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Happy Holidays

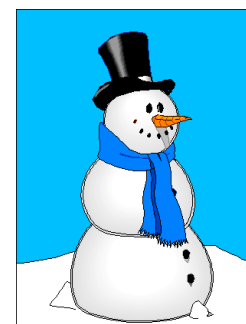


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2018, January, February & March 2019

Dec. 1 SAT
 Dec. 8 ACT
 Dec. 10 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Dec. 11,12,13 Kris Kringle Corner for Students
 Dec. 12 Winter Concert @ 7:00 PM / Elementary, Middle & High School Chorus & Band
 Dec. 13 PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Dec. 14 15 Week Progress Reports Distributed / Grades 3 - 12
 Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 Holiday Recess - School Resumes on January 7, 2019



Jan. 7 School Resumes
 Jan. 7 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 Jan. 10 PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Jan. 12 Junior Class Dance Winter Formal @ 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
 Jan. 22 - 25 Regents Exams
 Jan. 22 Winter Bi-County Rehearsal @ TBA 9:00 - 2:00 PM - Elementary Band
 Jan. 25 Winter Bi-County Rehearsal @ TBA 9:00 - 2:00 PM - HS Chorus
 Jan. 26 Winter Bi-County Rehearsal & Concert @ TBA 9:00 - 2:00 PM
 Jan. 28 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM

Feb. 1 20 Week Report Cards Mailed Home
 Feb. 7 PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Feb. 11 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb. 15 Senior Class Dance - 7:00 - 10:00 PM
 Feb. 18-22 National FFA Week
 Feb. 18 - 22 President's Day & Winter Vacation
 Feb. 25 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM



Mar. 4 JV & Varsity Spring Sports Start
 Mar. 8 Deadline to Register for April 13 ACT - Late Registration March 22, 2019
 Mar. 8 25 Week Progress Reports Distributed
 Mar. 8 & 9 School Musical **"The Addams Family"** - 7:00 PM
 Mar. TBA PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Mar. 11 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Mar. 14 PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
 Mar. 18 Modified Spring Sports Start
 Mar. 25 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, May & June 2019

April 1-8	Grades 3 - 8 NYS ELA (computer-based)
April 2-4	Grades 3 - 8 NYS ELA (paper-based)
April 4	PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
April 5	Deadline to Register for May 4 SAT - Late Registration April 24, 2019
April 5	Spring Festival Rehearsal @ Indian River HS / 9:00 - 3:00 Jr. High Chorus, High School Band, Senior Soloist
April 6	Spring Festival Rehearsal @ Indian River HS / 9:00 AM/ Concert @ 2:00 PM Jr. High Chorus, High School Band, Senior Soloist
April 8	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
April 10	Spring Concert - 7:00 PM Band Only
April 11	FFA Banquet—7:00 PM
April 12	30 Week Report Cards Mailed Home
April 13	ACT
April 15 - 18	Spring Vacation
April 19	Good Friday
April 25	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
April 30-May 7	3 - 8 NYS Math (computer-based)



May 1—3	3 - 8 NYS Math (paper-based)
May 2, 3 & 4	FFA State Convention @ Syracuse
May 3	Deadline to Register for June 1 SAT - Late Registration May 14, 2019
May 3 & 4	NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Carthage High School
May 4	SAT
May 7	Public Hearing @ 6:30 PM
May 7	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
May 9	PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
May 15	Spring Concert - 7:00 PM Chorus Only
May 21	Annual Budget Vote / Election in the Foyer 2:00 - 8:00 PM & BOE Meeting - 8:00 PM
May 25	35 Week Progress Report Distributed
May 22-31	4th / 8th Grade Science Performance
May 27	Memorial Day—No School
May 30	Grandparents Day Performance for Parents @ 6:30 PM
May 31	Grandparents Day Performance @ 1:00PM



June 1	SAT
June 3	4th / 8th Grade NYS Science Written
June 3	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
June 3	Regents Exams
June 8	ACT
June 13	PTO Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 PM
June 17	Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 PM
June 18-25	Regents Exams
June 26	Last Day of School / Elementary Report Cards Sent Home
June 28	Report Cards MS/HS Mailed Home
June 29	Alumni Banquet
June 30	Graduation @ 2:00 PM



Holiday Message from Superintendent Jane Collins

A New Year will soon be upon us! It is my pleasure to share with you the many great things that are taking place in our school community. We are blessed to have dedicated and talented teachers and staff. Our students' academic performance is exemplary across the region thanks to the teachers delivering great content and first-rate instructional practices. With regards to academic successes, the Belleville Henderson Regents' Results speak for themselves; and, Belleville Henderson had more career and technical students getting a New York State CTE Endorsement, as well as, gaining entrance to the National Technical Honor Society. We appreciate our parents for their support on behalf of regular student attendance. Daily attendance is critical to student performance. Thank you for your commitment and support!

