENT OF AN UNPLANNED EARLY DISMISSAL OR SCHOOL CLOSING, WHEN THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES IN PLACE, MY CHILD WILL DISMISS AS DESIGNATED BELOW: (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)

____ My child/children will be Picked up by: Name _____ Phone _____

____ Please bus my child/children for drop-off at our Home Address listed above: (Bus # _____)

____ Please bus my child/children to an alternative location: Name of person at drop off location: _____

Alternate Drop-Off Address: _____ Phone # _____ (Bus# _____)

I understand that it is my responsibility to designate an adult to be present and visible to the bus driver at the drop-off site and/or in time for pick-up at dismissal. I understand that transportation changes are to be made in writing **BEFORE NOON**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Back to School

2025 – 2026

**ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED FOR EVERY
STUDENT THIS YEAR — NO NEED TO SHOP OR
SPEND EXTRA!**

**JUST BRING YOUR SMILE AND BE READY TO
LEARN ON THE FIRST DAY! #PANTHERPRIDE**

Belleville Henderson Backpack Program Registration Form

The targeted date for the backpack program to begin is mid September for the new school year. The goal of the program is to help Belleville Henderson's children to become food secure each weekend. If your family is approved to receive the Free/Reduced Meal Program at school, or if you would like your children to participate in the BHCS Backpack Program please fill out and return the form below to:

Karen M. Bertram, School Nurse
Belleville Henderson Central School District
8372 County Route 75
Adams, New York 13605

(315) 846-5323 or kbertram@bhpanthers.org

Please list the name of the student below

NAME(S):

Please list the name of Parent/Guardian and contact information

NAME

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please circle how you would like your pack delivered: BUS DELIVERY or PARENT PICK-UP

PARENT/GUARDIAN and STUDENT

We are asking that your family help us out!

Please be accountable for the BHCS Backpack that is sent home each week.

We ask that you make sure the BHCS backpack is sent back to school each Monday morning. The backpack supply is limited.

We ask that you sign at the bottom of this agreement that you will be accountable each week for the backpack that is sent home to you and make sure that on Monday morning it is returned to school.

Thank you

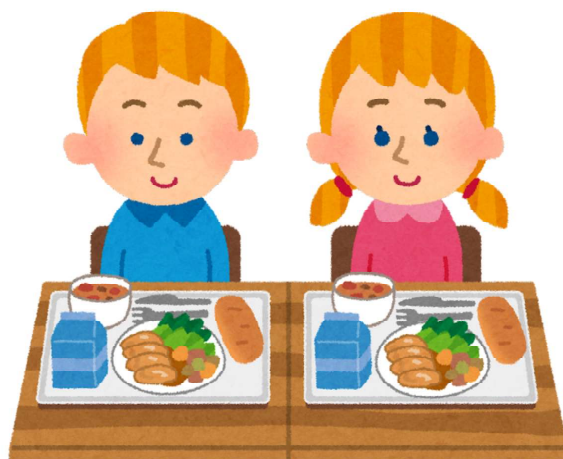
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student(s) - Please list:



SMILE

S. school M. meals I. improve L. learning E. environment



A letter from the Food Service Director Mindy Grandjean

I hope you find this helpful as this school year begins. We are excited to announce that schools breakfast and lunch will be free to all students again this year!! A free breakfast meal consists of 3 to 4 items. They must take a fruit/juice/or both, a whole grain, and milk. A free lunch consists of 3 to 5 items. They must take a milk, fruit/vegetable/or both, whole grain, and protein. Failure to do so will result in your child's account being charged per item. I am looking forward to bringing more local products to the lunch menu. I hope everyone has a great year!

