



2017-2018 Activities Calendar



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Activities listed in this publication are subject to change—please confirm.



Schools and Departments

Central Elementary	333-3220
<i>Patricia Welte, Principal</i>	
Horace May Elementary	333-3240
<i>Ami Aalgaard, Principal</i>	
J.W. Smith Elementary	333-3290
<i>Patricia Welte, Principal</i>	
Lincoln Elementary	333-3250
<i>Jason Luksik, Principal</i>	
Northern Elementary	333-3260
<i>Wendy Templin, Principal</i>	
Paul Bunyan Center	333-3119
<i>Kathy VanWert, Principal</i>	
Solway Elementary	467-3232
<i>Tami Wesely, Principal</i>	

Bemidji Middle School	333-3215
<i>Drew Hildenbrand, Principal</i>	
Bemidji High School	444-1600
<i>Brian Stefanich, Principal</i>	
Lumberjack High School	444-1600
<i>Brian Stefanich, Principal</i>	
Bemidji Alternative Ed. Center	333-3299
<i>Tami Wesely, Principal</i>	
Bemidji BYLaW	333-3299
<i>Tami Wesely, Principal</i>	
First City School	333-3458
<i>Tami Wesely, Principal</i>	
Oshki Manidoo	751-6553
<i>Tami Wesely, Principal</i>	

Transportation Department	333-3225
<i>Greg Liedl, Coordinator</i>	
Community Education	333-3284
<i>Sandy Eberhart, Coordinator</i>	
Early Childhood/Family Ed	333-8329
Adult Enrichment, Aquatics, Billing, Kids & Co., School-Age Care, and Youth Services	
333-3284	
Indian Education	441-6355
<i>Sonia Wadena, Coordinator</i>	
Athletic/Activities Department	444-1600
<i>Troy Hendricks, Coordinator</i> ext. 63315	
Early Intervention Program	333-8330
<i>Kathy VanWert, Principal</i>	

August/September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 NO SCHOOL Teacher Day CC @ Moorhd Inv Tnns G JV/V @ P Lakes	29 NO SCHOOL Teacher Day Sccr B JV/V @ D Lakes S&D G @ Brainrd VB 9/JV/V H SC Tech	30 NO SCHOOL Teacher Day District-Wide Meeting Tnns G JV/V H Tri	31 NO SCHOOL Teacher Half-Day FB 9 @ Hibbing FB V H Rogers Sccr B JV/V @ H-L-A Sccr G JV/V @ D Lakes VB 9/JV/V @ D Lakes	1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	5 STUDENTS' FIRST DAY FB JV @ TRF Sccr B JV/V H G Rapids Sccr G JV/V H EGF	6	7 CC @ D Lakes Inv FB 9 H TRF Sccr B JV/V H Duluth E Sccr G H Crookstn	8 FB V @ Big Lake	9 Sccr B JV/V H Moorhd Sccr G JV/V H Moorhd Tnns G JV/V @ TRF Inv
10 Grandparents' Day	11 Patriot Day FB B JV @ West Fargo Sccr B JV/V H D Lakes VB 9 H Bagley VB JV @ Fosston Inv	12 Sccr G JV/V H H-L-A S&D G H Tri Tnns G JV/V H Match VB 9/JV/V @ D-G-F	13	14 CC @ L Falls Inv FB 9 @ SR-Rice Sccr B JV/V H Crookstn Tnns G JV/V @ TRF	15 FB V @ SR-Rice	16 Sccr B JV/V @ L Falls Sccr G JV/V @ L Falls S&D G @ Hibbing Inv Tnns G JV/V @ Hibbing VB 9 @ PRA VB JV/V @ Hopkins Inv
17	18 School Board Meets BHS Homecoming Week FB JV H SR-Rice VB 9 @ Bagley	19 CC @ Bagley Inv S&D G @ Warrd Tnns G JV/V H Tri VB 9/JV/V @ Roseau	20 FB 9 H Moorhd Sccr G V @ EGF	21 District SD Grants Due FB 9 H Moorhd Sccr G JV/V @ EGF Tnns G H TRF VB 9/JV/V @ G Rapids	22 First Day of Autumn CC V @ Milaca Inv FB V H Moorhd Homecoming Dance	23 CC @ Milaca Inv Sccr B JV/V H Brainrd Sccr G JV/V H Brainrd Tnns G JV H Dbls Inv VB 9 @ Alex Area Trn VB JV @ Moorhd Inv VB V H Perham
24	25 MAP Fall Testing Begins FB JV @ Moorhd	26 EC Screening Sccr B JV/V H Pel Rpds S&D G H PRA Tnns G JV/V @ G Rapids VB 9/JV/V H Brainrd	27	28 EC Screening District SD Grant Review CC @ F Falls Inv FB 9 @ Brainrd Sccr B/G JV/V @ Moorhd Tnns G JV/V @ Moorhd VB 9 H Blackduck	29	30 FB V @ Brainrd Sccr B JV/V H Sartell Sccr G JV/V H Duluth E S&D G H Inv

Food Service

District 31 participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Breakfasts and lunches are served at all schools. Participation in these programs is voluntary. Elementary students (K-5) will receive their school breakfast free. Middle school students and high school students will pay \$1.50 for their breakfast. Elementary lunch is priced at \$2.35, the Middle School lunch at \$2.55, and the Senior High lunch at \$2.65. There is no cost (breakfast or lunch) to students who are eligible for a reduced price meal.

Remember! All elementary students receive their school breakfast free of charge! It is important that students are prepared to learn each day! Eating breakfast, whether at home or school, helps to guarantee their readiness!!

The Food Service program actively participates in the Farm to School Program, serving locally sourced foods in all our cafeterias. This program continues to be an asset to our students as well as the community. Students are able to eat fresh products grown in their geographic area, and local growers are able to sell their items to a local institution. Factors that encourage continuation for our Farm to School Program are:

- Raising students' awareness and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and grains
- Encouraging better eating habits among children
- Educating students about where food comes from and how it is grown
- Supporting the local economy

Our "Chefs Move to Schools Program" provides expertise from chefs who work in the culinary world and transfer it to the school cafeteria. You will find a chef working with our staff and serving lunch at least once per month within all the schools in the district. The support we receive from Chef Mike Holleman, Director of Culinary Development for InHarvest; and Coleen Donnelly, Corporate Chef K-12 for InHarvest, in developing recipes that are appealing and flavorful for all ages within the K-12 system is invaluable. Their support and expertise assists our food service team in offering healthy and delicious choices for student meals.

