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Back to School Greetings

I am glad to welcome you back for the 2020-21 school year here at Bellaire Public Schools. I know that the last school year ended... differently than we'd expected, but I also know that we are ready and raring to go this fall.

In Antrim County in general, and in Bellaire specifically, we have so much to be thankful for this year. We have broad community support for our schools, we have a very small number of COVID-19 cases reported in the area. We are ready to face this new school year with hope and boldness.

At Bellaire Public Schools, we have many new faces among the elementary and secondary staff. We have new technology coming for the benefit of all our students, and we have a Board of Education that listens to the community and sets the course for our students to succeed. There are so many things that I am thankful for this fall, but perhaps more than anything, I am thankful that we were able to put together a Safe Schools/Return to Learn Plan that meets the needs of our students and their families. Whether they come back for live, in-person instruction or opt to remain home and take part in our remote instructional program -- there is an option for all.

I know that there is apprehension about what this fall might bring for our students, families and staff. But rest assured that we are taking conscientious action and putting policies in place to protect everyone in our school community. Some of these actions may seem severe, but we are doing our best to keep our students and staff -- and, by extension, all of our families -- safe and healthy this year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our Return to Learn possible -- staff, parents and community members who responded to our surveys, attended our meetings, sent personal notes of support and well-wishes, and chose to entrust us with what they hold most precious: their children.

This fall brings many changes in routines, so if you have questions or concerns about any of these changes -- or about anything else -- please don't hesitate to contact me at (231) 533-8141 or by email at mbrenton@bellairek12.org.

Warm Regards,
Mark J. Brenton
Superintendent/Secondary Principal

BPS Covid-10
Plan Summary

Bellaire Public Schools created a full Covid-19 Safe Schools/Return to Learn plan and a brief two-page summary of the plan for quick reference. Both documents are available at www.bellairepublicschools.com

Note from Principal Banyas

Dear John R. Rodger Families,

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year as I begin my first year as Principal at J.R.R. My name is Michael Banyas and before I became a principal in 2016, I was an elementary teacher for 18 years. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining our community this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well. I am honored to be your principal. Our goal at J.R.R. is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. My vision is to always put kids first! My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will love school and nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

Student success is attributed to a partnership and the relationships we build within our community and this is most important now more than ever. It truly does take a village and at J.R.R. we value teamwork and collaboration. Education is a joint venture and our staff greatly appreciates the support you provide for your children at home and at the school to help them meet their learning goals.

Although this year looks different than any other year, we are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a memorable, interactive, engaging learning experience, if not in the classroom then virtually. Our staff will be focusing on all of the positives that we can take from this experience. As role models in our young learners' lives, it is important that we display a positive attitude towards various types of learning each day. We embrace the challenges of the future while we continue to cherish and celebrate the traditions of the past.

Sincerely,
Michael Banyas
Elementary Principal

School News You Can Use

Please look over the school calendar in this newsletter and check the school's website at www.bellairepublicschools.com for updated school and district information. The school website is where official school information is posted.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 9 **Wednesday, November 11**
Elementary 4:00-7:15 p.m. Elementary 4:00-7:00 p.m.
MS / HS 4:30-7:45 p.m. MS / HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Google Classroom Training

Check out the Google Classroom training video available at www.bellairepublicschools.com. It is a useful resource, especially for families whose students are attending remotely in grades 3 through 12. It is a brief rundown of how Google Classroom works, how to support students as they use it, and how it can help parents too.

Stress Management Activities

BPS Counselor Mrs. Stevens understands that students, staff and families are coping with varying levels of stress and uncertainty. One way to manage stress is to use mindfulness and relaxation techniques and Mrs. Stevens shared some helpful resources for students of all ages to practice mindfulness and relaxation. Visit www.bellairepublicschools.com/dealing-with-stress/

Help Wanted!

BPS is looking for food service workers and elementary paraprofessionals to work with students and teachers during the 2020-21 school year. Job descriptions are available at www.bellairepublicschools.com. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please apply or contact us with questions at (231) 533-8141.

