



**2023-2024**

**BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT CALENDAR**

# Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year at Beaver River Central School District

As the new school year begins, we're excited to embark on a journey of learning, growth, and community. Our school district's mission is to:

"Serve serves as a center for education in dynamic partnership with students, staff, parents, and community to provide each student the opportunity to achieve maximum potential in all areas of life and learning now and in the future."

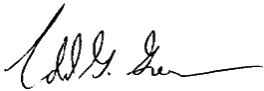
Part of the partnership is ongoing communication. That is why the calendar your are holding was created. It is being sent to all residents of the district to help communicate many of our regular activities throughout the year. The dates are accurate as of the printing of the calendar. We did not include the athletic calendar as it changes frequently. Those events can be found online at::

<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/11>.

In the calendar you will find information about expectations, availability of building use, and other policies and procedures that are often requested of the district. The calendar will be posted on our website.

We are looking forward to a new year. Together, let's embrace the opportunities ahead, build connections, and make this year a memorable and successful one. Here's to a year filled with discovery, achievement, and endless possibilities. Let's make it great!"

Sincerely,



Todd G. Green, Superintendent

**Please Note:**

The District Calendar was prepared during the months of July and August. Therefore, dates of some activities may change as needed during the school year. To verify any dates, times, location or formats, please contact your child's school building.

## Welcome to Beaver River

The 2023-2024 school year will begin for all students, PreK-12, with a full day of classes on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

## School Start and End Times

Elementary School: 8:25 a.m. - 3:21 p.m.  
Middle & High School: 8:25 a.m. - 3:21 p.m.

## Student Registration

New students should be registered as soon as possible at the building they will attend. You can call the Guidance Office at 315-346-1211 ext. 540 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for MS/HS 6-12 grade students. For Elementary PK-5 grade call 315-346-1211 ext. 510.

## Kindergarten Registration

Children are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten if their fifth birthday falls on or before December 1st. A birth certificate and proof of immunization are required. Registration for children entering Kindergarten in September of 2024 will be held in the spring, with screening dates scheduled in April 2024.

## **2023-2024 SCHOOL TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION**

*School tax bills will be mailed during the last week of August.*

Taxes can be paid in person from **September 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2023** at the Beaver River Central School Tax Collector Office. Taxes will be collected **Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and on Thursdays (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 & 10/26) from 4:00 pm - 6 pm ONLY**

The tax collector can be reached at 315-346-1211 ext. 505. Parking has been designated in front of school. Parking is not available in the circle driveway before 9:00 am or after 2:30 pm when buses enter and exit to drop off and/or pick up students.

Taxes may be paid by mail by following the directions on the tax bill. Checks should be made payable to : Tax Collector, Beaver River CSD, and should be mailed to: Tax Collector, Beaver River Central School District, PO Box 179, Beaver Falls, NY 13305. Taxes paid by mail must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2023 to avoid penalty. October 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2023 taxes due plus a 2% penalty. No taxes will be accepted if postmarked after October 31, 2023 or by cash after October 31, 2023.

# Board of Education and District Administration

## Board of Education

The Board of Education is comprised of seven members elected by district residents at the annual election and budget vote held each spring. Board members serve without pay for staggered three-year terms.

Under the Education Law of New York state, the school board is responsible for establishing policies, which govern the education of all children attending district schools; for preparing the annual budget and for ensuring district adherence to state law and regulations. The Superintendent of Schools is charged with seeing that school board policies are carried out.

Regular meetings of the Beaver River Central School Board of Education are typically held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Additional Board meetings are held on an as-needed basis. The Board of Education meeting calendar is located on the Beaver River website. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

## Beaver River Central School Board of Education 2023-2024

Jonathan Beller, President

Todd Lighthall, Vice President

Holly Aucter, Trustee

Stacy Greaud, Trustee

Jacqueline Pate, Trustee

Jamie Zehr, Trustee

Zechariah Zehr, Trustee

## District Administration

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Todd Green	315-346-1211 ext. 500
School Business Official	Mr. Ronald Rockwood	315-346-1211 ext. 507
Principal, Middle/High	Mr. Daniel Rains	315-346-1211 ext. 530
Assistant Principal, MS/HS	Mr. Troy Hebert	315-346-1211 ext. 520
Principal, Elementary	Dr. Kimberly Lyman-Wright	315-346-1211 ext. 510
Athletic Director	Mr. Michael Kogut	315-346-1211 ext. 370
Computer Resources Manager	Mr. Joseph Virkler	315-346-1211 ext. 580
Director of Special Education	Mrs. Eliza Boliver	315-346-1211 ext. 550
Food Service Director	Mrs. Heather Pellam	315-346-1211 ext. 560
Transportation Supervisor	Mrs. Melissa Kenealy	315-346-1211 ext. 590
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	Mr. Lloyd Richardson	315-346-1211 ext. 570

## DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Beaver River Central School serves as a center for education in a dynamic partnership with students, staff, parents, and community to provide each student the opportunity to achieve maximum potential in all areas of life and learning now and in the future.



## Where Do I Go With a Question or Concern?

Concerns or questions regarding your child's educational experience should be directed first to his or her classroom teacher. If more information is needed or you still have questions and/or concerns, you may want to schedule a meeting with your child's principal or school counselor. A call to the Superintendent of Schools is most appropriate if you feel your questions have not been adequately addressed at the preceding levels. If you have questions regarding who to contact, call the District Office at 315-346-1211 ext. 500.



# HEALTH SERVICES

## **Health Services:**

Healthy children are more successful in school. Therefore, we provide health services for illness, injury and other health related concerns under the guidance of registered nurses in the school for Pre-K through 12th grade. Students visiting the health office will be evaluated on an individual basis. Parents will be notified either by phone or Parent Square whenever further medical attention is needed, and/or illness or injury prevents the student from completing the school day.

### Registered Nurses:

Carrie Walseman 315-346-3602 [cwalseman@brcsd.org](mailto:cwalseman@brcsd.org)  
Hope Grave 315-346-3601 [hgraves@brcsd.org](mailto:hgraves@brcsd.org)

## **Carthage Clinic:**

The Carthage Area Hospital school based health clinic is staffed by a medical provider and a licensed practical nurse. They can be contacted at 315-346-3306 or <https://www.carthagehospital.com/location/beaver-river-school-based-health-clinic/>

## **Physical Examinations:**

A physical examination is required for all students prior to entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, as well as a new entrants to school. Examinations may be completed by your own primary care provider, the CAH school based clinic, or the school's medical provider. If these exams are not received, your child will be scheduled with the school's medical provider. There is no cost for the exam to be completed by the school provider. Physical examinations are required every year for students who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics.

## **Immunizations:**

Immunizations are required for school attendance. Failure to provide proof of immunity within 14 days of the start of the school year will result in your child's inability to attend school until provided. The only exemptions schools may accept are for medical reasons. Written notification from your physician is required. Letters are sent home to parents prior to the end of the school year for those students who required additional immunizations. Full details on school and child care immunizations requirements are available at <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>.

## **Special Health Needs:**

Please notify the school nurse if your child has any special health needs. This information is kept confidential and it can be important to a successful school experience. Examples of such health needs include bee sting allergy, food allergies, medication allergies, difficulty with vision, hearing or speech, need for medication during the school day, need for special equipment such as crutches, walkers or wheelchairs, either temporary or permanent basis. A current health/emergency form must be on file in the school nurse's office. These will be updated every school year.

## **Medication in School:**

A physician's order and parent permission are required for all prescription medication and over-the-counter remedies such as Tylenol, Motrin, cough syrup and cough drops that are required during the school day or school related activity. School nurses are permitted to dispense medication during school hours, only when the following have been met each school year:

1. Written authorization from a prescribing physician, which includes the student's name, birthdate, medication dose, route, time, date and prescriber's signature, title, address and phone number.
2. Written authorization from the parent.
3. Prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy container, labeled with the student's name, medication dose, route, and time. Non-prescription medication must be in its original container with the student's name attached.
4. All medication must be provided and delivered to the nurse's office by the parent/guardian.
5. Medication will be stored in the nurse's office. All medications not picked up at the end of the school year will be discarded.

## **Physician's Orders:**

The New York State Education Department requires new medical orders every school year. If your child has an order for:

1. Medication(s)-prescription or over-the-counter.
2. A life threatening or serious medical condition that requires an emergency care plan.

## **Mandated Screenings:**

New York State mandates vision, hearing and scoliosis screening for newly entering students and as follows. Vision and hearing screens for grades Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11. Scoliosis screens are conducted for boys in Grade 9 and girls in Grades 5 and 7. The school nurse will conduct vision and hearing screens. Your child's physical education teacher will conduct scoliosis screens, if there is any concern, a recheck will be conducted by an RN and the school medical provider. Parents will be notified if there are any concerns with any of the screens conducted.

## **Dental Exams:**

A dental certificate is requested, but not mandated for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.





# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

## Attendance:

State law requires that all school-age children attend school. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential to learning and developing responsibility for future work experience. Parents/guardians are urged to assist us in the development of responsible young adults by seeing that children attend school regularly, except when they are ill.

Whenever your child is absent, be sure to call and inform the Elementary Office (PreK-5) or the Attendance Office (6-12) in the morning of the first day of absence. Unreported absences may result in the school nurse contacting the parents/guardians of the absent child. Students are responsible for any material covered and/or assignments missed during their absence.

Whenever a child has been absent or tardy, a written excuse should be provided from the parent/guardian upon return to school. Excessive absence or habitual tardiness will result in the scheduling of a parent conference and a referral to the Home & School Coordinator. Continuous absence may result in a loss of credit or failure of the class. If you have questions or concerns about possible loss of course credit due to absences, contact the classroom teacher or the building principal.

Students who must leave during the school day are required to bring a written request from a parent/guardian to the Elementary Office (PK-5) or the Attendance Office (6-12). All students must report to the attendance office and/or main office prior to leaving school.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance at school, contact the Elementary Office (PK-5) or the Attendance Office (6-12). The complete attendance policy is available in the BRCS Standards for Community-Wide Conduct.

## Discipline:

School is a place for students to learn and develop healthy social relationships. In order for the school to provide an environment conducive to learning and growing, students must cooperate by respecting others as well as themselves. Specific disciplinary procedures are outlined in BRCS Standards for Community-Wide Conduct, which is distributed to all students on the first day of school; a copy of the full document can be found on the website or from the Elementary, Middle and High School offices. Discipline is a responsibility that is shared by both home and school. Beaver River faculty and staff members support proper discipline habits for student and are happy to work cooperatively with parents in this effort.

## Report Cards:

Grades are an indication of a student's effort and understanding of a subject. Report cards are issued quarterly and sent home with Elementary School students. Report cards are issued quarterly and are **mailed** home at the Middle and High School levels. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in the fall for all students in grades PK-5 in addition to their report cards. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled in the spring for PK-5 students who are at risk academically and or behaviorally. Parent-teacher conferences for all students identified as being at-risk are scheduled as needed.

All students in grades 6-12 receive a five-week progress report for each marking period. Parents are encouraged to consult with teachers and/or school counselors when difficulties arise regarding a student's academic progress. It is very important that parents and teachers work together on behalf of the children.

## Student Opportunities:

Students in every grade may explore a rich variety of activities through both classroom and co-curricular opportunities. We believe that a high percentage of student participation in co-curricular activities not only ensures a well-rounded education but also allows our students to find success in their areas of individual interest.

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## Working Papers:

Beaver River Central School cooperates with the New York State Labor Department in the issuance of working papers required by law for minors, ages 14-18, who seek part-time or full-time employment. Students must submit proof of age and must have had a physical examination within the last year. Students must apply in person and sign in the presence of a school official. A parent's signature is also required on the application. Working papers are issued through the MS/HS Office.

## Information for Student Drivers:

Permission to park at BRCS facilities is a privilege. Once this privilege is granted, students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner. Irresponsible behavior will result in suspension of parking privileges at BRCS. BRCS honors requests for parking permits from those students that have established positive behavior patterns. Any student wishing to park at school must obtain a parking pass from the MS/HS office. **As there are a limited number of parking spots available, seniors will have priority for receiving a parking permit.** Students and parents will sign a permission form each year indicating the expectations for parking at school during the school year. A parking pass will be given to students for each year. This sticker must be affixed to the rear driver side window of the approved vehicle. Our primary interest is the safety of all our students. Additional information regarding student parking is provided at the time of registration.

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Extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for expanding special interests and abilities. Activities include academic, special interest clubs, choral and instrumental activities and drama productions. Students at all levels are encouraged to explore their creativity through art and music courses and groups, as well as through theater.

The athletic program at Beaver River emphasizes the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play. The purpose of our athletic program is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the participants. Along with this, we encourage leadership, initiative, good judgment, and courtesy. Interscholastic athletics include girls tennis, football, soccer, girls swimming, cross country, wrestling, basketball, girls volleyball, boys indoor track, baseball, softball and outdoor track.

## Student Clubs and Activities:

A student's involvement in extra-curricular activities is an important part of a complete education. This involvement provides the student with an opportunity to discover and develop talents and abilities. Each student is encouraged to select wisely from a wide range of activities and to participate in those areas which hold the greatest promise.

### Student Clubs:

HS Student Council	MS Student Council	ES Student Council	Youth Advisory
FFA	Future Educators	Drama Club	MS/HS Art Club
Odyssey of the Mind	Spanish Club	National Honor Society	MS Yearbook
HS Yearbook	Whiz Quiz	Sources of Strength	Students Against Destructive Decisions
Common Ground	Chess Club	Fine Arts	

## Special Education Programs:

The Beaver River Central School District provides a continuum of educational programs for students with disabilities. Most services for students with disabilities are provided within the district, with a few programs in neighboring school districts and through BOCES. Anyone who suspects that his or her child may have a disability that would require special educational services should call the CSE office.

## Resource Rooms:

The Resource Rooms are designed to provide special education students with an opportunity to get help with academic skills and course content. Students with an IEP (those classified through CSE) may be regularly scheduled for classes in the resource room.

## Learning Center:

The goal of the Learning Center is to improve student learning by bringing students, teachers, and/or tutors together with resources for one-to-one tutoring or small group interaction. Title I and 504 students have first priority to receive services in the Student Learning Center. New referrals must go through the IST process first. Students will be offered an opportunity to seek and receive help in all content areas. Contact the building offices for more information.

### **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Beaver River has purchased planners for all Middle and High School Students. The school planners are designed to help students. The school planners are designed to help students manage their time and plan their day.

The first planner is free. If a student loses or destroys his/her planner he/she will have to pay \$5.00 for the first copy; \$10.00 for the second copy and \$15.00 for the third copy. The student is advised to keep their planner intact and not remove pass pages for the duration of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year,

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is a critical factor in school success for students. Consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation. School attendance is both a right and a responsibility in New York State. Parents are expected to make sure that their children attend school on a regular basis. When a child is absent from class, he/she misses valuable teacher instruction, guided practice activities, and the opportunity to interact with staff and students as they question and answer the information being taught.

The Beaver River Central School District Board of Education has established a Minimal Attendance Policy that states. **All students must attend at least 87% of all class sessions in order to receive credit for a course. A student may not be absent for more than 12 class sessions for a semester course, or 24 classes for a full year course. All absences (legal, illegal, and suspensions) count in the total sessions missed.** Physical education is a 1/2 credit course that meets all year. Students will only be allowed 12 absences for this course. Parents will be notified in writing when their child has reached the half-way point of absences in any given subject.

All excuses must be handed in to the attendance office and written by a parent or guardian. The excuse should have the following information:

- The date written
- The date(s) of absences(s)
- The reason for the absence(s) in case of illness, the general nature of the illness
- The parent/guardian(s) signature

Computers/chromebooks are to be used to enhance the educational process and as a tool across all curriculum and grade levels. To that end, the technology committee has compiled the following guidelines for regular student usage of computers/chromebooks at the Beaver River Central School District.

- The computers/chromebooks are the property of the school. All computers/chromebooks on the network will be maintained with the same appearance and mode of operation; therefore, students will make no changes to the machines or the mode of operation.
- There is to be no use of BRCS property for personal gain; no inappropriate language or harassment; no invasion of privacy; no tampering of the network; no chat room participation; no games or other programs of any kind added to the machines on the network to your own personal folder. Pirating from the network will not be allowed.
- Students will follow all copyright policies, and be aware of the consequences of plagiarism. There will be no individual downloading of music or videos from the school's private network.
- There will be no sharing of passwords. Students are responsible for all activity on their individual network account. Using a BRCS network while access privileges are suspended or revoked is not allowed.
- Unauthorized email will not be allowed. There will be no spamming (flooding the network with messages), no broadcasting (sending a message to everyone online), no crossing over to other servers, no saving large numbers of messages, and no distasteful graphics/photos in your mailbox or on the server.
- Providing personal information (name, address, phone number, etc.) of staff, students, oneself, or others via the internet or network is not allowed.
- Any vandalism to the school computers will not be tolerated. This includes any intentional damage to equipment, stealing of any parts thereof, etc.
- Sharing audio, video, texts, or pictures is not allowed without parental permission and may not occur during the school day.

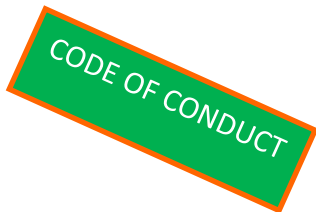
# ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Code of Conduct was mandated by the State and guidelines were set so that all schools throughout New York State addressed the issues put forth by the legislators.

Students will be informed of the Code of Conduct at meetings and they will be given a copy. The document addresses the following areas:

- I. Introduction
- II. Beaver River Central School Student Bill of Rights
- III. Essential Partners
- IV. Student Dress Code
- V. Disciplinary Guidelines
- VI. Interscholastic & Co-Curricular Code
- VII. Acceptable Use Policy
- VIII. Student Attendance
- IX. BRCS Academic Policies

The students will all receive a Student Code of Conduct that will need to be signed by both the student and the parent/guardian. We ask that you please review the handbook with your child and call your building principal with any questions. The Code of Conduct can be found at: [https://www.brcsd.org/k-12\\_info/student\\_code\\_of\\_conduct](https://www.brcsd.org/k-12_info/student_code_of_conduct)



# BEAVER RIVER ATHLETICS

## Athletic Participation:

Students in grades 7 through 12 may take part in interscholastic sports. As athletes and representatives of Beaver River Central School, students participating in interscholastic athletics are expected to maintain high standards of conduct. These standards, as well as disciplinary measures for violations are set forth in the student handbook provided to each student. Athletes must maintain academic eligibility in accordance with the Beaver River Student Athlete Code of Conduct in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

## Athletic Philosophy:

All students are encouraged to participate in interscholastic athletics. Unless there is an overabundance of students trying out for a particular team, no student will be excluded in the selection process. Students that complete a school physical and meet the standards set forth in the Beaver River student handbook may participate in interscholastic athletics. Beaver River offers its athletic programs across three levels depending on each individual sport, The three levels are Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity. At the Modified level basic skill development and developing an understanding for the rules of the game are stressed. Every effort is made to allow each athlete to participate in each event at this level. At the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels the focus switches to higher level skill development and competition. On the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels it is understood that not all athletes will participate in each contest. Teams on all levels are expected to show positive sportsmanship and attitudes.

## Athletic Procedures:

All Beaver River Student Athletes must fulfill the following responsibilities to be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports.

1. Student Athletes need to complete necessary forms to sign up for Beaver Athletics. These forms can be found on the school website.
2. Student Athletes need to complete and pass a physical by a physician every 12 months as required by NYSPHSAA.
3. Meet all academic and student code of conduct requirements.

## Beaver River Athletic Teams:

### Fall Sports:

Boys Cross Country - Modified and Varsity  
 Girls Cross Country - Modified and Varsity  
 Football - Modified and Varsity  
 Boys Soccer - Modified and Varsity  
 Girls Soccer - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Girls Swimming - Modified and Varsity  
 Girls Tennis - Varsity

### Winter Sports:

Boys Basketball - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Girls Basketball - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Girls Volleyball - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Wrestling - Modified and Varsity  
 Indoor Track and Field - Varsity

### Spring Sports:

Baseball - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Softball - Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
 Boys Track and Field - Modified and Varsity  
 Girls Track and Field - Modified and Varsity



## ALMA MATER

There's a land of rushing water,  
 Where once a forest grew,  
 Where the dark trees trailed their branches,  
 In the rivers dusty hue.  
 Where the Beavers built their houses,  
 In confidence serene,  
 Where the sunset was the orange  
 And the forest was the green.

# BEAVER RIVER ATHLETICS

## Academic Eligibility Policy:

Beaver River has adopted a new academic eligibility policy. It is the obligation of all coaches and parents to work cooperatively with teachers to encourage each athlete to do his/her best academically. It will be the coaches' responsibility to make sure that each athlete meets the criteria set forth in the academic policy. The eligibility form will be printed on green stock card with black ink. You may pick up these forms in the Athletic Director's office.

The Beaver River Central School District maintains high academic standards for all of its students. The Academic Eligibility Policy applies to all student sin all academic activities. A student's academic standing is reviewed every five weeks, using both the 10-week grade report and the 5-week progress report unless a student is restricted or ineligible at that time then see below for specifics.

## Eligible:

Students who are passing with a 65 average in all courses on their reports are considered eligible; they are able to fully participate in all athletic activities without restriction. A student athlete must be a bona fide student of the Beaver River Central School District and must be taking at least four subjects, including Physical Education.

## Probationary:

Students who are failing one course on their reports are considered Probationary; these students may continue practicing and competing/performing with their team. The student is required to complete a Weekly Eligibility Card to ensure he/she continues to meet eligibility requirements. This serves as a check of the student's grades. The student is strongly encouraged to attend the After-School Work Study.

## Restricted:

Students who are failing two courses on the reports are considered restricted; these students may continue practicing with their team. These students are not allowed to compete with the team until such a time as their grades are passing. Restricted students must attend the After-School Work Study sessions for the rest of the marking period. A restricted student will be required to complete a Weekly Eligibility Card every week thereafter. If the teacher (s) indicated he/she is passing all courses, or that student is putting forth considerable effort to improve his/her academic performance, the student will be able to fully participate for each week he/she maintains passing grades.

## Ineligible:

If a student fails three or more courses, they may not practice or compete until such time that he/she reach a restricted or probationary status/ He/she may not attend any practices, contests, or events for the team at home. Ineligible students must attend the After-School Work Study sessions and complete the Weekly Eligibility Card every week until such time they regain eligibility, then they may rejoin practice sessions and contests/games. The card serves only as a check of the student's progress and does not entitle him/her to any temporary change in eligibility status. A student's parent/guardian may file an appeal on behalf of the child if they believe extenuating circumstances contributed to the failures.

## Weekly Eligibility Card:

Cards are available from the Athletic Director's office. Students who are listed as Probationary, Restricted, or Ineligible must obtain this card by Thursday. They must request that each of their classroom teachers indicate if they are passing or failing at that point in time. The student must then return the card with all signatures to their coach by 12:00 p.m. on Friday for verification of their status for the week. Eligibility will run from Monday to Monday of the following week. Failure to complete the weekly card places the student on Ineligible status until the card is completed. It is the coach's responsibility to check to see if the student is eligible to participate in practices or competitions. Guidance will cooperate in this endeavor by checking sports' rosters against grade indexes and forwarding this information to the applicable coach.

## Notification:

The Director of Physical Education will be the only one authorized to permanently remove a student athlete from a roster.

## Fall Eligibility:

All students who are Restricted/Ineligible at the end of the school year will begin the following school year on a restricted status unless course failures are made up over the summer. A student may go to a probationary status to participate.

## Appeal Process:

Parents/Guardians, coaches or youth advocates of students who fail a course (s) and become ineligible as a result may appeal their student's status if they believe extenuating circumstances caused that failure. The appeal is due five (5) school days after the student is notified of his/her status by the coach. The appeal will be heard by an Appeals Board consisting of a building administrator, the Athletic Director, the applicable coach, and the student's guidance counselor. The entire Appeals Board must be present during this procedure. It will be the role of the student to explain the extenuating circumstances involved in the ineligibility. A written appeal may be made to the Superintendent of Schools, no more than five (5) days after notification of the decision. The Superintendent may affirm, in whole or in part, a decision of Appeals Board.

An appeal of this decision may then be taken to the Board of Education who may affirm, in whole or in part, a decision of the Superintendent. This appeal must take place no more than five (5) school days after they are notified of the Superintendent's decision.

## Beaver River Central School District - Participation in Non-BRCSD Offered Athletics:

Beaver River CSD wishes to offer its student-athletes as many opportunities as possible. In certain circumstances an athlete may wish to participate in a sport not offered at Beaver River. In this situation the guidelines for such participation in an interscholastic sport at another district are below. These guidelines were developed to support students and maintain BRCSD current Athletic Programs.

1. All BRCSD student athletes must meet Beaver River eligibility requirements as listed in the student handbook.
2. Students must express interest in participating in the sport minimally a full sports season prior to the start of the sport season they are looking to participate in.
3. The athletes must get Board of Education approval from the District taking on the athletes as well as the BRCSD Board of Education.
4. BRCSD will allow a maximum of two (2) athletes to participate per sport and level at another district willing to accept the athletes.
5. If more than two (2) athletes express interest in a sport, BRCSD will take the following actions:
  - a. First, BRCSD will look into forming its own team if there are enough interested athletes.
  - b. If it is not feasible to have a team, then BRCSD will have a lottery to draw which athletes will be able to participate in the sport outside the district.
  - c. Once an athlete begins participating in a specific sport, they will be allowed to continue in that sport on an annual basis as long as they continue playing for consecutive seasons.
  - d. If an athlete fails to complete their season on an out of district team, they will not be permitted to participate in future out of district competition.
6. Athletes and families participating in a sport outside of BRCSD will be fully responsible for their own transportation and any additional expenses required to participate.

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## SPORT SCHEDULES

Due to the constant changes in the athletic schedule because of inclement weather or other causes, the schedule will not be published in the newsletter. The athletic schedule can be viewed on [www.schedulegalaxy.com](http://www.schedulegalaxy.com).

If you have any questions about the sports schedule, please feel free to give us a call at 315-346-1211 ext. 370.

Updates and changes to the sports schedule are also posted on the website at [www.brcsd.org](http://www.brcsd.org) and at times on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/brcsdk12>.

We will do the best we can to post all contests on these pages.





# TRANSPORTATION

## Bus Permission

Unless bused children bring written permission signed by a parent to ride another bus, students must ride their regular buses home. We feel this precaution is necessary because children sometimes decide to visit friends without parent's permission. When this happens, we have no way of locating your child. The note should come to school with your child and either be given to the teacher and/or the Transportation Office.

## BUS CONDUCT

The following steps will be taken for those students who become a discipline problem for the bus driver.

1. A warning will be issued to the student by the driver to correct unacceptable behavior.
2. The driver may assign a seat to any or every child on their bus to control conduct.
3. If that fails....a bus conduct report will be referred to the appropriate building principal. The principal will discuss the problem with the student and make recommendations.

A copy of the Conduct Report will be sent to the parent and the building principal may call the parent to discuss the situation. You are urged to support the action taken by the driver and cooperate with corrective action.

## Bus Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations are posted in all of the school buses to assist the drivers with discipline.

1. Observe the rules in the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline.
2. Be courteous, use no profane language.
3. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
4. Keep the bus clean.
5. Cooperate with the driver.
6. No tobacco products.
7. Do no damage the bus or equipment.
8. Stay in your seat.
9. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus.
10. Do not fight, push, or shove.
11. Do not tamper with bus equipment.
12. Do not bring pets on the bus.
13. Do not bring flammable material on the bus.
14. Do no bring obscene materials on the bus.
15. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.

**Your 911 address should be clearly visible to the bus driver either on your house or mailbox.**

## BUS NOTES

Here are a few reminders so that we can ensure your child arrives safe and in the correct location each and every day.

Students that ride a school bus other than their assigned bus must have a written note from their parent/guardian. Please include the following on the note that you send in:

- Name of child
- Teacher's Name
- Address of drop off location
- Adult's name at that address
- Bus route number

**Transportation  
Extension: 570**

Please use the bus notes provided. They can be found on the district webpage at :

[https://www.brcsd.org/k-12\\_info/back\\_to\\_school\\_2015\\_information](https://www.brcsd.org/k-12_info/back_to_school_2015_information), or you make contact the Transportation Office at 315-346-1211 ext. 570.

Phone calls will be accepted in **EMERGENCY** situations and these calls need to be received by 1:00 pm to ensure that your child gets to the right afternoon drop off. Our staff delivers bus notes to the classrooms at 1:00 pm daily.

## 2023-2024 Bus Routes

Route#	Driver	Roads Covered
#1	Pat Nortz	Long Pond Rd, Fish Creek Rd, Belfort Rd, Erie Canal Rd to turn around, Steiner Rd, Kirschner Rd, Convent Street
#2	Bill Meyer	Number Four Rd, Buck Point Rd, Stillwater Rd, Petrie Rd, Dicob Rd, New Rd, Adams Hill Rd, Ruprick Rd, Number four to district line, Erie Canal Rd to Shaw Rd, Shaw Rd, Part of Muncy Rd, Erie Canal Rd from Number Four Rd to Beech Hill Rd
#3	Randy Widrick	Erie Canal Rd from Indian River to Belfort, Birdie lane, Old State Rd from Belfort to Monnat School Rd, 812 to Bridge St, Belfort Rd. to High Falls Rd., High Falls Rd.
#4 T	Tom Freeman	Boliver Rd, Jerden Falls Rd, 812 from Jerden Falls Rd to district line, Texas Rd, 812 from Texas Rd to Pine Tree Rd, 812 from Pine Tree Rd. to Old State Road, Mechanic Street, School Street, Bank Street
#5	Colleen Bush	Beecher Rd, Soft Maple Rd, Bush Rd, Turck Rd, Aucter Rd Adams Hill Rd, Kirschner Rd to Black Creek Road, Pearl St., George St. Red Pine Lane
#6	TBD	Steele Rd, Youngs Mills Rd, Third Rd, Old State Rd, Resha Rd, Baker Rd, Beaver Falls Rd, LeFevre St, Main St, Lewis St, Hill Top St.
#7	Dawn Jackson	Aubel Rd, Zecher Rd, Jackson Lane, Beech Ridge Rd, Rohr Rd, Second Rd, Cross Road, Toytown, Main Street, Riverside Drive, Main Street
#8	Debra Peters	Shady Avenue, Williams St, 812 from 126 to Bridge St Fire Hall St, Bridge St, Old Indian River Rd, Swiss Rd, Addison Ave, Mira Lane
#9	TBD	Cold Spring Park Rd, 126 from Tooker Hill, Rt. 410 to District line, Naumburg Lane, 126 to Martin Rd, Martin Rd, 126 to Artz Road
#10	Mark Hills	Erie Canal Rd from Kirschner Rd to turn around, Yousey Rd, Croghan Reservoir Rd, Erie Canal Rd to Brewery Rd, Briot Rd, Kirschner Rd, Black Creek Rd, Brewery Rd, Farney Rd, Erie Canal from Brewery Rd to Beech Hill Rd. to Mattis Rd, State Route 126 from Croghan to Cut Off Rd.
#11	TBD	Beech Hill Rd, Baker Rd, Ossont Rd, Part of Muncy Rd. Tillman Rd, Hoffman Rd, Lomber Rd, Deveines Rd.
#12	Laura VanCour	VanAmber Rd from Naumburg to 812, 812 to Hopps Rd, River Rd, 812 to Artz Rd
#13	Sheila Roggje	812 from Croghan to Buckingham Rd, 812 to Cut-Off Rd, Cross Rd, Cut-Off Rd to 126, 126 to Artz Rd, Artz Rd to School
#14	Vern Zehr	812 from Artz Rd to Cut-Off Rd, Snell Rd, Patty St, Artz Rd, Basslin Rd.
#15	Rick Tabolt	Special Education to Lowville, Glenfield, and South Lewis, and BOCES

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 BOE meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 JV & V Fall Sports begin	22	23 Freshman Orientation 6:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28 Modified Fall Sports begin	29	30 Superintendent Conference Day Grade 6 Orientation 5:30 pm OPEN HOUSE 6 pm. — 7:30 p.m.	31 Superintendent Conference Day		

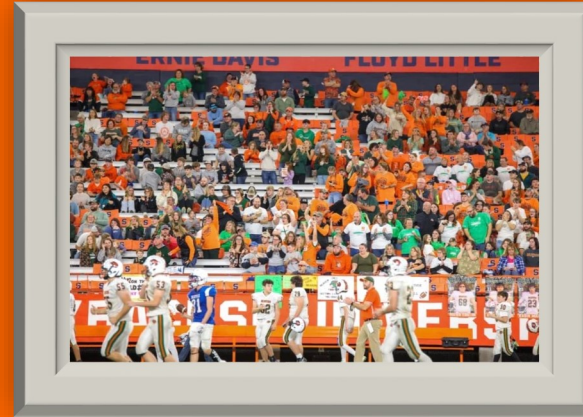
# SEPTEMBER 2023





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	1	2
3	4 	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Home & School Mtg 3:30 BOE meeting 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm	21	22	23
24	25 5th grade STAR Base Field Trip	26 5th grade STAR Base Field Trip	27 5th grade STAR Base Field Trip 	28 5th grade STAR Base Field Trip 	29 5th grade STAR Base Field Trip	30

# October 2023




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Superintendent Day No School	7
8	9 	10 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm HOMECOMING WEEK	11 HOMECOMING WEEK	12 ES Fall Concert 7:00 pm HOMECOMING WEEK	13 HOMECOMING WEEK	14 Homecoming 
15	16	17	18 Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm	19 A Night at the Theater 7:00 pm	20	21  Home & School Sponsored
22	23 BOE Work Sessions	24	25	26	27 Elementary Fall Festival (Parade @ 2:00 pm)	28
29	30	31				



# November 2023




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Elementary Q1 ends	4 Bi-County Music Festival Concert @ Lowville 12 & 2 pm
5	6	7	8	9 Elementary Report Cards Go Home MS/HS 1st quarter ends Beauty & The Beast Musical 7:00 pm	<b>10 NO SCHOOL</b>  Beauty & The Beast Musical 7:00 pm	11 Beauty & The Beast Musical 2:00 pm
12	13 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	14  Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	15 Parent Teacher Conference & Staff Development Day: PK-12 released at 12:45 pm Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25 & 6-8	16 Parent Teacher Conference Day: PK-5 released 12:45 pm Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	17 Area All-State Music Festival at Crane Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	18 Area All-State Music Festival at Crane
19	20 Parent Teacher Conference Day: PK-5 released 12:45 pm	21 National Honor Society Inductions 8:45 am	22	23 	24	25
Thanksgiving Holiday Break						
26	27	28	29	30		

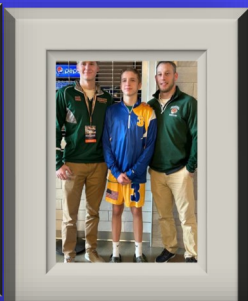
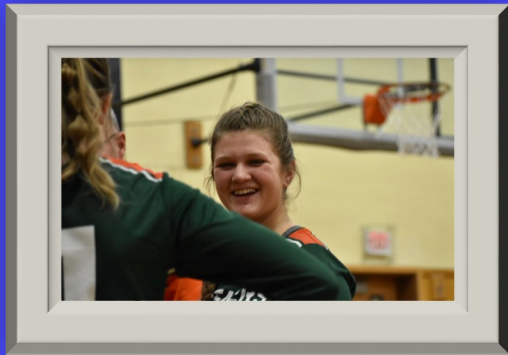
# December 2023





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 NYSSMA All-State Conference @ Rochester	2 NYSSMA All-State Conference @ Rochester	
3 NYSSMA All-State Conference @ Rochester	4 NYSSMA All-State Conference @ Rochester	5 HS Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	6	7 ES & MS Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	8	9	
10	11 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13 Advent Concert 7:00 pm @ St. Stephen's Church	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22 Christmas Holiday	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31		<b>Christmas Holiday Break</b>					

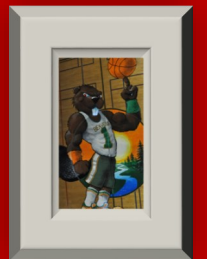
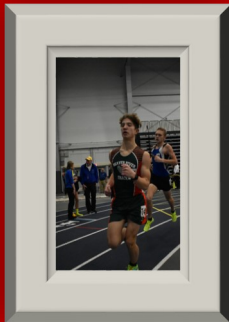
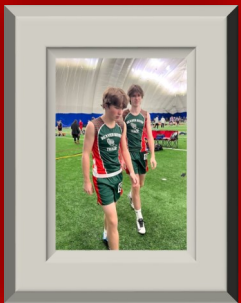
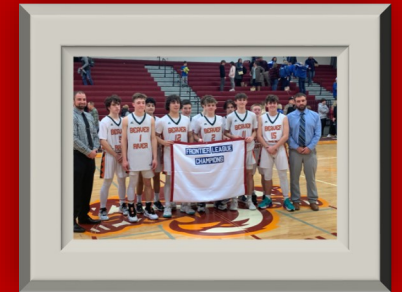
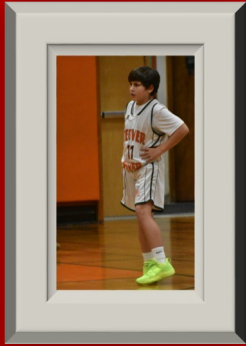
# January 2024





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16	17 Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm	18	19	20 Bi-County Music Festival @ Harrisville (Concert 2 pm)
21	22 BOE Work Sessions	23 Regents Exams ELA Regents for Juniors	24 Regents Exams	25 Regents Exams	26 Regents Exams MS/HS 2nd quarter ends Elementary 2ns quarter ends	27
28	29	30	31			



# February 2024




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Junior Honor Society Inductions 8:45 am Elementary Report Cards Go Home	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm	13	14 Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm 	15 Song & Sweets Concert 7:00 pm	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Winter Recess</b>						
25	26	27	28	29		



# March 2024






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 HS MIOSM Concert 7:00 pm	8	9
10	11 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm JV & Varsity Spring Sport begin	12 EL MIOSM Concert 7:00 pm	13	14 MS MIOSM Concert 7:00 pm	15	16
17	18 Modified Winter II Sports begin	19	20 Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm	21 Parent Teacher Conference Day PK-5 release 12:45 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 No School 	30

# April 2024




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 	1 Easter Monday No School	2	3	4 Kindergarten Registration	5 Kindergarten Registration	6 Bi-County Music Festival @ SJ (Concert 12 & 2 pm)
7	8 Grade 5 NYS ELA Test BOE Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Grade 5 NYS ELA Test	10 Grade 3 & 4 NYS ELA Test Grade 6-8 ELA Test Staff Development 1/2 day: PK-12 students released at 12:45 pm	11 Grade 3 & 4 NYS ELA Test Grade 6-8 ELA Test	12 Grade 3 & 4 NYS ELA Test MS/HS 3rd quarter ends Elementary 3rd quarter ends	13
14	15 Grade 6-8 ELA Test Makeup	16 Grade 6-8 ELA Test Makeup	17 Grade 6-8 ELA Test Makeup	18	19 Elementary Report Cards Go Home	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Spring Recess</b>						
28	29 BOE Work Sessions	30				



# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grade 5 NYS Math Test	2 Grade 5 NYS Math Test	3	4
5	6 BOE Meeting 6:00 pm Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	7 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Test Grade 6-8 Math Test Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	8 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Test Grade 6-8 Math Test Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25 & 6-8	9 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Test Grade 6-8 Math Test Character & Quality Awards 6:30 pm Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	10 Grade 6-8 Math Test Makeup Scholastic Book Fair 8:15-3:25	11
12	13 Grade 8 Science Exam	14 Grade 5 NYS Science Test Grade 6-8 Math Test Makeup	15 Grade 6-8 Math Test Makeup	16 Character & Quality Awards 6:30 pm Honors Convocation 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 <i>BUDGET VOTE 1-8 pm</i>	22	23	24	25
					Memorial Day Break	
26	27  Memorial Day Parade- Croghan	28	29	30	31	
Memorial Day Break						



# June 2024



Experiencing Today,  
Preparing for Tomorrow



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Algebra Regents Exam	5 Band Festival & Awards 7:00 pm	6 Choral Festival & Awards 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Baccalaureate 2:00 pm	10 BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12 Middle School Awards 9-10 am	13	14 Regents Day	15
16	17 Regents Day	18 Regents Day	19 Juneteenth Day NO SCHOOL	20 Regents Day	21 Regents Day	22
23 30	24 Regents Day	25 Regents Day	26 Regents Rating Day/Last Day MS/HS 4th quarter ends Elementary 4th quarter ends	27	28 GRADUATION	29

# Food Service

## 2023 - 2024 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The following chart lists income levels according to household size and income received yearly, monthly or weekly. If your total household income is the same or less than the amount on the chart below, your child will be eligible for reduced price meals. You will be notified if you are eligible for free meals based on income.

### 2023 – 2024 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

#### REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

House Size	House		2x per		Every 2
	Annual	Month	Month	Weeks	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$60,070	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799

Each additional person add the following:

\$9,509	\$793	\$397	\$366	\$183
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If your income is at or below the scale shown above, you are urged to apply for meal benefits. You may also complete an application in person by coming to the school. If you have any questions about income eligibility or would like information regarding the breakfast or lunch programs, please call the school at 315-346-1211 ext. 560 and ask for Mrs. Heather Pellam.

If you do not qualify now but expect a change in income or family size, you may complete an application anytime throughout the year.



This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for **FREE!**

**MySchoolBucks provides:**

- **Convenience** - Available 24/7 on the web or with the **Mobile App** for your iPhone, Android or Windows phone!
- **Efficiency** - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- **Control** - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- **Flexibility** - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- **Security** - MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

If you have any questions using My School Bucks or any enrollment questions, please call

315-346-1211 ext. 560

With the beginning of the school year, the cafeteria staff and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students and staff back to school and to the cafeteria. School lunch is a balanced meal that will provide approximately 1/3 of the daily nutritional requirements your child needs each day for good health, learning and growth.

Beaver River Central School Food Service is meeting tough federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy, well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Now is a great time to encourage your kids to choose school lunch.

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, and they must meet strict limits on saturated fats and portion size. School meals, lunch and breakfast meet additional standards requiring:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- Larger servings of fruits and vegetables (students must take at least one serving of produce)
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- More whole grains and less sodium

We are always looking to offer BRCS Students healthier and tastier choices. School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families with meal prices at full day PreK-5, \$2.30 and grades 6-12, \$2.40 for lunch and all grades Full day PreK-12, \$1.50 for breakfast. Menus (subject to change) are distributed monthly to the elementary, [www.brcsd.org](http://www.brcsd.org), Parent Square and also broadcast on WLLG 99.3 FM and Froggy 97 every school day morning.

#### Meal Charge Policy

Available online @ [www.brcsd.org](http://www.brcsd.org) and/or in your Student/Parent district policy folder.

#### Breakfast Time

The cafeteria staff serves breakfast in the elementary school from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and in the high school from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every school day. Students who receive free or reduced price lunches are automatically eligible to receive free or reduced price breakfasts. The free or reduced price breakfast is at no charge and the full price is \$1.50

Students are encouraged to pre-pay for breakfast as they do for lunch. Pre-payment assists both staff and students, and promotes faster serving lines.

Students will be offered four (4) breakfast items and would be able to refuse one of the four items if they so choose. The four items would be: 1/2 pint of milk, 1 serving of fruit along with a 4 oz. 100% juice, bread (2 servings) cereal, muffin, etc. or one serving of bread and one serving of meat/egg/cheese (protein).

The importance of a good breakfast cannot be overstated. For many children, breakfast comes after 12 hours without food. Studies have consistently shown that children are more alert, calm and cooperative when they eat a nutritious breakfast. Students from

households that meet Federal income guidelines (enclosed) are eligible for free meals or reduced price meals which are available at no charge for each eligible student. To apply for free or reduced price meals, complete the enclosed application, sign and return as soon as possible to school. Please refer to the guidelines contained in this letter when completing the application.

## Free/Reduced FAQ

Even if you do not want to participate in the Free and Reduced lunch program, a form that shows that your family may qualify could help the district as a whole. NYS uses the percentage of students that qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch as a way to calculate state aid. This in the long run reduces the tax liability of the district.

## Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Beaver River Central School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50 K-12, lunch costs \$2.30 K-5 and \$2.40 6-12. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. Return the completed application to: Heather Pellam c/o Beaver River CSD, PO Box 179 Beaver Falls, NY 13305).
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
  - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member.
  - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
  - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
  - Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
  - Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366

- CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children, including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail [school, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator information] to see if they qualify.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at [phone number] if you have questions.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: [name, address, phone number, e-mail].
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes, "You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.



