Bedford Public Schools
COMMUNITY UPDATE

OUR TOP STORIES:

SALE PENDING FOR TEMPERANCE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
The Board of Education accepted an offer to purchase Temperance Road Elementary School from GJL Investments, LLC. The sale is contingent upon rezoning for business/office space and completion of all necessary inspections. The district expects to close on the sale around the end of September 2019.

We will always cherish the many memories made within its walls as a school, but we look forward to seeing this property once again becoming a vibrant part of the community in its new capacity.

ADDITIONS TO CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PROGRAM AT BHS
Last year, Cybersecurity became the newest of our 13 CTE programs at BHS with 26 students earning a Cybersecurity industry certification. That program will expand with the offering of a Cybersecurity 2 class. Our CTE Director, Mrs. Lancina, is also hoping to start a health occupations program in the fall of 2020.

New Equipment Donated! We would like to thank Rich and Marion Leonard, owners of TRAK Machine Tools, Inc., for their generous donation of two K3KMX knee mills valued at over $50,000. This equipment will give our Machine Technology students the current industry skills that are in high demand in today’s job market.

RED LIGHT REMINDER: IT’S THE LAW!
STOP on ALL Michigan roads, regardless of how many lanes or direction of travel! This includes main roads like Lewis, Secor and Sterns! KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: SEPTEMBER 3rd
Register by August 27th to start that first day!

See Pages 4 & 5 for Details!
Bedford Public Schools will start back on Tuesday, September 3rd and as your superintendent, I cannot begin to express my excitement for the upcoming school year! BPS administration and staff have been preparing all summer for our students’ return and we are set once again for another great year.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR...

NEW FACES: BPS welcomes two new building administrators for the start of the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Kevin Weber is joining the district as Principal of Bedford High School. Mr. Weber adds a wealth of educational leadership knowledge and experience to the already talented BHS Staff. Also joining our building level administrative team is Ms. Amy Kochendoerfer as the Assistant Principal of Monroe Road Elementary. Ms. Kochendoerfer has been a successful teacher and Reading Specialist within our district and we are extremely excited that she will be continuing to serve our students in her new role. We would also like to welcome all of our new staff members this fall; BPS is very lucky to continue to attract outstanding educators year after year who want to be a part of this outstanding community.

BOND WORK: You will also begin to notice new and exciting changes to our buildings around the community. The district bond team has been hard at work preparing for the many projects made possible through our successful bond program this past November. See pages 4 and 5 for more information and follow our progress on our website. We are all looking forward to seeing the changes as we progress through the bond implementation process.

BUILDING A BRAND: Lastly, district leadership have been discussing plans to begin the re-branding of our district. As superintendent, I have discussed and written about this concept on several occasions over the past twelve months. The initiative began with our realization that over the years our district (as well as our individual buildings) has drifted away from presenting a strong unified student experience. As part of the initiative, district leadership will be working toward the transition from our current design where each elementary and junior high school building has a separate mascot and school colors to the future design where all buildings will be unified under our current high school kicking mule mascot and colors. This transition is merely the start of our initiative to better align our total district experience, but we feel strongly that it is a necessary beginning. Additional changes will include enhanced collaboration between buildings and grade levels to assist students with the transition process from elementary through high school. District leadership will also seek input from our community members and business partners to help structure our strategic plan. All of these activities and more will be part of a comprehensive presentation to our district and community stakeholders regarding the future of our district.

I am extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for all that you do and I have never been more excited than I am today for the great changes that are taking place here in what is unquestionably the best district in our area.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see everyone on September 3!

Dr. Carl Shultz
WEIGHTED GRADES ADOPTED FOR ADVANCED CLASSES AT BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning this year, students at Bedford High School enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes will receive grades based on a 5.0 scale. Students earning an A will receive a 5.0 for it using this weighted scale. This scale recognizes the depth of content and/or level of performance required for these advanced classes. Bedford High School currently offers 17 Honors and AP classes that would be graded on the 5.0 scale. All other classes will continue to be graded on a 4.0 scale.