Preschool Choices

Bellaire Public Schools is pleased to continue the partnership with Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare offering three options for parents with preschool children: Great Start Readiness Program (4 year-olds) is free for qualifying families, Headstart (3 and 4 year-olds) is a fee-based program for qualifying families, and Preschool (3-5 year-olds) is a fee-based option for all families. Call Tonya Dupuie at 533-8916 for more information.

Before/After School Care

Kalkaska Memorial Healthcare will provide Kid's Club before/after school care for students ages 4 - 12 at John R. Rodger Elementary School. Childcare is available from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., and from 3:02 to 6:00 p.m. Kids Club also offers services on snow days and school vacation days. Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or call 533-8916.

School Bus Safety



Getting children to and from school safely each day is serious business.

Every year, thousands of children are injured in school bus-related accidents. Many of these accidents can be prevented if children know and follow these rules for bus safety:

- **Rushing** When children are late for the bus, they can lose sight of safety, resulting in accidents. Set your morning routine so that children arrive at the bus stop ten minutes before the bus is due.
- **Stay in the safe zone** Bus drivers have blind spots because of bus design and many children have been injured because the bus driver simply didn't see them. Tell children to stay in the "safe zone" - at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- **Save the horseplay** Goofing around while waiting for the bus, especially if the play extends into the street, can be deadly. Make sure children understand the danger.
- **One at a time** Every child wants to get a good seat, but it's important for children to take their turn entering the bus, lining up in single file to board calmly.
- **No distractions** Bus rules - no shouting, no throwing things, no horseplay - are serious safety issues. Children should understand the importance of never distracting the bus driver.
- **Stay put** Children are eager to leave the bus and often start for the front before the bus has stopped. They should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving their seats.
- **Cut the ties** Clothing with drawstrings can be dangerous because loose strings can get caught on handrails. Remove drawstrings from children's jackets and look for backpacks that don't have drawstrings.
- **Heads up** A dropped book can turn into a serious accident if the bus driver doesn't see it. Tell your children to let the bus driver know immediately if they drop something while getting on or off the bus.
- **The inside story** As tempting as it might be to wave through an open window on a sunny day, children need to understand the importance of keeping their hands, arms, and heads inside the bus.
- **Getting there** Figure out the safest route to and from the bus stop and walk it with children a few times. Make sure they cross streets only at crosswalks or corners, never darting out between parked cars, and always look both ways before crossing.
- **Group bus stops** Parents/adults must wait with their K-3 students for safety reasons.
- **Reporting** Remind your children that they need to report any bus problems immediately to the driver so that it can be dealt with right away.

Please make the time to review these bus safety tips with your children. (Source: "Report to Parents" National Association of Elementary School Principals)

Elementary Drop-Off and Pick-Up Guidelines



Morning Drop-Off

If you drive your child to school, please use the athletic complex driveway, which is the first driveway **beyond** John R. Rodger Elementary.

As you enter the athletic complex driveway, have your student ready to exit the passenger side by the time your car reaches the drop off location. This helps traffic move smoothly. For safety, there are orange cones in the driveway to remind you that there is only one lane of traffic at the drop-off location.

Students who are dropped off in the morning must enter at the side door – no exceptions. Starting at 7:50 a.m. there is an adult at the side entrance to assist students who are dropped off.

The circle drive in front of the school is used exclusively for buses. The parking lot is for staff only.

Drop-off exception: If arriving after 8:15 a.m., please drop off at the circle drive if no buses are present. Students arriving late must check in in the office to obtain a pass before going to class.

Afternoon Pick-Up

If you pick up students after school, please use the athletic complex driveway **beyond** John R. Rodger Elementary. Cars should line up at the side entrance and an adult will be present to supervise. If waiting in a car in the parking lot, please remain inside the vehicle until all cars have proceeded through the pick-up line.



Free/Reduced Cost Meals

Free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. **Families must apply for free/reduced school meals every year.** If your family status changes at any time during the school year, you may apply. If you qualify, children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. Apply online at lunchapp.com or pick up an application in the school office.

School Meal Accounts

Access your child's food service account balance and/or add money to the account electronically at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. If you already have an account it will be the same this year. To set up a new account, follow the website instructions.

