



BENTLEY

Community Schools

Thursday,
June 9, 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM

**Amanda
Mobley**

Board President

Dear Bentley Community,

As we congratulate and celebrate the Bentley Class of 2022, we are hopeful and encouraged that our students and community are beginning to heal from the circumstances that the pandemic laid upon us. For all of the negative impacts these circumstances led to, I truly believe that in some sense, our families were brought closer together and we were able to see, again, the sense of community that lives within our district. With the worst of the pandemic behind us, we have become acutely aware of our successes and deficits.

With involvement from students, parents, staff, and community members, strategic planning is well underway, and I am encouraged with the direction our district is going. Every stakeholder is important to us, and it is crucial that all voices are heard. Although many may not know the complexities that are involved in serving as a board member, I assure you that each one of us that has the honor of serving on the board shares one common goal: to serve our students in the best way possible. Sometimes complex decisions need to be made. I am proud to say that our board members are thoughtful and work together in every decision we make in service of all children.

As we have witnessed the hardship and struggles of the last two graduating classes, as well as the class of 2022, I ask you to focus on all of the accomplishments our students have achieved and realize how our students have persevered through circumstances that many of us, as adults, had not faced in our lifetime until now. Our students deserve to feel a sense of pride, and we must make sure that they know we support them.

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Bentley Schools Re-Visits Vision, Mission, and Goals

Over the past three months, the Board of Education worked with Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to engage in future planning for Bentley Community Schools. The planning involved collecting and analyzing data, then identifying opportunities for improvement. Specifically, input was sought in face-to-face conversations with the board of education, administration, staff and faculty from each building, middle and high school students, as well as families and the broader community. Additionally, approximately 200 stakeholder surveys were submitted. In each forum, feedback was given about current district strengths, possible areas of improvement, possible barriers to implementing a strategic plan, and a possible restated vision.

Following these data gathering sessions, a full-day retreat was held on Saturday, April 30 during which 35 participants—including board members, staff, students, and community members—looked at academic data for Bentley and four other demographically similar schools. They also looked at the perception data gathered from the surveys and stakeholder conversations. Given all these inputs, this group re-visited the existing belief, mission, and vision statements offering suggestions for our next five-year planning cycle, which the Board will soon take action on. Additionally, five new broad goals have been set:

ACADEMICS/PROGRAMS

Bentley Community Schools will ensure students are ready for college and/or career and life.

COMMUNICATIONS/ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bentley Community Schools will engage and update community, staff and students.

CULTURE/LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Bentley Community Schools will create programming to enhance culture, diversity, and student voice/leadership.

PERSONNEL/LEADERSHIP

Bentley Community Schools will have a 5-year plan to assess staffing concerns, communication issues, and formalize onboarding procedure with yearly review.

OPERATIONS

Bentley Community Schools will establish procedures and timelines for infrastructure improvements by evaluating district needs.

The Board of Education and district look forward to continuing to make Bentley the best small but mighty district for our students and staff.



Bentley High School

Art

Bentley artists have been busy this year creating beautiful, high quality artwork. They have participated in two local art shows, the MAEA (Michigan Art Educators Association) and the GFAC (Greater Flint Arts Council). Students have the opportunity to study several art methods such as; wheel throwing and hand built clay, painting, various sculpture techniques, fiber arts, papier-mâché, marker, colored pencil, and oil pastel. Students completed the school year with a fine arts show at the middle school that featured our best artwork from the year combined with the high school choir and band.



Computer Science

For the 2021-2022 school year Bentley added a Computer Science Course with a twist. The class was lead by both Mr. Horton and Ms. Bunker. This was a first for Bentley as we able to capitalize on the strengths of Mr. Horton as a Computer Science teacher and Ms. Bunker as a Math teacher to give our students a unique overview of Computer Science principles from multiple perspectives: The Computer Science class is an introductory level class that helps students build skills that they will need going into the Computer Science field. We cover topics in this class such as web development, app development, game development, digital information, and the internet, to name a few. These Bentley students use the industry-recognized standard of Code.org as the platform for their learning, and have been having a blast this year.



