

August 2016

**Attention Freshman Parents &
Freshman Students**
Parent Orientation Aug 30 @ 7:00pm
Student Orientation Sept. 1 @ 8:00 – 12:00 pm

Dear Parents, Guardians and Ballard High School Students:

Welcome to the 2016 - 2017 school year!

More information and details about BHS may be found on our web site www.ballardhs@seattleschools.org

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7, 2016. It is very important to contact the school if your student is absent at the beginning of school. Students who do not attend any classes during the first four days of school will be dropped from Ballard High School as "no shows." You may contact the Attendance Office at (206) 252-1009 on September 6 to let us know your student will be absent on the first day of school, but **will** attend Ballard High School. If your student is **not** going to attend Ballard High School this fall, please send us a notice in writing by mail, 1418 NW 65th, Seattle 98117, or contact our Registrar @ 252-1105. We also ask that you go to the district web site click on admissions > registrations, click on bullet point student not returning to Seattle Public Schools and complete the requested information.

Ballard High School has a school-wide attendance policy that reflects our belief that student success and achievement is positively related to regular and timely attendance to class. Tardiness interrupts and interferes with the instructional program being offered in a classroom. Everyone benefits when we make good use of our time in school! A copy of the student handbook outlining the attendance policy as well as other school information and policies will be given to your student. Please take time to review this handbook with your student.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULES – Student schedules will be available for pick-up starting Wednesday, August 31st. Please come by the Counseling Center on the 2nd floor to pick up your schedule during your designated time.

10th, 11th, 12th graders - Wednesday, August 31st between the hours of 9am – 2:30pm
9th graders – Thursday, September 1st after Freshmen Orientation @ 12:00 pm

Schedule correction forms will be available in the Counseling Center for students who have an error in their schedule. Counselors are not available for schedule change appointments but they will look at schedule correction forms before school starts. There are a limited number of classes open. Requests will be processed in this order:

- 1) Class needed for graduation - Class of 2017 (12th Grade).
- 2) Wrong level of class – for example, Spanish 2 instead of Spanish 1
- 3) Required class omitted – Grades 9 – 12

Ninth Grade Orientation for Parents Tuesday Aug. 30th Please join us at 7:00 pm in our Auditorium for a special night just for you. This evening is for parents and guardians only. **Thursday Sept. 1 is Freshman Student Orientation.** Meet in the gym at 8:00 am concludes at 12:00 noon. Meet your Link Crew leader, get to know Ballard HS and have fun. Schedules will then be available for freshman students to pick up on the 2nd floor and student planners will be available for purchase for \$10.00. Performing Arts Dept. will have uniform fittings taking place between 12:00 -3:00pm in the band room.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 –

All Students must pick up their **official schedule** on the first day of school in the Commons.

- **9th grade and new students** may pick up their schedule in the Commons between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. 9th grade and new students will go to an orientation in all six classes, and then attend an assembly in the main gym from 10:35 AM to 11:05 AM. At 11:20, all students will go to 1st Period.
- **Returning 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students** may pick up their schedules in the Commons between 10:45 AM and 11:15 AM. All new and returning students will attend classes beginning at 11:20 AM. Please bring a three ring binder with paper, pencil and pen on your first day of school. There is no school-wide supply list. Each teacher will give their students a syllabus including course description, goals, expectations, and any supplies or fees associated with the class.

- **9th Grade and New Students only!** This schedule allows new students to locate their classrooms and attend a new student assembly. **Teachers will make a short orientation announcement in each class.**

8:30 – 9:00	Pick up official schedule in the Commons
9:05 – 9:15	1 st Period
9:20 – 9:30	2 nd Period
9:35 – 9:45	3 rd Period
9:50 – 10:00	4 th Period
10:05 – 10:15	5 th Period
10:20 – 10:30	6 th Period
10:35 – 11:05	New Student Assembly in the Main Gym
11:05 – 11:15	Break

Returning 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students

10:45 – 11:15	Pick up official schedule in the Commons
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All New and Returning Students

11:20 – 11:45	1 st Period
11:50 – 12:20	2 nd Period
12:25 – 1:15	Lunch – School lunch service will be available.
1:20 – 1:45	3 rd Period
1:50 – 2:15	4 th Period
2:20 – 2:45	5 th Period
2:50 – 3:15	6 th Period

First Day Schedule for New Students

First Day Schedule for Everyone

Attendance Information – Ballard HS does not excuse absences by phone. Send a 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.

ASB/ACTIVITY CARDS AND YEARBOOKS

BHS Activity Card - \$35.00 - Why Buy an Activity Card?

- To receive free admission to BHS home games (except Football)
- To be able to play on a Ballard athletic team or perform in a music group
- To get a discount on the price of a Yearbook and activities like school dances
- Activity cards are sold daily before school, during break, during lunch, and after school in the Activity Center.