Applications for Educational Benefits are sent out to the district residents in August. Applications **MUST** be completed and returned **EACH YEAR** to determine eligibility. **Please return the applications as soon as possible to the food service office at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW.** Benefits of the program cannot be given to the students until applications have been reviewed for eligibility. If you do not receive an application, please secure one from any of the school offices. Application for Educational Benefits can be made at any time of the school year, if the need arises. **Applying for the program is important. Schools receive funding for educational programs based directly on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced price meals. These funds are used to provide additional educational support and opportunities for students in every school.**

The district uses an Individual Meal Accounting System in all the schools where each student has their own individual account. The PIN (Personal Identification Number) they are given remains with them for access to their account throughout their school years in the district. Meal accounts are debit accounts; therefore, there must be money in the account for the student to use it. Charging of meals is discouraged in all Bemidji schools. Since the entire district uses the Individual Meal Accounting System, accounts for students with positive or negative balances will be credited for the next school year. Positive balances from one sibling will be transferred to another sibling to zero out a negative balance. Students graduating from high school may have their account balances transferred to a younger sibling or another student by calling the Food Service Office at 333-3100, ext. 31141. Refunds from accounts will only be sent if the balance is \$5.00 or more. A request for a refund must be made by the parent/guardian when a student is leaving the district.

Payments may be made to individual student's accounts using your credit/debit card online with "Family Access" (follow directions posted on the site). Using the online payment center allows you to credit your child's account at any time. A minimal fee is charged to cover the cost of this convenience. You may also mail payments to the District Office at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601; or place them in an envelope and put them in a Food Service

drop box in the cafeteria near the meal service area. Personal checks should be written to ISD #31 with the student's name and PIN in the memo area. When sending cash, please place it in an envelope and write the student's name and PIN and the amount of money on the envelope. Students need to maintain a positive balance in their meal account.

Food Allergies and/or Special Diets

Please contact the Food Service office prior to your child/children beginning school if you have concerns related to their food allergies or diets. The Food Service website has forms to use when requesting special diets for students. The following forms are available: Special Diet Statement for a Student *Without* a Disability and Special Diet Statement for a Student *With* a Disability. Lactose-free milk is available to students who are lactose intolerant. Please contact the school's food service and send a note with your child/children to receive this option. This note needs to be signed by the parent/guardian, not a physician.

Menu Information

Elementary menus, breakfast and lunch, are sent home monthly with the students. All menus are analyzed as to their nutrient and caloric value to assure they meet the daily requirements for students of a specific age group. Menus and food service program information is available on the Bemidji Area School District web page at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/food-service/> We also encourage the use of Family Access to secure knowledge of your child's meal account, as well as other school information.

Register for Family Access by visiting: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/food-service/> Click the "sign-up link" link on the left side of the screen, fill in the request information, and click "send" to start the process. A district representative will contact you to provide your username and password for system access. Please update your email address when it changes.

Questions or concerns regarding the Food Service programs can be directed to the Food Service office at 333-3100, ext. 31141 or 31142.

October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 NO SCHOOL Staff Development FB JV H Brainrd Scrr B JV/V @ EGF	3 FB 9 H Bagley Tnns G JV/V @ Crookstn Tnns G JV/V @ EGF VB 9/JV/V @ TRF	4	5 CC @ Perham Inv FB 9 @ Alex Area Scrr G H D Lakes S&D G H Moorhd VB 9/JV/V H PRA	6 FB V @ Alex Area Tnns G H 8AA Tm VB V @ SM-Alb Trn	7 Scrr G JV/V @ Rogers Tnns G JV H 8AA Ind VB JV@ Alex Area Inv VB V @ SM-Alb Trn
8	9 Columbus Day FB JV H Alex Area Scrr B JV/V H H-L-A Scrr G JV/V @ G Rapids	10 Dist Curric Comm BHS Conferences VB 9/JV/V @ Moorhd	11	12 BHS Conferences FB 9 H Sartell FB JV @ Sartell Scrr B V @ 8A Prelim Scrr G V @ 8AA Quarter VB 9/JV/V H G Rapids	13 FB V H Sartell Tnns G H 8AA Finals VB V H Sartell	14 Scrr B V @ 8A Quarter Scrr G V @ 8AA Semi S&D G @ Sec TT VB 9/JV/V H Sartell
15	16 Boss's Day School Board Meets FB JV H D Lakes	17 CC H Bemidji Inv FB 9 @ G Rapids Scrr B V @ 8A Semi Scrr G V @ 8AA Finals S&D G H Fosston VB 9/JV/V @ Duluth E	18 MAP Fall Testing Ends FB V H St. Cloud Tech	19 NO SCHOOL Education Minnesota Scrr B V @ 8A Finals VB 9/JV @ G Rapids	20 NO SCHOOL Education Minnesota	21 VB V @ Chaska Inv
22	23 BHS Choir Concert	24 FB V @ 8AAAAA Quarter S&D G H D Lakes Tnns G H MSHSL Trn	25 Scrr B V H MSHSL Trn VB V @ 8AAA Prelim	26 EC Screening CC @ 8AA Finals	27 S&D G @ Duluth E VB V @ 8AAA Quarter	28 EC Screening FB V @ 8AAAAA Semi
29	30	31 Halloween VB V @ 8AAA Semi				

Community Education

"Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All"

Bemidji Area Schools has been a provider of Community Education programs for nearly 40 years. Our staff and community advisory council work together to provide programming to all area residents. Check out our Website at: www.bemidjicomunityed.com or call for a brochure at 333-3284 ext. 35301. For updates and current information please join us on Facebook.

Adult Enrichment

Community Education brochures are available in August and January containing over 100 Enrichment classes or activities to choose from, such as: defensive driving, dog obedience, arts & crafts, dance, and fitness. Classes are added throughout the year. Visit our website at: www.bemidjicomunityed.com. For more information or to teach a class, call Jen Belisle at 333-3284 ext. 35303.

Aquatics

The aquatic program offers several classes during the school year and summer months, including: swimming lessons for all ages and abilities, water aerobics, lap swimming, open swimming, Moms in Motion, diving, and USA Swim Club. For more information call "Woody" Scott Leindecker, 333-3284 ext. 35313.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE is a program available to all children ages 0-5 together with their parents. A variety of classes and social events are offered during the daytime and evenings. Participation by families is voluntary and all Classes are offered with a sliding fee. Classes are held at the Community Services Center at 616 America Avenue. For more information or to register for an ECFE class, go to: www.bemidjicomunityed.com or call Sue at 333-8329.

School Readiness:

3-Year-Old Preschool and 4-Year-Old Pre-K

School Readiness is a developmentally appropriate preschool program for children ages 3, 4 and 5 by September 1, 2017. Children attend classes without a parent. Classes are held at Jack & Jill (on the BSU campus) and at the Community Services Center. For more



information or to register for School Readiness class, go to www.bemidji.comunityed.com or call Sue at 333-8329.

Early Childhood Screening

We invite all children for screening. To start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, children must participate in early childhood screening for vision, hearing, height, weight, speech/language and developmental observations. These screenings simply record where the child is in their development and the results are reported to the parent or guardian. We offer these screenings at the early childhood office in the Community Services Center at 616 America Avenue in Bemidji. Children are screened between the age of 3 1/2-4 years of age or earlier if parents have concerns about their child. There is NO COST for screening; dates for the 2017-2018 school year are Sept. 26 and 28; Oct. 26 and 28; Nov. 16 and 18; Jan. 23 and 25; Feb. 22 and 24; Mar. 9 and 27; Apr. 19 and 21; and May 8 and 10. Please call Sue at 333-8329 to schedule your child's screening.