Yearbook

The 2022 yearbook has been delivered! Guided and directed by advisor Mrs. Mohrman, twenty-four yearbook students worked as a team to create a high quality book that everyone could be proud of. Our cover design was designed and illustrated by Bulldog senior Emilee Howart. We received the National Yearbook of Excellence "silver" level award, which is pretty awesome for a small high school. We are thankful for all the local companies that bought ads in our yearbook to help contribute to the cost of creating this book.



Courtyard Project

For the last few years there has been talk about revitalizing the courtyard at the High School. In 2022 everything came together! With the vision of Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Edmonds, students and the backing of several local businesses (Rock Bottom Stone Supply, Walker Farms, Bentley Florist, Wojo's, Family Farm & Home) and funded by the United Way and Kiwanis the project has taken life! A space that sat empty for years has taken new life and will be a staple of High School life for years to come!



Spring Sports Overview



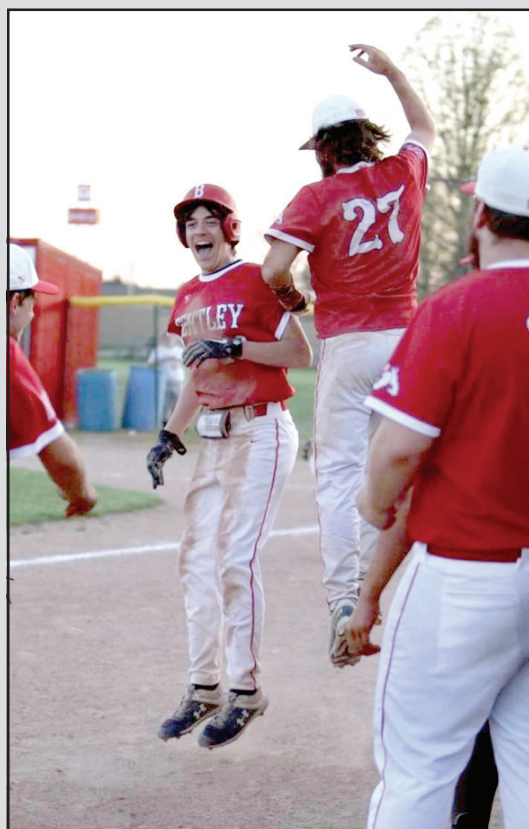
Varsity Track

Here are some highlights from this year's Varsity Track season. These are the Bentley athletes who excelled at the GAC League Meet that was held in Webberville:

- **GAC No. 6 Overall 400 Runner:** Lauren Turvey
- **GAC No. 4 Overall 300M Hurdle:** Ally Sutherby
- **GAC No. 5 Overall 300M Hurdle:** Audrey Hynes
- **GAC No. 4 Overall 300M Hurdle:** Demanuel Berry

The future of the Varsity Track program is also looking bright. These are the underclassmen who have performed very well this year against the GAC competition:

- **GAC No. 3 Underclassmen 800 Runner:** Jeremy Boilet
- **GAC No. 3 Underclassmen 200M Runner:** Mabry Wansley 25.66
- **GAC No. 2 Underclassmen Discus Thrower:** Garret Jones 93'11"
- **GAC No. 4 Underclassmen Shot Put:** Joshua Cain 31'
- **GAC No. 5 Underclassmen Shot Put:** John Kidd



Varsity Baseball

The Varsity Baseball team's record was 15-11 and they were in 3rd place in the GAC as of June 2nd. Here are some additional highlights for this season:

- Six Freshmen are playing on the Varsity team this season which bodes well for the future of the program.
- All three Seniors on the Varsity Baseball team will be playing college athletics next year.
- The Varsity Baseball team has sponsored baseball camps down at Barhitte Elementary this spring. These sessions were to help encourage and promote the love of baseball to the younger Bulldogs.



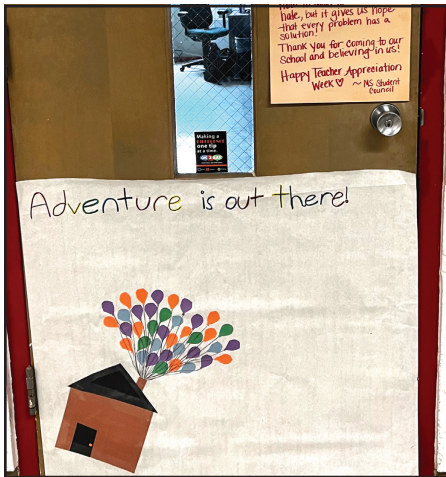
Varsity Softball

The Varsity Softball team's record is 10-14 and were tied for 2nd place in the GAC.