Yearbooks - Yearbook sales dates are established in accordance with state tax policies:

- **9/12/16-9/30/16** \$50.00 with Activity Card/\$85 without Activity Card
- **1/9/17-1/30/17** \$55.00 with Activity Card/\$90 without Activity Card
- **4/3/17-4/28/17** \$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.

No sales between May 1 and Beaver Day Pre-Sold Yearbooks Distributed on Beaver Day June 9

Yearbook sales resume the Monday following Beaver Day until books are sold out **\$55.00 with Activity Card \$90.00 w/out an Activity Card**

CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL. (One check may be made for both the yearbook and activity card.)

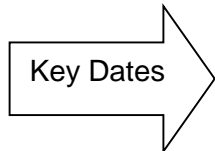
The Fiscal Office will accept exact cash as well as checks and money orders



**Support
ASB
\$ 35.00**

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET - The Back to School packet will be sent home with your student by September 25. This packet includes the student handbook, information from our PTSA and other forms such as health forms from our school nurse and information about the Teen Health Center. Additional documents will now be available on the school website, to save time, money and paper.

DAILY BULLETIN - Another source of information is our Daily Bulletin available online beginning September 1 on our website <http://ballardhs.seattleschools.org> and directly to your email from ballardhighnews@gmail.com. Our new editor for the bulletin is Tina Soerensen



September 7
September 8 and 9
September 29
October 6
October 14

First Day of School - Pick up official schedule in the Commons
School Pictures
Curriculum Night 7:00 PM in the main gym October
First PTSA General Meeting 7:00 PM in the Commons
Statewide Professional Development Day - No School

RUNNING START STUDENTS: It is your responsibility to be aware of school deadlines such as PSAT tests, Winter Ball, Senior Prom, ordering graduation supplies, graduation rehearsal, Academic Awards night and many other "senior" related dates throughout the school year. Deadlines and other information are posted on the BHS Daily Bulletin link at www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org. See senior dates below for more specific deadlines and dates.

SCHOOL PICTURES FOR 2016-2017 Pictures will be taken on the 2nd and 3rd day of school, September 8 and September 9

In either your Language Arts class or your World History class. The price list for picture packets is included in this mailing. Students will be notified on the first day of school if they take their picture on September 8 or 9. These pictures are used for the yearbook for grades 9-11 and ID cards for all grades so all students should make sure to get their picture taken. If you do not have a Language Arts class, please get your picture taken on one of these two days during break or lunch. Running Start students should take a school picture for a school ID card. There will be a picture retake day on **October 5**. The retake date will also be posted in the Daily Bulletin. Picture order forms are available in the main office or our school website.

Senior Tentative Dates - these dates will be confirmed in September and will be posted on the BHS website

SPREE - Senior Graduation Party takes place immediately after graduation and then they arrive back at BHS at 6:00 am

Senior Class Meeting and Senior Class Picture - Sept. 22 - 2nd period in PAC

Senior Photo Due Oct. 31 to yearbook staff. - Digital photos can be emailed to the Shingle editors: ballardshingle@gmail.com

Senior ID pictures will be used in the yearbook if a portrait picture is not turned in by Oct. 30

Senior Grad Ads - Due Nov. 2 - check out previous yearbooks to see past grad ads. Payment and photo to Mr. Smith's classroom SW 122

Final Senior Class Meeting - April 6 - to pick up cap, gown and find out upcoming senior activities

Senior Academic Awards Night - June 13 in the PAC - 7:00pm

Beaver Nation Athletic Awards Night - June 7 in main gym

Senior Dinner and distribution of Yearbooks - June 8 - 5:00 pm in the commons

Senior Prom - May / June TBD

Graduation Rehearsal TBD - Mandatory attendance 2 hours the morning of graduation

Testing

State Testing Required for Graduation

Juniors and Seniors who have not yet taken and passed the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts exam must take the exam in November.

Juniors and Seniors who have not yet taken and passed a Math or Biology End of Course Exam (EOC) must take the exam on January 24-27.

AP Testing - AP students wanting to take an AP Exam during the AP testing window May 1-12 must register for the exams in February.

TRANSPORTATION - The district transportation department will send a letter to all students that qualify for transportation by a school bus, cab, or Metro Transit. You should receive the information before school starts. Be sure to bring your transportation form signed by a parent/guardian and the student. This transportation form will be exchanged for an ORCA card. ORCA cards will be available on the first day of school to students that are eligible for the cards. If you have any questions, please contact the district transportation office at (206) 252-0900, Metro Transit Trip Planner at <http://tripplanner.metrokc.gov/> or call Metro Rider Information at 206-553-3000, TTY 206-684-1739. If you live in Magnolia or Queen Anne, there is a morning bus route to BHS. Route Number 1007 T and 1008 - T. Route information is posted on the Ballard web site - www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org

We look forward to the new school year and meeting you! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Keven Wynkoop, Principal