Kids & Company School Age Care & SummerKids

We provide a safe, caring environment in which children explore art, games, crafts, computer technology, gym and outdoor activities, plus homework assistance and tutoring after school until 5:45 p.m. The SummerKids summer program is available 8-10 weeks during the summer for youth in grades K-8. Options for attendance give families flexibility full or part-time. Please call Susan Shelquist, 333-3284 ext. 35309, for more information.

Online Learning

Ed2Go is our newest learning opportunity. Go to www.ed2go.com/bemidji and check out more than 250 courses, all instructor-facilitated. Classes are very diverse and include CEU documentation. Ed2Go also provides career certificate programs designed to provide the skills necessary to acquire professional level positions for many in-demand occupations. Visit: www.gatlineducation.com/bemidjicomunityed

Youth Enrichment/Youth Services

The activities and programs designed for youth create safe, non-competitive, fun, and caring environments in which youth can enhance their physical, emotional, and intellectual development. For more information call John McRae at 333-3284 ext. 35306.

November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 BHS Fall Musical	3 FB V @ 8AAAAA Finals BHS Fall Musical	4 BHS Fall Musical CC @ MSHSL Tourn Hcky G JV/V H Ft Fran VB V H 8AAA Finals
5 End Daylight Savings Time (fall back one hour)	6 BHS Academic Awards Ceremony	7	8	9 NO SCHOOL Conferences Hcky G JV/V @ D Lakes	10 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day (observed) Hcky G V H EGF S&D G H Sec 8A Prelim END OF TERM 1	11 Veteran's Day Hcky G JV/V H Ft Fran S&D G H Sec 8A Finals
12	13 BHS Veteran's Program BHS Band Concert BB G 9/JV/V H TBA	14 Hcky G JV/V H G Rapids	15	16 EC Screening Hcky G JV/V H TRF	17	18 EC Screening Hcky G JV/V H Wdbry
19	20 School Board Meets BHS Orchestra Concert BB B 9/JV/V H TBA	21 BHS Orchestra Concert Hcky G JV/V @ Roseau	22	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28 BB G 9/JV/V H TRF Hcky B JV/V @ Warrd Hcky G JV/V @ Warrd	29 BHS ASVAB Testing	30 District SD Grants Due Hcky B JV/V H Brainrd		

Specialized Programs

ISD #31 offers a complete range of programs for students with unique education needs.

Programs for Students with Disabilities

Bemidji Area Schools (ISD #31) provides a full array of special education services to students with qualifying needs. Available services include: Speech and Language Impairments, Developmental Cognitive Disabilities (Mild to Moderate and Moderate to Severe), Physically Impaired, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visually Impaired, Specific Learning Disabilities, Emotional or Behavioral Disorders, Deaf-Blind, Other Health Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Delay, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Severe Multiply Impaired. Services to these identified children are provided in various educational settings, with every effort made to serve all students in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). Special settings education occurs only when assessments and planning determine the student's needs require such a setting for service. Inclusion is a word often heard with regard to special education—it means involving students with special needs in those areas of development which is the typical environment in which most children receive their education. Bemidji Area Schools Special Education programs may begin identifying students at birth. Services provided are based on identified needs and goals, as identified through assessment, and are listed in each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

For more information, contact the principals at individual schools. You may also contact Laura Engelstad at the Early Intervention Center at 333-8330, Susan Flicek (Due Process Facilitator) at 333-3115, or Stephanie Hubbard (Director of Special Education) at 333-3100.

Alternative Education Center

The Bemidji Alternative Education Center (AEC) provides year-round education toward a high school diploma for students age 16 through adult. Based on initial assessment, students develop a learning plan with their instructor which best fits their course needs and learning styles. Students work independently and meet with teachers in the various subject areas. This individualized approach helps all students succeed in their education. For more information, call 333-3299 or visit our website at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/aec/>

Bemidji Educational Advocacy Program

Providing outreach and support for youth and families in a homeless situation, this program offers youth and family advocates that work to ensure: enrollment, attendance, academic progress, stability, security, and a safe place to grow as families pursue stable housing. This program, along with area providers and shelters, maintains membership on the Homelessness Advisory Team—a committee that aims to provide education to the community and schools on issues related to homelessness. We ask you to assist the homeless through community service projects in your school. For assistance with enrollment, school records, transportation, medical records, and ideas for school and community service projects, call Angie Lauderbaugh at 333-3215, ext. 55151.

Bemidji Youth Learning and Working

Bemidji Youth Learning and Working (BYLaW) is a Special Education, Level 4 EBD program providing full time academic services to students who have not been successful in traditional schools. Students are provided an individualized education program tailored to their specific needs. Students, families, and staff are vital members of each student's planning team. The goal of the BYLaW Program is to help each student to become a productive, contributing member of his/her community. For more information contact Tami Wesely, Principal, at 333-3299.

First City School

First City School provides the educational component to students that reside at Northwest Minnesota Juvenile Center. Students are educated in three distinct and different educational settings within the First City School. All youth are considered to be at risk of school failure and exhibit numerous educational challenges including: mental health issues, chemical dependency issues, low academic skills, previous school difficulties, transient issues, conduct disorders, and numerous behavioral difficulties. Roughly 60% of the youth served are on active Individualized Education Plans requiring Special Education services to meet a variety of emotional, behavioral, and academic needs. All students are assigned a case manager who works with staff to develop an educational plan to meet each individualized need. For additional information contact Tami Wesely, principal, at 333-3458.

Lumberjack High School

Lumberjack High School (LHS) is a unique alternative program within Bemidji High School. LHS is for students wishing to remain in a traditional, seat-based program to earn credits towards a high school diploma. Students attending LHS earn credits in the core subject areas and access the Bemidji High School for their health, art, and elective credits. The staff at LHS focus on improving attendance, building self-esteem, and nurturing relationships with students and families. This setting provides a safe environment that stresses acceptance towards diverse cultures, beliefs, and lifestyles. Each student is assigned an advisor with whom they meet weekly to establish relationships and review academic progress. LHS recognizes student success through various incentives for high grades and attendance. Offering smaller class sizes and shorter class periods, LHS also uses a credit recovery program to give students an opportunity to earn credit via online learning.

Oshki Manidoo School

Oshki Manidoo School provides the educational component for students that reside at Oshki Manidoo Treatment Center. Students are typically at Oshki Manidoo for a 90-day program. Students at Oshki most often have a history of school difficulties and are at risk of school failure due to mental health issues, chemical dependency, low academic skills, and behavior issues. Oshki staff work together to develop educational plans that meet individual student needs. For additional information contact Tami Wesely, Principal, at 333-3299.

Title I

Central, J.W. Smith, Lincoln, and Solway Schools offer schoolwide Title I programs for grades Kindergarten through 5. Title I teachers and paraprofessionals provide supplemental help to students in reading and/or mathematics. For more information contact your building principal or Kathy Palm at 333-3100 ext. 31103.

Bemidji 21st Century Program

Bemidji's after-school and summer program is free and supports students' academic success. Each student has a learning plan and participates in enriching activities. For additional information, contact your school's principal or Kathy Palm.

December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 BB B 9/JV/V H I Falls Wrstl @ SC-Melrose Trn	2 BHS Winter Formal Hcky B JV/V H Blake
3	4	5 BB G 9/JV/V @ Hibbing Hcky B JV/V H Moorhd Hcky G JV/V @ TRF	6	7 District SD Grant Review Hcky JV/V H Duluth E Wrstl H TRF/Perham	8 BB B 9/JV/V @ SR-Rice BB G 9/JV/V @ SC Apollo Hcky G JV/V H Brainrd Wrstl V H PB Trn	9 BB B 9/JV/V @ SC Apollo BB G 9/JV/V @ Sartell Wrstl @ Crookstn RO Trn Wrstl V H PB Trn
10	11	12 Dist Curric Comm BB B 9/JV/V @ L Falls BB G 9/JV/V H P Lakes Hcky B JV/V @ TRF Hcky G V H Crookstn Wrstl @ D Lakes	13	14 BHS Conferences BMS Band Concert Wrstl @ G Rapids/Mora	15 BB G 9/JV/V @ Princeton Hcky G JV/V H Warrd	16 BB B 9/JV/V H Sartell BB G 9/JV/V @ Willmar Hcky B JV/V @ Rogers
17	18 School Board Meets BHS Choir Concert	19 BMS Chorus Concert BB B 9/JV/V H D Lakes BB G 9/JV/V H D Lakes Hcky B JV/V @ EGF	20	21 First Day of Winter BMS Orchestra Concert BB G 9/JV/V @ TRF Hcky B JV/V H Roseau	22 BB B 9/JV/V H Inv Hcky G JV/V H NWC Wrstl @ Foley/STMA/Sim	23 BB B 9/JV/V H Inv
24	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break BB G JV/V H Inv Hcky B JV/V Duluth M Inv	28 NO SCHOOL Winter Break BB G JV/V H Inv Hcky B JV/V Duluth M Inv Hcky G JV/V @ Arms Inv Wrstl @ Fargo RoR Trn	29 NO SCHOOL Winter Break Hcky B JV/V Duluth M Inv Wrstl @ Fargo RoR Trn	30
31 New Year's Eve						

Bemidji High School

The Pride of the Northland and Home of the "Lumberjacks"! Bemidji High School is located on 200 acres of land with the Mississippi River forming its southwest property line. Our school serves grades 9-12 with approximately 1450 enrolled in 2016-2017. During the 2016-2017 school year, Bemidji High School was named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best high schools in the state and nation. Such reports reflect our excellent AP scores, minority students taking the tests, free and reduced price lunch statistics, college readiness and state reading and math test results, along with graduation rates.

BHS is honored and fortunate to be among professional faculty and a talented student body. With over 250 course offerings, the school features a full selection of academic opportunities for students. Bemidji High School curriculum features: 11 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, pre-AP classes for ninth grade students, Post-Secondary Education Options (PSEO), 15 College on Campus courses through partnerships with Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College, JROTC, and Project Lead the Way pre-engineering program. BHS also offers a Credit Recovery program to keep students on track for graduation. Bemidji High School seeks to provide the best possible education for all students regardless of their ability levels, economic status, ethnic backgrounds, or post-secondary plans.

Bemidji High School is proud to launch Bemidji Career Academies. The focus of Bemidji Career Academies is to equip students with the skills necessary to obtain high-skilled employment through collaboration with community partners, specific high school courses, and real-world experiences with community businesses. Bemidji Career Academy students have the opportunity to assess their vocational skills, get connected with community experts, and build employability skills while in high school. Six Career Academies are currently offered to students with the plan of increasing the number of academies offered to students each year.

The Lumberjacks have a history of success in academics, athletics, music and fine arts. In 2016-2017, there were 19 teams recognized by the Minnesota State High School League as earning all-academic honors. Each spring, during our Senior Awards Program, close to 2.2 million dollars in scholarships are awarded to our deserving seniors.

Bemidji students and staff are proud of the traditions established in our programs and we work very hard to exceed our expectations year after year!

Go Jacks !!!



Bemidji Area Schools has established a participation fee to help defray the costs of our activity programs. Equipment, transportation and entry fees are just a few of the costs involved with our activities. Students in grades 9-12 are charged \$70.00 for the first sport and \$60 for each additional sport. Fine Arts, Academic Teams and Music Programs are charged a one time fee of \$70 per year. Students in grades 6-8 are charged \$50 yearly for the first sport; \$35 per year for each additional sport; and a \$50.00 one-time fee for Fine Arts, Music and academic teams. There is a *Maximum Family Fee* of \$380 for students in grades 7-12.

The district has established standard admission prices for the athletic events as indicated below:

Event admission prices (at the door)

Adults	\$6
Students	\$3
(Prices apply only to regular season events)	

For concerts the admission prices are:

Adults	\$2
Students	\$1

Season Tickets (available at the Athletic Office):

Adult Ten (10) Event ticket	\$40
Adult All Season ticket.....	\$70
Student Ten (10) Event ticket	\$20
Student All Season ticket	\$40
Employee Guest Pass	\$40

The season tickets are both non-refundable and non-replaceable. If your season ticket is lost or destroyed you will need to purchase a new one. The other activities establish admission prices on an individual basis.

Visit the BHS Activity website at:
<http://bhs.bemidji.k12.mn.us/>

Activities and Athletics

Bemidji High School features a varied activities program within the following categories:

Category I Activities:

Fall
 Cheerleader, Football
 Cross Country, Boys
 Cross Country, Girls
 Football
 Soccer, Boys
 Soccer, Girls
 Swimming, Girls
 Tennis, Girls
 Volleyball

Winter
 Basketball, Boys
 Basketball, Girls
 Cheerleader, Basketball;
 Hockey; and Wrestling
 Dance Team
 Gymnastics
 Hockey, Boys
 Hockey, Girls
 Nordic Ski, Boys
 Nordic Ski, Girls
 Speech
 Swimming, Boys
 Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
 Golf, Boys
 Golf, Girls

Softball
 Tennis, Boys
 Track, Boys
 Track, Girls

Category II Activities:

Fine Arts and Academic Activities
 Band
 Choir
 Marching Band
 Musical
 Orchestra
 Robotics

Category III Activities:

Clay Target League
 Fall Musical
 Knowledge Bowl
 La Fiera Chamber Orchestra
 LaVoce Ballo Show Choir
 Math League Team
 Mock Trial
 National Honor Society
 Science Olympiad
 Stage Crew
 Student Council
 Vocalmotive Show Choir
 Yearbook