- The Varsity Softball team has swept both Bendle and Genesee this year.
- The Varsity Softball team is currently starting 5 underclassmen and have shown a drastic improvement with both their offense and defense performances.
- Six of nine of the starters are playing new positions this year.

Bentley Middle School

Bentley Middle School Celebrations



The Middle School Student Council facilitated by Amy Zell went all out this year in expressing their gratitude for the staff by providing lunch, breakfasts, our favorite snacks, door decorations and quotes, candy, flowers and candles. We were surprised daily and served breakfast in our rooms. We truly felt appreciated and special. The Bentley Board of Education members also provided lunch to all of our staff to show. We are grateful to have exceptional staff and students and for the recognition from the many members of our learning community.



Mrs. Heather Tucker and the 8th Grade Performing Arts class put a lot of time and hard work into planning and organizing a fantastic assembly for the middle school. There were fun games and prizes all in the theme of following the 4 B's: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be Positive. The students and staff had fun reviewing our Bulldog expectations. The expectations and specific examples are explicitly taught throughout the year and posted in relevant areas of the building. We recognize students following the expectations regularly in a variety of ways: Good Choice Certificates at semester time, Positive Office Referrals written by teachers and emailed to families, monthly and weekly drawings of tickets the students receive for making good choices.



From left to right: Lillyaunna Duncan and Declan Farrington. Mishon Blackwell was absent.

Spelling Bee

We are so proud of our 6th grade Bulldogs who participated in the Bentley Middle school Spelling Bee, Mrs. Barkman conducted the Spelling Bee and the winner received tokens of appreciation for exhibiting courage and bravery in this competition.

The following 6th grade students participated in the 6th grade Spelling Bee at Bentley:

Harley Hetherington
Nicklaus Pruitt
Molly Pingel
Joe Mudge
Braiden Brant

Lillyaunna Duncan placed 3rd
Mishon Blackwell placed 2nd
Declan Farrington placed 1st

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS!



The Learning Kitchen

Bentley Middle School is partnering with the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) and a program called The Learning Kitchen! This is the second year this program has been offered to all students at Bentley Middle School.

Students interested in this six week program learn how to prepare and cook budget friendly, healthy and tasty meals, after school on Mondays. The students eat the meals they have prepared and bring home a recipe so that they have the opportunity to prepare the meal for their families. They learn about nutrition, healthy eating and how to prepare meals safely.

We are grateful to partner with the GISD and provide this afterschool program for our students.



Back row from left to right: Joe Mudge, Braiden Brant, Nicklaus Pruitt, Declan Farrington. Front row from left to right: Lillyaunna Duncan, Molly Pingel and Harley Hetherington. Mishon Blackwell was absent.



Happy Graduation

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Class of 2022!

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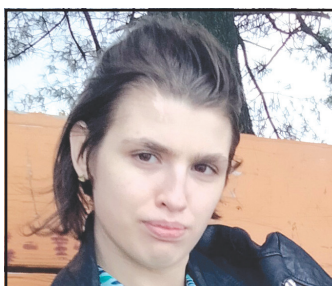
Devan Furney
Truck Driver



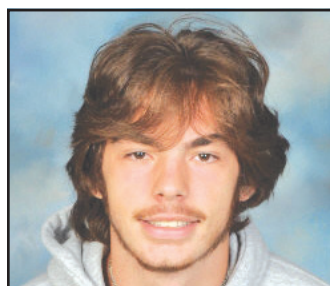
Madeline Garcia
Nursing



Andrew Gatica
HVAC



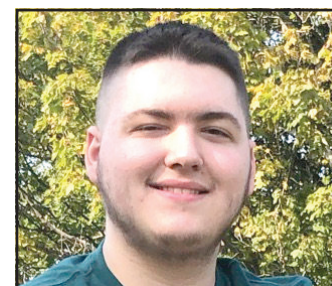
Ashlee Gillespie
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Anthony Girardin-Robertson
Criminal Justice



Gabriel Graves
Trades



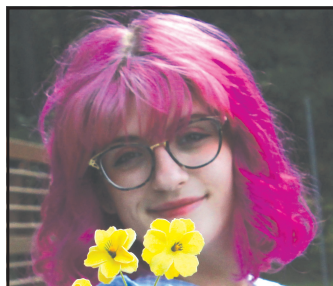
Andrew Gullett
Electrician

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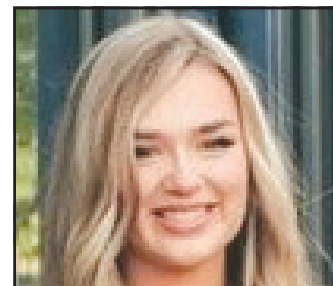
Katelyn Hatfield
*Early Childhood
Education*



Emilee Howart
Graphic Arts



Ramiyah Jones
Nursing



Paiton Kagerer
Cosmetology



Mason Kassing
Environmental Science



Madilyn Kelly
Psychology



Aylana Khan-Boston
*Cosmetology,
Entrepreneurship*



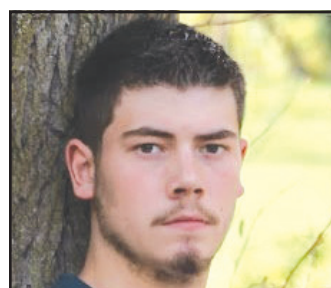
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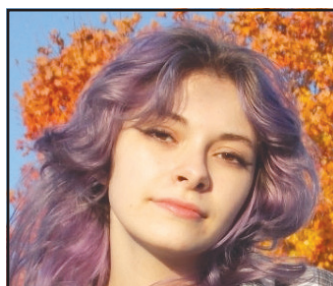
Samuel Mobley
Veterinarian



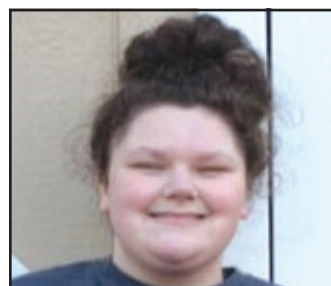
Brittany Nimmo
Veterinary Medicine



Deven O'Keefe
Finance



Layla Palladino
Psychology



Trianna Paul
Woodworker



Amelia Reyna
*Early Childhood
Education*

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Christion Rogers
Real Estate



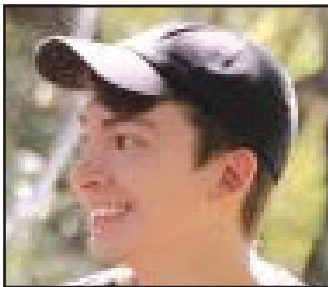
Cameron Smith
HVAC



Coda Smith
Social Work



Damarion Stanley
Pathology



Damien Stone
Music Education



Allysia Sweet
Nursing



Makayla Trier
*Early Childhood
Education*



Danielle Valliere
Biology



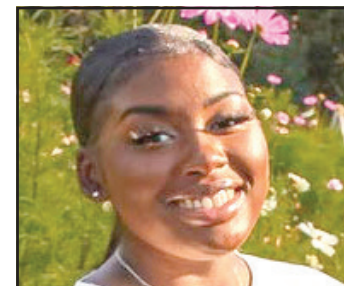
Adrionna Vaughn
Social Work, Psychology



Antonio Vega
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Michael Verran
Sports Management



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Thank you to all of our staff, students, parents, community members, and alumni for your support!

Barhitte Elementary

Kick Start to Kindergarten



On Wednesday, May 4th Barhitte Elementary held Kick Start to Kindergarten (kindergarten registration) for the 2022-2023 school year. Current kindergartners led the incoming kindergartners on a tour of the school. The incoming kindergartners then met all of the Barhitte kindergarten teachers and did an activity with them. They ended their visit with a Bentley signing day, just like they do in sports, and each new student received a stuffed bulldog along with other items. If you missed the event, and have a child who will be attending kindergarten in the fall, please stop by the Barhitte office from 8 am - 4 pm business days through June 29th. You can also start the enrollment process online at www.bentleyschools.org

Glass Art



Mrs. Jensen's 5th grade reading intervention and WIN students read the book *Hot Glass Cool Artist*. Students then formulated questions and interviewed second grade teacher Mrs. Robinson, who has been a glass artist for many years. Mrs. Robinson not only answered their questions, but also brought in materials so students could create their own glass art. Students made glass pendants and trivets. It's always exciting and meaningful when students are able to connect their classroom learning to real life experiences!