Note for AP Students: November 1st is the new deadline for students to sign up to take AP tests with the potential to earn college credit.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

September
3 ............... Students’ First Day of School

October
11 ...... Professional Development (PD) Day

1/2 DAY for Students

November
1 ............... Professional Development Day

NO SCHOOL

8 ................. End of 1st Quarter

25-26 .......... Parent/Teacher Conferences

1/2 DAY for Students

27-29 .......... Thanksgiving Break

NO SCHOOL

December
23 ............... Winter Break begins

NO SCHOOL until January 6

January
6 ...................... School Resumes

20 ................. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

NO SCHOOL

23 ...................... Exams

1/2 DAY for Students

24 ...................... End of 2nd Quarter

1/2 DAY for Students

February
17 ...................... Presidents’ Day/PD Day

NO SCHOOL

March
20 .............. Staff Professional Development

1/2 DAY for Students

31 ...................... End of 3rd Quarter

FULL DAY for Students

April
6-10 ....................... Spring Break

13 ...................... School Resumes

14 ......... BHS Testing for Grades 10 and 11*

Full day of school for all students

15 ............. BHS Testing for Grades 9 and 11*

Full day of school for all students

17 ...................... Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences

No School for Kindergarten Students

May
25 ...................... Memorial Day

NO SCHOOL

June
9 ...................... Exams

1/2 DAY for Students

10 ...................... Last Day of School*

1/2 DAY for Students

*Calendar may be adjusted to accommodate assessment testing windows once set by the State of Michigan.

Makeup days for excessive school closures will be added to the end of the school year if necessary.
SUMMER 2020 PROJECTS
BY SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring traffic flow/drop-off areas/parking lots for safety, paving student parking access drive, air conditioning all classrooms & upgrading heating/ventilation system, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, secure entry at main office, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, generator for life/safety & IT systems, food service equipment replacement, replacing wooden bleachers, new fire alarm, and new roof.)

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Site Work
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring traffic flow/drop-off areas/parking lots for safety, and fence replacements.)

JACKMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: adding air conditioning & upgrading heating/ventilation system, replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, restoring drop-off loop, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, generator for life/safety & IT systems, food service equipment replacement, replacing wooden bleachers, new fire alarm, and new roof.)

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THANK YOU BEDFORD VOTERS!
Last November, voters approved a $35.3 million bond for capital improvements to our school facilities.
We are extremely grateful to our community for their support.

SETTING THE WORK SCHEDULE
Our Architectural and Engineering firm, IDS, has completed the initial building analysis and determined the scope of work for our bond projects. This was turned over to the our Construction Manager, Rudolph Libbe, for cost analysis. Together, this information was used to set the phasing schedule of the bond work.

These professionals took several additional variables into consideration for efficiency in project completion, maximization of our purchasing power, and cost control:

— Critical need
— Coordination with Michigan State Police Grant work and its related deadline requirement
— Grouping of projects in order to successfully complete within a 12 week summer window to avoid disruption of instruction
— Lead time for product procurement and delivery of necessary materials
— Ability to achieve consistency in bid packages and manufacturer specifications
— Availability of skilled tradesmen vs. premium for labor overtime

FIRST PROJECT FINISHED!
Wm. Molnar Roofing, Inc. replaced the roof at Smith Road Elementary School over the summer. This roof was the the oldest in the district, out of warranty, and experiencing leaks. Our Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), Head Start, ECSE, our Technology Department, K-12 Robotics programs, and some of our Community Education programs will all be happy to know that they have a new roof over their heads this year!

COMING THIS SCHOOL YEAR!
ALL SCHOOLS
Security upgrades are on the plate for the 2019-20 school year. Select exterior doors at each school building will be replaced and outfitted with access controls. Bond funds will be paying for the door replacement and a grant from the Michigan State Police will be paying for the access control system. Grant stipulations mean this project will be completed by June 2020. Stay tuned for more details about the work schedule once we know when materials are scheduled to arrive.