January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break Hcky G JV/V H Moorhd	3	4 BB G 9/JV/V H St-Mot Hcky B JV/V @ SC Tech Hcky G JV/V @ PRA	5 Wrstl H Rick Lee Duals	6 BB G 9/JV/V @ Cloquet Hcky B JV/V H Sartell Hcky G JV/V H Alex Wrstl H Rick Lee Duals
7	8 MAP Winter Testing Begins	9 BB B 9/JV/V @ Moorhd BB G 9/JV/V @ SR-Rice Hcky B JV/V @ Crookstn Hcky G JV/V H I Falls	10	11 BB B 9/JV/V H G Rapids	12 BB G 9/JV/V H Brainrd Hcky G JV/V @ R Lakes Wrstl H B/G-MR	13 BB B 9/JV/V @ Duluth D Hcky B JV/V @ Buffalo
14	15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 BB B 9/JV/V @ G Rapids BB G 9/JV/V @ L Falls Hcky G JV/V H Roseau Wrstl H PL-PRB/Hibng	17	18 BB B V @ P Lakes Hcky B JV/V H EGF Hcky G JV/V @ Crookstn Wrstl H Frazee	19	20 Wrstl @ TRF Inv
21	22 School Board Meets	23 EC Screening BB B 9/JV/V @ St-Mot BB G 9/JV/V H G Rapids Hcky G JV/V H D Lakes	24	25 EC Screening BB B 9/JV/V @ TRF	26 MAP Winter Testing Ends BHS Vocalmotive Dinner Show BB G 9/JV/V H Hopkins Hcky B JV/V H Alex Ar END OF TERM 2	27 BHS Vocalmotive Dinner Show BB B 9/JV/V H Alex Ar BB G 9/JV/V H Alex Ar Hcky B JV/V H SM-Alb Hcky G JV/V @ Moorhd
28 BHS Vocalmotive Dinner Show	29 ACCESS for ELLs Testing Begins BB B 9/JV/V H EGF	30 Wrstl H Brainrd	31			

Senior High Guidance Program

Counselors

Jennifer Voge (A-K) 444-1600, ext. 63324
Kelley Hengel (L-Z) 444-1600, ext. 63307

Registrar

Donna Rust 444-1600, ext. 63326
Career Center, Barry Cervenka
..... 444-1600, ext. 63446
School-to-Work Coordinator, Lynn Falk
..... 444-1600, ext. 63357

Services Provided Include:

1. Assessing student needs – identifying and making appropriate referrals.
2. Individual counseling – crisis intervention.
3. Educational counseling – orientation and registration for classes, credit reviews, transcript interpretation, college options counseling course information, 4-year Plan (grade 9 students), Senior Review (detailed review of credits, discussion of further plans, testing and test interpretation, scholarship information, etc.).
4. Student record keeping—progress reports, recording student transcripts, converting incoming credits, recording, computing and translating credits and GPA's, collecting data regarding report cards, incompletes and grade changes. Recording statewide tests. Exporting transcripts, report cards, progress reports, college applications and scholarship applications.
5. Career counseling – use of Career Resource Center.
6. Coordination of programs – testing, career development, College and military visitations, assisting with special need programs.
7. Pre-college counseling – school/instructional information, entrance requirements, costs, application deadlines, financial aid, scholarships, testing: Accuplacer; ASVAB; ACT; PLAN; PSAT; or SAT, recommendations, etc.
8. Administrating and interpreting Achievement Tests, Interest Surveys, and Aptitude Tests.
9. Financial Aid information – financial aid forms and information distributed to seniors.

10. Work with students, staff and parents on work experience including work release, job shadowing, internships and mentoring.

Bullying Prohibition Policy (summary)

A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with students' ability to learn and/or teacher's ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, the school district intends to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond to, remediate, and discipline those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this



policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, reprisal, retaliation, and other similar and disruptive behavior.

The school district will act to investigate all complaints of bullying reported to the school district, and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who is found to have violated this policy.

Any person who believes he or she has been the target or victim of bullying or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or prohibited conduct under this policy shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy. A student may report bullying anonymously. However, the school district may not rely solely on an anonymous report to determine discipline or other remedial responses.

Within three days of the receipt of a complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct, the school district shall undertake or authorize an investigation by the building report taker or a third party designated by the school district.

Upon completion of the investigation that determines that bullying or other prohibited conduct has occurred, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to: warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to try to deter violations and to appropriately discipline prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements; applicable statutory authority, including the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, and other school district policies; and regulations.

A complete copy of this School Board Policy is available on the district's web site or in any school office.

Bemidji Middle School

Mission Statement

We recognize the uniqueness of middle level students, and are committed to:

- The development of academic and decision making skills
- Creating opportunities of exploration
- The cultivation of individual strengths and talents in a supportive environment
- Respecting individual and cultural differences

Middle Level Education in Bemidji

Bemidji Middle School is founded on middle level principles. The building was designed for grades 6, 7, and 8, following the school-within-a-school concept. This concept gives each student a home base with a team of teachers and core group of students.

In addition to core academic classes, students may also elect STEM, Advanced English, Advanced Geography, Band, Choir, Forestry, Grossology, International Foods, Ojibwe, Orchestra, Project Lead The Way (PLTW), Read/Write/Publish, Sewing, and Super Science. Teaching middle school students requires just the right amount of understanding and patience. Our teachers are committed to assisting students in reaching their highest potential.



BMS Website

Please visit our website at:

<http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/bms/> to preview the following:

- Daily Bulletin
- BMS Activities
- Coaches' Page
- And much more!

Attendance

When your student is absent from school, we would appreciate a call to 333-3215, Ext. 52004. You may also use this number for excusing your student in advance of the absence.

Student Council/PEER Leader

Two students are elected from each pod as their Student Council representatives. The Student Council plays an important role in student activities. Four students are selected from each pod to serve as PEER Leader/Anti-Bullying role models. The goal of the Peer Leader Program is to give students ownership in helping to create a safe and welcoming Middle School environment.

Middle School Co-Curricular Activities

We recognize the importance of co-curricular activities in the lives of our students. We encourage exploration and participation with our middle level students and provide a wide variety of opportunities for them to participate in both athletic and non-athletic programs.

Interscholastic and intramural competitions are two major components of our co-curricular program. Interscholastic competition is limited because of the belief that exploration and experimentation fit more appropriately with middle level development. Intramural competition provides 6th grade students the opportunity to participate at a common level and experience.

Students in grades 6-8 are charged \$50.00 yearly for the first sport; \$35.00 for each additional sport; and a \$50.00 one-time fee for Fine Arts, Music and academic teams. There is a *Maximum Family Fee* of \$380.00 for students in grades 7-12.

Phone Directory #333-3215

Contact

Ext.

