

Dear Ballard High School Students and Families:

We hope that you and your family enjoy your summer vacation. Our staff also looks forward to relaxing for the next few months, enjoying their families, traveling, gardening, and going to school!

The information enclosed includes frequently asked questions such as the summer reading program, sports, and beginning of the school year. The next all school mailing will be in the middle of August 2017.

It's always great to be a Beaver!

Keven Wynkoop
Principal

Please save
this letter for
future
reference

Ballard High School Website www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org

BALLARD HS MAIN OFFICE HOURS – SUMMER 2017		MAIN OFFICE PHONE	(206) 252-1000
June 27 – Aug 25	Open Monday – Friday	7:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
July 4	Holiday	Closed	
July 6 - Aug 2	Ballard Summer School	8:00 – 12:00 daily	
Aug 28 – Aug 31	Open Monday – Friday	7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	
September 4	Office Closed		
September 5	Office Open	7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	
September 6	New School Year Begins	7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	<u>See New Bell Schedule</u>
October 5	Open House / Curriculum Night	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	

All other offices are closed for the summer. Our teachers' and counselors' official last day of work is June 23rd. Counselors are not available during the summer.

Ninth Grade Parent Orientation Night, Wednesday, Aug 30

FRESHMEN PARENTS - Parents of incoming 9th graders: Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium for a special Orientation Night just for you! The purpose of the evening will be to share tips on how you can help your student make a successful transition from middle school to high school, including hearing from parents, Link Crew student leaders, and support staff. This event is for parents/guardians only.

We hope to see you there!

Ninth Grade Student Orientation Day! Thursday, Aug 31

FRESHMEN STUDENTS – Plan to attend a very important 9th grade orientation/transition program on the morning of **Thursday, Aug 31**. This event is for students only and begins at 8 AM in the Main Gym and will conclude at 12:00 noon. Meet the upperclassmen who will be your Link Crew Leaders for the entire school year. Meet new people, get to know the school building, and have a lot of fun! If you miss this event, we have a new student orientation on the first day of school starting at 8:45 AM with a slightly different focus.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 It is very important to contact the school if your student is not able to attend the first eight days of school. Students who do not attend classes on those days will be dropped from Ballard High School as “no shows.” You may contact the registrar (252-1105) after August 14 to let us know your student will be absent on these days. **If your student is not going to attend Ballard High School this fall, please send us a notice in writing. Please contact the school by mail, 1418 NW 65th, Seattle 98117, or by fax at (206) 252-1001. Please include your name, your student’s name and date of birth, and your phone number. Please also include which school your student will attend instead of Ballard High School. Please go to the district web site, click on enrollment and scroll to bottom of the page and click on Not Attending Seattle Public Schools and follow the steps.**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – Wednesday, September 6

9th Grade and New Students will have an orientation starting at 8:45am. They will meet all of their teachers and attend a special assembly. At 11:20 AM all students in all grades will start 1st Period and go through all six periods. A detailed schedule will be sent to you before school starts.

Starting in the fall, Ballard HS will start at 8:45 AM and students will be dismissed at 3:35 PM.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2017-2018 - No school on October 13, 2017.
Every Wednesday except Sept. 6 will be a 75-minute early dismissal for all Ballard HS students.

Attendance Message – Ballard HS does **not** excuse absences by **phone**. Send note to Ballard HS Attendance Office or email ballardhs.attendance@seattleschools.org Early Dismissals need to be excused in advance, send note/email by the morning of the day of the Early Dismissal.

Ballard Beaver Gear
will be available
Aug. 30 & Oct. 5
2nd floor 6:30 8:30
New and familiar
items. Support ABC
Boosters!

