



## *Bismarck High School Advocate*

### **Welcome Back!!!**

It is with excitement that I welcome you to Bismarck High School for the 2019-2020 school year. I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and have been able to spend time with family and friends.

The beginning of the school year is just around the corner, and as a staff, we are working hard to ensure that we are prepared for the 1100+ students that will be coming through our doors on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to challenge our students to take courses that will allow them to leave Bismarck High School college and career ready. In addition to taking a rigorous course load, we want to encourage students to be involved in extra-curricular activities and clubs at Bismarck High School. High school is a wonderful time in a student's life, and we hope that you take advantage of the vast opportunities offered here at BHS. It is our goal that through rigorous course selection and participation in extra-curricular activities, students will leave Bismarck High School prepared for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As a school, it is vitally important that we collaborate with parents and guardians to educate our students successfully. Although PowerSchool and technology have replaced some communication regarding grades, we encourage you to attend parent teacher conferences and call us if you have questions or concerns. Our goal, much like yours, is to help our students find success and then build on those successes.

This year will look different at Bismarck High School due to the construction. The auditorium and physical education spaces are set for completion this fall. Along with these planned projects, we also have a new commons area, which was a result of last year's unforeseen flood, and a renovated FACS kitchen, paid for by a grant.

I look forward to the start of the school year and the opportunity to work with you and your children. Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember, "It is always a great day to be a Demon!"

*David Wisthoff – BHS Principal*

## **Two Open Houses at BHS**

### **Freshman Open House**

Freshman Open House will be held on **Tuesday, August 13** for all incoming freshman and their parents. Due to construction we will have two separate meetings. Please come to the Knaak at the time designated below for a brief presentation.

<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>A-K 5:30pm</b>
<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>L-Z 6:15pm</b>

*Student schedules A-K will be available after the 5:30 presentation. Students L-Z will be available after the 6:15 presentation.*

Parents may also purchase the following items:

- Student Planners \$5.00
- Parking Permits \$5.00
  - Please have the vehicles make/model and license plate.
- Student Athletic Passes \$30.00 (Adult pass \$85)
- Activity Fee \$50.00
- Deposits may be made for student's lunch account.
- Demon Den will be open. A lot of new BHS gear available for purchase



Lines will be long, so you may prefer to pay from home via [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) or you can come into the administration office.

### **Parent Night**

Parent Night will be held **Monday, August 26** from **6:00– 8:00 p.m.** Parents of all students' grades 9-12 are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet their student's teachers. ***Please bring a copy of your student's schedule.***

\*\* There is no set schedule for this night. You are invited to come and go as it fits *your* schedule. Teachers and staff will be available between 6-8pm.

## **BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2019-2020**

<b>EARLY BIRD</b>	<b>7:20 – 8:10</b>
<b>TUTORING</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:10</b>
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	<b>8:20 – 9:10</b>
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	<b>9:14 – 10:04</b>
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	<b>10:08 – 10:58</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>11:22 – 11:52</b>
<b>PERIOD 4</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>11:02 – 11:52</b> <i>11:02-11:22</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>11:56 – 12:46</b>
<b>PERIOD 5</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>11:56 – 12:46</b> <i>11:56-12:16</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> PERIOD LUNCH</b>	<b>1:10 – 1:40</b>
<b>PERIOD 6</b> <i>AD-TIME</i>	<b>12:50 – 1:40</b> <i>12:50-1:10</i>
<b>PERIOD 7</b>	<b>1:44 – 2:34</b>
<b>PERIOD 8</b>	<b>2:38 – 3:28</b>



Daily announcements are posted on the TV in the commons area. In addition, the announcements are posted on the BHS Homepage under *BHS Announcements*.  
<https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS>

## **First Day Information**

Students will attend a full day of classes on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Students should check their schedule on PowerSchool the first morning because adjustments to the master schedule may have been made prior to the first day of school.

**To access Class Schedule, students should:**

1. Log on to the PowerSchool App on a mobile device (they can download the PS App to their device and will be required to enter a “District Code”- JJKH to complete the login process.)
2. Log on to the student/parent portal from the PowerSchool link located on the BHS website or BPS website.

