

Ready to Roll for 2022-2023
August 15, 2022

We are nearing the beginning of another school year! As I get older, this time of year seems to come very quickly from one year to the next. As anyone who has a few more years of experience realizes, the time does seem to go by faster as we get older. For our students, the time doesn't always go so fast.

Our students and families are all starting to feel the anticipation for another year of school. I hope that students are excited and may be ready to set some high goals for themselves. A new beginning can often lead each of us to set some new goals. I hope our students and families have these discussions at home as this can make a big difference. I know that our staff has been hard at work preparing for the new year whether it is our teachers prepping their lessons, office staff working on getting skyward ready for the new year, or our custodians working hard to clean and repair the building.

Registration for the upcoming year should be open this week. We will be posting on the website and doing our best to get an email out to all families. As a reminder, we have switched to Skyward for our student management system and we are finishing training while working out some kinks in the switch over to a new system. I want to thank you for your patience as we get these steps done while also throwing a big thank you out to Sami Gempler, Sanette Schmidt, Shelly Knebel, & Brandon Wiese for their extra effort in learning new systems.

There are a few new educational changes for this year that will happen in the classrooms. We have some new curriculum for the 7-12 grade English/Language Arts classes while also updating to some new materials for Mrs. Sturtz's Business classes. We also added 12 more cleartouch screens in the classrooms. These cleartouch screens appear like a large television but work as an instructional tool to share visuals in the lessons. We are excited to have this technology available for our teachers and students!

Our Baseball Field is under construction this month with hopes of being completed soon. We will have new dugouts, fencing, backstop, sidewalks, and drainage in the infield. We have also done some work to switch our wrestling room with our weight room. This will eliminate noise from the PE classes and also upgrade the use for both spaces. We were able to paint the new weight room and put some rubber flooring down thanks to the support from the Booster Club and a number of helpful volunteers.

We are looking to work with the Employers in Belmont and beyond. Mr. Brandon Wiese, Guidance Counselor, has organized another "Meet and Greet" to exchange information from school to workplaces that can help our students prepare for future careers and learning opportunities while in High School. This meet and greet will be held at noon on Tuesday, August 23rd.

We also have Freshman Orientation on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM. Class schedules will be ready for pickup on August 24th & 25th.

We have our Open House on Monday, August 29th from 5:00 – 7:00. We also have a guest speaker, Kathy Bresnahan, speaking in the HS gym at 6:30 PM. Kathy is an awesome speaker and former HS Volleyball Coach who has authored a book, “The Miracle Season” which is also an Amazon top seller. I would also like to thank the Belmont Sports Boosters for their help in sponsoring Kathy. Our Teachers will be back for Inservice on August 29th-31st and our FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is on Thursday, September 1st.

The Belmont School & Community Fair is September 12th-18th. Fair entries are due on August 17th. We hope to see a lot of familiar faces and have another successful fair this year!

We are excited for another great school year. Together, we can make GREAT things happen!
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