Call Lori Lighthart, Director of Food Services at (231) 533-8141 x1127 with questions.

Bellaire Public Schools lunch program is operated in accordance with US Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Sports Spectators Limited

Currently attendance by spectators at school athletic events is limited. Please contact BPS coaching staff or athletics department for current guidelines.

BPS Safety Protocols for In-Person Learning

Students and staff members are required to wear face coverings (i.e. masks):

- All staff must wear face coverings at all times except when eating
- All students using district-provided transportation (i.e. buses) must wear face coverings when getting on the bus, when riding the bus, and when exiting the bus
- All middle and high school students must wear face coverings at all times except when eating or when outdoors
- All elementary students must wear face coverings when entering or exiting the school, when in common areas (i.e. hallways, office, etc.), and when on the bus; they may be removed in the classroom if proper social distancing is maintained
- Students or staff unable to tolerate a face covering must provide a doctor's note explaining the condition preventing them from wearing one as well as recommendations for alternate measures that can be tolerated (i.e. face shields)

Other safety measures in place include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- All students and staff will have access to soap and water for handwashing, and to hand sanitizer in all classrooms and common areas; teachers will provide any necessary training and offer regular reminders regarding handwashing and using hand sanitizer
- Daily cleaning of all classrooms, common areas and frequently-touched surfaces with EPA-approved cleaners and disinfectants; student desks and tables will be cleaned throughout the day using EPA-approved cleaners and disinfectants
- Social distancing, to the extent possible, in all staff- and student-occupied spaces (i.e. classroom, cafeteria, etc.) and on buses
- Public drinking fountains are disabled; student are encouraged to bring water bottles from home
- Visitors will not be allowed in the buildings while school is in session
- The high school will have a closed campus; students will not be permitted to leave the grounds during school hours (with the exceptions of those involved in off-site programs at the Career-Tech Center)

For more specifics about the Bellaire Public Schools COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan, please visit the Bellaire Public Schools website at www.bellairepublicschools.com.

Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2020 • 2021

• Sept	2	Teacher Work Day 1-4 p.m.	•
•		Elementary Open House 5:00-6:30 p.m.	•
•		MS&HS Open House 5:30-7:00 p.m.	•
•		9th Grade Orientation 5:30 p.m. in PAC	•
•		6th Grade Orientation 6:15 p.m. in PAC	•
•	3	Teacher Work Day - Full Day	•
•	8	First Day of School - Full Day	•
• Oct	30	Half Day for Students	•
• Nov	2	No School for Students -	•
•		Regional Staff Development Day	•
•	6	End of First Marking Period	•
•	9	Parent Teacher Conferences	•
•		Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.	•
•	11	Parent Teacher Conferences	•
•		Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.	•
•	25	Half Day for Students	•
•	26-27	No School - Thanksgiving Recess	•
•	30	School Resumes	•
• Dec 23-Jan 1		No School - Christmas Recess	•
•	4	School Resumes	•
•	21	Half Day for Students (HS Exams)	•
•		Records Day for Staff	•
•	22	Half Day for Students	•
•		End of First Semester	•
• Feb	9	Parent Teacher Conferences	•
•		Elem 4:00-7:15 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:45 p.m.	•
•	11	Parent Teacher Conferences	•
•		Elem 4:00-7:00 p.m./MS&HS 4:30-7:30 p.m.	•
•	12	Half Day for Students	•
• Mar	26	End of Third Marking Period	•
• Mar 29-Apr 2		No School - Spring Recess	•
• Apr	5	School Resumes	•
• May	28	Half Day for Students	•
•		Last Day for Seniors	•
•	31	No School - Memorial Day	•
• June	4	Graduation 7:00 p.m.	•
•	8	Half Day for Students (HS Exams)	•
•	9	Half Day for Students	•
•		Last Day of School	•

Regular School Day Schedule:

- Elem 8:05 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- MS/HS 8:15 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

½ Day School Schedule:

- Elem 8:05 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
- MS/HS 8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Six (6) snow days are allowed by the Michigan Department of Education; any additional snow days after those six will need to be made up as additional days to this calendar.