SUMMER 2020 PROJECTS
BY SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring traffic flow/drop-off areas/parking lots for safety, paving student parking access drive, air conditioning all classrooms & upgrading heating/ventilation system, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, secure entry at main office, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, generator for life/safety & IT systems, food service equipment replacement, replacing wooden bleachers, new fire alarm, and new roof.)

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Site Work
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring traffic flow/drop-off areas/parking lots for safety, and fence replacements.)

JACKMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: adding air conditioning & upgrading heating/ventilation system, replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, restoring drop-off loop, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, new fire alarm, replace sanitary line, new roof, and new lighting.)

SUMMER 2021 PROJECTS
BY SCHOOL
BEDFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
All Remaining Work (excluding site work)
(Includes: adding air conditioning & upgrading heating/ventilation system, replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring drop-off area, replacing broken storm lines, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, new fire alarm, and new roof.)

DOUGLAS ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: adding air conditioning & upgrading heating/ventilation system, replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, reconfiguring drop-off area, replacing broken storm lines, rest room upgrades, new windows & doors, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, new fire alarm, and new roof.)

MONROE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
All Work
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, HVAC upgrades, and new carpet.)

SMITH ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
All Remaining Work (excluding roof project)
(Includes: replacing damaged asphalt and sidewalks, adding air conditioning & upgrading heating/ventilation system, security/surveillance/mass notification systems, rest room upgrades, and new PA/clock system.)

BOND PROJECT TIMELINE
FOLLOW OUR PROGRESS! www.mybedford.us/bond.html

BOND UPDATE
**NOTES FROM THE NURSES**

Two Reasons to Update/Complete your Medical Information Form:

1) Every year we seem to have some serious situations arise and we are unable to reach anyone during the emergency. If your information changes, let the school office know!

2) Students will only be released to the people that you have listed on the medical information form. Include your babysitter, grandparents, etc. If you would rely on them to pick up a sick child during the school day.

**Medication in School:** Please complete a Medication Authorization Form in the school office or health room (form available on website: http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/health.html). This applies to both prescription AND over-the-counter medicine and must be signed by a physician. An adult must bring the medication into the school office in its original container. Students are NOT permitted to carry medication to school.

**Immunizations:** The Michigan Department of Community Health stresses that vaccinating children and young adults is the single most important health promotion intervention that is performed by parents and physicians. Unvaccinated children put themselves, as well as new-borns, partially immunized infants and children with immune deficiencies at risk of illness and death. A list of immunizations (and more resources, information, and forms) are available online at: http://www.bedford.k12.mi.us/health.html.

**Incomplete Immunization Records:** Young Fives, new Kindergarten students, 7th graders, and any new student to Bedford Public Schools in any grade (including any previous student that left the district and is now returning this year), without up-to-date immunization records according to Michigan law, will be excluded from the first day of school. Families were mailed a letter in June outlining the immunizations needed. If you registered after June, please be sure to follow through with supplying any outstanding information before the first day of school. How to submit your records? Your health care provider could fax to: 734-850-6099 (please indicate “Nurse” on the cover sheet), records can be dropped off at the Administration Building or 7th graders can bring their records to Bronco Roundup. Please contact the District Nurses (contact info at left) with any questions or concerns.

**THE FINE PRINT: BPS ANNUAL NOTICES**

**Annual AHERA Notice**

This notice is to inform you, as required by the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), that the documentation for our District Asbestos Management Plan, the semiannual surveillance inspections, and the three-year re-inspection are available for your review in each building’s principal’s office. Information regarding response actions may also be found in the District Asbestos Management Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dr. Carl Shultz, Superintendent at 734-850-6000.

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

Bedford Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes multiple techniques to prevent pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, pesticides may also be utilized at our facility.

