

Counselors' Corner



A Note From Your Counselors

Welcome back to BHS! We are looking forward to working with your son or daughter over the next three years. The Class of 2020 is an excellent class with a bright future. Below are some upcoming events of interest to sophomores. The sophomore year offers a variety of opportunities including practice college entrance exams, exploring new options at EHOVE Career Center, and taking several Next Generation Assessments. Planning for life after high school is a process that begins now and continues through commencement. Should you have any questions concerning your son's or daughter's academic progress, career and college planning, or personal/social concerns, please contact the Guidance Office.

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Planning for the Future

Based on academic standing and previous test scores, select sophomores will be taking the **PSAT** on October 11, 2017. The PSAT is a practice SAT with sections covering mathematics, critical reading, and writing. Results will be shared with students after winter break. Cost of this test will be \$15 payable in the Guidance Office. Checks can be made out to Bellevue City Schools.

All sophomore students will take the Next Generation Assessments beginning in April. Students will take tests in the areas of: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. In order to prepare for these tests, students are encouraged to visit <http://nextgen.nwoca.org/> where students can access practice tests.



Get Involved!



Sophomore year is a great time for students to start thinking about getting involved in volunteer work in the school and community. Many students earn volunteer hours through club participation, church activities, and community outreach. If your student is looking for an opportunity to give back to Bellevue, consider contacting the Bellevue Hospital, Fish and Loaves, the Clothing Closet, or a local church office. Many colleges, scholarship committees, and employers look beyond grades and athletics to recognize student achievement in volunteer work and community outreach. Please encourage your student to get involved.



ProgressBook & Grades

All teachers are currently using ProgressBook for managing your student's class assignments and grades. All parents should have login information for the Parent Access program. You can easily access ProgressBook site from our homepage: <http://www.bellevueschools.org>

It is our hope you will access this tool to stay abreast of current projects, homework and progress. If you need to set up a Parent Access account to monitor your student's grades, please contact Mark Bishop at 419.484.5000 ext 55088.



Although we have just begun the first quarter of your student's sophomore year, planning for next year is already upon us. All students will be receiving information regarding the opportunities EHOVE Career Center has to offer through their American History class in October. EHOVE Career Center offers some fantastic opportunities for students to gain specific vocational skills. Many EHOVE students earn college credit through their programs and continue their post-secondary education at colleges and universities across the nation.

Sophomore Visitation Day at EHOVE - Sophomores will have the opportunity to explore three programs offered at EHOVE that they chose after the information session in October. Students will explore the EHOVE campus and their programs in early November. Lunch will be provided by EHOVE.

For those of you unfamiliar with career education or EHOVE in particular, we encourage you to review the literature that all students will receive or visit the EHOVE website. Students can apply to EHOVE by going online to www.ehove.net. Applications can be completed online or printed and turned into the Guidance Office by **January 31, 2018** to be considered in the initial review of applications. Many programs fill to capacity every year, so please be sure applications are submitted on time.

Graduation Requirements

BHS students in grades 9-11 must earn a total of 23 credits and meet the new state testing requirements. Any student who is credit deficient should see their school counselor to discuss all options available to make up the credit. All students are responsible to keep graduation requirements in mind.

The counselors will meet with sophomores after winter break to review transcripts and discuss course scheduling for the coming year.



Upcoming Events:

- 10/17**— EHOVE Sophomore Presentations—all Sophomores
- 10/18/17**- Parent Teacher Conferences
BHS 5:00p.m.—8:00p.m.
- 10/19/17**- Parent Teacher Conferences
BHS 8:00 a. m. — 8:00 p.m.
- 10/27/17**- End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 11/17** - Sophomore Visit to EHOVE
- 11/22-24/17**- Thanksgiving Break
- 12/20/17—1/2/18**- Winter Break
- 1/19/18**- End of 1st Semester