

Good Morning,

First off, I would like to congratulate our winter sports teams for having great seasons. The Girls' Basketball Team lost a tough game at Wauzeka on Saturday but they should be very proud of their success on and off of the court this year! You all represent Belmont very well and were so much fun to watch! Congratulations to the BP wrestlers with Kalie Davis finishing 2nd at State and Dylan Weigel for another State appearance! We are proud of you! Our middle school girls' basketball team and all youth boys/girls basketball teams wrapped up their seasons this weekend as well. There are a lot of positives and we look forward to how our kids keep developing. The HS Boys' Basketball team travels to Fall River tomorrow with tipoff at 7:00 pm. If you plan on attending, I would suggest you get there early as the gym only holds 600 people according to the WIAA website.

Cabaret will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm in the elementary gym. We look forward to the event as it always showcases our student's musical talents.

We have continued to work on budget forecasts for future years. Due to the projections, we are discussing an operational referendum that would likely take place in November 2024. We are in this position similar to other school districts due to the rising costs and state budget shortages to match the rising costs over the past few years. We will be pushing more details out about this later in the spring when I am more confident about the projected revenues/expenditures. As I mentioned at our last school board meeting, we are the only school in Southwest Wisconsin that has increased in enrollment over the past 20 years and also in the past 10 years. With declining birth rates, this is a positive thing for Belmont and puts us in a better position than a lot of other school districts in the area. As enrollment is the biggest factor in school funding, this is a positive!

As the weather has been very nice for this time of year, it has jumped back and forth with temperatures. Please be mindful of this each day so our students are dressed appropriately at recess. For example, it is supposed to be in the 60's today and tomorrow and then drop back to the 30's on Wednesday. We have also had some illness around so reminders to wash hands, eat healthy, and get enough rest are important as well.

A few other reminders... Spring Break is March 18th-22nd. Our March School Board Meeting is on Thursday, March 14th. Daylight savings time is on Sunday, March 10th.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent