

School Calendar

OCTOBER 2019

- 18 H.S. Dedication & Open House, 5pm
- 19 Homecoming Dance, 8pm
- 21 Special Board Meeting, 6pm
- 24 M.S. Picture Retakes
- 24 Supper with the Superintendent, 5:30pm
- 26 P.S. PTO Harvest Festival, 1pm
- 26 H.S. Football Crab Feed, 5:30pm
- 28 Student Late Arrival (10:20am)
- 28 School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 28 M.S. 2nd Sports Season Begins
- 30 Winter Ride Meeting & Sign-ups, 6pm

NOVEMBER 2019

- 1 M.S. Monster Mash Dance, 5:30pm
- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 5 P.S. PTO Meeting, 6:15pm
- 5 7th/8th Grade Fall Concert, 7pm
- 8 M.S. Veterans Day Assembly, 9am
- 8 E.S. Veterans Day Assembly, 1:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday (No School)
- 12 Special Board Meeting, 6pm
- 12 E.S. PTO Meeting, 6pm
- 14,15 H.S. Drama Performance, 7pm
- 15 Teacher Workday (No School)
- 16 H.S. Drama Performance, 2pm & 7pm
- 21-27 K-8 Conferences (12:50pm Release)
- 25 School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 27 K-12 Early Release, 12:50pm
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

DECEMBER 2019

- 5 1st/2nd Grade Concert, 1:30pm
- 6 E.S. PTO Dance, 5:30pm
- 9 Student Late Arrival (10:20am)
- 10 School Board Meeting, 12pm
- 10 5th Grade Concert, 1:30pm
- 10 E.S. PTO Mtg, 6pm
- 12 H.S. Community Concert, 7pm
- 13 M.S. Academic Assembly, 8:30am
- 17 7th/8th Grade Community Concert, 7pm
- 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break (No School)

THE BORDERITE REPORT

Brought To You By The Blaine School District

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I would love to hear your comments or feedback.
Send to: borderitenews@blainesd.org

Completion of Blaine High School's Core Facility

At about the same time that the Class of 2020 was entering kindergarten, planning for a new high school facility in Blaine got underway. As those same students began their senior year of high school, at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, the new facility was finally completed. After failed bond initiatives in 2008 and 2011, voters overwhelmingly supported the passage of bonds in 2012 and 2015 which included funding to make this goal a reality. We are so thankful to the voters of Blaine School District for supporting the construction of this state-of-the-art facility on our high school campus.

Blaine High School now has the ability to provide students and staff with a safe, responsive, adaptive, and inspiring facility that will serve to support both individual and collective teacher and learner needs and interests for decades to come. Continuity of the program is improved, as high school students will no longer need to leave their facility to eat lunch and attend classes that were spread out in other areas of the campus. The new facility includes a single public entry point for increased security. Aging and inefficient heating and ventilation systems have been replaced, and new infrastructure will support 21st century technology requirements. In addition to the increased and renovated classroom spaces, students now enjoy the benefits of a new cafeteria, new band, choir, and art rooms, a small theater, CTE shops, a culinary arts classroom, tennis courts, a new greenhouse, a renovated library, and updated offices.

Blaine School District students and staff recognize the extensive level of community ownership and involvement that is in place at all levels of our program, and we remain greatly appreciative of this support for the ongoing growth and success of all students. Patrons and families from Blaine, Birch Bay, and Point Roberts are invited to attend a Community Open House on Friday, October 18, at the new entrance at 1055 H Street. Blaine School District will formally dedicate the new high school with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:00pm, followed by refreshments and tours of the new campus. We hope you will join us for this important celebration!



A Letter from Blaine High School Principal Scott Ellis...

Dear Blaine School District Community Members:

Thank you for voting for the approval of our wonderful new Blaine High School. Your support of this long needed endeavor will forever change the education and opportunities for our current and future Borderites. We are excited for the experiences our students will now have in a high-tech and world-class facility that our community will be proud of for decades to come. Thank you for your investment in our children. Together, we will strive to enhance and provide for our students' futures and help them reach their fullest potential. As always, our students are thankful to live in a community that supports the Borderites!

Scott Ellis
High School Principal

Supper with the Superintendent

Blaine School District Superintendent Dr. Christopher Granger would like to welcome the community to a question and answer session on October 24 at 5:30pm in the new library at Blaine High School. This is an opportunity to get to know our new Superintendent and to ask any questions you may have. A light meal will be served in the lobby. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to connect and collaborate in making Blaine School District great!



Stadium Complex Update

Dawson Construction's work on the grandstand's underlying structure and surrounding area is nearly complete. This includes new walkways, a ticket booth, a concession stand, restrooms, and storage space for the athletic program. Southern Bleacher has installed the skeletal structure for the seating area and roof, as well as putting the press box into place. Detailed installation work will continue over the next several weeks. Once the bleachers are fully installed, final work will be done on electrical, lighting, and fencing around the complex with full completion anticipated in December. During grandstand construction, the adjacent parking lot will remain closed.

Planning work, including preliminary soils testing, is underway in anticipation of field turf installation which is tentatively scheduled to begin after the spring athletic season in 2020. We look forward to the completion of these improvements to our stadium complex, and the benefit they will bring to our Borderite athletic programs.



Winter Weather Information

Sometimes weather conditions create the need for a late start, or the cancellation of school for the entire day.

There are a number of ways that you can access school schedule information on inclement weather mornings. Push notifications and automated calls will be sent through the "Blaine SD" mobile app. The Blaine School District website (www.blainesd.org), KGMI, and Seattle TV Stations will have updated details as early as 5:30am and no later than 6:00am. Parents may also call the Schedule Hotline at 360-332-0789 for school schedule information. Severe weather bus route schedules can be found on the Blaine School District website. When school is closed, all school activities, including after school athletic practices, are also canceled. Student and staff safety remains our primary concern.



Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. What can you do?

- Make school attendance a priority
 - Find out if your child feels engaged and safe in school
 - Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary
 - Be aware of your child's social contacts
 - Encourage meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs
 - Know the school's attendance policy
 - Talk to your child's teacher if you notice a sudden change in behavior
 - Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Absences, even if they are excused, can add up to academic trouble. Please ask for help from school officials, after-school programs, or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school. We know you want your child to succeed and we want that as well. We're here to help you and your child achieve that goal.

Check out our district website: www.blainesd.org