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Orange Peal

September 2017

Principal - **Jason Sutter**
Assistant Principal - **Bob Sexton**
Assistant Principal/Activities Director - **Neal Randel**

Wednesday(s), Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Early Out - Professional Learning Community (PLC) - HS @ 2:15 p.m.

Friday, September 2
Beatrice Volleyball Invite (4 courts)

Monday, September 4
LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
Orange Booster Club mtg, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12
Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16
Beatrice JV & Resv. Volleyball Invite

Monday, September 18
Fine Arts Booster Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22
HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, September 26
RCC Girls Golf @ Benson (Om.)

Tues. & Thurs. , September 26 & 28
4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, September 28
School Board,
Committee of Whole - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 29
NO SCHOOL
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Wednesday, October 11
RETAKES - School Pictures a.m.

Academic Eligibility Dates

for First Semester 2017-18

Projects/Homework/Tests Due

Friday, September 8
Thursday,September 28
Thursday, October 19
Friday, November 10
Friday, December 1

Random Drug and Alcohol Testing

The Beatrice Board of Education approved Random Drug and Alcohol Testing for Beatrice High School students **involved in extracurricular activities** for the 2017-2018 school year. The purpose of this policy is as follows:

1.) To provide for the health and safety of all students
2.) To undermine the effects of peer pressure and providing legitimate reasons for students to refuse use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.
3.) To identify students who use illegal drugs and/or alcohol; and
4.) To encourage students who use illegal drugs and/or alcohol to participate in appropriate treatment programs.

- Random drug and alcohol testing in public schools has been determined to be legal by the United States Supreme Court for students involved in extra-curricular school sponsored activities. However**, parents of children not involved in extra-curricular activities may "opt" their child into the program by signing a waiver located in the Beatrice High School front office.**
- All testing will be done by Husker Rehab and Wellness Center at Beatrice High School with confirmation sent to a Medical Review Officer Doctor.
- All records pertaining to participants shall be kept separate from the student records and the record keeping and results of the testing will be held in the strictest confidence.

For those interested in reading the entire policy, it is located on the Beatrice Public Schools website, under the tab Beatrice High School Forms.

FREEDOM FRIDAY'S

(not our original name, but the one that sticks and students seem to relate to)

September 1 - No Release, Fire Drill & Evac to HOO
September 8 - Release
September 15 - No Release, Fire Drill, Evac to Sack & Bus Evac Drill
September 22 - No Release - Homecoming Pep Rally
September 29 - NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences
October 6 - Release
October 13 - Release
October 20 - NO SCHOOL - end of quarter
October 27 - Release
November 3 - No Release - BHS Celebration
November 10 - Release
November 17 - Release
November 24 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
December 1 - Release
December 8 - No Release - BHS Celebration
December 15 - Release
December 22 - Finals - 1st semester finals

Beatrice High School Mission Statement

The mission of Beatrice High School a collaborative partnership of students in all their endeavors with teachers, administrators, coaches, sponsors, staff, families, and community is to guarantee all students will meet or exceed their individual academic goals and exhibit responsible citizenship by ensuring aligned, appropriate, rigorous curriculum, instruction and interventions, utilizing 21st century tools in a system that is measurably among the best high schools in the nation.

2016-17 HOMESTEADER YEARBOOKS **have arrived!** Pick yours up now!

We don't know yet if we have extras, but will put your name on a waiting list if you neglected to order yours last year. Price is $65.

Pre-Sale for 2017-18 Homesteaders will be available at a table during Parent/Teacher Conferences for the $60 early sale price, available through December 31, 2017. Once the new year rolls around, price reverts to the normal price of $65.

BHS Orange Booster Club

Next Booster meeting is on Labor Day, Monday, September 4 at 7:00 in Media Center.

Metcalf Writing Achievement Award

Watch for BHS English teachers selling pizza slices at home football games again this year. Their purpose is to raise money for their writing award, one $500 scholarship is awarded annually.

Be a Winner - - Don't Let the Flu Take You Out of the Game!

Public Health Solutions encourages you to "Protect the Ones You Love" by getting immunized against the flu. Healthy school age children may not experience complications to flu, but could risk exposing a sick elderly grandparent or younger siblings to the virus. The elderly and infants under 6 months of age are at a greater risk to have serious complications. With flu season almost here, Public Health Solutions District Health Department will again be offering flu immunization clinics for students at your school.

Prior to the start of clinics, students will bring home consent forms and fact sheets explaining the importance of getting the flu immunization. As parents or guardians, you are encouraged to read the information carefully, complete and sign the consent form and send it back to school with your student.

One lucky student will be a double winner! Not only will they have gotten protected against the flu by getting a flu shot they will also be entered into a drawing. Public Health Solutions will enter all students who return a completed permission form AND get the flu shot the day of the school clinic into a drawing for a $25.00 gift card. One lucky name from each school district will be drawn at the end of the school clinic day.

Public Health Solutions District Health Department will be at BHS on October 17, 2017.

For more information, contact your school health office or Public Health Solutions at 402-826-3880.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Will be a two-day event at Beatrice High School on Tuesday and Thursday, September 26 and 28, 4:30- 8:30 p.m.

Unlike middle school and elementary school conferences, our high school teachers are all alphabetically seated in the Commons Area each night of fall conferences. Upon entering our building you will see a table, outside the main office; student services staff member, Mrs. Sarah Morris, will be handing out student schedules. You pick and choose who you wish to visit with and when.

Have you checked out our Parent/Student Portal yet?

Those who have, report that it's a great way to keep current with grades, absences and lunch accounts.

Contact Mrs. Morris in Student Services for your password.

From Student Serives:

College Representatives coming to BHS

The following colleges and military reps will be visiting BHS. Please have your student stop by the Student Services Office to sign up to visit with a rep from a school they are interested in.

Thursday, September 7	**U.S. Air Force**
Tuesday, September 12	**Nebr. Wesleyan & UNK**
Monday, September 18	**U.S. Navy & SCC**
Tuesday, September 19	**Doane University**
Thursday, September 21	**Peru State**
Thursday, October 5	**UNL**
Tuesday, October 31	**Kansas State**

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@BHSSpiritGroup

ACT Test Dates:

Test Date	**Registration Deadline**	**(Late Fee Required)**
October 28, 2017**	September 22, 2017	September 23 - October 6
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4 - 17
February 10, 2018**	January 12, 2018	January 13 - 19
April 14, 2018**	March 9, 2018	March 10 - 23
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5 - 18

** offered locally at BHS.

Please register at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test. BHS School Code: 280-175. If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, you may be eligible for assistance in paying for the ACT test.

ACCUPLACER TEST

If your student is going to go to a community college after high school they will not need to take the ACT admission test but rather a test called Accuplacer. SCC will be here on **September 26th** to give the Accuplacer exam to any senior interested, free of charge. Sign up by calling 402-228-8208 to schedule your testing time.

Student Services Facebook Page

The Student Services Office offers a Facebook page to inform students and parents of dates, deadlines and important information. **"Like"** us on

Like

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student-athletes who are interested in participating in **NCAA** Division I or II collegiate athletics must register at www.eligibilitycenter.org prior to taking an official college visit. To participate in **NAIA** collegiate athletics, student-athletes need to register at www.playnaia.org. For more information about both of these organizations, visit their websites and download their ***Guides for College-Bound Student-Athletes***.

SENIOR MEETINGS

BHS Student Services is available to assist in applying for college admission. To complete the process, please bring the following items to your pre-scheduled appointment: Application Fee (credit/debit card), Social Security Number, Transcript release form (Student Services) and a Personal Statement or Essay, when applicable.

Mr. Post and Mrs. Prososki, school counselors, will be meeting with the seniors in small groups to discuss post-secondary planning options. During the senior meetings, counselors and students will discuss information pertaining to college, careers, financial aid, college applications, scholarships and graduation requirements. These meetings will take place on September 5th and 7th during Seniors' English IV classrooms.

SENIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN NIGHT

All parents of seniors are invited to attend the BHS School Counselor Senior Parent Night on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hevelone Center. School counselors will be meeting with parents and sharing important senior year information about applying to colleges and scholarships. This will be held the first night of parent/teacher conferences, the presentation will take approximately 45 minutes, Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in our Hevelone Center for Performing Arts during Parent/Teacher Conferences

FAFSA TUESDAY with EdQuest

On Tuesday, October 17, RJ Veva from EducationQuest will be at Beatrice High School all day to talk about the changes to file the FAFSA this year and also visit about the financial aid process, discuss how the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process works and the FSA ID that each parent and student need.

College Club's first meeting, Friday, September 8 at 2:45 pm in Rm. 133, during 9th period enrichment.

ABSENCES and MAKE-UP HOMEWORK: 402-223-1517

Again this year, we will gather homework from requests **beginning with the second day of an absence.** So….on the first day a student is reported by parent to be gone, we will inform the family that homework is not gathered for a single day absence. Should the student remain absent a second day and the parents wish for us to collect homework, we will honor their request on the second and following days. BASICALLY, if an absence is only a one day absence, the student will be responsible for checking in with each teacher to make up the work missed for that one day upon their return.

RULES, POLICY, LAWS.....

A friendly reminder from the office of the School Resource Officer now that school is back in session; about dropping the kids off at school. Beatrice has a traffic law that states that it is illegal to allow the loading or unloading of people in a lane of traffic in a school zone. This was made due to safety concerns for students being dropped off for school. Our primary concern is for your student's safety, however no one likes getting tickets, so please don't violate this law.

Now that we have covered what not to do; let's get to the advice.

1. You may have noticed officers at the schools as you drop your students off, they are there for everyone's safety, but they are focused on the traffic/ student safety.

2. What is required under this law is that you legally park, next to a curb or in a parking lot stall and allow your passengers to exit your vehicle. There is a crosswalk between the sidewalk/parking lot to the front entrance of the high school where students can safely walk. Dropping your students in the lane of traffic (Orange Blvd is a city street) will lead to citations, but more importantly is very dangerous and can lead to accidents.

If you have specific questions please contact me at one of the schools or the Beatrice Police Department, and let's have a safe and enjoyable school year.

Officer Lauenstein
School Resource Officer

BHS Attendance Procedures for 2017-18

Once a BHS student reaches 5 single period absences to a class, an administrator will hold a documented conference with the student to address the absences and discuss a corrective plan.

If a BHS student reaches 10 single period absences to a class, an administrator will hold a documented conference with the student and their parent/guardian. A corrective plan will be developed and the student will lose the opportunity to leave school early on PLC Wednesdays. (2:15 p.m.-3:34 p.m.)

If a BHS student reaches 15 single period absences to a class, an administrator will hold a documented conference with the student and their parent/guardian. The previously developed corrective plan will be reviewed and the student will additionally lose the opportunity to leave school early on release Fridays. (2:49 p.m.-3:34 p.m.)

When a BHS student reaches 20 single period absences to a class, an administrator will hold a documented conference with the student and their parent/guardian. The student will remain in the course(s) they have exceeded more than 20 absences in, but will have credit withheld. A contract will be developed that will identify the improvement that the student must demonstrate with absences during the second semester. The student will not receive credit for the first semester, until the agreed upon contract is finalized at the conclusion of second semester, and it is determined that the student has successfully completed the contract stipulations. If the student does not meet the contract requirements, the student will not receive credit.

If a student does not violate the attendance procedures during the first semester, but does during the second semester, a decision will be made by administration on whether the student will receive credits for passed classes prior to the student leaving for the summer break. No contract will be developed for that student due to the end of the school year.

