
Click Here to find the [Daily Bulletin](#) on our website; and Click Here to find our [Five to Thrive](#) series.

Remember: No school Monday, January 29.

Be Ready Tuesday: Second Semester Schedules Available Online Only

Students should retrieve their second semester schedules from Synergy (our online student data system). Second semester starts Tuesday, 1/30.

Students should look for the "S1/S2" in the upper right-hand corner of their screen. Click "S2" for the second semester schedule. Students should print that schedule and bring it with them to classes Tuesday.

We will not have printed schedules for students as we have in the past. Students unable to print their schedule should arrive early and report to the counseling office for assistance.

Registration Roundup

Watch for about a dozen events and deadlines in the coming weeks related to registration for fall 2018 classes. Take time to plan carefully with your student. Here are key points to keep in mind:

Career Planning: when planning, encourage your student to take review course options related to their career interests. Include our Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC) choices as an opportunity to build relevant skills and knowledge.

These courses will help your student examine the reality of careers they think might fit by meeting other students and professionals in these fields, applying skills in real-life settings, and competing in regional events that require students to develop projects and independently apply their knowledge and skills.

College Credits in High School: Many of our courses can earn your student inexpensive college credits that transfer to many universities. Listed as AP courses and/or College Credit a range of nearly 50 options are available including AP Capstone for Research and Publication. Don't forget to apply for the college credit once the course begins!

Course Selection & Study Loads: Carefully plan with your student which AP and other challenging courses to take, how many to take in a single year, and how they may structure this over their entire 4 year program.

- Encourage your students to choose AP courses in which they have a strong interest in the subject. When it comes to AP, there isn't "should takes." Look instead for a good fit for your student. Colleges want to see students actively pursuing their interests, not just accumulating AP credits.

- Strong performance matters more than the volume of AP credits. Ask around. Get input and information from AP instructors, your counselor, siblings, and other families about course load. The school offers students access to different teachers during Elective Fair and other times during this process. Use that information to guide your student toward rigorous stretch and challenge without becoming overwhelmed.
- AP Human Geography is open to our freshman students. This course introduces students to the rigors of AP with some extra study skills and support.
- Sophomore AP loads. Again, pursuing areas of passion balanced against strengths make for interest. Remember that the goal is for students to learn deeply; students appear less satisfied when they build a multitude of surface experiences. Satisfaction comes when they 'dig in' and engage with complex concepts at each level.
- Juniors and seniors should be guided by their experience with previous AP courses. Older students also need to keep in mind the demands of college applications and essays, preparation for AP Exams, required volunteer hours, study time for SAT and ACT Exams, and other college-prep activities need to be considered in planning wise use of time
- Work with your student to create a challenging schedule that will provide an environment that causes enough stress so that they develop their skills and grow and supports them as they take on both an increased level of freedom and increased level of self management and independent learning.
- Plan to **attend one of our Knight Ally Parent Workshops on Resilience** skills to learn how you can support your student as they learn Resilience.

Now, here are some of the **highlights and dates to remember**:

- Parent Registration Information Night on Tuesday, 2/27, at 6 PM in the Commons.
- Online registration opens for students Tuesday, 2/27.
- Our counselors will make presentations at Tyee, Tillicum, and Odle to help next year's freshman students and families plan.
- Current Newport students will have elective fairs, presentations, and counselor appointments during the school day in February and March to help them plan.
- WANIC Fair, Tuesday, 2/6, during both lunches to explore career-development courses.
- If you or your student have specific questions regarding programs being offered outside of the Bellevue School District, please contact Vanessa Lopez-Kopp, College and Career Adviser – lopezk@bsd405.org or call 425.456.7520.
- Check out the recent CTE Newsletter for details on many of the programs: [January 2018 CTE Spotlight](#)

Levy Ballots in the Mail Today—Please Vote!

On January 26th, the 2018 Special Election ballots will be mailed to all Washington residents. For Bellevue residents, these ballots will include **three funding levies for the Bellevue School District** (BSD): an Educational & Operations Levy, a Technology & Capital Projects Levy, and a School Bus Levy. Fifteen other school districts in King County will also have levy questions on their Special Election ballots.

The **Educational & Operations Levy**, if approved, will replace the expiring Educational & Operations levy that currently funds 22% of BSD's programs and operations budget. It is the only locally approved ballot measure that directly pays for day-to-day classroom and operational needs that are not funded by the state, including 7th period at middle and high schools; additional nurses, tutors and security; special education; our gifted programs; orchestra, band, music and art in elementary and middle school; and athletics and afterschool programs.

The **Technology and Capital Projects Levy**, if approved, will fund \$41 million dollars of investment per year over 4 years to cover improvements to our existing school buildings and enhancements to the technology resources available in our classrooms. Specifically, it will pay for initiatives and support that the state does not provide funding for - classroom technology and training for teachers, laptops for middle school and high school students, large scale school improvements like the carpeting, roofs, and heating and cooling systems, and access to new technologies that support student learning across the district.

The **School Bus Levy** if approved, will allow the district to collect a total of \$8 million over one year. Enrollment across the district has grown by nearly 5,000 students in the last 15 years, leading to overcrowding on buses. The \$8 million would be used over seven to 10 years to purchase new buses and pay for much needed maintenance on an aging fleet.

More information on each of these levies can be found at <http://www.bsd405.org/2017/12/levies>.

Lunch & Learn: Technology in the Classroom

Join Bellevue Schools Foundation for lunch and to learn more about the District's approach to technology at elementary, middle, and high school levels. Also see how technology is incorporated differently at each level.

Gain a deeper understanding of what the technology levy funds in our schools. Several of Bellevue's Technology Curriculum experts will present information. Bring your questions.

- When: Monday, Feb. 5, from 12-1 p.m.
- Where: Wilburton Instructional Service Center, Rainier Room

A light lunch will be provided; [Please register here](#). The event is free and open to the public. Co-hosted by Bellevue Schools Foundation and [Bellevue Quality Schools](#)

Neighborhood Volunteer Opportunities for Knights

Our city's South Bellevue Community Center on Newport Way wants to engage Newport High School students as volunteers at events in return for community service hours.

South Bellevue Community Center (SBCC) has the three major events in 2018 that will enlist the help of responsible, outgoing, and service-driven students to help create fun and success.

- Saturday, 5/5/18, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM—Great South Bellevue Community Center Challenge: teams will compete in a series of fun physical, mental, and creative challenges to win points for prizes. Help needed for set-up, welcoming participants, assisting teams with the challenges, and clean-up of equipment after the event.
- Saturday, 6/16/18, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM—A Day of Play with Dad: Father's Day event with pancake breakfast and fun challenges and adventures. Help needed to serve breakfast and operate booths throughout the center.
- Saturday, 10/27/18, Four-hour shifts between 9 AM and 4 PM—Halloween on the Hill: Zip Scare zip lines, pumpkin races, carnival, dessert theater, and movie. Help needed to set up races and assist with the carnival and games.

Free Exam Tutoring by ACT

Click this link to learn about ACT's new, [free test-preparation service to its lineup](#). ACT Academy is billed as both an online learning tool and test practice.

The new service will let students sign on whenever they want and use video lessons, interactive practice questions, games, and full-length practice tests. Those items will be customized for them based on past practice performance and exam scores.

ACT Inc. offers a different kind of online test prep for \$40. ACT also offers \$100-\$250 courses in partnership with Kaplan. Low-income students who sign up for the ACT with a fee waiver can take the courses for free.

Online AP Exam Registration Deadline February 16

Newport students will **register online for AP exams this year**. Registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access. Students should click the quick link on Newport's counseling center website or [visit this link](#).

Registration Information:

- Online Registration: January 16th – February 16th (Online Exam registration will begin on Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM and end on Fri, Feb 16, 2018 at 11:59 PM).
- Scholarship deadline: February 16th
- Exam price: \$94 per exam (except Capstone Research which is \$142) Two options to pay: on-line through BSD or payment to the Accountant at Newport.

Families who may need **financial assistance with exam fees** will be able to indicate this during the registration process and will complete payment after the school has reviewed the scholarship request. Students need to come to the office and pick up a scholarship form and return it to the main office for approval.

We know that parents may prefer to register their students for exams. We strongly recommend that parents and students are both present while registering to ensure that the correct exams are ordered.

No more AP bubbling sessions! Students must answer all of the questions in order to complete the exam registration. Please answer all questions fully and accurately, as this information will be pre-printed on your AP answer sheet form and **will not be editable after it is printed**. A confirmation page at the end indicates that the exam registration process has been successfully completed.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Contact Information:

- Registration: Julie Rooney, Counseling Center, rooneyj@bsd405.org
- Payments: Ellen Pierson, Accountant, piersone@bsd405.org

Girls Computer Science Group Gathering

If your daughter is interested in computer science, encourage her to join the Girl's Networking Breakfast. This event is for 9th to 11th grade students interested in learning about the information technology classes offered at Newport. Girls should go to room 1407, the CISCO Lab, Thursday, 2/1, 7:30-8:15 AM. Free breakfast provided. For more information, contact Mrs. Lopez-Kopp in the library or lopezk@bsd405.org.

Surgeon Meeting with Students Interested in Medicine

Students interested in hearing a general surgeon talk about the journey and career of a doctor, can attend Dr. Wheeler's on Friday, 2/2, in the lecture hall from 3:45-4:45 PM. This is a unique opportunity for our students. No RSVP needed. Newport's HOSA club is hosting this event.

Job Fair Next Saturday

Save the date for the Saturday, 2/3/18, Job Fair where you can meet Bellevue Schools supervisors and administrators hiring for certificated and classified employees. The 8 AM–2 PM event will be held at Odle Middle School in Bellevue.

College Visits

[Click here for our calendar](#), which includes colleges visiting our campus.

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[Naviance](#) for college admissions planning and information

[Counseling Center](#)

[Community Service](#) for volunteer listings

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Newport Athletic Hotline at [425.456.7522](tel:425.456.7522) for daily updates

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Click Reply: Our Digital Door is Always Open

Did you know that you can simply Reply to this email to send a message, a comment, or feedback straight to my Inbox? We value our partners at home in helping every student succeed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Newsletter Submissions Welcome

We work to ensure that the news we share here is relevant for students and families, and we welcome news from families and the many individuals, clubs, teams, and organizations that support our school community. Please send such news directly to me in the principal's office (yahoudyd@bsd405.org).

Sign Up to Receive Class-Specific Information

Class of 2018 (2017-2018 Seniors): newporths2018@gmail.com

Class of 2019 (2017-2018 Juniors): newportclass2019@gmail.com

Class of 2020 (2017-2018 Sophomores): nhsclassof2020@gmail.com

We still need a Freshman Class Liaison. Contact newporthighptsa@gmail.com