This fall, we are grateful that Belleville Henderson's good friend and colleague, Mrs. Barb Greene, came out of retirement to assist us, once again, through a transition period in the business office. She has been instrumental with *keeping all vessels on course* during this shift of school business managers. In January 2019, our new business manager, Mr. Stephen Magovney will join our staff. He comes to us as a Clarkson University graduate with five years' experience in finance.

Our transportation department is outstanding; and our bus drivers have an excellent driving record. In New York State, our performance is ranked among the top districts! Belleville Henderson's cafeteria staff are delivering two square meals a day, and the building and district staff are behind the scene taking care of business! All forces are pulling in one direction...to deliver the best school system for our youth!

In the area of capital improvements, the school is presently installing new classroom heaters in six of our primary classrooms replacing the 1991 systems. In the Spring, we hope to begin construction on the \$2.75M capital project that the voters approved in December 2017. The scope of work will include: a new roof and heating system in the bus garage, work on the soccer, baseball and softball fields, more new heating systems for the classrooms, new auditorium stage curtains and seating, and new bleachers in the gymnasium. We appreciate the leadership of Mr. Storey, Mr. Kiblin and Mr. Gleason, who played pivotal roles with the planning for this project.

The Board of Education's slogan, again, this year is "*Where We Grow Great Leaders.*" You can see signs of leadership in many areas. The National Honor Society had many new inductees, the FFA leadership is strong, the boys and girls soccer programs had an outstanding season, our girls' basketball program has added a varsity team and both the boys and girls teams are looking solid, and our overall student conduct is exceptional. We have a great deal to be proud of! We appreciate the continued support of the community and look forward to working together as partners in the education of the Belleville Henderson youth!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Blessed New Year!



Board of Education President JW Allen's Message to Parents

The Belleville Henderson Central School Board of Education is committed to provide the best education possible for all of our students. We also want to make sure students will be as successful as possible with their education. This goal has many parts that we are examining on an on-going basis to ensure that we are doing all that we can do to help and improve.

One factor in student achievement is proper eating and nutrition. Many research studies show that regular eating habits of nutritious foods will allow a child to be ready and able to learn. At BHCS we want to work to have our students fed and ready for each and every class.

The district offers the Child Nutrition program through the state and federal government. This program insists that the breakfast and lunches that we serve to students meet nutritional guidelines. It also provides training on how to encourage students to eat the food that they are served.

If a family completes their free or reduced price application and qualifies, students receive their meals at no cost or a reduced cost. What a bargain! The applications are submitted confidentially to the school nurse. She reviews them according to guidelines to determine if they qualify for the program, and then, she notifies the head of household. If assistance is needed to complete the application, just call the school and ask for the nurse. If you have already submitted an application that didn't qualify, but your circumstances have changed, then send in another application or call the school nurse. It's important to your child's education to take advantage of this program if you qualify.

Another benefit to qualifying for the free and reduced school food program is to increase the district's number of students participating. How is this a benefit? The school district receives state aid to fund our educational program. The number of students that qualify for this program is used to calculate foundation aid. If our number of qualified students increases, then our aid will increase as well. The district applies for federal and state grants, such as, funding for the prekindergarten program and for academic intervention services. With a higher number of students qualifying for the program, our chances of receiving these grants increase, as well as, the amount of money we receive.

I want to stress the importance of completing the application for free and reduced lunch. The first and most important benefit is allowing your child to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch every school day. The other benefit is increasing the amount of money the school receives from the state. And an additional benefit is increasing our chances of getting grants for more programs for our students.

We appreciate the assistance from our parents on this matter, as well as, other issues that enhance your child's education. We continue to make Belleville Henderson the best ever!



Happy Holidays from the Principal

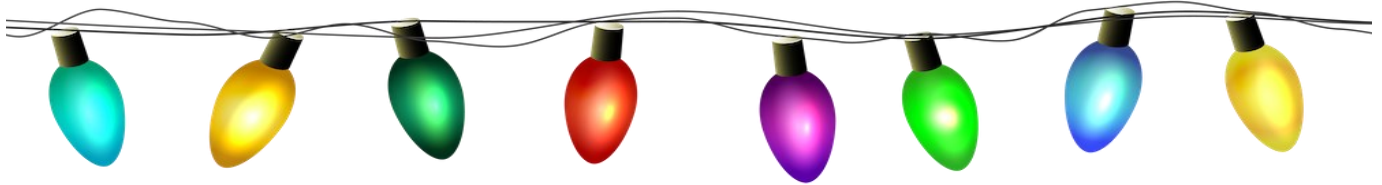
Fifteen years ago this past month, my wife and I moved into our newly-constructed house. Knowing we did not have any extra money to spend on Christmas that year, we decided not to exchange gifts. However, I had to do something for my bride for Christmas.