This notice has been provided in compliance with MCL324.8316 and must be provided within 30 days of the beginning of the school year. We hereby notify you of your right to review the IPM Plan and IPM records. An IPM plan and records are required for pesticide applications inside the school, exclusive of sanitizer, disinfectant, germicide, and anti-microbial applications.

You also have the right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide in or at the school grounds or buildings during this school year, with the exception of bait, gel, sanitizer, disinfectant, germicide, and anti-microbial applications. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

At least 48 hours before an application, advance notification will be given by:

1) posting at primary entrance to the facility

2) Posting on district’s website

Advance notification signs will be posted at the following commonly used entrances, include but not limited to:

- Front of individual school/building where pesticide will be applied
- Entrance of sport field that will be applied

The following individual is responsible for pesticide application procedures:

- Name: Tom Martin
- Phone: 734-850-6060
- Email: tom.martin@mybedford.us

**Use of chemicals to control or eliminate pests will be closely monitored and applied only as a last resort. In the event that the use of chemicals is prescribed by the pest control professional, the school should receive notification 48 hours prior to the use of chemicals by the pest control professionals. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice. Parents or guardians of record are entitled to receive the notification by first-class mail postmarked three days prior to the application, if so requested. Requests must be in writing and mailed to: IPM Program, Bedford Public Schools, 8486 Douglas Road, Temperance, MI 48182. Requests are applicable to the school year received.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all pest control chemicals used in district facilities, along with IPM plan will be on file at all Bedford Public Schools, offices, and warehouses. Copies of MSDS sheets may be obtained from your neighborhood school or by calling the Facilities Department office at 734-850-6061.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Bedford Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, genetic information, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. Inquiries should be directed to Howard Schwager, Executive Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations at 734-850-6020.
WHERE IS MY BUS STOP?
CHECK ONLINE FOR THIS YEAR’S ROUTES
www.mybedford.us/transportation.html

Look for the link to the Bus Routes at under the Quick Links in the left column. Find the location nearest your house and the route number/name. Stops are listed in the order of pick up. Routes may be adjusted if students are newly registered and added to routes so please double check before school starts for any changes there. We ask for your patience during the first week or two of school. Any necessary adjustments may take place after the first week of school.

Tip for Junior High and High School Students: It is important to verify the slot number for your stop. Some addresses will have a different bus/route to get home.

BE READY, BE SAFE: Child(ren) should be at their designated stop 10 minutes prior to pick-up time. We encourage you to walk to the stop with your young child(ren) for the first day or two. Remember that it is the parents’ responsibility to ensure their child(ren)’s safety until the bus arrives in the morning and after the afternoon drop-off.

STOPs OTHER THAN HOME ADDRESS: If students need transportation to any location, within their school’s boundary, other than their home, such as a babysitter or day care, or if there is a change in bussing needs from last year, please contact the Transportation Office as soon as possible before the start of school: call 734-850-6070 or email kristyn.sparks@mybedford.us.

DRIVE WITH CAUTION: Traffic becomes extremely congested near our schools during arrival and dismissal times. Drivers are expected to follow the posted rules, follow the direction of school personnel, and drive safely at all times.

Cars are not allowed in the bus parking area between the High School and Junior High School during arrival and dismissal times. Please use the Dean Road entrance for high school students and the north entrance road (closest to the Bedford Public Library) off of Jackman Road for the Junior High School.

LOST AND FOUND: Please label your belongings! Give us a call if you think something may have been left behind on a bus.

Meal Prices for 2019-2020
Elementary Meals........$2.85
Secondary Meals.........$3.00
Adult Lunch.............$3.75
(Adults may also purchase individual lunch entrees for $3.25, or individual portions of side fruit or vegetables for $1.00.)

Breakfast Served in ALL BPS Schools
MRE: 8:10-8:35 am
DRE & JRE: 8:00-8:35 am
BJHS & BHS: 7:00-7:25 am

Breakfast is available in our cafeterias. Families that are eligible for free/reduced lunches, are also eligible for free/reduced breakfasts.