To view a class schedule with room numbers, students with Apple devices must log in through the PowerSchool Website through BPS apps.

Students without access to a phone/computer, should stop at the office to get a paper copy of their schedule.

**There is no standard school supply list. Bring a notebook and pencil to class.**

Students who begin their school day at the Career Academy/Tech Center should attend class at that location. Buses will be available to take students to the Career and Tech Campus beginning at 7:10 a.m. A full bus schedule is available on page 6.

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## **BHS Website**

### **BHS Announcements**

- Girls Golf Parent/Player Meeting ↑
- 2019-20 Class Schedule Information ↑
- Freshman Orientation ↑
- Parent Open House ↑
- Immunization (11th & 12th Graders) ↑

*View All*

Please take some time to get familiar with the BHS website.

The right hand side of the home page <https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS> will house important information that will be happening at any given time.

## **Chromebooks**

We are pleased to inform you that all high school students will have the option of receiving a district owned Chromebook or bringing their own device for educational use. Here is some important information that all families should know.

- You may provide your own device. It must be the equivalent of a Chromebook, netbook, or laptop. Cell phones, tablets, iPods, gaming devices, etc. are not adequate devices for school instruction.
- All students will be required to complete a module on the BPS Responsible Use Policy (RUP) via LearnBPS. Directions and login information will be sent to the students in August.
- All parents/guardians should complete the student enrollment updates in PowerSchool. Be watching for that information to come from the school secretary soon. The update includes parental contact information, the “bring your own device” form, and the Responsible Use Policy (RUP) for technology form.
- **Chromebooks will be issued during first period on the first day of school.** If your student does not have a first period class or attends the Career Academy, they can pick up their chromebook in the library.
- Visit the [1:1 Chromebook FAQ page](#) to learn more about Chromebooks in the classroom (bismarckschools.org -> Parents -> Chromebook Information).

Please share [these tips](#) with your student on how to care for their Chromebook. We also recommend purchasing a 14” protective case.



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Bismarck High School***

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## Upcoming Events

### Schedule Changes: 8am -2pm

August 5 – Seniors

August 6 - Juniors

August 7 – Sophomores / Make-Up

**August 13** – Freshman Open House  
(Student’s Last Name A-K 5:30pm  
Student’s Last Name L-Z 6:15 p.m.)

**August 21** – First Day of School

**August 26** - Parent Night Monday at 6:00 p.m.

**August 29** – Picture Day

**September 2** – Labor Day, (No School)

**September 9** – College Fair

**September 13** – Homecoming  
BHS vs. Williston – 6:30 p.m. at the Bowl  
\* Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Powder Puff  
\* Wednesday – 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Coronation  
\* Friday – 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm Homecoming Dance

**September 24** – Picture Retake

**September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>** –  
Fall Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:15-8pm

**October 17 & 18** – Administrators Convention  
(No School)

View up-to-date events on the BHS homepage  
BHS Announcements/ BHS School Calendar  
<https://www.bismarckschools.org/BHS>



Some of our BHS students attend classes at BPS Career Academy/Tech Center on the BSC campus. The schedule for those classes is listed below.

Bus transportation is provided to and from these classes. Buses load on the east side of BHS just off the courtyard.

### CAREER ACADEMY/TECH CENTER DAILY SCHEDULE

Period	Block	Time
EB-1	A	7:25-8:55
2-3	B	9:25-10:55
4-6	C	11:55-1:25
7-8	D	1:55-3:25

### CAREER ACADEMY/TECH CENTER BUS SCHEDULE

Block A (EB/1)	Leave BHS - 7:10 a.m. Arrive CA/TC – 7:20 a.m.  Leave CA/TC – 9:00 a.m. Arrive BHS – 9:10 a.m.
Block B (2/3)	Leave BHS – 9:15 a.m. Arrive CA/TC – 9:25 a.m. (this is the start time)  Leave CA/TC – 11:00 a.m. Arrive BHS – 11:10 a.m.
Block C (4/6)	Leave BHS – 11:40 a.m. Arrive CA/TC – 11:50  Leave CA/TC – 1:30 p.m. Arrive BHS – 1:40 p.m.
Block D (7/8)	Leave BHS – 1:44 p.m. Arrive CA/TC – 1:54 p.m.  Leave CA/TC – 3:28 p.m. Arrive BHS – 3:38 p.m.

## **BHS Office Hours**

The BHS Administration office is open Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please use the direct numbers listed below to reach the following departments:

Attendance 323-4803  
Student Services 323-4802  
Administration Office 323-4800

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## **Tribute to Achievements**

Bismarck High School acknowledges our awards and honors that our staff and students achieve during the year on the BHS website under *About Our School / School News*

<https://www.bismarckschools.org/Page/1605>

We will try *very* hard to catch *every* achievement. If your student receives honors or an award this year, please call or email Cassie Bauer with the information. This will help assure that we do not miss anyone.

This information is also highlighted in the yearbook.

Cassie Bauer 701-323-4800 ext.



## **Lockers**

**Freshman:** Your locker number and combination will be printed on your schedule.

**Sophomore/Junior/Seniors:** If you would like a locker, please stop by the attendance office to have one assigned.

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## **Message from Student Services**

Student's counselor will be based off the student's last name. This list will be available online under Student Services/ Counseling.

<https://www.bismarckschools.org/domain/584>

Students **A-F** Counselor: Steve Meier  
Students **G-K** Counselor: Janelle Wibstad  
Students **L-R** Counselor: Barb Coyle  
Students **S-Z** Counselor: Julie Berg

**SENIORS** ~ Senior meetings were held this summer. If you did not meet with your counselor please see them ASAP to set up a time.

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## **Freshman Academic Advisory**

Freshmen are assigned to an Academic Advisory that meets during the first 20 minutes of their lunch. Students will report to their advisor, who is listed on their schedule under lunch. After Advisory, students will be dismissed to the commons for lunch. Since freshman have a closed campus, they are expected, whether they eat lunch or not, to be in the commons for the 30 minute lunch period. Advisors will help students monitor their grades, track credits, develop short and long-term goals, and explore career opportunities.



## **Bismarck Demon Athletics Department**

Welcome back for the 2019-20 school year! Again, this year, BPS is utilizing an online registration system to help streamline the paperwork process for students who participate in activities. **In order to complete registration for your student so that he/she is eligible to participate here is what needs to be done:**

- A physical examination must be completed prior to your student participating in a practice. Physicals are good for the current school year as long as they took place on or after April 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding school year. There will be a section in the online registration for you to upload the physical. A valid copy of the physical must be uploaded here <https://bismarck-ar.rschooltoday.com/> or your student will not be eligible to participate.
- Complete the online registration for your student. A link is available from each school's activities page that will take you to the online registration. Click on the icon for activities registration. In this process, you will be asked to fill out some general information, upload a physical (if you are able), complete the code of conduct form, complete a medical history/information section and complete a section on concussions.
- Pay the appropriate activity fee in one of two ways.
  - Activity fees can be paid in the office at your student's school or you may choose to take advantage of [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).
  - MyPaymentsPlus allows you to pay for all activity fees in addition to depositing lunch money, paying for parking passes, etc. and does not charge a fee to do so. MyPaymentsPlus also allows you to see a history of your payments so you know when you made a payment and what the amount was.

Once you have completed the online registration, uploaded a physical and paid the fee for your student he/she should be registered and ready to go for the school year. You should not have to complete a new registration each time a new season rolls around as long as all items (including all activity fees for the year) were taken care of in the initial registration. You may choose to pay your activity fees each season or you may choose to pay them all up front if you know your student will be participating in that activity.

If you have any questions about the online activity registration, please do not hesitate to contact your school activities director at the contact number or email listed for them.





## **Activity Fees**

Activity fees must be paid before students are allowed to participate in any sport, club, or activity. Activity fees may be paid in the BHS Administration office.

- Fees for major sports at the high school level are \$50 for each sport.
- Individual maximum of \$125 and a family maximum of \$200 yearly.