Mr. Hildenbrand, Principal	52041
Ms. Sanford, Principal's Secretary	52051
Mr. Kyle McMartin, Assistant Principal.	52031
Ms. Vaughn, Dean of Students/Activities Dir.....	52021
Ms. Daman, Attendance Office	52004
Ms. Joy, Registrar	58181
Ms. Stade, Counselor	58171
Mr. Zachman, Counselor	51961
Ms. Winge, Social Worker	58181
Ms. Hatfield, Health Assistant	51941
Mr. Hunt, Liaison Officer	51971
Ms. Koch, Indian Education	56153

Middle School Support Services

The purpose is to help each student achieve their highest potential growth mentally, emotionally and socially. To support this mission, the following services are available: individual counseling, teacher consultation, achievement testing, small group work, orientation, tutoring, parent assistance and consultation, registration, information and referral (community resources and special education). For additional information, contact Amanda Stade, Travis Zachman, Pauline Winge or Chrissy Koch.



Bemidji Elementary Handbook

Welcome to a new school year. We will make every effort to provide a valuable school experience for your child or children. Following are excerpts from the District Elementary Handbook. This handbook provides information common to all elementary schools in the district. Your school may distribute additional information which is specific for your school. If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please contact your school principal for clarification.

Requirements for Admission

A child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year to enter kindergarten. First grade children must be six years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year or have been promoted from an acceptable kindergarten. Birth certificate must be shown at the time of registration to verify the date of birth as well as immunization records.

Registration into Bemidji Area Schools can be done at the District Office at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW. Early Childhood Screening is required before children can attend any Minnesota public school. Contact the Early Childhood Office for more information at 333-8334 or 333-8329.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower each learner to succeed in our diverse and changing world. We believe that:

- Each learner should be challenged to develop to his/her full potential.
- Basic knowledge, skills and attitudes are necessary for success.
- Learning is a life-long process that enriches our lives.
- Education is a partnership with family and community.
- Each person should show sensitivity and respect for self and others.
- There should be expectations of quality for us and for others.

Health Services

The school should be informed if your child has a special health need. It is helpful to know what medical treatment has taken place and what adjustments must be made in the child's program to meet his/her special needs. The

District School Nurse is available to assist and give counsel to parents and teachers in regard to a pupil's condition. Each school has a health office attended by a health paraprofessional to provide onsite care of ill or injured students. The school should be notified if a student is absent for health reasons.

Immunization Policy

State law requires all students enrolled in Minnesota schools to have up-to-date immunization records. Immunization policy requires that parents present an up-to-date immunization record at the time of registration. Registration will not be completed without this information.

Minimum requirements from MDH include:

- Birth through Age 4/Preschool: 4 DTaP/DT, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 1 Hib, 2 Hep A, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella* and 4 Pneumococcal**
- Age 5-6/Kindergarten: 5 DTaP***, 4 Polio****, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, and 2 Varicella*
- Age 7-11/1st through 6th Grade: 3 DTaP, 3 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, and 2 Varicella*
- 7th Grade: Meningococcal
- 16 years: Meningococcal booster

* *Varicella (or doctor documentation of having Chicken Pox).*

** *Not required after 24 months.*

*** *Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if the 4th was after age 4.*

Final dose on/after age 4.

**** *Fourth shot of polio not needed if 3rd was after age 4.*

Final dose on/after age 4.

Special Exemptions: Your child must have immunizations up to date or an Exemptions for Conscientious or Medical Reason form signed and notarized or your child may be excluded from attending school. The district office has immunization forms available.

If a student has had a vaccine at a local health care agency or clinic, parents can request a copy of that vaccine record to bring to the school with the month, date, and year given. Parents can also request that the clinic fax the immunization record to their child's school.

Medication Policy

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, the school district requires the following:

All medication must be brought in to the health office by the parent. Exception: 1.) Students needing Epi-pens for the treatment of allergic reactions will be allowed to carry the Epi-pens in their backpacks. 2.) Students with asthma are allowed to carry their inhalers. These medications require Licensed School Nurse/District Nurse knowledge and an emergency plan.

Numbers 1, 2 and 3 below also apply to children who carry Epi-pens and inhalers.

1. A written order from your doctor which includes the following:
 - a. student's name
 - b. name of medication, dosage, route to be given
 - c. time to be given
 - d. diagnosis (optional)
 - e. possible side effects (optional)
 - f. how long medication needs to be given
2. A signed Authorization for administration of medication form from the parent/guardian requesting school personnel to give the medication.
3. All medication must be brought to school in a pharmacy-labeled container. School personnel may refuse to give medication sent to school in odd bottles, plastic bags, foil, envelopes, etc., or if it is unidentified.
4. Over-the-counter (non-prescription) medications may only be given with a signed Authorization for administration of medication form. These include Tylenol, Benadryl, antacids, eye drops, cough syrup, etc. Parents are required to bring any over the counter medications for their children to the health office and sign permission for it to be given. All medication must be in an originally labeled container.
5. Epi-pens: Individual plans will be developed for each student requiring the need for Epi-pen administration for bee stings or other allergies.
 - a. In School:
 - i. Parents will provide the school with doctor's orders, a signed Emergency Response Plan that will be developed by the LSN and parent, and the Epi-pen.
 - b. Bus:
 - i. Transportation will be notified when a student needs to have an Emergency Response Plan for an allergy.
 - ii. Bus drivers will not be responsible for carrying or storing of Epi-pens on the bus or for administration for the Epi-pen.

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 District SD Grants Due BHS Registration Fair BB G 9/JV/V H Duluth E Hcky B JV/V @ Roseau	2 BB B 9/JV/V @ Superior Hcky G V H PRA Wrstl @ Moorhd/SC Tech	3 BB B 9/JV/V @ Herm
4	5	6 Hcky B JV/V @ G Rapids	7	8 District SD Grant Review BB B 9/JV/V H Duluth E BB G 9/JV/V @ D Lakes Hcky B JV/V H Warrd	9 Wrstl @ D-G-F Quad	10 BB G 9/JV/V @ Crookstn Hcky B JV/V @ Herm
11	12 BHS Band Concert BB B 9/JV/V H TRF	13 Dist Curric Comm BB B 9/JV/V H F Falls BB G 9/JV/V H EGF Hcky B JV/V @ Moorhd	14 St. Valentine's Day	15	16 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Hcky B JV/V H TRF	17 BB B 9/JV/V H F Falls
18	19 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	20 BB B 9/JV @ Duluth D BB G 9JV/V @ G Rapids	21 BHS Music Showcase	22 EC Screening	23 BB B 9/JV/V H Moorhd BB G 9/JV/V H Moorhd	24 EC Screening Regional Speech Meet
25	26 School Board Meets BHS Choir Concert	27 ACT Plus Writing Test BB B 9JV/V @ Brainrd	28			

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to behave in a manner that allows them to learn and teachers to teach. Behavior that distracts other students or teachers is inappropriate. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please review the Bemidji Area Schools "Code of Conduct" at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/code-of-conduct/>

Change of Address

Please notify the school of any change of address or telephone number. During the summer call 333-3100, ext. 31134 or 31131. Make sure that the school is aware, at all times, of your correct phone number plus that of a neighbor, friend, or relative to contact in the event of an emergency.

