

# Bellaire Public Schools



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## Warm Welcome

Incoming kindergarten students gather around new John R. Rodger Elementary School secretary, Mrs. LeCureux. They gave her a warm welcome during Kinder Club, and BPS extends the same happy greetings to all new and returning students!

## New Staff Members

BPS is pleased to welcome Mrs. Keelie LeCureux as the new elementary secretary. She comes with experience in administrative work and working with children of all ages in education. Keelie volunteers with several organizations including the food pantry and youth soccer program. Keelie and her husband have two elementary-aged children and moved to Bellaire six years ago and enjoy this great community.

Mrs. Lorri Dawson is another wonderful addition, joining the staff as a certified para-pro. She has coached Bellaire middle school basketball, assisted with varsity basketball, and cross-country team. As a frequent substitute, Lorri has become a familiar face in the media center, office, lunchroom, and recess time. She and her husband, and four school-aged children have lived in Bellaire for many years.

Ms. Ashley Zaborowski will join as a HS/MS language arts teacher. She is an Eastern Michigan University graduate with a Bachelors degree in language arts and psychology. Ashley taught last year at Niles High School in Niles, MI and looks forward to her new start as a Bellaire Eagle!

## Open Houses

Please plan to attend school open houses on **Wednesday, August 27:**

**John R. Rodger Elementary**

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Bellaire Middle/High**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### Please Note

Special orientation sessions are scheduled for ninth and sixth grade students and family members as follows:

**Ninth grade 5:30 p.m.**

**Sixth grade 6:30 p.m.**

**Performing Arts Center**

Teachers look forward to meeting students and families, and welcoming them to their classrooms. Families will be able to see daily schedules and school work information. Open houses are also a great way for parents to meet one another.



# Welcome Back! *- Jim Emery, Superintendent*

After a summer that often felt like autumn, another school year awaits. A hearty welcome to the Class of 2027! School officially begins for students on Tuesday, September 2 with a full day of classes.

## New and Retired Staff

As students return, they will be seeing a different staff group. Margie Rybarsyk, Barb Castle, and Pat Graham retired this past year and we thank them for their years with the district and wish them good luck. Ashley Zaborowski will now teach HS/MS language arts, Keelie LeCureux becomes the new elementary secretary, and Lorri Dawson will be a certified paraprofessional.

## Top to Bottom Ranking

Each year the State of Michigan compiles a list of schools ranked on student achievement, graduation rate/dropout rate, attendance, etc. and places them in a Top to Bottom ranking. This year, Bellaire HS/MS earned an impressive ranking of 87% - the highest ranking of all high schools in the TBAISD region. Congratulations to students, staff and parents!

## Open Enrollment

Bellaire Public Schools has become an out-of-formula district, meaning that we no longer receive a Foundation Allowance (per pupil funding) from the State of Michigan. Adding students to the district does not equate to any additional revenue for those new students. With class sizes becoming larger than we would like, the Bellaire Board of Education decided in July to once again limit the number of students that may enroll via open enrollment/school of choice. For 2014-15, only requests from students entering first, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades will be considered.

## High School Educational Options

Secondary students have many educational options available to them. Recent legislation, known as 21f of the State School Aid Act, allows students in fifth through twelfth grades to take up to two online courses each semester. Those courses may be selected from the statewide catalog of courses available. Parents are encouraged to carefully consider whether a 100% online course is ideal for their child given that in online learning, students forfeit face-to-face teacher classroom instruction and support. High school students entering their junior year may also choose to take advantage of hands-on career and technical educational opportunities at the TBAISD Career-Tech Center, including Manufacturing Technology Academy. Dual enrollment (taking college classes while still in high school), and Early College are additional options that may be appealing.

Another new secondary education development is with Personal Curriculum (PC). A parent or legal guardian of a student, or a student who is 18 years of age, may request a PC to modify that student's Michigan Merit Curriculum graduation requirements. To learn more about educational options available to secondary students, please contact school counselor Dave Lewandowski.

## Annual Education Report

Each summer school districts must assemble an Annual Education Report (AER), highlighting the accomplishments of the previous school year. To assure compliance with federal standards, districts follow the same format and must post a District AER and reports for each individual school building on the district website. The 2013-14 AER is at [www.bellairepublicschools.com](http://www.bellairepublicschools.com). At the report link, you will find a letter and statistical report for Bellaire Public Schools, John R. Rodger Elementary, and Bellaire High School/Middle School. Contact the office with any questions about the reports.

