

PRACTICES, PARENT/COACHES MEETING, PAPERWORK

The starting date for the first practice for **football and softball only** is Monday August 10. All other fall sports will start Monday, August 17. Each athlete needs to complete the following prior to their first practice:

1. turn in physical exam clearance from their doctor to the activities office,
2. turn in completed parent consent form to activities office,
3. turn in completed emergency information form to activities office, and
4. pay \$53 participation fee to activities office.

NOTE: all of these items are to come to the HS activities office..... NOT TO THE COACH.

A continuing requirement for participation in an activity during this school year, parents of students in grades 9-12 will again be **required** to attend a Parent/Coach meeting on **Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 pm in the Hevelone Center**. The first part of the meeting will be spent going over the activity guidelines and new changes to policy for this school year. The remainder of the evening will be broken into sport specific meetings for Football, Softball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Dance Team and Cheerleading.

Attendance at this meeting will fulfill the attendance requirement for the remainder of the school year. Athletes will not be able to compete in contests until a parent has attended a meeting.

If you have any questions concerning the information above please call Activities Director, **Neal Randel** at Beatrice High School 223-1515.

ACTIVITY ADMISSION PRICES FOR THE 2009-10:

Adult and student admission is as follows:

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| Music Events, School Play | Adults - \$5.00 | Student w/ID \$3.00 |
| All School Musical | Adults - \$6.00 | Student w/ID \$4.00 |
| Varsity Athletic Events | Adults - \$5.00 | Student w/ID \$3.00 |
| JV, Reserve, Freshmen Athletic Events | Adults - \$3.00 | Student w/ID \$2.00 |
| All Day Tournaments | Adults - \$6.00 | Students w/ID \$4.00 |

SEASON PASSES:

(both Arts & Athletic Events)

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| BPS K - 12 Student Activity | \$ 15.00 |
| Adult Activity | \$ 70.00 |
| Family Activity | \$150.00 |

BHS Senior Citizen Gold Card (65 years/older)...issued free / do not expire.. allows Senior Citizens w/card to enter activities for \$1.00 per event.

You may purchase Season Activity Passes at the Beatrice High School office beginning Monday, August 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **The BHS activity participation fee of \$53.00 can also be paid at this time.**

We continue to hope to get students, friends, and family to the events to cheer on the Orangemen and Lady Orange. The passes are good for all **regularly scheduled home** events; not only athletics, but also for concerts and fine arts performances at BHS. **(They do not work for RCC or NSAA-sponsored events.)**

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features: Daily Bulletin, Activity Up-Dates, links to what's going on at BHS, Athletic schedules

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Principal • Jason Sutter
Assistant Principal • John Jarosh
Assistant Principal/Activities Director • Neal Randel

Monday - Friday, Aug 3-7

Band Camp 8:00 - 3:00

Monday - Aug 3

Orange Booster Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, August 6, 6:00 pm

Freshman, New Student &
Parent Orientation

Monday, August 10

Start of Football & Softball Practices
School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Tues. & Wed., August 11 & 12

New Teachers Report

Thursday, August 13

All Certified Staff Report
Mandatory Fall Parent/Coach
Meeting 7:00 pm

Monday, August 17

Start of other Fall Practices

Tues., August 18,

Opening Half Day: 8:12-11:45
Freshmen Only

Wed., August 19, 8:12 - 3:28

Opening Full Day: All Students

Fri., August 21, 4:30-7:30 pm

Orange Booster Fall Kickoff

Saturday, August 22

Photo Day -BHS, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, August 24, 7:00 pm

Fine Arts Booster Meeting

Wed., September 2

Band at State Fair

Fri. & Sat., September 4 & 5

Beatrice Volleyball Invite

Monday, September 7

No School • Labor Day

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! I hope all BHS students and their families have had a relaxing and refreshing summer. I also hope students are looking forward to starting another great school year at Beatrice High School. As we approach the first day of school, I am confident that this will be an outstanding school year.

Freshmen at BHS are required to attend school on Tuesday, August 18th beginning at 8:12 a.m. During this time, we will meet in the Hevelone Center and conduct a "Freshmen First Day" pep rally. This rally provides our freshmen the attention and instruction they need to assist them in the transition from middle school. The pep rally consists of guest speakers, the BHS band, cheerleaders, dance team and BHS staff performing and speaking to the freshmen and provides an exciting way to begin the school year. Freshmen will meet their mentor teacher, be given a copy of their student handbook, and proceed through a shortened schedule of their classes. Freshmen are dismissed at 11:45 a.m. and are encouraged to participate in a lunch provided for them. We are looking forward to spending the morning with the class of 2013! This schedule provides 9th graders the opportunity to ask questions and have the building, hallways, lockers and BHS staff to themselves.