CAFETERIA GUIDE

1. Basic lunch meal price covers: one milk, one main meat entrée, 2 level ladles of fruit servings and 2 vegetable servings. Anything more than this will be charged as an ala carte price (individually extra) to your lunch account.
2. Lunch accounts are to be prepaid. Please keep money in your account to purchase extra items. A running balance is displayed on the screen as you "check out" daily.
3. A single juice box can be substituted as one of the servings of fruit. * **Not as a milk serving.*** Juice box as an extra is charged ala carte.
4. Hoagie sandwiches are again located on one end of the refrigerated fruit bar. You may select one slice of cheese to add to your hoagie at no extra charge. You can add veggies from the vegetable bar to use as one of your Veggie servings.
5. A second main dish will be $1.90 even if your student took no fruit or vegetables. Chips, cookies, bottled (water, tea, juice and Propel) are also all priced ala cart. Substitutions of these for meal portions are not allowed.

Dietary minimum guidelines for subsidized student lunches are: Meat, 2 servings of grain, ¾ cup vegetables, 1 cup of fruit and one serving of milk. Students on the Free and/or Reduced Lunch Program are required to take at least three (3) components to receive their special pricing. Anything less than or additional to this minimum meal will be at charged ala carte prices. **Please keep some money in your account to cover extras.**

Please get those *Free and Reduced verifications* back to school as soon as possible.

only $10 each

MUSIC DEPARTMENT'S

"GOLD CARD" to help fund music trips!

Discount Card *Fundraiser* sales run through September 19, 2017!

Contact any vocal music student to purchase yours!

Also available through the main office, but please reference **Music Gold Card** as we have a **Senior Citizen Gold Card** that allows our patrons over 65 to get into activities for only $1.00. This can get very confusing.

BHS FINE ARTS BOOSTER CLUB 2017-18

Next meeting is Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

SAVE those SunMart receipts for the fine arts boosters. Looking for a convenient place to deposit those box-tops-for-schools coupons? Middle School and several elementaries in our district are collecting them. Get them to any school office and we will get them to someone actively working with them.

2017/18 BHS Fine Arts Boosters Pledge

Name(s) Listed as _____

Address _____ Zip_____

Phone _____ Email_____

I/We want to join the BHS Fine Arts Booster! We have circled the gift level below:

$1 - $99 $100 - $199 $200 - $499 $500 - $999 $1,000+

Booster Donation Amount $_____ Date: _____

Payable _____ Check _____ Cash

All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS.
Please make checks payable to: BHS Fine Arts Booster (PO Box 362; Beatrice, NE 68310)
Thank you for your gift!!!

Fine Arts Boosters BEATRICE

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

music notes

PERFORMANCES are
Oct. 28 - Time to be determined depending on Husker football game time)
Oct. 29 - 2:00 p.m. and
Oct. 30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Hevelone Center.
All seats $10 for adults and $5 for students and children.

Beauty and the Beast Set Construction nights for Concert Choir parents and students with construction skills:
Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct. 9 & Oct. 16 - all at 6:30 p.m. in Hevelone Center.

Beauty and the Beast Orchestra Rehearsals in Band Room
Sept. 5 - 5:30-7:00
Sept. 19 - 5:30-7:00
Oct. 10 - 5:30-7:00
Oct. 17 - 6:30-10:00 (first run in orchestra pit)
Oct. 23 - 6:30-10:00 (in pit)
Oct. 24 - 6:30-10:00 FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL in pit

Choral Pops Concert
September 12
7:00 p.m.
featuring
William of Orange Singers,
First Edition and
Limited Edition
giving preview performances.

Dress Rehearsal Dates for Beauty and the Beast for all Concert Choir members:
Sept. 29 - 8:00 a.m.
Oct. 12 - 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 - 6:30 p.m. (with orchestra)
Oct. 19 - 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23 - 6:30 p.m. (with Orchestra)
Oct. 24 - 6:30 p.m. FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL (with orchestra)

FROM ORANGE BOOSTERS: This is the site where all fans are encouraged to share their pictures of BHS athletics to be used in the Orange and Black banquet video.
https://orangeblackvideo2018.shutterfly.com/#
The notification from this shutterfly website may go inadvertently to the spam file of anyone's website, so please check your spam.

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Visit the BHS at www.beatricepublicschools.org for daily announcements, activity times, past Orange Peals, etc.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 &
Thursday, Sept. 28

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