Thank you,
Mindy Grandjean

Contact:

Mindy Grandjean
mgrandjean@bhpanthers.org
(315) 846-5411
8372 County Route 75
Adams, NY 13605
Time: 8:30AM - 10:30 AM

Meet the Staff:

Val Gehrke, Sarah Zehr, Paula Grimshaw,
Tiffany Whitney, Christie Weyerstrass

Our Volunteer:

Linda Zehr

Menus can be found on the school website:

- www.bhpanthers.org>Departments>Food Service> Menu

Payments can be made by cash, check, or online:

- Cash payments must have the students first and last name
- Checks can be made out to Belleville Henderson Central School
- Online payments can be made at: myschoolbucks.com

Lunch Extras -

Ice Cream - \$0.75	Cookie - \$0.50
Main Item - \$1.50	Chips - \$1.00
Side - \$0.75	Water - \$1.00 - \$1.50

Served daily:

- 1% white milk and low-fat chocolate milk
- Fruit
- Ham, Turkey, PBJ, Bologna, and Tuna
- Salad bar
- Yogurt Parfaits

—Made with fresh blueberries from Dodge's farm

Local products

- * Maple Syrup from Sugar Daddies
- * Burgers or meatballs from Lucki 7's Livestock
- * Breakfast Sausage from Shirley's Winter winds Farm
- * Sweet corn from North Branch Farms

CONTACT PERSON:
MINDY GRANDJEAN
 8am-1pm
 PHONE: 315-846-5121
 FAX: 315-846-5617
 EMAIL:
 mgrandjean@bhpantlers.org

You can add or check your child's account by going to Myschoolbucks.com

Snacks:

- *Chips \$.75
- *Cookies \$.50
- *Ice cream \$.75

*Extra lunch items \$.50
 *Main Item \$1.50

Belleville Henderson Central Lunch

September 2025

Breakfast-FREE
 Lunch FREE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Labor Day No School	2 Welcome Back!! Chicken nuggets woodies Broccoli	3 Brunch lunch Sausage Hash brown Green beans	4 Grilled cheese Tomato soup Sweet fries carrots	5 Panther pizza Sweet corn Salad
8 Orange chicken Rice Broccoli	9 Cheeseburgers or Fish sandwich Tater tots Chic peas	10 Spaghetti and Meat sauce Garlic bread cauliflower	11 Ham and cheese Croissants Sweet fries Squash	12 Panther pizza Sweet corn Salad
15 Chicken and waffles Broccoli	16 Walking tacos Rice Black beans	17 Baked Ziti Garlic knot Carrots	18 Hotdogs Tater tots Green beans	19 Panther pizza Sweet corn Salad
LOCALLY SOURCED	LOCALLY SOURCED	LOCALLY SOURCED	LOCALLY SOURCED	LOCALLY SOURCED
22 Chicken patty French fries Broccoli	23 Brunch lunch Hash browns Sausage Brussel sprouts	24 Meatball subs Sweet fries Baked beans	25 BBQ Ribs or Fish Sandwich Seasoned noodles Carrots	26 Panther pizza Sweet corn Salad
29 Chicken tortellini Dinner roll Broccoli	30 Panther bowl Popcorn chicken, gravy, cheese, potatoes, corn Dinner roll			

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider *

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL
8372 County Route 75
Adams, NV 13605
(315) 846-5411
FAX (315) 846-5617 www.bhpanthers.org

Email addresses for this district will consist of the person's first initial and complete last name
followed by @bhpanthers.org

Interim Superintendent James Kettrick
Principal /Athletic Director.....Scott Storey
Business ManagerColleen Bellinger
CSE Chairperson/Administrator Emily Worden