All grades of BHS students will attend a full school day on Wednesday, August 19th. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will receive their student handbooks containing information intended to help them have a successful and rewarding school year. Please take time to look at the handbook with your student about basic high school policy and expectations. In an effort to communicate with parents/guardians about expectations and opportunities at BHS, we are asking that parents sign a form included in the handbook materials indicating that you have received a copy of the Student/Parent handbook. This signed form must be returned to the BHS Student Services no later than **August 26th**.

I would encourage parents/guardians of the student who attends Beatrice High School to take an active role in your child's education. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact teachers and administration with ideas, questions and/or concerns.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child, their education, and Beatrice High School. Have a great school year!

Jason Sutter, Principal

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Beatrice Public Schools..
...to prepare all students for life-long learning and responsible citizenship.

Students regardless of grade continue to require 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 2 doses of MMR vaccine, and 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

GAGE COUNTY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC offers these immunizations at no charge each month on the third Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (they do not always fall in the same calendar week). Call 223-2366 for an appointment.

August Clinic dates are:
Monday, August 17, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CLIP, SIGN AND RETURN

PARENT MEDICATION CONSENT FORM

NOTE: If possible, parents are advised to give medication at home on a schedule other than during school hours. If it is necessary that a medication be given during school hours, the following regulations must be followed.

- Medication must be ordered/advised by physician/dentist and permission granted to R.N. at school to contact physician/dentist/pharmacist if necessary.
- Medication must be brought to school by parent/guardian in original container with appropriate label intact. (Secondary students may bring necessary medication to school; must give to school personnel at beginning of school day, and medication must be kept in the locked medicine area of the clinic.)
If medication is not properly labeled, it WILL NOT be given.
- Parent/guardian must sign this form, granting school/personnel permission to administer medication, according to regulations set herein.

The designated personnel at _____ school has my permission to administer the following medication to my child, _____, as recommended by

Dr. _____ for the purpose of treating _____
(condition)

and I give my permission for the nurse to contact the physician/dentist/pharmacist, if necessary.

Name of Medication: _____
 Dose to be given: _____
 Time to be given: _____
 Start Date _____ End Date _____

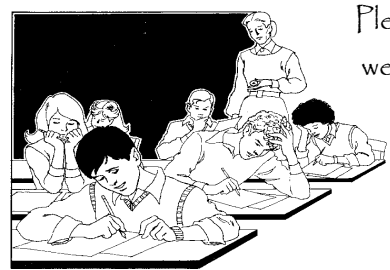
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Help Welcome Our New Staff

Kori Buchholz – a first year teacher who graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University this past May. She did her student teaching at Malcolm Public Schools and will be teaching Journalism, Photography, Newspaper and Yearbook, stepping into the shoes that Doris Martin left with her retirement.

Wendie Meyer – spent the past four years teaching in the Randolph Public School system. She received her education degree from Wayne State College. She will be taking over the Family Consumer Science duties left by Jan Ellison and Chris Hilton. Mrs. Meyer is also coaching the Dance team this year.

Mrs. Stephanie Coudeyras and **Mrs. Leigha Behrens** each had baby boys born recently. This will mean that the Science-Freshman Block and the Mathematics departments will be having long-term substitute teachers for us to welcome and encourage also.



Please join us in welcoming them.

School Pictures

Smile!



Pictures for 9th through 12th grade students will be taken for the yearbook and for our computer student census system at the school on

Tuesday, September 1.

EVERYONE must have their picture taken **BUT NO ONE IS REQUIRED** to PURCHASE their pictures.

Families wishing to purchase pictures will need to have their envelope filled out and pay the photographer at the time pictures are taken. ALL students should come to school prepared to have their pictures taken on that date. **There is no cost to the students to just have their picture taken for school use.**

As there are a variety of photo packages to choose from, an info packet will be sent home the first day of school with your student.

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First Quarter HS Parent-Teacher Conferences (Homecoming Week)

Monday, September 28 and Thursday, October 1
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Back From the Assistant Principal

I would like to welcome students to Beatrice High School for the 2009-10 school year. Enjoy your days at Beatrice High School, but take your time here seriously. For the most part, what you accomplish in high school will determine what you do for the rest of your life. As you near graduation, your career/post-secondary education choices will be directly related to your high school experiences.

