

April 24, 2023

Good Morning,

I would like to congratulate AJ Ludlum and Sydney Cushman for their accomplishments at the State Forensics Competition. Sydney earned a bronze in Prose and AJ earned a silver in Radio Speaking! Great job representing Belmont Schools!

We have another busy week coming with many athletic games on the schedule along with the Fine Arts Concert on Wednesday. See the schedule here: [April 24th Weekly Schedule](#). Due to the busy schedule, we will need to run double bus routes on Thursday afternoon. Please let your child's teacher know if their transportation needs change for that day. On this note, we have tried to eliminate as many double routes as possible but we will have one occasionally due to extra-curricular events or if we are ever short a driver. The District did purchase a used Transit van so we do now have two vans which helps us with transportation and eliminates as many double routes. We did do some Belmont Braves decals on our newer van so if you see it, it should stand out!

We have been busy filling our openings for next year. We are currently seeking a MS/HS Guidance Counselor for next year. We are also continuing our search for another custodian. The Board of Education approved the following hires for next school year:

Mallary Sturtz: Full Time Business Teacher

Annie Buchs: 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher

Corrin Waterworth: HS Math Teacher

Brandon Wiese: Assistant Principal & Activities Director

Audra Brandenburg: Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Sturtz has been hired as a full time Business Teacher. Previously, she was half time in Benton and half time here.

Annie Buchs will be replacing Mrs. Freiburger in the 2nd Grade Classroom. Mrs. Buchs has taught in Galena for the last ten years.

Corrin Waterworth will be replacing Mr. Crego in the HS Math Classroom. Ms. Waterworth is currently student-teaching in Mineral Point and will be graduating from UWP in May.

Audra Brandenburg will be teaching Spanish part time for 6 class periods each day. She has been in the district doing student teaching and coaching MS Track this year as well.

Mr. Wiese will be transitioning from Guidance Counselor to AP/AD and will be replacing Mr. Crase while also adding the AD duties to this position. We feel good about this as we will not have a teacher missing so many classes to attend the many meetings required of the Activities Director.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Freiburger, Mr. Crego, and Mr. Crase on their upcoming retirement. They will be missed. Please welcome our new staff as well and I look forward to them starting so you can get to know them.

We are down to 29 school days remaining. I hope we can all do our part to keep our students engaged in their learning all the way to the last day. Every minute counts so we will do our best to make some great things happen in this time. I would like to share this quote for a little reflection and motivation as well because this is very real to myself and to all of us really. "Success is not final; Failure is not final; It is the courage to continue that counts. - Winston S. Churchill

Administrative Professionals Day is on Wednesday, April 26th. Please take a minute to thank Sami, Sanette, and Shelly for all that they do. They really make the school run smoothly and effectively so I want to thank them as well!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Beau Buchs