

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 2016.

Its always great to be a Beaver!

Keven Wynkoop
Principal

Please save
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reference

Ballard High School Website www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org

BALLARD HS MAIN OFFICE HOURS – SUMMER 2016		MAIN OFFICE PHONE	(206) 252-1000
June 27 – Aug 31	Open Monday – Friday	7:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
July 4 th	Holiday	Closed	
July 6 th - Aug 2nd	Ballard Summer School	8:00 – 12:00 daily	
September 5	Office Closed		
September 6	Office Open	7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	
September 7	New School Year Begins	7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	<u>See New Bell Schedule</u>
September 29	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, Tuesday, 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, Sept 1

FRESHMEN STUDENTS – Plan to attend a very important 9th grade orientation/transition program on the morning of **Thursday, Sept 1**. 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 7, 2016 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 15 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 7

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, our school will start at 8:45 AM and students will be dismissed at 3:15 PM.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2016-2017 - No school on October 14, 2016.

The following **Wednesdays** will be a 2 hour early dismissal for all Ballard HS students.

September 28 October 26 November 16 March 22 May 10

BHS Daily Schedule

1st 8:45 - 9:35
2nd 9:40-10:35 (includes 5 minutes for announcements 5 days per week)
10:35-10:40 Extended Passing Period
3rd 10:45-11:35
1st Lunch 11:40-12:10
4th Period 12:15-1:05
4th Period 11:40-12:30
2nd Lunch 12:35-1:05
5th 1:10 - 2:00
6th 2:05 - 3:15 (Includes 20 minutes at the end of the period for Academic Reflection/Homework)



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.

BHS LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER READING

English Language Arts department is offering you an opportunity – to read a book from our outstanding summer reading list,



CURRICULUM NIGHT/OPEN HOUSE - Please plan to attend this event starting at **7:00 PM on September 29**. Parents may visit each of their student's classroom teachers and pick up information about extra-curricular activities.

DAILY BULLETIN VIA EMAIL – BHS sends out our Daily 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 23**. 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 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

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, AND TEXTBOOKS Your final report card includes a report of any outstanding fines, fees, library books or textbooks not returned by June 23. 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, 2016.

Performing Arts –

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

Thursday, September 1st - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for returning students.

After Freshman Orientation on September 1st - 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for incoming students.

Please Note: Tux fittings for all boys, new and returning will be on Tuesday, September 13th from 3:00 – 5:30 pm.

Ballard Jazz Band Auditions

Auditions for the 2016-2017 Ballard Jazz Bands will take place at the end of summer. Students need to sign-up for a 10-minute time slot with Mr. James. The dates are August 29 from 2-6pm, August 30 from 2-7pm, and September 6 (for those families who are out of town in August) from 2-5pm. Check out www.ballardperformingarts.org for audition requirements and materials and email Mr. James directly at mijames@seattleschools.org to sign up for a time slot.

Pictures - School Id Cards / ASB cards and Portrait Picture Packages will be taken on Sept. 8 and 9. Flyer will come home in mid August

PTSA MEETING – The first PTSA meeting is Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 PM in the BHS Library.

SCHOOL BREAKS 2016-2017 – The school district will send a district school calendar to each home in the fall. –

Winter Break	December 19, 2016 – January 2, 2017
Mid Winter Break	February 20 - February 24, 2017
Spring Break	April 10 – April 14, 2017
Memorial Day	May 29, 2017
Seniors' Graduation Date	June TBD 2017 @ Memorial Stadium
Students' Last Day of School	June 23rd, 2017 (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 2016-2017 – DATES SET BY THE STATE – Schedules Released in September 2016

9th Graders

9th Graders enrolled in Biology will take the Biology EOC in June

10th Graders

Smarter Balanced Math Exam in March- May

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) exam in March -May

Biology EOC in June

11th Graders

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

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

Smarter Balanced Math Exam in March/April

12th Graders

Smarter Balanced ELA, Math and Off Grade Level Exams in November and April if not already taken and passed

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

STUDENT SCHEDULES - Student schedules will be available to all students the week of August 29th. We will include additional information with the letter you will receive 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:

- **9/12/16-9/30/16** \$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.

Seniors

Important Senior Dates: These dates are tentative at this time, will be confirmed in Sept.

Senior Meeting and Class Picture: Thursday, September 22 in the PAC, 2nd period

- Receive information on how to order your graduation caps, gowns, announcements

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

Final Senior Meeting: Tuesday, April 6 in the PAC 2nd period

- Announcements for Senior Prom, Senior Awards, Yearbooks and receive your cap and gown

Senior Prom: Saturday Night, DTBD

Senior Awards Night – June 13 in the PAC

Senior Dinner and yearbook distribution: Wednesday, June 8 in the Commons, 5pm

Beaver Nation Athletic Awards Night – June 7 – 7:00 pm

Graduation date for class of 2017 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 finding own way to the practice.

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



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CLASS OF 2017 - SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES Due by October 30, 2016- 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!
- All photos must be digital copies that can be emailed, or saved to a flashdrive or CD. **NO HARD COPY PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- If hand delivering digital copies via flashdrive 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 **deadline of October 30, 2016** 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 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. Pictures will be available to be picked up at the beginning of June, and any unclaimed pictures will be thrown away at the end of the school year. Please submit payment with the pictures and message to Mr. Smith's room (SW122) by **November 2**. Thank you!



11TH ANNUAL BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

Dinner/Auction August 21, 2016 Golf Tournament August 22, 2016

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

Sports packets are available in the Main Office and online at www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org located under student activities. Please be sure to print and complete all the required forms including the release form for each sport your student will play next year.

- ❖ **Sports paperwork and ASB card fees for 2016-17 school year accepted now thru July 5th in the main office. After July 5th the following information applies.**
 - Football packets and fees due August 15 –7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Football tryouts start August 17.
 - All other fall sports packets and fees are due August 18 – 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Girls' Soccer, Coed Cross Country, Girls' Swimming, Coed Golf and Girls Volleyball start / tryouts on August 22.
- ❖ **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.**

Late paperwork may limit participation for tryouts.

- **Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted.**
- Sports paperwork (registration, parent permission, insurance information, emergency contact information, etc.) must be re-submitted every school year.
- Sports physicals are valid for two years. A student's physical that expires during the sport season will be ineligible to participate.
- Sports physicals have to be current from the first day of tryouts until the last day of State Playoffs.
- Physical forms are available at any time in the Main Office, online or in the teen health center.
- The Teen Health Center is closed during the summer and will reopen on Sept.1st. Please call for a sports physical appointment (206) 781-6400 for upcoming winter and spring sports.
- Sports paperwork does not transfer from middle school to high school.
- Fall athletes – **any outstanding fines and/or fees must be paid between August 15 and August 19 to remain eligible for fall sports.** *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.
- Completed sports paperwork will not be accepted without payment of the Activity Card fee (ASB) of \$35.00.
- We accept checks or money orders made payable to Ballard HS or **the exact amount in cash** for the purchase of the ASB card. Purchase of an ASB card is mandatory to play sports for Ballard High School.