MI Immunization Requirements

A child enrolling in public, private, parochial or denominational school in Michigan for the first time shall submit one of the following: 1.) statement signed by a physician that child has been tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by the director of public health, 2.) statement signed by parent/guardian that child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objections, 3.) request signed by parent/guardian that local health department gives the needed protective immunization.

In addition, a statement that vision and hearing tests were passed is required unless parent indicates in writing that child cannot submit to the tests because of religious convictions.

Michigan law prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new students without record of having at least one dose of each: measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Records for all entering kindergarten students and students enrolled from outside the district will be reviewed to ensure immunizations are up-to-date. Notice will be sent to parents/guardians if there is no immunization record upon school entry or if records are incomplete. Students not in compliance with immunization requirements will be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is presented. Michigan law requires that all students be immunized against the diseases listed in the chart below. Immunizations can be obtained from a physician or health department.

Below is the most recent list of vaccines required for school entry in Michigan. This list is also available online at: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/School_Req_for_Schools_BW_557032_7.pdf

SCHOOLS VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY IN MICHIGAN

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect students in your care from other serious diseases is to promote the recommended vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines. Encourage parents to follow CDC's recommended schedule; by doing so, school requirements will be met.

	All Kindergarteners and 4-6 year old transfer students	All 7th Graders and 7-18 year old transfer students
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP, DTaP, Tdap)	4 doses DTP or DTaP 1 dose must be at or after 4 years of age	4 doses diphtheria and tetanus or 3 doses if 1st dose given at or after 1 year of age 1 dose Tdap at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Polio	4 doses 3 doses if dose 3 was given at or after 4 years of age	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	3 doses	
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	None	1 dose at 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses at or after 12 months of age or Current lab immunity or	

During disease outbreaks, incompletely vaccinated students may be excluded from school. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from a local health department. Read more about waivers at www.Michigan.gov/immunize.
*If the student has not received these vaccines, documented immunity is required.
All doses of vaccines must be valid (correct spacing and ages) for school entry purposes.



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Out of Formula School District

Bellaire Public Schools is an "out-of-formula" school district as it does not receive per pupil funding from the State of Michigan. When a district collects more revenue from their 18-mill non-homestead properties (vacation homes, secondary properties) than they receive from the State using the per pupil formula, they are considered out-of-formula. In-formula districts encourage families to open enrollment to receive more funding - usually over \$7800 per additional pupil, helping a school's budget. By not qualifying for this per pupil funding, Bellaire limits open enrollment as additional students from neighboring districts add to the class size. Without the additional revenue, the district cannot add more teachers to accommodate the increased number of students.

3rd Grade Reading Law

Strong literacy skills are the foundation for success. With that in mind, the MI Legislature passed Public Act 306 ("3rd Grade Reading Law") in 2016. Districts are required to assess all K-3 students 3 times a year and inform parents if their son/daughter isn't meeting grade level standards. Parents will be involved in developing a "Student Success Plan" which will include a home component and be updated at least twice during the school year. PA 306 states that any student who is not reading at the 3rd grade level at the end of 3rd grade as demonstrated by the MSTEP will not be promoted to 4th grade. We will work closely together to help all students be successful on the 3rd grade MSTEP.

MHSAA Offers Concussion Insurance

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is providing eligible athletic participants at each MHSAA member junior high/middle school and high school with additional insurance that is intended to pay accident medical expense benefits resulting from a suspected concussion. The injury must be sustained while the athlete is participating in an MHSAA covered activity. Policy limit is \$25,000 for each accident. Covered students, sports and situations are identical to the catastrophic accident medical insurance which, if the \$25,000 threshold is reached, would require a separate claim to be made.

This program intends to assure that all eligible student-athletes in MHSAA member schools in grades 6 through 12, male and female, in all levels of all sports under the jurisdiction of the MHSAA, receive prompt and professional attention for head injury events even if the child is uninsured or under-insured. Accident medical deductibles and co-pays left unpaid by other policies are reimbursed under this program to the limits of the policy.

