



**BELLEVUE COMETS**  
MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year at Bellevue Community Schools! We are very excited as we head into a new school year in the Middle/High School! As we head into the school year we will continue to work to expand learning opportunities for our students in many different ways: a wide variety of academic offerings, Work Based Learning, Bellevue BIG, CTE classes, concurrent enrollment classes taught by our teachers through EICC, online college classes through EICC and many other individualized student opportunities. Our Work Based Learning Program will be in its third year. This is a great opportunity for our seniors. 8th grade students will have new exploratory opportunities this semester in the industrial arts area and STEM area. In all of our class offerings from sixth through twelfth grade we will continue to work to give students rigorous and relevant learning opportunities in every classroom, every day! We want all of our students to have choices in what they learn and by doing that, we hope to prepare them to have choices when they graduate. Whatever their goals are beyond high school, we want to give them as many opportunities as possible!

For the first time in a long time, we have no new staff members. We will return our full staff of teachers, which is a great thing! We feel we have a great group of highly qualified, dedicated staff who do everything to help our students be successful! Chelsey Junk got started as our administrative assistant in March, and has done an excellent job! If you have not had a chance to meet her, I encourage you to introduce yourself at registration. Curt Ernst is going to be expanding his role as dean of students. He will be spending the entire day in the building and working with attendance, discipline support and other student services.

The buildings and grounds are undergoing a thorough summer cleaning. Thanks to Brett Ernst and his crew for all of their hard work this summer! Things will be in top-notch shape for students' arrival in August. Jimmy Cavanaugh has retired after 46 years, we appreciate everything Jimmy has done for our students and staff over that time. We will have a new night custodian, Tami Kilburg.

We will have two orientation presentations on Monday, August 21st. At 6:00 pm, we will have all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents, as well as all new Middle School students and their parents, meet in the main gym. At 6:30 pm, we will have all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents and any new High School students and their parents meet in the main gym. At these meetings, we will cover some general information for new students, as well as give a tour of the building, and allow an opportunity for questions to be answered. Students will be allowed to put things in their lockers and see their classrooms.

We look forward to working with you and your students again this year. Please contact the office if you have any questions in regards to the new school year! Phone or email both work!

Sincerely,

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