Barhitte STEM Night

On Tuesday, May 10th, Barhitte held a STEM night for students and families. STEM is the intentional integration of science, technology, engineering, and math in an educational setting. The Bentley Middle and High School Robotics' teams organized the event that provided many hands-on activities for people of all ages to explore, create and invent. The Robo Raptors teams also had their robots on site and gave demonstrations. Barhitte's new FLL robotics team also had their robot on display and gave demonstrations. It was a fun, engaging night for all! Anyone interested in learning more about Bentley's robotics teams can contact Patty Camp at pcamp@bentleyschools.org.



Bentley's HS Robotics Team



Barhitte's FLL Robotics Team

Barhitte Elementary



RE/MAX Plus of Michigan School Balloon Program

On Thursday, May 19th, RE/MAX Plus broker Bina Zuccaro and a team from the RE/MAX of Michigan School Balloon Program gave a presentation on hot air balloons and answered the students' questions. The students were able to watch how a hot air balloon is unpacked, inflated and lofted into the air, seeing first hand the power of heated air as it lifted the balloon up through the cooler air. After the balloon was deflated, the students were able to help pack the 70-foot-long, 225-pound balloon! The presentation ended with a donated hot air balloon book for the Barhitte library and a goody bag for each student.



Kindergarten Visits the Children's Museum

Barhitte Kindergartners spent an afternoon in exploration and hands-on learning at our local children's museum.



Bentley Robo-Raptors qualify for world championship

Bentley Robo-Raptors had their best year ever! At the Saline Qualifier, they were presented with the prestigious Entrepreneurship Award for the team's structure—they have a sustainability plan for the team and accept all students who wish to participate regardless of previous experience, money, or ability. If a student has an interest, they're welcomed to the team! Moreover, this seven-year-old robotics team qualified for state competition in April, where they won their division. Although they were knocked out in the semi-finals of the FIRST Robotics Competition in Saginaw, they qualified to compete at World Competition in Houston, Texas April 20th-23rd. They joined the top 58 teams in Michigan, a state with approximately 450 teams.

Jim Craig, who is a member of the Burton Parks and Recreation Commission, said on social media the group has strong ties to parks and recreation as they volunteer year after year to set up and tear down the annual Burton Trick or Treat Trail as well as work the water stations at two races in the Burton Race Series – the Burton Memorial Day 5K and the Veterans Honor Run. "Winners both in robotics and in the community," he said on Facebook.

BOARD PRESIDENT

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With that being said, I urge all of you to get more involved. There are so many ways that parents, guardians, staff, and community members can support all students. We can participate in special events that are offered by the school. We can support our athletic, arts, and academic programs by "showing up" and cheering on or showing support for our students. We can volunteer for events. We need to "show up" for our students in our district and show them the support they deserve. We can always improve, there is no perfection in any community, district, family or individual. We must strive to always do better and to think of what all of our students have been through in the last couple years; we owe them at least that, to "show up". Let's make a positive impact with our students and show what it looks like when the whole community supports them.

Congratulations Class of 2022! You persevered and earned your distinction as you walk across that stage. Be proud of what you have endured, and what you have accomplished — you made it! Good luck in your next adventure!



A MESSAGE FROM

**Kristy
Spann**
Ph.D.

Superintendent

People ask me if I like my job, especially given the pandemic we've been living through. The answer: I LOVE my job! I work with amazing people and for amazing people—our youth! I'm not saying it's easy. It's not. The superintendent juggles curriculum and assessment needs, professional learning needs, personnel, policy and administrative guideline updates and implementation, budgeting, facility needs assessments and upgrades, athletics and other co- / extra-curricular activities, community partnerships, legislative relationships and initiatives, daily interpersonal conflict, and more. But at the core, it is always about our students: Hiring the best principals, teachers, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, food servers, and others for our students. Working to offer the best facilities with the resources we have for our students. Keeping our buses safe and clean and budgeting for new ones for our students. Installing and maintaining security cameras in the buildings and on the buses for our students. Remodeling the Barhitte kitchen and installing generators in every kitchen this summer for our students. Ensuring the copy machines, phones, boilers, etc. work for our students. I could go on and on. The point is that everything I do—and that every other Bentley employee does—is for our students.

We recognize that people are imperfect—kids, families, ourselves. And we also recognize that each student, family and staff member brings the best version of themselves to each situation. None of us leaves a better version of ourselves at home—we bring the best we've got every day. Moreover, when people make mistakes, we recognize that those mistakes don't define them. They are moments in time from which we can learn and grow.

Bentley is a great district. As I tell people, it is small but mighty! We are on a mission to ensure that each of us—students and staff—are learning and leading each day, whatever our respective positions. My hope is that as we move into the summer, people take the time to relax and get rejuvenated. I also hope that all of us return this fall with a renewed commitment to respect and compassion for one another. When we're working together for the benefit of each other, Bentley will be an even better place than it is now.

Kristy Spann, Ph.D.

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2022-23 School Year

Online Registration Open

All enrolled students must complete the annual registration process in order to attend any Bentley school in the fall. Registration is the process of confirming/updating address, contact information, emergency contacts, etc. Returning students can register online using ParentVue or by scanning the QR code at the right.



New Student Enrollments Now Open

New students need to enroll in the district. As a new enrollee, all required documents must be completed before students will be accepted as a student in their building. In addition to creating an online account, the following documents MUST be upload in ParentVUE during the enrollment process OR be brought to the school office as soon as possible:

- Discipline Verification • Release of Records • Original Birth Certificate • Two Proofs of Residency • Household Information Survey • Other Documents

If Applicable: Custody Agreements, IEPs, 504s, Medication Consent, etc. will need to contact the school office for enrollment instructions.

School of Choice Applications Now Available

Bentley Community Schools will again participate in the 105 State School of Choice program, accepting unlimited applications for kindergarten – 5th grade and 7th-12th grade.

Applications are available online from May 4th through August 18, 2022. You can also pick up an application in the Administration Office. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, August 18th, at 4:00 p.m.

Limited applications will be accepted for 6th grade only from July 13 – August 11, 2022. A lottery process will be used if we receive more applications than we can accept for 6th grade, i.e. 6th grade applications are not accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Scan the QR Code at right for more information.



Calendar

AUGUST

Aug 24 Staff – Welcome Back & Open House 4-6 PM
Aug 25 Staff PL
Aug 29 Student First Day

SEPTEMBER

Sep 2-5 Labor Day Recess
Sep 23 Homecoming
Sep 28 Students ½ Day; Staff PL

OCTOBER

Oct 5-6 Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 7 No School
Oct 26 Students ½ Day; Staff PL
Oct 31 End 1st Marking Period; Students & Staff ½ Day

NOVEMBER

Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 28 School Resumes
Nov 30 Students ½ Day; Staff PL

DECEMBER

Dec 19-30 Winter Break

JANUARY

Jan 2 Staff PL
Jan 3 School Resumes
Jan 16 No School—MLK Day
Jan 20 End 1st Semester-Full Day
Jan 23 Records Day & PL – No students

FEBRUARY

Feb 15-16 Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 17-20 Mid-Winter Break
Feb 21 School Resumes

MARCH

Mar 22 Students ½ Day; Staff PL
Mar 27-31 Spring Break

APRIL

Apr 3 School Resumes
Apr 6 End 3rd Marking Period
Apr 7 No School-Good Friday
Apr 10 No School-Easter Monday
Apr 26 Students ½ Day & Staff PL

MAY

May 12 HS Prom; Students/Staff ½ Day
May 25 Seniors' Last Day
May 29 No School—Memorial Day

JUNE

Jun 6 HS Honors Convocation
Jun 8 Graduation
Jun 15 Students' Last Day – ½ Day; Staff full day

SCHOOL HOURS**Barhitte**

8:25 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Half Days: 8:25 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Middle School & High School

7:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Half Days: 7:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.