# Principal's Welcome *- Kristi Poel, Elementary & Middle School Principal*

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I hope that you had a summer filled with happy moments. August brings excitement and anticipation for our wonderful students, dedicated parents, and highly qualified staff as we begin a new school year. Our staff members have been preparing for many weeks to kick off the year on the first day of school -- Tuesday, September 2 for a full day. We are honored that you choose to share your children with us.

Every day is an important school day, as we strive to help all children achieve their highest potential. Through partnership and communication between the school and students' homes, we aim to ensure that all children receive the support and guidance they need to succeed. We look forward to working with you and making Bellaire Public Schools the ideal educational community for growth and fulfillment.

## 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, or if you need to enter the building in the morning, please use the athletic complex driveway, which is the first driveway **beyond** John R. Rodger Elementary.

As you enter the athletic complex driveway, please have your student ready to exit the passenger side (backpack ready, hugs and kisses, etc...) 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.

Parents or 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 busses. The parking lot is for staff only. This system prevents traffic from backing up on the street in front of the school during morning rush.

**Drop-off exception:** If arriving after 8:15 a.m., please drop off at the circle drive if no busses are present. Students arriving late must check in with Mrs. Castle in the office to obtain a pass before going to class. *Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

### 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

A free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. Families may complete an application online by visiting [lunchapp.com](http://lunchapp.com). You may also obtain applications in the school office.

## School Meal Accounts

You can access your child's food service account balance and/or add money to the account electronically at [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://sendmoneytoschool.com). If you already have an account it will be the same this year. To set up a new account, please follow the instructions online.



# Homecoming 2014

Friday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Eagles vs Cedarville



## Sponsor an Athlete

All middle and high school athletes must pay a fee to participate in school sports during the 2014-15 school year. Although the fee is nominal and offsets some athletic program costs, it may be difficult for some families to pay given other financial obligations. If you would like to sponsor athletes that struggle to pay the sports participation fee, send a donation to the athletic office where funds will be kept in an account strictly for those in need. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.



## Sports Volunteers Needed

Successful home athletic events need many volunteers to run scoreboards, take tickets, prepare fields, and more. If you would like to join the athletic department volunteer corps, contact Paula McCully or Brad Fischer in the high school office.

## Preschool Options at Bellaire Public Schools



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 x285 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. The cost is \$2.00 per hour and scheduling is flexible. Contact Tonya Dupuie at TDupuie1@mhc.net or call 533-8916 x285.

# Bellaire Public Schools Common Calendar 2014 - 2015

Aug	27	Open House Elementary 5:00-6:30 p.m. Middle/High School 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept	2	First Day of School - Full Day
Oct	31	Half Day for Students and Staff End of First Marking Period
Nov	3	No School for Students - Regional Staff Development Day
	17	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	20	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Dec	1	School Resumes
	22-31	No School - Winter Recess
Jan	1-2	No School - Winter Recess
	5	School Resumes
	23	Half Day for Students End of First Semester
Feb	16	No School - Mid-Winter Recess
Mar	23	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:45 p.m.
	24	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
	26	End of Third Marking Period
	27	No School
	30-31	No School - Spring Recess
Apr	1-6	No School - Spring Recess
	7	School Resumes
May	25	No School - Memorial Day
June	3	Half Day for Students - Exams
	4	Half Day for Students - Last Day
	5	Graduation 7:00 p.m.

### Regular School Day Schedule:

Elem 8:05 a.m. - 3:02 p.m.  
MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

### ½ Day School Schedule:

Elem 8:05 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.  
MS/HS 8:00 a.m. - 11:55 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.**

**Important Notices:**

Bellaire Public Schools is required to make several public notices at the beginning of the school year. Please carefully review the next few pages of the newsletter to ensure you have all the information you need for a successful year.

**MI Immunization Requirements + Hearing/Vision Screenings**

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.