If you need to make a claim under this program, contact terri.bruner@kandkinsurance.com or phone 1-800-237-2917 toll-free.

New Student Registration

Welcome to Bellaire Public Schools! To register a new student with BPS, please contact the appropriate school secretary listed below for information and to verify registration times and procedures.

Elementary School (K-5) Middle/High School (6-12)
(231) 533-8916 x2122 (231) 533-8015 x1776

You will be required to provide copy of your child's immunization record and an official copy of your child's birth certificate.

Integrated Pest Management

Bellaire Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. Notification will always be made by posting at the main entrance of each school building. Additional methods of notification will include: posting information on the school's website, as well as an email to all parent/guardian email addresses that are known to the district office. Additional information will be included in a school mailing.

Complaint Procedure

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, with the District's Civil Rights Coordinator, Superintendent, Bellaire Public Schools, 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire, MI 49615. The individual may also, at any time, contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 600 Superior Avenue, Room 750, Cleveland, OH 44114-2611.

Title I - Right to Know

Your child currently attends a school that receives funds from the Title I, Part A program, a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving funds from this program the district has a requirement to inform you, as parents of children attending a Title I school, of information available regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). Information will be provided to you upon request and in a timely manner of the following:

- Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You may request additional information on the level of achievement on Michigan's MSTEP assessment. You will also receive timely notice if your child is, for whatever reason, assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher that meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level of subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

Directory Information Release

The law permits that student information known as "directory information" be provided upon request unless parents or an 18 year old student specifically requests that their directory information be withheld from release. This information is used for athletic programs, newsletters, articles for local newspapers, communications with colleges and universities, along with other purposes. This is separate from the request for release of directory information to the military. Directory information is defined as:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and email address
2. Date and place of birth
3. Grade level
4. Enrollment status
5. Participation in district activities and sports
6. Weight and/or height of athletic team members
7. Dates of attendance
8. Types of awards received
9. Photos, video, electronic images of student
10. Names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of parents/guardians

Any requests for the non-release of student information must be sent in writing to the address below. Such requests must be renewed annually. **Office of the Superintendent, 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire, MI 49615**

Veteran's Day Salute

To honor veterans this year, BPS students will be creating commemorative artwork as a gift to the veteran's hospital in the Upper Peninsula. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gathering sizes, there will not be a live presentation. The students will instead pour their creative energy into this special project and look forward to safe, in-person events in the future.

Robotics Workshops

Get involved with BPS robotics! Second through 12th graders are invited to attend two upcoming robotics workshops in the Robotics Classroom:

Thursday, September 24
and
Friday, September 25
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education Meetings 2020-2021

Meeting Location:

Bellaire Middle/High School
Performing Arts Center
204 W. Forest Home Ave.
Bellaire, MI 49615

Time:

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 21	Mon., Feb. 15
Mon., Oct. 19	Mon., Mar. 15
Mon., Nov. 16	Mon., April 19
Mon., Dec. 21	Mon., May 17
Mon., Jan. 18	Mon., June 21

STEP (Students in Transition Empowerment Program)

The McKinney-Vento Act states that school districts must ensure the right to a free, appropriate public education for all children, ages 3-17, who are living in transition due to loss of housing. More and more families, as well as youth who are not living with their parent or guardian, are among those who find themselves in this situation. Students who do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate overnight residence need assistance. Students who find themselves living in any of the following situations are encouraged to contact the office as soon as possible:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, camper or campground
 - Temporarily sharing housing with friends or relatives due to economic hardship
 - Unaccompanied youth who are living on their own without parent or guardian
 - Inadequate accommodations (lack of electricity, heat, plumbing, or overcrowding)
 - Abandoned buildings or on the street
- Bellaire Public Schools' STEP Coordinator can be reached at 231-533-8015 extension 223.

Personal Curriculum

The law requires that all students pass a very stringent set of courses to receive a diploma from any public school in the state. The law now allows a parent/legal guardian/adult student/emancipated minor student, or a student's teacher or counselor to request modifications to these high school graduation requirements under limited conditions. Those modifications are made through a "personal curriculum" developed for the student. All students are entitled to a personal curriculum, and if an appropriate request is made, the District will develop a personal curriculum for a student.