Discipline

Good classroom control is necessary for efficiency and is effective to group learning. Children who are well disciplined are better able to direct their interests, efforts, and abilities toward greater achievement. Those who are not capable of adequate self-direction waste opportunities and make learning difficult for classmates. Parents will be consulted when their child encounters problems of this nature. Their cooperation will be sought in determining a proper course of action.

Discrimination in Programs/Employment

It is the policy of Bemidji Area Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments.

Dress Expectations

The home and school need to cooperate in the manner of dress. School is the child's workplace. Children perform better when dressed in a manner that does not interfere with learning. Inappropriate dress may interfere with learning. Short shorts, halter tops, short shirts (belly shirts), bandanas, and offensive pictures or wording on clothing are considered inappropriate. Outdoor clothing should be weather appropriate.

Emergency Evacuation

Parents are urged to listen to local radio stations for announcements regarding emergency situations.

Harassment/Violence Policy

Please refer to page 19.

Leaving School Before Dismissal Time

No elementary school child shall be permitted to leave school prior to dismissal time except at the request of a parent/guardian. In this case, the designated person must sign the child out at the school office. For the safety of our students and security of the building, all visitors to the building will enter the front doors (all other doors are locked from the outside) leading directly into the office. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments for their child or children outside of the school day. School is your child's work. Make sure your child attends school every day except in case of illness.

Personal Belongings

The school can assume no responsibility for personal belongings brought by the children.

Reporting Pupil Progress

The schools report student progress to parents in three ways: 1) report cards, 2) parent-teacher conferences and 3) Parent Access portal updates online. Parents are encouraged to consult school personnel regarding their child's progress at any time.

School Times

<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Central Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
J.W. Smith Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Horace May Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Northern Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Paul Bunyan Center	8:05 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Solway Elementary	8:05 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Bemidji Middle School	8:35 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Bemidji High School	8:19 a.m.	3:05 p.m.

Suspension

Occasionally it becomes necessary to suspend or expel a student from school. In this event all procedures will be governed by Minnesota Statutes 127.26-127.40, more commonly known as the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act.

Under the provisions of this law students may be suspended or expelled from school for any of the following:

- A. Willful violation of any reasonable School Board Regulation;
- B. Willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or
- C. Willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

Visitors to the School

The Board of Education encourages parents/guardians to visit the schools to observe the students, teachers and other employees. However, in order to make certain that no unauthorized persons enter the school with wrongful intent we appreciate a call to schedule an appointment to visit classrooms.

ALL VISITORS will report to the school office when entering the building, sign the visitor's register and receive authorization (a pass) to visit elsewhere in the building.

Any school employee who sees, or is informed of, an unauthorized person in or near the school must report that fact to the building principal. All classroom visits require an appointment prearranged with the classroom teacher. Visitors attending an assembly program are not required to sign the visitor's register. Bemidji School District discourages students from bringing friends and relatives to spend the day attending classes as visitors.



March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 BHS Conferences BB B 9/JV/V @ D Lakes	2	3
4	5 State Testing: MCA M-R-S Begins MTAS M-R-S Begins	6 BHS Orchestra Concert BB B 9/JV/V @ 8AAA Sec	7	8 NO SCHOOL Conferences	9 NO SCHOOL EC Screening	10
11 Begin Daylight Savings Time (spring ahead one hour)	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day JROTC Military Ball
18	19 School Board Meets	20 First Day of Spring ACT Plus Writing Makeup	21	22	23 ACCESS for ELLs Testing Ends	24
25	26	27 EC Screening	28	29	30 NO SCHOOL Spring Break END OF TERM 3	31

Kindergarten /Elementary Programs

There are seven elementary schools in the district which serve students in grades K-5: Central, Horace May, J.W. Smith, Lincoln, Northern, the Paul Bunyan Center and Solway. Page 13, 15 and 17 of this publication feature the District Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, which provides information that all students and parents need to know. Contact information for all elementary schools is on the inside front cover of this publication.

Procedures for Emergency School Closing

Because of the climate in which we live, it is important for the home and the school to communicate safety issues to all students. Each day thousands of students are transported from an area that covers over 800 square miles. The potential for problems is high. Therefore, great care must be taken so all students are given maximum protection. With respect to protection of students during emergency conditions the school district will take the following precautions:

- Parents/guardians have the responsibility to decide whether or not students will attend during emergency conditions. There will be days during the winter that some parents might feel it is too cold or too windy to have school. If school is held on any of these days, parents or guardians have the right to decide whether or not to send their students to school.
- If parents feel conditions exist during the school day that might impair the safety of their children they should feel free to pick them up at school. Sometimes it will be possible to use the telephone and other times parents will simply have to present themselves at the child's school and/or classroom.
- Students will be released to their parents or guardians only. By written approval they can be released to a friend or neighbor.
- If conditions exist at the end of the day that could impair the safety of students, they will not be allowed to leave the school.
- Bus drivers have been instructed to NOT allow students to get off the bus unless they have reasonable assurance they have somewhere to go and someone will supervise them.
- Parents are encouraged to insist that students be dressed appropriately during the winter season.

- Parents are encouraged to LISTEN to the local radio stations for the most current weather information, and notice of school closings, late starts, and early releases. School closures are also listed on our website: www.bemidji.k12.mn.us Parents can also be notified through text messaging, voice-mail, or phone calls through the district's "Skylert" automated information system. Parents sign up for this service through the District Transportation Office.
- Critical to the safety of all students is that each family has a family plan for emergency conditions: Basically, this includes a plan for anything that might happen if there is not a normal day of school. This would include communication with babysitters, day care providers, etc.

Parents' suggestions are always welcome. The safety of your children is our number one priority. If you have ideas for improving safety during emergency conditions, please call your child's school.

Registration

The registration office is located at 502 Minnesota Ave. NW, Bemidji. When registering a student for school, please bring with you their birth certificate and immunization records. For additional information or questions, please call 333-3100 ext. 31131 or 31134.

Transportation

The Bemidji Area School District covers over 800 square miles. Each day we transport over 5000 students on more than 70 routes to seven elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, three non-public schools and three charter schools. Including athletic and activity trips, a total of 1,100,000 miles are traveled each year.

The mission of the Transportation Department is safe and responsible transportation for students to and from school and related events. Bemidji Area schools provide initial classroom and behind the wheel training for new drivers. In addition, several hours of continuing education and review are given each year to all Transportation staff. A school bus is the safest form of transportation available. Safe student transportation is a community effort. All

users of the roadways need to be aware of the laws and rules pertaining to school buses, especially in loading zones where most accidents occur. This knowledge shared with all members of your family will make this a safe and productive school year. Questions or comments concerning student transportation may be directed to Greg Liedl, Coordinator of Transportation Services, 333-3225.

Weapons

A Minnesota law makes it a felony to have a weapon or a look-alike weapon on school district properties. Please make sure you talk with your children about this law. Failure to do so could result in expulsion from school for the year and possible placement in a juvenile center. A weapon is defined as follows: "A dangerous weapon means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm, or any flammable liquid or other device or instrument that, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm."