FACULTY AND STAFF

Pre-Kindergarten Christina Scordo
Kindergarten.....Kimberly Gordinier and Meghan Spaulding
Grade 1Rebecca A. Eastman and Karen Scoville
Grade 2Kaci Coseo and Katelyn Costello
Grade 3 Rhonda Dudley and Kathleen Marlowe
Grade 4Carrie Eastman and Crissa Barron
Grade 5Lesley Bellavia and Barbara Graham
Grade 6Heather Bailey and Stephen Lawnrence
AISSharlene Loomis
Agriculture Tedra Bean
ArtSarah Fowler and Jeri Haldeman
EnglishAmanda Britton and Lindsay Tiller
English / HealthMichelle Lawrence
ELL/AIS Karin Martinez
Librarian Stephanie Race
MathJennifer Corron, David Green and Maryellen Thomes
Music/Instrumental Katie McGrath
Music/VocalSara Gleason
Physical EducationDanielle Donie and Ronald Whitney
Reading Shannon Lane
Science Katherine Abel, Barbara Bibbins, Heather Streeter
Social StudiesJustin Montague and Olivia Ososkalo
Spanish Deanna Cobb
Special EducationPeter Bingle, Cassandra Forrester, Emily Keck and Leisa LaLone
Technology/Driver Education Matthew Soluri



OTHER PERSONNEL

Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk Sally Kohl
Dental Hygienist Janelle Hodge
Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Tax Collector Darlene Rexford
District Treasurer Marisa Riordan
School Counselor Shaun Gagan
School Safety Officer Steven Earl
School Nurse Karen Bertram
Teacher Aide/Cleaner Cindy Barney
Teacher Aide Marissa Decker, Rebecca M. Eastman, Mary Forrester, Kelsey Glenn, Gail Hicks,
Sarah McGrath, Michele Strife and Ashley Thomas
Teacher Aide/Tax Collector/Claims Auditor Mary Forrester
Teacher Aide/Athletics Michelle Moyer
Teacher Aide/CSE Office Alison VanBrocklin
Teacher Assistant Jessica Grandjean, Laura Killenbeck, Marcie Matthews, Maggie McNett
and Whitnee Miner
Typist-Guidance Office Jericca White
Typist-Main Office Teresa McIntosh
Head Custodian Adam Passage
Cleaner Ashleigh Rosenbaum, Duane Davis, Isaac McBroom, Phillip McGrath, Aidan Nichols
and Nathan Nichols

Food Service Director Mindy Grandjean
Food Service Valarie Gehrke, Paul Grimshaw, Christie Weyerstrass, Tiffany Whitney and Sarah Zehr
Head Mechanic Craig O'Donnell
Bus Driver William Babcock, Linda Broadhurst, Alicia Lashway, Kurt Gehrke, Valarie Gehrke,
Terry Sanders, Kevin Simpson and Tina Spencer
Bus Driver/Dispatcher Rebecca Thomas
School Bus Monitor Rebecca Kiblin, Karen Salisbury and Carol Ann Thomas

OUTSIDE AGENCIES (BOCES/CCE/MORIC/PIVOT)

CHJ Care Counselor.....TBD
Community School Coordinator Stephany Quick
Cornell Cooperative Extension (4-H) Cindy Fields, Mindy Grandjean,
Marianne Hardy and Sharlene Loomis
Counseling Assistant.....Anne Marie Hosinger
Occupational Therapist Sarah Derouin
Physical Therapist Lisa Polatas
PIVOT Kathryn Tuttle
Psychologist Victoria Kellner-Landers
Speech Lindsey Smith
Technology Coordinator Gary Coufal
Technology Camila Hamel, Art Kahler



BELL TO BELL CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS

The NY Law restricts the use of cellphones and other internet-enabled devices for students during the school day, from when students enter the building until they leave.

DETAILS



🐾 Devices Include:

No smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, internet-enabled devices, or other devices capable of connecting to the Internet and social media applications

🐾 Where:

Anywhere on school grounds, including playgrounds, cafeteria, athletic fields

🐾 When:

All Day- Bell to Bell - 7:50 AM - 2:57 PM - All instructional and non instructional areas- including classrooms, study halls, lunch, bathrooms and hallways

🐾 Store it:

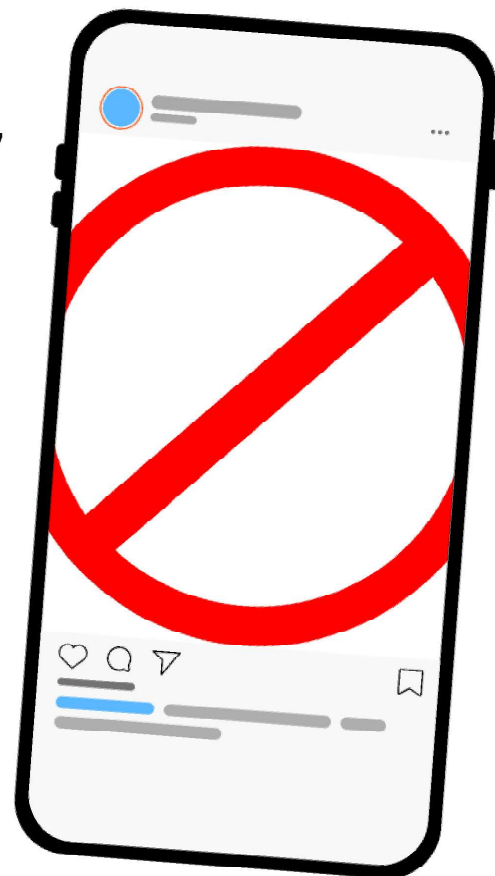
Powered off or silent and stored in lockers, backpacks or main office

🐾 See it, Hear it, Take it:

First violation, the device goes to the office and the student picks it up after school. Second results in discipline. The third, a parent must pick it up.

🐾 Methods to Contact Students:

Parents can contact students during the school day through the school offices, the student's school-provided email, or drop off a note. Office Number: (315) 846-5121



WHY?

- Reduce distractions
- Improve student well-being
- Create a more focused environment
- Promote learning



CHROMEBOOK EXPECTATIONS

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Bring your Chromebook to school fully charged everyday.
- Use only your assigned device; do not share or swap with others. Carry your Chromebook safely—close the lid when not in use, and use both hands when moving it. Chromebooks do not belong on the floor
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USE IT FOR LEARNING

- Stay on task: use only the websites, apps, and tools assigned by your teacher.
- No games, streaming, or social media during class time unless directed by a teacher. Follow all teacher instructions for when, how, and why to use your device. Chromebooks may be used
- before school, during study hall, or lunch only for schoolwork and with teacher supervision.

MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

- Keep sound off or use headphones with teacher permission.
- Turn off notifications and avoid multitasking (e.g. no music while working).
- Log out of personal accounts (e.g. email, classlink) during the school day.

RESPECT PRIVACY & SAFETY

- Do not take photos, screenshots, or videos of others without permission.
- Never share your passwords or personal information online.
- Use only your own login—do not attempt to access another student's account.

CARE FOR THE DEVICE

- Report damage or issues to your teacher or tech support right away.
- Keep food and drinks away from the Chromebook.
- Avoid stickers or writing on the device unless school-issued.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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2025-2026 Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025 3:30 pm
Monday, September 15, 2025
Monday, October 6, 2025
Monday, November 3, 2025
Monday, December 8, 2025
Monday, January 12, 2026
Monday, January 26, 2026
Monday, February 9, 2026
Monday, March 9, 2026
Monday, March 30, 2026
Monday, April 21, 2026-BOCES Vote
Monday, May 11, 2026-Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 19, 2026-Budget Vote
Monday, June 8, 2026
Monday, July 13, 2026-Organizational Meeting

Special Board of Education meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

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2025 SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION
*******NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD*******

Check or Money Order Accepted

Make Checks Payable to:

Mary Forrester, Tax Collector

Belleville Henderson CSD

8372 County Route 75

Adams, NY 13605

315-846-5826

To Pay in Person:

Starting Sept 3, 2025

Monday & Wednesdays

3:30 pm-5:30 pm

Last Day to Pay in Person: Thursday, October 1, 2025

3:30 pm-6:00 pm

Please go to Main Entrance #1

**AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025 WE WILL COLLECT BY MAIL
ONLY!**

If you have any questions, please email

mforrester@bhpanthers.org

drexford@bhpanthers.org

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