Each of you has the same opportunity at Beatrice High School. Take advantage of every single one of them. Make connections in high school. Get involved with fine arts, various clubs, and/or athletics. Again, welcome back to school. It's going to be another good year at Beatrice High School.

John Jarosh
Assistant Principal



Non-Discrimination Policy

The Beatrice School District No. 15 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its programs and activities. If you feel you have been discriminated against, or have inquiries regarding grievance activities, or compliance with Title IX, Title VI or Section 504, contact the Director of Student Programs, Beatrice Public Schools, 320 North Fifth Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310 (402) 223-1512.



Marching Band & Flag Camp

was Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an 1/2 hour lunch time so they brown bagged it most of the week.

Camp ends with the Exhibition /Potluck again Friday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.

at the Athletic Field by the Middle School.

“Band” will debut the first song of their new show “Zorro”.



Next Marching Gig - NE STATE FAIR - Wednesday, September 2, 1:30 p.m.

Some Orange Booster Club History

The Board of Education in 1998/99 appointed the Orange Booster Club with the duty of policing the high school athletic fundraisers. This was done in response to a perceived burden being placed on Beatrice merchants regarding multiple sports parent groups holding multiple fundraisers each year. The Orange Booster Club has remained committed to keeping the number of times your door gets “knocked on” to a bare minimum.

The Orange Booster Club...

1. supports all high school athletic programs, both revenue and non-revenue producing.
2. has given thousand of dollars in post-graduate scholarships to athletes meeting guidelines set by coaches and administrators at BHS.
3. makes sure each athlete, no matter the sport, has access to a meal and drinks at all away games.
4. funds meals for athletes traveling to State Tournament games.
5. funds Cheerleaders, Dancers and Band members to attend District and State Tournament games.
6. funds “special requests” from any sport for items not considered under their normal athletic department budget.
7. coordinates all concession stands at all high school sporting events (except softball and baseball).

When the merchants and people of Beatrice join with the Orange Booster Club they are trusting the club to use their contribution to support All High School Athletics at BHS.

It takes many people to make this a successful group. Helping the officers are committee chair-people, separate parent representatives for each sport and many interested and helpful patrons who seem to surface at various times throughout the school year whenever a need is made known. The Booster Club is open to change, wanting to learn new, unique ways to raise money and welcomes any and all ideas. Please consider becoming part of this very important and helpful group of people.



General Lunch Notes to Parents

PRICES:

| | |
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| Breakfast: | \$1.50 |
| Lunch | \$2.10 Elementary |
| | \$2.20 6th - 12th |



PAYMENTS:

Deposits by check would be appreciated in order to cut down on processing time. Please write the child's name on the check. ALL insufficient checks will be deducted from the student's account along with a \$15 collection fee.

COPY OF TRANSACTIONS:

Parents wishing a printout of lunch activity may continue to contact the building secretaries in the Elementary Buildings, RaJean May at 223-1548 (Middle School) and/or Peggy Johnson at 223-1536 (High School).

ANOTHER OPTION AVAILABLE TO MONITOR STUDENT LUNCH MONEY:

Parents using their computers to access the Parent Portal feature available to help with school/home communication will be able to obtain this same information via the portal. Instructions will be made available in a future issue of the Orange Peel.

BEATRICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2009 – 2010 CALENDAR

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| Thursday | August 11 & 12 | New Teacher Orientation & New Teacher Staff Development Staff Development Day/Professional Learning Community Work and Staff Development Day Work and Staff Development Day Opening Day for Students – ½ Day (No Breakfast/Lunch) & ½ Day Teacher Workday Elementary Dismissal – Lincoln & Stoddard 11:40 AM, Cedar & Paddock Lane 11:45 AM High School Dismissal 11:45, Middle School Dismissal 12:00 PM |
| Friday | August 13 | |
| Friday | August 14 | |
| Monday | August 17 | |
| Tuesday | August 18 | |
| Monday | September 7 | Labor Day – No School ½ Day Students (No Lunch) – Teachers on School Improvement Elementary Dismissal – Lincoln & Stoddard 11:40 AM, Cedar & Paddock Lane 11:45 AM High School Dismissal 11:45, Middle School Dismissal 12:00 PM |
| Wednesday | September 16 | |
| Monday | September 28 | Middle School & High School Parent Teacher Conferences Middle School & Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Tuesday | September 29 | |
| Thursday | October 1 | High School & Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Friday | October 2 | No School – District Wide End of First Quarter |
| Wednesday | October 21 | |
| Thursday | October 22-23 | No School For Students Teacher Staff Development* <i>*Building will determine half-day for work during these two days.</i> Teacher Staff Development* |
| Friday | October 23 | |
| Wednesday | November 11 | ½ Day Students (No Lunch) – Teachers on School Improvement Thanksgiving Break – No School |
| Thurs. & Fri. | November 26-27 | |
| Tuesday | December 22 | End of Second Quarter |
| | Dec 23- Jan 4 | Student Christmas Break – No School |
| Monday | January 4 | Teacher End of Semester Workday (No School for Students) |
| Tuesday | January 5 | School Resumes – First Day of Third Quarter |
| Wednesday | January 20 | ½ Day for Students (No Lunch) – Teachers work on School Improvement |
| Thursday | February 11 | Elementary & High School Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Monday | February 15 | Middle School & Elementary School Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Tuesday | February 16 | Middle School & High School Parent Teacher Conferences |
| Friday | February 19 | No School - District Wide ½ Day for Students (No Lunch) – Teachers work on School Improvement |
| Wednesday | February 24 | |
| Wednesday | March 17 | End of Third Quarter |
| | March 18 - 19 | No School for Students |
| Thursday | March 18 | Teacher Staff Development and Workday |
| Friday | March 19 | No School |
| Friday | April 2 - 5 | Spring Break – No School |
| Wednesday | April 21 | ½ Day Students (No Lunch) – Teachers on School Improvement |
| Wednesday | May 19 | End of Fourth Quarter - Students Last 1/2 Day - (No Lunch) 1/2 Day Teacher Workday Elementary Dismissal – Lincoln & Stoddard 11:40 AM, Cedar & Paddock Lane 11:45 AM High School Dismissal 11:45, Middle School Dismissal 12:00 PM |

If necessary make-up days will be May 20 and 21. Announcement of intent to use make-up days will be made as soon as possible during second semester.

| Total Student Days | Per Quarter |
|--------------------|-------------|
| First Quarter | – 44 Days |
| Second Quarter | – 39.5 Days |
| Third Quarter | – 50.0 Days |
| Fourth Quarter | – 40 Days |

Character Counts, Renaissance, and Essential Behavior Skills

Responsible citizens possess good character. Beatrice is blessed to have families that promote good character in their children. Beatrice Public Schools has developed the Essential Behavior Skills Program in order to further promote good character in our students. The Essential Behavior Skills Program is based on six pillars of character. These six pillars include Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Helping students develop these skills will ultimately create a positive, productive learning environment, where students are responsible self-managers.

Throughout the school year, teachers will systematically instruct, discuss, and conduct activities regarding the Essential Behavior Skills. Teachers will also incorporate these skills into their course curriculum wherever it is appropriate. The Beatrice Public Schools Essential Behavior Skills include the following:

RESPONSIBILITY

1. Be Prepared for Class
2. Be on Time
3. Follow Directions
4. Accept “No” for an Answer
5. Accept Consequences

CITIZENSHIP

1. Greet Others Appropriately
2. Follow Rules
3. Report Behavior that is a Danger to Persons or Property
4. Accept Criticism
5. Apologize Appropriately

RESPECT

1. Make Requests Appropriately
2. Accept Individual Differences
3. Respect the Property of Others
4. Disagree Appropriately
5. Accept Authority

CARING

1. Help Others
2. Take Care of Your School
3. Manage Conflict

TRUSTWORTHINESS

1. Tell the Truth
2. Follow Through on Commitments

FAIRNESS

1. Treat Others as You Want to be Treated

Students exhibiting good character skills and traits may be recognized throughout the school year using the following:

= Students can receive “Orange Pride-Renaissance Awards” (blue tickets). When a staff member observes a student demonstrating one of the pillars, they are to reward them with a blue ticket. Each Friday students who have their blue ticket picked out of a hat are called to the office where they will receive goods or services provided by merchants of Beatrice. These students also have a chance to park in prime school parking spots for the following week.

= The BHS Renaissance Program will also recognize students of good character. Students who receive no “Office Referrals” for behavior will be recognized throughout the school year with a Character Counts Card, which is mailed home following the end of each quarter.

= Renaissance identified students will be honored during a convocation after first semester.