April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 School Board Meets	17	18	19 EC Screening	20	21 EC Screening
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals' Day	26	27	28
29	30					

Health Services

District #31 Health Services provide a variety of functions to promote health and well being for each student. A qualified health paraprofessional is in each school providing health services and the district nurse oversees all health services being performed in all Bemidji District schools. Students requiring care for general injuries should report to the health office where their condition will be assessed and cared for accordingly.

Health Services should be informed if your child has special health needs. It is helpful to know what medical treatment has taken place and what adjustments must be made in the child's program to meet his/her special needs. The District School Nurse is available to assist and give counsel to parents and teachers in regard to a pupil's health concern. The Health Staff will write a Health Plan for your child if your child has a medical condition that warrants daily or emergent care.

Health Screenings

Health screenings, including vision and hearing, will be done annually according to the State Department of Health guidelines in Kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades, and for other grades as needed and requested. Height and weight checks, as well as scoliosis screenings, will be done as needed or requested. Head lice checks will be done on students as needed. Only two days are excused for treatment of head lice.

Immunizations

Minnesota immunization laws will be followed regarding the immunizations required for schools. Conscientious and medical exemptions for immunizations must be notarized. Failure to comply with the Minnesota immunization requirements will result in your child being excluded from school. Learn more about immunization policy from this website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/schedules.html>

Special Medical Needs

When a student has a special medical need/condition, parents are urged to call the District School Nurse at 333-3115. Health care plans and emergency response plans will be set up for individual students as needed.

Medication Policy

Please refer to page 13.

For more on District Health Services please visit: www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/Support/health.html

For Minnesota Health Care Programs applications, call: KIDS-NOW or Beltrami Co. at (218) 333-8300, or visit the Minnesota Department of Human Services website: <http://mn.gov/dhs/>

Harassment/Violence Policy

School Board Regulation 200-90-9: Harassment and Violence. It is the policy of Independent School District No. 31 to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability. The school district prohibits any form of harassment or violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

Any student or employee of this district who harasses or commits violence toward another student or employee through conduct or communication of a sexual nature will be subject to the consequences described in the policy handbook.

All complaints, verbal or written, will be investigated and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Individuals reporting a violation are encouraged to use the form available in the office. All verbal and written complaints should be submitted to the building principal or the Human Rights Officer, at (218) 333-3100, ext. 31113.

Confidentiality of all persons involved will be respected to the fullest extent possible. This is a summary of the ISD #31 Harassment and Violence Policy. A complete copy is available in the Human Resources Office or on the website.

Standards of Behavior for Staff and Students

School Board Regulation 200-90-15, protects all students and staff from discrimination based on race, religion, disability or gender. Regardless of intent, this form of discriminating behavior has the capacity of substantially harming both the

individuals to whom slurs are addressed as well as the community at large. Students and staff who are subjected to this kind of behavior are encouraged to file a complaint with the site administrator and/or the Office of Human Rights at 333-3100, ext. 31113.

This is a summary of the District #31 Standards of Behavior for Students and Staff—SBR 200-90-15. A complete policy is available in the Superintendent's Office or on our website.

Parent Involvement

The mission of the Parent Involvement Committee is to promote effective school—family—community partnerships.

Why Become Involved?

- When parents are involved, students **achieve more**, regardless of race, economic and social status, or the parents' level of education.
- The **more** parents are involved, the higher the student achievement.
- With parent involvement, **success** for students with disadvantages **improves**. In addition, children who are **the farthest behind make the greatest gains**.
- The benefits of parental involvement are significant **at all ages and all grade levels**.
- Students who are failing **improve dramatically** when parents become active partners in their education.

How to Become Involved:

- Provide a safe and loving home environment.
- Make sure your child is well fed and rested.
- At home, help with homework and class projects, teaching responsibility to attend school regularly and have their work in on time.
- Attend school events, such as concerts, plays and ceremonies, and show appreciation and support.
- Volunteer to help in the classroom – for special events or on a regular basis.
- Join the PTA/PTO, and/or serve on a school or district committee.
- Your child's teacher is your best resource. Be in contact with them throughout the year.
- Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Ask your child about his/her day!

May 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 BHS Conferences	4 State Testing: MCA M-R Ends MTAS M-R-S Ends	5 BHS Jr/Sr Prom
6 National Nurses Day	7 MAP Spring Testing Begins BHS AP Testing BHS Band Concert BHS Hall of Fame Banquet	8 Dist Curric Comm National Teacher Appreciation Day EC Screening	9	10 District SD Grants Due BHS Indian Education Senior Honors Banquet EC Screening	11 State Testing: MCA S Ends	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17 District SD Grant Review National Honor Society/ Senior Awards Ceremony	18	19
20	21 School Board Meets	22	23	24 BHS Orchestra Concert	25	26 BHS Graduation
27	28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	29	30	31 MAP Spring Testing Ends		

June/July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 STUDENTS' LAST DAY END OF TERM 4	2
3	4 Teachers' Last Half-Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 21st Century Summer Program begins	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 School Board Meets	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 School Board Meets	17	18	19	20	21
22 Parents' Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bemidji Area Schools 2017-2018 School Calendar

AUGUST 2017							SEPTEMBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8	4	5	6	7	8	9
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
28	29	30	31				24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>0 Student/3.5 Teacher</i>							<i>19 Student/19 Teacher</i>						
OCTOBER 2017							NOVEMBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		
<i>19 Student/20 Teacher</i>							<i>18 Student/20 Teacher</i>						
DECEMBER 2017							JANUARY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31							28	29	30	31			
<i>16 Student/16 Teacher</i>							<i>20 Student/20 Teacher</i>						
FEBRUARY 2018							MARCH 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>18 Student/19 Teacher</i>							<i>19 Student/21 Teacher</i>						
APRIL 2018							MAY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		
<i>21 Student/21 Teacher</i>							<i>22 Student/22 Teacher</i>						
JUNE 2018													
S	M	T	W	T	F	S							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30							
<i>1 Student/1.5 Teacher</i>													

August 28-30.....Teacher Day
 August 31.....Teacher Half-Day
 September 4.....Labor Day
 September 5.....Students' First Day

October 2.....Staff Development
 October 19-20.....Education Minnesota
 November 9.....Conferences
 November 10.....No School
 November 23-24.....Thanksgiving

December 23 – January 2.....Winter Break
 January 15.....Martin Luther King Jr Day
 (or Snow Make-up Day if Needed)

February 16.....Staff Development Day
 February 19.....Presidents' Day
 (or Snow Make-up Day if Needed)
 March 8.....Conferences
 March 9.....No School
 March 30.....Spring Break

May 26.....BHS Graduation
 May 28.....Memorial Day

June 1.....Students' Last Day
 June 4.....Teachers' Last Half-Day

End of 1st Term.....November 10
 End of 2nd Term.....January 26
 End of 3rd Term.....March 30
 End of 4th Term.....June 1



*“The future
belongs to those who
believe in the beauty
of their dreams.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt*

From the Bemidji High School musical "Anything Goes!"

