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BELDING HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the BLACK KNIGHTS

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Mr. O's Outlook...

We are finally back in the habit of full weeks of school and we are entering a really exciting time of the year. Our band is entering the final days of rehearsal before district band festival. Even with the challenges of snow days, they sound fantastic! Our drama department is almost ready to debut the Spring musical, "The Little Mermaid." The students and staff have been working tirelessly to remember their lines, songs, and choreography. As with all of our productions, this is sure to be a hit! I imagine that all three performances will be sold out events. When tickets go on sale, be sure to act quickly! The BPA has a handful of kids who are going to represent BHS at the State Conference with the hopes of advancing to nationals. The Robotics team is going to the State Finals this weekend for VEX Robotics and will soon be competing in the FIRST Robotics season. Our athletic teams are either in the postseason or will be very soon. The wrestling team won both the conference and district titles, and has three students headed to the state finals. The competitive cheer team finished second in their conference and narrowly missed qualifying for regionals. Both our boys and girls bowling teams finished near the top of their conference and are hoping to have a great performance and regionals today and tomorrow. Our basketball teams are making great progress! The boys will host districts next week and the girls will travel to Shepard the following week. Whew! It's a great time to be a Black Knight!

*** SENIORS ***

Transcripts have been updated in Parchment. You will need to update your view in order to see the updated transcript. Any student that has taken the SAT/ACT exams outside of BHS, you will need email or bring your scores to Ms. McNeal in order for them to be entered on your transcript. Any questions can be directed to Ms. McNeal 794.4951 or mcneal@bas-k12.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB 23 WINTER SWIRL DANCE
- FEB 27-NEW! HALF DAY dismiss @ 10:30
- MAR 13 Early Release
- MAR 13 Senior Exit Interviews
- MAR 13 PSAT/SAT TESTING
- MAR 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- APR 17-NEW! HALF DAY dismiss @10:30
- APR 19-NEW! School in session-full day

FAFSA

The **FAFSA** is a part of the Senior Portfolio which is due March 13. Davenport University will be on site (Belding Media Center) to help with filing of **FAFSA** and answer any questions. They will be here Tuesday, Feb. 26 and Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 5:00 – 7:00PM. **THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!** Please attend if you have not filed your **FAFSA**. – please see attached info.

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YEARBOOKS ... Yearbooks are still on sale \$65.

Just \$25 is required for a down payment.

Senior Parents – you can purchase a page in the yearbook for your graduate. Prices are:

1/8 page = \$75

1/4 page = \$125

1/2 page = \$200

Full page = \$325

For more info contact carlsons@bas-k12.org

AP STUDENTS - FINAL BALANCES DUE!

Students that are in AP classes, your final balance is **due MARCH 8**. All balances are recorded in skyward/student fees. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. McNeal in the HS office.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT –

Michigan State Parks recruit for summer employment for local high schools and colleges. They are now accepting applications. Students must be at least 18 or a high school graduate by the start date. You must also be willing to work weekends, evenings, and holidays. *Starting pay rate is \$9.45/hour.* Employment application (form #PR-7123) can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/dnr or at the park headquarters. Interviews will begin in April for employment at Sleepy Hollow State Park and/or Ionia State Recreation Area. The flyer is available in the high school office.

Sophomore to visit Heartlands Institute of Technology

Parents/Guardians – Next Friday, March 1, 2019, our sophomore class will tour Heartlands Institute of Technology (HIT). This is a great opportunity for the class of 2021 (and class of 2020), to possibly earn articulated college credits/clock hours at several colleges/universities upon successful completion of a Heartlands' program. For more information check out their website: www.ioniaisd.org/cte.

We have attached a course description guide for the 2019-2020 school year and we have also attached a commitment form. Once a student commits to HIT, they cannot change their schedule. All schools in Ionia County compete for slots in each program.

Please look over the course guide and talk with your student about their interest in the Heartlands program. The commitment form can be printed and returned to Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Hickman, or your student can pick one up in homeroom next week. **The deadline to return commitment forms is MARCH 8 at 3:00PM.**

SPRING SPORTS - tryouts

Spring sports (tryouts) will begin March 11. Any student that has NOT participated in an earlier sport (Fall/Winter), are required to have a physical before trying out. Athletes are also required to have a concussion form and 'orange card' on file **BEFORE** trying out. All the paperwork can be picked up in the office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Linebaugh in the Athletic Office. She can be reached at 794.4950.

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