Students involved in our music programs can expect the following fees:

Band Uniform Fees	\$45.00
Choir Fee	\$20.00
Band Instrument Maintenance Fee	\$90.00/sem
Orchestra Instrument Maintenance Fee	\$100.00/year

Payments can be made by using MyPaymentsPlus [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) or sending check/cash.



## **Athletic Season Tickets**

**Student season tickets** are available for \$30 in the **BHS Administration office**. These tickets are valid for admission to all Bismarck High School home games in baseball, basketball, football, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, swimming, track, volleyball, and wrestling. Single admission price is \$4 for students.

There is a \$1 surcharge for any event held at the Community Bowl or Civic Center. This surcharge also applies to those holding student athletic tickets or adult season tickets. For those without season tickets, Community Bowl or Civic Center events cost \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

**Adult and Senior season tickets** are available at the **Activities Office** at **806 N. Washington**, at the gate at **home games** or at **BHS**. **Passes purchased through MyPayments Plus** [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) **have to be picked up at BHS**. The price is **\$85** for a combination BHS/CHS/LHS season ticket. Single adult admission price is \$6. **Senior citizen season tickets** are \$50 for those 62 years old and over and are valid for all BHS home games.

## **rSchool**

We use the rSchoolToday Activity Scheduler as our School Calendar, as it provides significant advantages to our school and community. Because it is web-based, we can provide you instant access to the most up-to-date information at all times. You can push schedules to your phone, tablet, or computer and they will automatically update with any changes. You can also sign up for instant notifications and reminders, via email or text message.

*Here is a quick snapshot some of the key features.*

**Green Academy Calendar**

View by Type:  View:

Please check frequently for updates. [<< Yesterday](#) [Tomorrow >>](#)

**Wednesday, Nov 27, 2013**

Time	Event	Location	Details
8:00am	Basketball: Boys Varsity Game	vs. Point Pleasant Academy @ <a href="#">Green Academy - Basketball Court - Outdoor</a>	
7:00pm-10:00pm	Choral Concert	SECC - St. Enriques Main Theatre	
7:30pm	Basketball: Girls Varsity Game	vs. College Court @ <a href="#">Green Academy - CRC Small Gym</a>	

**View Schedules:**

- Alpine Skiing - Girls Varsity
- Baseball 6th
- Baseball 7th
- Baseball Varsity
- Baseball - Boys 7th
- Baseball - Boys Varsity Reserv
- Basketball - Boys JV
- Basketball - Boys Varsity
- Basketball - Girls Varsity
- Bowling - Girls 10th
- Choir Rehearsals

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1. Click on any date to see the activities for that day. Underlined dates have activities on that date.
2. Jump or flip to any month.
3. Switch between the Week and Day View.
4. Flip to the next/previous day or week
5. View the full Schedule for any activity or activities. Choose the schedule(s) you want and click View.
6. **Notify Me!** Set yourself up for Change Notifications or Reminders as email or text messages.
7. View Rosters, Scores, Standings, and Coaches Directory (if published).
8. Search – search by activity or location
9. Click any activity for more details, including maps, social networking, address, phone #, etc.
10. Advanced View Report gives you detailed reports by location, gender, level, location, etc.

## **Meal Prices**

Breakfast	\$1.35
Lunch	\$2.75
A la carte	Individually priced items



You will find it convenient to deposit a check (please include student name and number) or cash into your lunch account at the BHS administration office. You may deposit any amount you wish- \$10, \$25, \$50, etc. It is also possible to pay by the meal, if you so desire. **No charging of lunches is permitted; students will deposit money into their lunch accounts and each student must always have funds in their account to pay for their daily meal.**

Families who feel they might qualify for **free or reduced meals** should pick up an application in the BHS administration office, from the students counselor or they are available online <https://www.bismarckschools.org/Page/2193>. **Free or Reduced meal benefits DO NOT rollover from year to year you must re-apply.**

## **Bismarck Schools Accepts Credit Cards**

Credit card payments can be made for many of the financial transactions, which are typically made with the school. Such items include:

- Lunch account deposits
- Activity fees / Activity passes
- Planners / Parking permits

If you have made deposits to your child's lunch account in the past, you already have an account through MyPaymentsPlus. If you have not, you will need to register with [www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com) in order to access the setup for your child/children. In order to register, you will need to know your child's student number. Once you create an account, you will be able to see all the options available to your child.

\*\* Please note, there is **NO TRANSACTION FEE**

## **School Photos**

BHS would like to distribute IDs as soon as possible. Jostens PIX will be taking school photos. These photos will be used for student IDs and for the yearbook. Here is the schedule:

**THURSDAY – AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>  
ALL BHS STUDENTS –  
GRADES 9-12  
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Knaak Center**



**Photos will be taken during English classes. If you DO NOT have an English class – please have your photo taken before your classes begin for the day *or* during your lunch/free period in the Knaak Center.**

Parents will have the opportunity to preview the pictures online and personalize the photos with background and text. Photos will be shipped directly to your home and are also downloadable.

If a student misplaces their ID, a replacement may be purchased in the Student Services office for \$10.

**SENIOR PICTURE DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

\*\* Senior pictures must be turned in to the yearbook advisor by February 1, 2020. If not, the Jostens photo will be used in the yearbook.

**Senior Parents:** To help you stay organized for this busy year, please watch the BHS website under Graduates/ Graduation. Important dates and information for seniors will be added to this site.

<https://www.bismarckschools.org/domain/668>



## ***New Staff at Bismarck High***

We are excited to welcome the following staff members to Bismarck High.

- Bruce Brady Head Custodian
- Shay Burman ED
- Amy Dellefield Instructional Coach
- Megan Heaton FACS
- Ethan Hoepfner Social Worker
- Kayla Kimber ED
- Julie Kost School Psychologist
- Amber Strahm ID
- Janelle Wibstad Counselor

*Welcome*

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### ***BHS Teachers are Highly Qualified***

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 requires teachers in K-12 schools to meet the definition of Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) through three criteria: 1) minimum of a bachelor's degree, 2) full state teacher certification, and 3) demonstrated subject matter knowledge in each core academic subject assigned to teach, including Bilingual, English Language Learner, and Special Education classrooms. All Bismarck High School teachers have met the requirements necessary to retain this status.

*Through federal education law, parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. If you are interested in learning this information, please contact the school administration office at (701) 323-4800. Upon this request, you will receive a detailed explanation of the licensing, education, and experience of each of our teachers. You will also receive information regarding the names and qualifications of the paraprofessionals at our school(s).*

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### ***Text-A-Tip Hotline:***

This hotline is available to all students, staff, and parents/guardians who are aware of anything that will affect the safety of students and staff during the school day. The confidential tips will be sent to a special team of school administrators and the BHS student resource officer who will respond appropriately during regular school attendance days.

[bhstips@bpsapps.org](mailto:bhstips@bpsapps.org)

## **Parent/Guardian of Juniors and Seniors:**

The North Dakota Department of Health School Immunization Requirements requires a second dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for students entering eleventh or twelfth grade.

MCV4 protects against meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can cause meningitis, and possibly lead to death or permanent disability within hours of first symptoms. Meningococcal disease is contagious and can be very serious in young people.

Ideally, children should receive one dose of MCV4 when they are eleven to twelve years old and a booster dose on or after their sixteenth birthday. The first dose of MCV4 is required for seventh grade entry. With recent rule changes, one dose of MCV4 is now required for grades eighth through tenth, if missed at seventh grade. Two doses of MCV4 are required for grades eleventh and twelfth.

Please schedule an appointment with your child’s health care provider or your local public health department today.



### **2019 – 2020 School Immunization Requirements**

Vaccine Type	Number of Required Doses			
	Kindergarten-6	Grades 7-10	Grade 11	Grade 12
DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td*	5	5	5	5
Hepatitis B	3	3	3	3
IPV/OPV <sup>†</sup>	4	4	4	4
MMR	2	2	2	2
Varicella (Chickenpox) <sup>+</sup>	2	2	2	1
Meningococcal <sup>†</sup>	0	1	2	2
Tdap <sup>Ⓞ</sup>	0	1	1	1

## **PowerSchool Sign-On**



PowerSchool provides parents with a “single sign-on” to access all of their children’s information.

When you log on to PowerSchool for the first time, or if you have not logged on to PowerSchool for some time, please follow the steps below:

1. **Click “Create Account” Button** – Begin by going to the PowerSchool parent portal at <https://bismarck.ps.state.nd.us> or the Bismarck Public Schools homepage and click on the PowerSchool logo. The first time signing in click on the “Create Account” button to create a Single Sign-On (SSO) account, which can be linked to one or more students.
2. **Create an Account** – Enter your first name, last name, and email address in the top section. Also, enter what you would like your username to be and a secure password.

In the bottom section, you can link one or more students to your account. Enter each student’s name, ID, password, and your relationship to that student. The Access ID and Password were previously used to sign in to PowerSchool. Now these will be used to give you “access” to your student. Contact the school office at 701-323-4800 if you do not know the ID and password.

3. **Sign in with Your Account** – Sign into PowerSchool using your personal SSO username and password created in Step 2.

**For more information, click on the “Learn More” link on the PowerSchool Parent Portal or contact your school office at 323-4800 and press zero to speak to a secretary.**



### ***Information for Parents:***

Turnitin is an online program used by teachers and students to help ensure the integrity of student work by detecting plagiarism. Students agree that papers in 9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database so that students can avoid plagiarism and improve their writing. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site.



# 2020 YEARBOOK

Order before September 20<sup>th</sup> and save \$10!!!!

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- Your future self will thank you.
- Pay in 3 easy payments.\*
- Signing day is the best day.
- SO. MANY. MEMORIES.
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YEARBOOK	\$60.00
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ICONS	FREE!
AUTOGRAPH SECTION	\$2.75
PHOTO POCKETS	\$3.00
DONATE A YEARBOOK	\$60.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	\$3.00

## **Seal of Biliteracy**

There is an exciting new opportunity for North Dakota high school students who demonstrate proficiency in a language in addition to English! Bismarck Public Schools is proud to announce the implementation of the North Dakota Seal of Biliteracy (NDSB) award program. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) approved the NDSB in February of 2019 joining 35 other states who believe this recognition is well deserved.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to students who are proficient (listening, reading, speaking, writing) in English and at least one other language by the end of high school. Proficiency is demonstrated through language assessments. Whether students acquired another language at home or at school, the Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy, recognizes the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and post-secondary institutions. The NDSB serves to inspire the implementation of biliteracy programs and pathways of language development in districts across the state and help districts demonstrate value in diversity/culture.

Knowing another language understanding, and valuing other cultures will give students an advantage in the workplace. If you believe you have a student in high school and believe he or she is eligible for this award, please contact Laine Martinez [laine\\_martinez@bismarckschools.org](mailto:laine_martinez@bismarckschools.org) at BHS to move forward with the next steps. We look forward to helping BPS students achieve this recognition!

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## **SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS National Honor Society**

Students interested in being inducted or renewing as a member in National Honor Society for 2019-2020 should continue to volunteer to receive SERVICE HOURS (minimum 15 hours of which 8 hours need to be tier 1). All hours will be due the end of February 2020. If you have any questions see Mrs. Brenden, room 317 or visit the website, <https://sites.google.com/a/bismarckschools.org/bps-nhs/home>

## ***Has your email, home address or phone number change?***



It is important for the school to have accurate demographic information on each student. Therefore, if there are changes to your home address, home or cell phone numbers or email address, please notify BHS. Keeping your demographic information current will ensure that you receive mailings & electronic notifications.

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## ***Bismarck Schools Emergency Notification System***

Bismarck Public Schools uses an emergency notification system to contact parents in cases of emergency. For example, if school were to be cancelled because of inclement weather, families would receive a phone call with this message. In addition to this service, BPS will continue to provide emergency information through local news media.

**Parents, please be sure to update the phone numbers you have on file with us, and alert family and friends if you use them as emergency contacts.** If you have questions about this service, please e-mail [renae\\_walker@bismarckschools.org](mailto:renae_walker@bismarckschools.org).

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