Breakfast......................$1.30
Adult Breakfast............ $2.00

FREE & REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS
Free or reduced priced breakfast and lunch are available for those students/households that qualify. Applications are available at all school building offices and food service offices. Or apply online through https://www.lunchapp.com/.

APPLICATIONS: There is no deadline for application. Families can apply at any point during the school year. Information provided is confidential. Details can be found on the Food Service page of our website.

KINDERGARTEN/ YOUNG FIVES BUS TAGS
K/Y5s families will receive a tag in the mail before school starts informing them of pick-up and take-home information. Pick-ups and drop-offs will be at existing stops with 1st-5th graders.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS
MHSAA requires physicals to be completed on April 15, 2019 or after to compete in any sport at any time during the 2019-2020 school year. Forms available on: https://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Forms-Resources.

QUICK NOTES
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WE LOVE LATCHKEY
Each elementary school offers before and after school care through our Community Ed Latchkey Program. Call Latchkey Director, Amber Brushaber, at 734-850-6004 to find out more!
Elementary students can bring their school supplies to the Open House in a grocery bag marked with their name.

DOUGLAS ROAD ELEMENTARY: August 28
School Pictures ........................................ 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Grades 4-5 Chromebook Pickup ......................... 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Young Fives, Kindergarten, Grade 3 Open House ...... 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Grades 1, 2, 4, 5 Open House .......................... 6:00 - 6:45 pm

JACKMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY: August 28
Grades 4-5 Chromebook Pickup .......................... 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Kindergarten/Young Fives Open House ................. 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Grades 1, 2, 3 Open House ................................ 6:15 - 7:15 pm
Grades 4, 5 Open House ................................... 7:15 - 8:15 pm

MONROE ROAD ELEMENTARY: August 28
Grades 4-5 Chromebook Pickup .......................... 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Young Fives, K, 1, 2 Open House ......................... 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Grades 3, 4, 5 Open House ................................ 6:00 - 7:00 pm

BEDFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: September 4
Open House .............................................. 6:45 pm in the Gym

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: September 9
Open House .............................................. 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Senior/Senior Parent Meeting ......................... 7:30 - 8:30 pm in Auditorium

KEEP CONNECTED!
SCHOOLOLOGY:
See the assignments, grades, notifications, and announcements that your students see! If not already connected, contact one of your child’s teachers to receive a parental access code.

JUNIOR HIGH ANNOUNCEMENTS:
http://bjhsannouncements.blogspot.com/

HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:
http://bshsdailyannouncements.blogspot.com/

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES:
Each principal sends out update emails. Make sure they have the email address you prefer!

ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS
Please call the school’s attendance number if your child will be absent:
Douglas Road Elementary 734-850-6720
Jackman Road Elementary 734-850-6620
Monroe Road Elementary 734-850-6820
Bedford Junior High School 734-850-6210
Bedford High School 734-850-6110

HONEYWELL EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Keep your phone numbers current by contacting the school office and updating your email in HAC.
TIP #1: Empty your phone’s voice mail. You can’t get the alert if it is full!
TIP #2: Listen to your alert instead of calling the office. We get hundreds of calls after an alert asking, “What was the alert?” This overwhelms our phone lines and impacts office efficiency and responsiveness.

https://bedford-mi.finalforms.com/
For Student Athletes to complete all of the necessary forms and pay fees to participate in all levels of athletics at Bedford Public Schools.

https://sendmoneytoschool.com
We are using a NEW cloud-based software program to handle your student’s school lunch account: Meal Magic Cloud. All balances and previous school year benefit information have been transferred over from your student’s MealTime account. Meal Magic Cloud uses SendMoneytoSchool.com for online deposits and for parents to view their student’s account information which is updated in real time. To set up an account, you will need your child’s full name, student ID number, and date of birth.

https://www.myschoolbucks.com
Used for online payments for everything except athletic fees and food service accounts.
Note: Chromebook insurance form and payment must be completed prior to students receiving their Chromebooks.