Entry Immunization Requirements for Michigan Child Care, Preschool, and School Settings									
Age → Vaccine** ↓	Birth to 1 mo	2 to 3 mo	4 to 5 mo	6 to 15 mo	16 to 18 mo	19 mo to 4 yr	5 yr	4 to 6 yr	7 to 18 yr including all 7th graders
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	None	1 dose DTaP	2 doses DTaP	3 doses DTaP	3 doses DTaP	4 doses DTaP		4 doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age	4 doses D and T OR 3 doses Td if #1 given on or after 7 years of age. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV7 and/or PCV13)	None	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	4 doses OR age appropriate complete series	1 dose on or after 24 months OR age appropriate complete series	None	None	None
H. influenzae type b	None	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose on or after 15 months of age OR age appropriate complete series		None	None	None
Polio	None	1 dose	2 doses		2 doses	3 doses		4 doses, if dose 3 administered on or after 4 years of age, only 3 doses are required	3 doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	None	None	None	None	1 dose on or after 12 months of age			2 doses on or after 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B*	None†	1 dose	2 doses		2 doses	3 doses		3 doses	
Meningococcal	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	1 dose for all children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher
Varicella* (Chick-enpox)	None	None	None	None	1 dose on or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease			2 doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	

Communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in school and child care settings. To best protect patients from all diseases we have the power to prevent, healthcare providers in Michigan should follow the 2014 Recommended Immunization Schedule at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) or [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize).

\*Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

\*\*All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

†Hepatitis B may be administered as early as birth.

Information provided by Michigan Department of Community Health.

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**Low-Cost Insurance Program**

Two low-cost and/or free health care programs are available for many children, including those in working families. The program requires a monthly premium of \$10 per family with no co-pays or deductibles. To qualify, children must be citizens of the United States, live in Michigan, be less than 19 years old, have no health insurance, and meet income requirements. Even if families do not meet all the above criteria, children may still qualify for MICHild health insurance based on other family circumstances. Call 1-888-988-6300 for more information.

**Pest Management Advisory**

As a part of the Bellaire Public School District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to school grounds and buildings. In some emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, and are not already on file, please send a letter of request to the superintendent at 204 W. Forest Home Ave., Bellaire MI 49615, 533-8141.

## 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 (Grades K-5)**  
**(231) 533-8916 x230**

**Middle/High School (Grades 6-12)**  
**(231) 533-8015 x224**

New registrations will be accepted starting the third week in August. Please call ahead to ensure a secretary will be available. You will be required to provide copy of your child's immunization record, an official copy of your child's birth certificate, and your child's social security card.



## Bullying Policy

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student whether by other students, staff, or third parties (parents, contractors, volunteers, etc.) is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated in the Bellaire schools. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse which causes bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. Bullying or other aggressive behavior is prohibited during all "at school" activities, including activities on school property, in school vehicles, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function (field trips, athletic events, etc.) The complete Board policy governing this type of behavior, "Bullying – 8260" can be found in the policy manual on the school's website.

Any student who believes he/she has been or is the victim of bullying or other aggressive behavior must immediately report the situation to the nearest adult (principal, teacher, counselor, volunteer, etc.). Consequences for violation of this policy are listed in the student handbook. Degree of consequences may vary based upon the severity of the violation. Any acts of bullying that involve fighting will be subject to those consequences as well.

### Non-Retaliation/False Reports

Retaliation or false allegations against any person who reports an incident, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, participates in an investigation or inquiry into allegations of bullying or aggressive behavior, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Suspected retaliation must be reported to the nearest adult. Making intentionally false reports about bullying/aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentional false reports may result in disciplinary action.

## 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, Ohio 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 your 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 of your child in each of Michigan's assessments. Michigan uses the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to determine levels of achievement.

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 shall be defined as:

1. Name, address, and telephone number
2. Date and place of birth
3. Major field of study
4. Participation in school activities
5. Dates of school attendance
6. Honors and awards
7. Photo and video use

Michigan's Attorney General recently included "photos and videos" as directory information as long as parents were informed that the school considered them as such.

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**

# September/October 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>August</b> 25	26	27 Elementary/MS/HS Open Houses	28	29	30
<b>September</b> 1 <b>No School Labor Day</b>	2 <b>First Day of School</b> Soccer @ Harbor Light	3	4 Soccer @ Forest Area VB v Central Lake	5 FB @ Superior Central	6
8	9 Soccer @ TC Christian VB @ Inland Lakes	10 MS VB v Mancelona	11 Soccer v Burt Lake NMC VB v Mancelona	12	13 Soccer @ TC Christian Tourney V VB @ Grayling Tourney FB v Ewen-Trout Creek @ Engadine
15 MS VB @ Jo'Burg	16 Soccer @ Roscommon VB v Forest Area	17	18 School Pictures Soccer @ Cheboygan VB @ Northport	19 FB v Big Rapids Crossroads Academy	20
22 Board of Education Meeting MS VB v Forest Area	23 Soccer v Harbor Light VB v Pellston	24 MS VB @ Central Lake	25 Soccer @ Burt Lake NMC	26 FB v Posen	27 V VB @ St Ignace Tourney MS VB Eagle Tourney
29 Soccer v TC Christian MS VB @ Mancelona	30 Soccer v Forest Area VB @ Gaylord SM	<b>October</b> 1 MS VB v Jo'Burg	2	3 Soccer v Glen Lake FB @ Brimley	4 Soccer @ Leland
6 V VB Dig Pink Tourney @ Central Lake	7 Soccer Crossover Game	8 MS VB @ Forest Area	9 Soccer Crossover Game VB @ Charlevoix	10 FB v Engadine	11 JV VB @ Mancelona Tourney
13 MS VB v Central Lake	14 VB @ Onaway	15	16 VB v East Jordan	17 Homecoming FB v Cedarville	18
20	21 VB @ Jo'Burg	22	23	24 FB @ Rapid River	25 V VB @ Leland Tourney JV VB Ski Valley Tourney @ Mancelona
27 Board of Education Meeting	28	29 VB v Ellsworth	30	31 <b>Half Day of School</b> End of 1st Marking Period	<b>November</b> 1

**Dates & Times Subject to Change**

Regular School Day Schedule:  
Elem 8:05 - 3:02  
MS/HS 8:00 - 2:50

½ Day School Schedule:  
Elem 8:05 - 12:08  
MS/HS 8:00 - 11:55

## Free Breakfast

All students in Grades K-5 will have the opportunity to eat breakfast for free each weekday morning. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Kick-start your day in a healthy way!

## Meal Prices

### Breakfast

Grades K-5	Free
All other grades	\$1.35
Elementary Lunch	\$2.25
Secondary Lunch	\$2.45
Adult	\$3.35

No person because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in our United States Department of Agriculture donated food and nutrition programs. Any persons who believes he/she has been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## School Meal Program

Free and reduced cost school breakfast and lunch program is available to families meeting income eligibility requirements. If your family status changes at any time throughout the school year, you are eligible to apply. If you qualify, your children can receive food services at reduced or no cost. An application is available online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com). You may also find applications in the school office.

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## Dining Services

Bellaire Public Schools offers FREE BREAKFAST for students enrolled in Grades K-5 at John R. Rodger Elementary. All other students may purchase breakfast for \$1.35 daily. Research shows a link between breakfast programs and learning ability. We know that breakfast improves the results of standardized test scores, attendance, behavior and emotional intelligence. School breakfast also provides at least a quarter of the daily nutrients needed by a growing child. These are all good reasons to offer a school breakfast program, so start the day off right!

If you need further information or serving times, please contact Eric Matusik, Director of Dining Services, at 533-8141 ext. 244



## College Night

Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District (TBAISD) and Great Lakes Maritime Academy announce the 2014 Traverse Bay Area College Night. High school students throughout the region are invited to attend and meet with representatives from more than 50 colleges. The event is sanctioned by the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.



**Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Great Lakes Maritime Academy  
Hagerty Conference Center**

**715 Front Street, Traverse City**

For more information please contact Jason Jeffrey, 922-6280; or John Berck, Great Lakes Maritime Academy Admissions Office, 995-1200.

## School Pictures for all students Thursday, September 18



## Email Newsletter Delivery

The Bellaire Public Schools newsletter is distributed electronically every two months. Printed copies are available at both school offices, the public library, the Senior Center, and at the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, contact Bellaire Public Schools at 533-8141 and your email address will be added to the database.

## Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

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., September 22, 2014 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., October 27, 2014 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., November 24, 2014 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., December 22, 2014 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., January 26, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., February 23, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., March 23, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., April 27, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., May 18, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., June 22, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting  
Mon., July 27, 2015 ..... Regular Business Meeting\*

\*This meeting will include Board of Education organizational agenda items for the 2015-2016 school year.

## Students in Transition Empowerment Program (STEP)

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 and youth not living with a parent/guardian 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 school 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 533-8015 x223.

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Eric Matusik, Food Services, 533-8141