It took about three weeks, but I was able to secretly take pictures of every room in our finished house without my wife knowing. I used these pictures to create a book for her, which included a short poem below each picture. This book was her Christmas gift for 2003.

The presentation of my wife's gift was just a little unconventional. As we entered the living room, kitchen, and even the bathroom, I read my wife the poem that I created for that particular room; and showed her the picture in the book that related to the room. Before too long my wife had tears streaming down her cheeks, which took us to the front lawn facing our new house. There, I read these words to her--

Our hard work, our design, and our terrific planning,
Created this building from floor to ceiling.
It's been a long wait and it's been a long ride,
But it's created an awesome feeling inside.
I'm so glad I'll never be alone.
I'm so glad I can call this Christmas gift home.

May your house be a *home* full of joyous memories this holiday season.



A Message from Barb Greene

It has been a pleasure to be back at Belleville Henderson as the Temporary Business Manager. I held this job for 31 years before I left in 2006. I am pleased to report that our school is still staffed by caring professionals that are looking to provide the best for every student that enters our doors. Students are greeted by bus drivers that look out for student safety first, but provide the first caring contact in the school day. Teachers, aides and assistants then provide instruction to each student. They receive training in the best techniques to help each style of learner to achieve their best. I have observed quiet elementary lines in the hallways, artwork on the walls, students getting special monthly recognition for achievement and citizenship and students learning to play a musical instrument for the first time. I have observed the nurse walking with a student with her arm around the shoulder providing comfort and care. The food service staff always have a smile and the custodial staff is keeping everything neat and tidy. Ms. Collins and Mr. Storey continually seek input from everyone to make our school the best ever.

This opportunity has renewed my sense of Panther Pride. BHCS is the best!

WORKFORCE 2020

Workforce 2020 is a mock job fair for high school students. The students prepare a resume, research several participating companies, practice interviewing skills and attend the fair. Workforce 2020 has over 100 area companies participating. Students from most of the area high schools attend the fair and interview with at least 3 companies. The students receive immediate feedback from the interviewer to enhance their interviewing skills.

Workforce 2020 wants to help people make connections, help area businesses fill their workforce needs, and help students to prepare for and launch into their future careers.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018, high school seniors (and some juniors) from the schools throughout our region will come together with representatives from over 100 businesses to talk about the variety of career opportunities available in the North Country.

In anticipation of the event, students are learning to prepare a resume and a job application as well as learning how to present themselves in an interview. At the event, business representatives will conduct interviews with the students and provide them with feedback as well as valuable information about how to prepare for the career they seek. Though not our main objective, in the past, some students have received job offers through the event and many have begun a valuable connection that will lead to a college internship opportunity or even guaranteed employment following their completion of post-secondary education.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MUSIC NEWS--be sure and check the school, Music Department website and music calendar whenever you need information or details about music events!

Music Festivals

Belleville Henderson was represented by 9 students at the fall Bi-County festival which took place at South Jefferson High School on November 2 & 3. Selene Davis, Emalea Lohrman, Ivy Eastman and Hazel Maitland sang in the Elementary chorus. Our Junior High band participants included: Miranda Hubbard on flute and Cayden Randall on tuba. We had three students accepted into the Select Vocal Ensemble: Emily Dick (alto), Brandon Bast (tenor) and Nicholas Henry (bass).

On November 16 & 17 four of our BHCS super-musicians attended Area Allstate at SUNY Potsdam. Perri Redden, Brandon Bast and Nicholas Henry were in the chorus and Laura Zehr represented in the band on baritone horn. These students were all chosen based on their NYSSMA solo scores earned last spring. BRAVO!

Happening in December:

The winter concert and art show will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12. This concert will include all 6 of our performing ensembles. Student artwork will be selected and displayed AND the art club will hold a raffle of some art baskets. Winners will be announced at the concert.

The Senior High Chorus will be participating in a special event on Sunday, December 16 at the First Presbyterian Church in Watertown. They will be combining with several other area school choirs to sing with the **Orchestra of Northern New York**. It promises to be a very exciting concert including works by John Williams, John Rutter, Gustav Holst and Handel's, "Hallelujah Chorus". Stay tuned for ticket

information. Details will be posted on the school website!

Ted Keegan Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. Ted Keegan (former Watertown resident/Broadway star) will present his annual Hospice Christmas concert at the Sturtz theater at JCC. Two of our students will be singing at this very popular show. Perri Redden and Nick Henry will sing in the "back-up" choir as well as performing a quartet with 2 students from South Jeff. If you love the holiday favorites you should really check this out! All proceeds benefit Hospice of Jefferson County.

They're creepy and they're kooky...



Auditions for the school musical, **THE Addams Family**, will be held in December 13 after school. Audition sign-ups and materials will be available after Thanksgiving. Students in grades 6-8 who are members of Middle Level chorus are welcome as well as all 9-12 students. The show will be on March 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. This show is going to be some spooktacular fun!!



Area Allstate Chorus: Nicholas Henry, Perri Redden, Brandon Bast



Elementary Bi-County Chorus- Selene Davis, Emalea Lohrman, Hazel Maitland, Ivy Eastman



Ted Teegan: Nicholas Henry, Perri Redden



Bi-County Select Vocal Ensemble - Nicholas Henry, Brandon Bast, Emily Dick



Bi-County Jr. High Band - Miranda Hubbard Cayden Randall

Area All State Band - Laura Zehr



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Belleville Henderson FFA Chapter Update

By: Olivia Patterson, FFA Reporter

The Belleville Henderson FFA chapter has been keeping busy since the beginning of the school year, with the annual Ag Fair, COLT Conference, National Convention, and preparing for the Adams Christmas Parade. It takes a lot of work from the FFA members, and community members to make it all happen and we would like to thank all of you for your continuous support!

On September 21, we held the annual Agricultural Fair, and yet again it was very successful! There were crafters, games for the kids, and of course plenty of animals, and locally grown crops, for visitors to see. We had lots of fun with cow pie bingo, the 5K run in the morning, a bounce house, tasty food from their senior class with their pig roast and of course the traditional pedal tractor pull. The Ag Fair was a great educational and fun event for community members, and the FFA chapter looks forward to hosting another successful Ag Fair next year!



The COLT Conference was on Saturday, September 29, at Cornell University. Brayden



Billman, Julia Dodge, Alex Grimshaw, and Elizabeth Hyman were in attendance. They learned how to strengthen their leadership skills, and how to advocate for the agriculture industry. At the conference they had the chance to meet with other FFA members, from across the state. Our chapter members were able to participate in an activity where the State FFA Convention theme "It starts here. It starts now." was announced. This year's COLT Conference was so much fun and we are looking forward to next year's conference, along with other FFA conferences that take place later this year.

The National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 24th - 27th. Nine members from our chapter were in attendance; Kassie Burger, Caitlyn Barney, Hope Barney, Logan Simpson, Isaac Zumbach, Hyman, Christopher Shelmidine, and Julia Dodge. They were fun and educational stops along the way. Their first stop was at the Findlay in Ohio, where they toured the animal science facilities and learned hands on opportunities the college has to offer. In Peoria, Illinois, they toured the CAT visitor center, they sat in the bed of a mining truck, which is one that CAT makes, standing at over two and half stories high! The



stopped at the John Deere Pavilion, as well as the where members met and spoke with the owner of the business who sells beef cattle to 4-H and FFA members. Later that day, they were able to enjoy Sky Zone, trampoline park, which was a great way to end a long day of traveling. On Wednesday, members tour Crossroads Genetics, a boar stud farm, where they were able to learn about all aspects of the business from production to marketing. Following, they went to Ozark Fisheries, where they followed the process of raising and selling fish and shipping fish. Finally, on

from across the nation came together and enjoyed a once in country legend and former FFA member, Garth Brooks. members were able to enjoy the Career Show and Expo, and businesses. Our members, had the chance to hear National FFA Officers, as well as see award winners, keynote There were nearly 70,000 members and guests at this year's

Our chapter will be participating in the Adams Christmas Parade, on Saturday, November 24th at 4:00pm. The theme this year is Red, White, and Blue Christmas. The parade lines up on Roberts Street and ends at the Adams Fire Hall. Be sure to come out and support our chapter and community!

The FFA chapter has had a busy fall and looks forward to upcoming events, including the annual citrus fruit and cheese sale, leadership development event contests and the 360 Conference!



Katie Burger, Elizabeth able to make University of about the members the largest members factory where from spawning to packaging Wednesday evening, members a lifetime preference by While at Convention, FFA featuring agricultural colleges retiring addresses from the speakers and talent acts. National FFA Convention!

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Board of Education Meeting Dates 7:00 p.m. in the BHCS Library

Monday	December 10, 2018
Monday	January 7, 2019
Monday	January 28, 2019
Monday	February 11, 2019
Monday	February 25, 2019
Monday	March 11, 2019
Monday	March 25, 2019
Monday	April 8, 2019
Thursday	April 25, 2019 BOCES Budget Vote
Tuesday	May 7, 2019 (Public Hearing/ BOE Meeting)
Tuesday	May 21, 2019 (Annual Budget Vote Election & BOE Meeting)
Monday	June 3, 2019
Monday	June 17, 2019
Monday	July 8, 2019 (Re-Organizational & Regular Meeting for 2019-20)

Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

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