FROM STUDENT HANDBOOK 09-10

DRESS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

Students at Beatrice High School are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:

1. Hats, bandannas, chains (attached to wallets/clothing etc.), stocking caps, sweatbands, scarves, visors, and sunglasses are prohibited inside the school building.
2. Any clothing, which is cut, torn, ripped, see-through, exposes undergarments and/or shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin is prohibited.
3. Any clothing, accessories, or jewelry, which has inappropriate statements, logos, slogans and pictures (including but not limited to: alcohol, drugs, gang related, profanity), will be prohibited in the building.
4. Shirts, blouses, sweaters, sweatshirts:
 - a. All shirts must fit appropriately
 - b. Shirts or blouses exposing the midriff will be prohibited.
 - c. Any top, which has spaghetti straps, is prohibited unless it is worn in combination with another top, which has a minimum 2-inch width on the shoulder.
 - d. Tank tops which have large or cut out armholes are prohibited.
5. Shorts:
 - a. All shorts must be of appropriate length.
 - b. All shorts must fit around the waist.
 - c. All shorts must have a hem.
 - d. Boxers, swimming attire, bicycle shorts (spandex) etc. are prohibited.
6. Pants:
 - a. All pants must be of appropriate length.
 - b. All pants must fit around the waist. A belt of appropriate length may be worn to ensure that pants fit appropriately.
 - c. "Elephant" pants will be prohibited.
 - d. Pajama bottoms and flannel pants may not be worn.
7. Dresses and Skirts: The length of all dresses, skirts, and shorts must reach the mid-thigh area.
8. Footwear: Appropriate footwear will be worn properly during the school day. Bedroom slippers will be prohibited.
9. Coats: Coats will not be worn in school during the school day.

Due to recent decisions identifying and clarifying the rights of all members gathered in public schools, the wearing of any clothing, or if one's personal appearance disrupts the educational process, it is prohibited. If it is determined that an article of clothing bears a message that any student/employee would find objectionable, then the educational process has been affected. The student will be asked to change the article of clothing.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Beatrice High School campus is closed. If students need to leave the school building or school grounds while not under the direct supervision of a staff member, they are to follow checkout procedures in the office. These checkout procedures include verified parent/guardian permission, PRIOR to leaving the building.

DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Displays of affection beyond holding hands are inappropriate and disruptive of the school's learning environment. Disciplinary steps will be taken to enforce this guideline by teachers and administration including warning and parental conference. Use good judgement to avoid an embarrassing situation.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

"Electronic devices," include, but are not limited to, cell phones, Mp3 players, iPods, personal digital assistants (PDAs), compact disc players, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, lap top computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another. Students will not be allowed to use electronic devices on school property during regular school hours. Electronic devices must be put away in lockers, or kept out of sight in book-bags etc. Students are allowed to use electronic devices before school, after school, and at lunch in the commons area and outside the school building in the vicinity of the main front doors. BHS Staff members have the authority to confiscate inappropriate electronic devices (failure to comply will result in insubordination). **1st Offense-1/2 hour detention prior to returning device to student. 2nd offense-1 hour detention and return of device to parent. 3rd and subsequent offenses-BASE assignment and return of device to parent.**

Contents of electronic devices can be searched if administration has reason to believe the device contains items that are in violation of the BHS code of conduct. Items include but are not limited to: inappropriate pictures/graphics, threats, cyber bullying, etc.

Responsibility for Electronic Devices: Students or their parents/guardians are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic devices. By bringing such devices to school, students and parents authorize the school to dispose of unclaimed devices at the end of each semester. The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of students' electronic devices and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES/RULES

1. Student parking will be the north lot. Students may only park in this parking area and are required to display a numbered parking sticker. These stickers will be available in the main office. The sticker should be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle on the passenger side.
2. The parking lot is OFF LIMITS during the school day. If students need to leave the school building and return to the parking lot for any reason they are to follow checkout procedures in the office. These checkout procedures include verified parent/guardian permission, PRIOR to leaving the building. Students may not sit in vehicles before school, after school, during lunch, or anytime during the school day. Students in the parking lot without permission will be treated as an unexcused absence. Acceptable reasons for students to be in the parking lot are as follows:
 - a. Students who are arriving or departing the school building at appropriate times
 - b. Students who are involved in a school sponsored activity
 - c. Students who are under the direct supervision of a staff member
3. You can avoid a parking ticket and being towed:
 - a. Park straight between the lines and do not take more than one parking space
 - b. Students are not to park in designated (numbered) faculty parking spots
 - c. Properly display your BHS parking sticker
4. If any student drives recklessly on school grounds or approaching or leaving school grounds, driving privileges may be terminated and the incident will also be reported to the authorities.
5. Students are further cautioned that unauthorized visitors (those who do not have permission from the administration) on campus are trespassing.

Cars parked improperly or without a parking sticker may be towed at the owner's expense.