BHS Daily Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

1st 8:45 - 9:40
 2nd 9:45-10:40
 10:40-10:45 Extended Passing Period
 3rd 10:50-11:45
 1st Lunch 11:50-12:20 1st Floor
 4th Period 12:25-1:20
 4th Period 11:50-12:45
 2nd Lunch 12:50-1:20 2nd Floor
 5th 1:25 - 2:20
 6th 2:25 - 3:20
 3:20 - 3:35 (DAM Time)

Every Wednesday:
 8:45 9:25 1st
 9:30 10:15 2nd plus announcements
 10:15 10:20 Extended Passing Period
 10:25 11:05 3rd
 11:10 11:40 1st Lunch 1st Floor
 11:45 12:25 4th

 11:10 11:50 4th
 11:55 12:25 2nd Lunch 2nd
 Floor
 12:30 1:10 5th
 1:15 1:55 6th
 1:55 2:20 DAM Time



BHS LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER READING

English Language Arts department is offering you an opportunity – to read a book from our outstanding summer reading list. Link for reading list <http://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/academics/library>



CURRICULUM NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE - Please plan to attend this event starting at **7:00 PM on October 5**. Parents may visit each of their student’s classroom teachers and pick up information about extra-curricular activities.

Weekly BULLETIN VIA EMAIL – BHS PTSA sends out our Weekly Bulletin via email. Please be sure your email address is up-to-date with Tina. If you want to include additional email addresses, or have reason to believe you are not receiving BHS emails, please contact Tina Soerensen at ballardhighnews@gmail.com

FALL PACKETS - Packets will be sent home with your student by **September 22**. The packets include information such as the Privacy, PTSA, the Teen Health Center and our booster clubs. Please review the packets and have your student return completed forms to the main office. Many of the district required forms will be available online this year.

Free and Reduced Meals Program – More than breakfast and lunch! Forms for this program will be mailed to your home in late August. Did you know that if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meal benefits there may be additional benefits such as discounts or "0" costs for the following services? If you qualify please check off the following boxes on the form

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| Pay to Play Athletic Fees | Associated Student Body (ASB) fee |
| Pre-college exams (PSAT/SAT/ACT) | College Application Fees |
| Advanced Placement Tests | Running Start books |
| Scholarships are available to help with costs such as a cap and gown for graduation. | |



If you would like your child to receive any of the benefits listed above, you will need to **complete part 5 of the application by checking the boxes and signing your name in the space provided**. The district will send via mail a free / reduced meals application to every household in mid August. Please mail the completed form or you may hand deliver to our school lunchroom.

OUTSTANDING FINES, FEES, OVER DUE LIBRARY BOOKS, & TEXTBOOKS your final report card includes a report of any outstanding fines, fees, library books or textbooks not returned by June 26. During the summer, library books and textbooks may be returned to the library drop box. Outstanding fees and fines may be paid in the Activity Center starting August 17, 2017.

Performing Arts –

Mandatory Uniform Fittings (Marching Band, Orchestra & Concert Girls)

Thursday, August 31 - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for returning students.

After Freshman Orientation on August 31st - 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for incoming freshman students.

Please Note: Tux fittings for all boys, new and returning will be Monday and Tuesday, September 11 & 12 afterschool.

Pictures - School Id Cards / ASB cards and Portrait Picture Packages – flyer will come home in August mailing

PTSA MEETING – The first PTSA General meeting is Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM in the BHS Library.

SCHOOL BREAKS 2017-2018 – The school district will send a district school calendar to each home in the fall. –

Winter Break	December 22, 2017 – January 2, 2018
Mid Winter Break	February 19 - February 23, 2018
Spring Break	April 9 – April 13, 2018
Memorial Day	May 28, 2018
Seniors' Graduation Date	June TBD 2018 @ Memorial Stadium
Students' Last Day of School	June 22, 2018 (dependent on snow make up days)



Service Learning Hours - One of the graduation requirements for the Seattle School District is 60 hours of service learning. Service learning is giving time, without pay, to a non-profit or government agency. Service learning allows students to learn and to apply academic, social and personal skills through real hands on activities. Students make a difference and address authentic community needs. Once your student is assigned to Ballard High School, any summer hours your student completes that meet the service-learning requirement can be counted toward the 60-hour graduation requirement. Incoming freshman can claim 15 hours of community service prior to starting their freshman school year. Service learning forms may be found on the Ballard HS website. *Special recognition is given to students who have acquired 240 hours of service learning in their 4 years at Ballard High School. They will be recognized at the Academic Awards Night,*

State Exams Required for Graduation 2017-2018 – DATES SET BY THE STATE – Schedules Released in September 2017

9th Graders

Biology EOC exam in June if enrolled in a Biology class

10th Graders

Smarter Balanced Math Exam in May if enrolled in Algebra 2 or higher

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) exam in late March

Biology EOC in June

11th Graders

Smarter Balanced ELA Exam in November and April if not already passed

Smarter Balanced Math Exam in May unless already passed

Biology EOC Exam in January and June if not already passed

12th Graders

Smarter Balanced ELA, Math and Off Grade Level Exams in ELA, MA and Science in November and March if not already passed

Algebra, Geometry and Biology EOC in January if not already passed

Flu Shots Coming

Oct. 3rd

BHS

Alumni Room

3:00 7:00 pm

STUDENT SCHEDULES - Student schedules will be available to all students the end of August. Stay tuned for more details via the Ballard High School website and the yellow letter that will come in the mail in mid-August.

Summer Assignments for AP classes - If students requested an AP course for next year, please be aware that these courses require that students complete assignments over the summer before beginning class in the fall. These courses require summer assignments.

AP American Government, AP US History, AP World History, AP Studio Art, AP Photography, AP Spanish, Spanish 4, AP LA 12, AP LA 11.

Students are not assured a place in an AP class until they receive their schedule in August, but if they requested one of the above courses during registration, they should complete the required summer assignments. Hard copies of the AP class information are available in the main office or can be downloaded from the Ballard HS website.

TRANSPORTATION – The school district transportation office will mail information/ bus form during the last week of August to students qualified for transportation by Metro, school bus, or other appropriate carriers. New ORCA cards will be available for pick up on the first day of school when the student returns the signed Metro Bus Rules form. The district transportation office number is 206-252-0900.

YEARBOOK SALES – Yearbook sales dates are established in accordance with state tax policies:

- **9/11/17-9/29/17** \$50.00 with Activity Card/\$85 without Activity Card
- **1/8/18-1/26/18** \$55.00 with Activity Card/\$90 without Activity Card
- **4/2/18-4/27/18** \$55.00 with Activity Card/\$90 without Activity Card (Excludes Spring Break)

Yearbooks are sold before school, during break, during lunch, and after school in the Activity Center.

Important Senior Dates: Complete dates and times will be published in the August Yellow Letter

This will include Senior Meetings, Awards Night, Beaver Nation, and Senior Prom information.

Grad Ads Picture and Payment are due to Mr. Smith by Nov. 2nd

Senior Dinner and yearbook distribution: Thursday, June 7 in the Commons, 5pm

Graduation date for class of 2018 still to be determined. Graduation will be at Memorial Stadium. There will be a **mandatory** practice run-through that morning at the stadium. Students responsible for transportation to practice.

You do not need tickets for graduation. Plenty of seating is available

Important
Senior
Information

CLASS OF 2018 - SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES Due by October 30, 2017- You may be contacted by Rowland Studios to have your senior portrait taken. Rowland Studios has been in partnership with Ballard High School for many years. This company has taken pictures of all of our students for ID cards and the yearbook. They have also taken other student portraits for special occasions at no cost such as the Student of the Month pictures. Rowland Studios also offers a senior picture sitting at school during October that may cost up to \$20.00. It is not required that your senior portrait be taken at this studio. It is required that any senior portrait for the yearbook meets the requirements listed below: Submit a **head and shoulders shot**—fully clothed—in color and one-inch head size. Overall the dimensions should be 1 ½ inches wide by 2 inches high, and 300 d.p.i. and should be sent as a jpeg file (standard for magazines). Most photos are usually 1 MB or more in size. Do not crop your photo. The background may be any color except black or white. No hats, props, logos, pets, or horizontal shots—only you in the photo!



2 Good headshot



1 Bad, because there is a prop

All photos must be digital copies that can be emailed, or saved to a flash drive or CD. Please submit the original photo, not a copy. **NO HARD COPY PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

- If hand-delivering digital copies via flash drive or CD, make sure all items are clearly labeled with the senior's full name and contact number. They can be placed in **Mr. Smith's** mailbox located in the main office.

If you do not submit a photo to the yearbook staff by the October 30, 2017 the yearbook staff will use your student ID photo instead. Please take the school ID/Rowland Studio photo seriously for school publications—please no silly pictures that could end up as your senior photo! Digital photos can be emailed to the Shingle editors: ballardshingle@gmail.com

Grad Ads are an opportunity for families to submit photos and a personal message for each senior.

Costs: 1/8 page=\$40 1/4 page=\$75 1/2 page=\$130 Full page=\$250 *Please write checks out to: Ballard High School*
We accept only digital copies of pictures; the personal messages need to be typed clearly. Messages for grad ads should not exceed 30 words for 1/8 page and no more than 60 for 1/4. No heirloom pictures please. Please do not submit your own arrangement for the images & messages of your grad ad. The Shingle staff will arrange them according to a set design. Please do not submit hard copy photos, only digital. Please submit payment with the pictures and message to Mr. Smith's room (SW122) by **November 2**. Thank you!

Stay connected via Text - To Sign Up: In the phone line type 81010 & text the code that you would like to get important text update messages.

**Sign Up TODAY!
For Parents and Students**

Class of 2018 text - @ballard-18
Class of 2019 text - @ballard-19
Class of 2020 text - @ballard-20
Class of 2021 text - @ballard-21
Ballard Athletics text - @beaverath



**11TH ANNUAL
BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF CLASSIC**

Dinner/Auction August 27, 2017 Golf Tournament August 28, 2017

The 15th Annual Ballard High School Golf Classic is a remarkable golf tournament that raises funds to maintain the extracurricular activities for nineteen athletic teams, the music groups, and cheerleaders. Registration brochures are available in the Main Office. More information is available at www.bhsgolfclassic.com

Summer Sports Camps Please visit the BHS website www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org, click on **ABOUT**, click on **Forms and Information**, scroll down to **Athletics**

High School - FALL SPORTS UPDATE

2017-18 Sports packets are available online at www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org under student activities or outside the Main Office. Please complete all required forms including the sport safety guidelines form for each sport your student will play. Note the following:

- Physicals must be good through Dec 4, 2017 for fall sports, Mar 25, 2018 for winter sports, and May 27, 2018 for spring sports.
- Late paperwork may limit participation for tryouts
- Incomplete paperwork will be returned to student-athlete with instructions on missing item/s and asked to return
- Sports packets are collected annually to ensure student-athlete information is current and up to date.
- Sports physicals are valid for 24 months from the date of the exam.
- Sports physicals have to be current from the first day of tryouts until the day after the State Playoffs
- Physical forms are available at any time in the Main Office, online or in the BHS Teen Health Center.
- The Teen Health Center will be open for **free physicals on Aug 15 and Aug 17**. Please email Anne.Chu@swedish.org
 - Must email for appointment and complete the Teen Health Center Consent Form
- Middle School physicals and sports paperwork does not transfer to high school.
- Fall athletes – **any outstanding fines and/or fees must be paid by July 3 or between August 15 and August 18 to remain eligible for fall sports**
- Incoming 9th graders must clear any middle school debts. Athletes will become ineligible to play if they do not clear outstanding debts/fines/fees. Winter and spring sports athletes must pay their fees and fines before the first day of tryouts.
- Coaches may not accept sports paperwork.
- Sports packets will not be accepted without payment of \$35 ASB Activity Fee – check payable to BHS or exact cash

Important Dates

- Now – July 3, 2017 Turn in sports packets with a check or exact cash for \$35 ASB Activity Fee for 2017-18
- July 4 – Aug 14 No sports packets accepted during summer break*
- Aug 15, 2017 Football Sports Packets due – 8am-4pm
- Aug 15 & 17, 2017 BHS Teen Health Open for free sports physicals **by appointment only**, email Anne.Chu@swedish.org
- Aug 16, 2017 Football Tryouts
- Aug 18, 2017 All fall sports packets and annual \$35 ASB Activity Fee are due 8 AM – 4 PM
- Aug 21, 2017 Tryouts: Girls' Soccer, Coed Cross Country, Girls' Swimming, Coed Golf and Girls Volleyball

*The Main Office **cannot** accept sports paperwork during the summer before the posted dates due to state regulations regarding collecting and depositing Associated Student Body (ASB) funds.