When developing a personal curriculum for a student, the District will need to include as much of the original Michigan Merit Curriculum content expectations as are practicable for the student. The personal curriculum must be consistent with the student's educational development plan and it must contain student-specific measurable goals that the student must meet to graduate. The law does limit what courses can be modified or substituted. The District has some additional flexibility to make modifications for students with disabilities and certain transfer students. Before a personal curriculum becomes effective, it must be approved by the parent/legal guardian/adult student or emancipated minor student and the Superintendent or his/her designee. A personal curriculum is not transferrable to another district.

If a parent/legal guardian/adult student or emancipated minor student believes that they would benefit from a personal curriculum, they may request one be developed. To do so, the following steps need to be completed:

1. Make a request in writing for a personal curriculum for your student.
2. The District will review the request and develop a personal curriculum that best fits the needs of that student consistent with limitations and requirements contained in the law.
3. A meeting with the student/parent/guardian and school district designee will take place to review the personal curriculum.
4. Once agreed upon by all parties, the personal curriculum will be set in place.

For more information on personal curricula, including what may and may not be modified, please visit the Michigan Department of Education's Personal Curriculum page at: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_49879--,00.html

If you have additional questions, please contact the school counselor's office at (231) 533-8015 x1776.

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September - November 2020

Bellaire Public Schools

Meal Prices

Important Note: The elementary school no longer qualifies to offer free breakfast for all students. Students will be charged full price for breakfast as listed below unless families qualify for free/reduced meals.

Breakfast

Elementary	\$1.60
HS/MS	\$1.85
Reduced	\$0.30

Lunch

Elementary	\$2.85
MS/HS	\$2.95
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult (tax incl.)	\$4.19
Milk	\$0.50

Visit

www.bellairepublicschools.com

for current school breakfast and lunch menus

Newsletter Delivery

The Bellaire Public Schools newsletter is distributed electronically every two months. Printed copies are also available at school offices, public library, Senior Center, and Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. To request the newsletter delivery via email, contact Bellaire Public Schools at 533-8015.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	SEPTEMBER 1 Board of Education Meeting (Special) V VB Tri Home	2 OPEN HOUSES Elem 5:00-6:30p MS/HS 5:30-7:00p 9th Gr Orientation 5:30-6:00p 6th Gr Orientation 6:15-6:45p	3 V/JV VB v Central Lk	4	5
7 No School Labor Day	8 First Day of School FULL DAY V/JV VB @ Inland Lks	9	10 V/JV VB v Mancelona	11	12 JV VB Tri Home CC @ Gaylord
14 MS VB v Forest Area	15 V/JV VB v Forest Area	16 MS VB v Inland Lks	17	18 V FB v Onaway	19
21 Board of Education Meeting	22 V/JV VB v Pellston CC @ Inland Lks	23 MS VB v Gaylord SM	24 V/JV VB @ E Jordan	25 V FB @ Pellston	26
28 MS VB v Pellston	29 V/JV VB @ Gaylord	30 MS VB @ Onaway	OCTOBER 1 V/JV VB v Elk Rapids	2 V FB v Forest Area	3 CC @ Fairview
5 JV VB Dig Pink	6	7 CC @ Mancelona	8 V/JV VB @ Charlevoix	9 V FB v Central Lk	10
12 MS VB @ Forest Area	13 V/JV VB @ Onaway	14 CC @ Mancelona	15	16 V FB @ Gaylord SM	17 V VB @ Inland Lks
19 Board of Education Meeting	20 V/JV VB @ JoBurg	21	22 JV VB @ Charleton Heston	23 V FB @ Mesick	24 JV VB @ Mancelona
26	27	28	29	30 Half Day of School	31 V VB @ Boyne City
NOVEMBER 2 No School Prof. Development VB Districts	3	4 VB Districts	5 VB Districts	6 End of First Quarter VB Districts	7
9 Parent Teacher Conferences	10 VB Regionals	11 Parent Teacher Conferences	12 VB Regionals	13	14

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