Date Withdrew \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete only one form for your household, sign your name and return it to the address listed below. Call 315-346-3560, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to:

Beaver River Central School  
PO Box 179  
Beaver Falls, NY 13305

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4 and sign the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

\*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

I do not have a SS#

When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  
Race (Check one or more):  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island  White

### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)  
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster  
 Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Free Meals  Reduced Price Meals  Denied/Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

## Boy Scouts Equal Access Act

Beaver River Central School District provides equal access to the use of school property to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the US code intended to serve young people under the age of 21.

## Parents Bill of Rights Regarding Student Data Privacy and Protection

Education Law 2-d requires that Beaver River Central School District protects students personally identifiable information (PII) in general and utilizing third-party contractors. The District is required to notify parents of this and what their rights are pertaining to Student Data Privacy. This "Parent" Bill of Rights" is required to be posted annually.

## FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) is a Federal Law that protects the privacy of student education records. Parents or eligible students under the age of 18 have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless certain circumstances stand. Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties under the following conditions; School officials with legitimate educational interest; employees of the BOCES or other school district who are providing educational services to students or providing technology support or other shared services to the District; other schools to which a student is transferring; specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes; appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school; accrediting organizations; legal agencies to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; appropriate officials cases of health and safety emergencies; and State and Local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State Law.

## Child Abuse Hotline Information

As soon as you suspect abuse or maltreatment, you must report your concerns by telephone to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). The SCR is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to receive your call. The timeliness of your call is vital to the timeliness of intervention by the local department of Social Services Child Protective Services (CPS) unit. You are not required to notify the parents or other persons legally responsible either before or after your call to the SCR. In fact, in some cases, alerting the parent may hinder the local CPS investigation and adversely affect its ability to assess the safety of the children. The telephone numbers to report abuse or maltreatment by a parent, foster care or day care are: Mandated Reporter (800) 635-1522 Public Hotline (800) 342-3720 for Abuse by Institutional Staff: 1-855-373-2122. Oral reports to the SCR from a mandated reporter must be followed within 48 hours by a written report to the local department of Social Services CPS unit form LDSS-2221A. A copy of this form and the local mailing address can be obtained by contacting your local department of Social Services, or by visiting the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) website at [ocfs.ny.gov](http://ocfs.ny.gov) Click on "Forms". Then click on "Try a keyword search...", enter the form number in the box and click "Find". To contact your local department of Social Services go to : <https://pcfs.ny.gov/main/localdss/asp>

## Homeless Students in the BRCS District

Parents, students, and community members are to be aware that all homeless student have the right and responsibility to attend school. They may attend the school district they live in or their school of origin. Being homeless should not interfere with their right and responsibility to an education. Homeless children must be provided transportation services, educational services and meals through school meal programs comparable to those offered to other children in the school they would attend. For more information, please contact the Homeless Liaison, Mr. Troy Hebert, Middle/High School Assistant Principal at 315-346-1211 ext. 520 or [thebert@brcsd.org](mailto:thebert@brcsd.org)

## PARKING

Visitor Parking is reserved in the front of the building. There are designated parking places for your convenience. Please refrain from parking in the circle.

## DASA Information

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. If you would like more information go to: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/> or contact the BRCS Dignity Act Coordinator, Mr. Troy Hebert at 315-346-1211 ext. 520.

## Title I Parental Involvement

The Board of Education endorses the parent involvement goals of Title I of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). Therefore, it encourages the participation of parents of students eligible for Title I services in all aspects of their child's education, including the development and implementation of district programs, activities, and procedures designed to carry out NCLB parent involvement goals. Please see the district clerk if you want detailed information on BOE Policy #6570.

## Annual Asbestos Report

In response to the Asbestos, Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986, the Beaver River Central School District has inspected all facilities and developed management plan for each area. The AHERA management plans are available for inspection at the main office.

This annual notice is provided for all parents, staff and building occupants. Any questions regarding the AHERA management plans should be directed to Ronald Rockwood at 315-346-1211 ext. 507.

## Title IX—Notification Statement

In compliance with Title IX of Federal Regulations, the Beaver River Central School District will not discriminate in the employment of personnel, in the education of students or in the process of rendering services to the aforementioned on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex. It shall be stated further that no testing device or evaluation criteria shall be used in such a way as to have a disproportionately adverse effect on persons on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex.

Anyone wishing further information or having inquiries on grievance procedures regarding the application of Title IX regulations may contact the District Compliance Coordinator: Ron Rockwood, School Business Manager, Compliance Coordinator, BRCS, PO Box 179, Beaver Falls, NY 13305 (315-346-1211 ext. 507). Those with further questions may contact the Regional Office of Civil Rights: District Office of Civil Rights, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10007 (212-264-4633)

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Here at Beaver River we welcome our community to use our facilities. If you would like to use any of our facilities, we ask that you contact our Buildings & Grounds office with any questions at 315-346-1211 ext. 570

The guidelines below are intended to communicate expectations of the use of facilities. Depending on the facility being used there may be specific requirements to keep your building use permit.

**Time frame** - The activity shall not extend beyond the hours approved in the request and shall not interfere with the regular school day schedule. No facility will be signed out after 9:00 PM.

**Facility care** - The facility used shall be returned to its original condition prior to the event. (Furniture in same location, windows shut, etc.) The school district will provide two carts with basic cleaning supplies in the event of spills or other cleaning needs. Only the facilities reserved in the request shall be used. Restrooms located nearest the facility reserved may be used.

**Communication during an event**- The head of the activity shall speak with a custodian to confirm the duration of the event and how to contact them during event. A map of custodial areas is included. There will be a custodian available in your general area during your event. In the absence of the building principal or administrative personnel, the custodian is charged with the responsibility of the building.

**Custodian support** - In some cases organizations may request a custodian on the building use form. A charge to the organization will be assessed for this service and must be paid within 30 days of the event taking place.

**Equipment** - Unless otherwise approved, the organization that holds the event shall bring its own equipment for use. There may be a charge for the use of the schools equipment.

**Insurance** - The applicant shall be required to furnish public liability and property damage insurance with appropriate limits (\$1,000,000 minimum)

**Cancellation** - Call the Buildings & Grounds office (315-346-1211 ext. 570) if the event is cancelled so that the facility may be opened to another organization.

**Supervision** - Supervision of all attendees is the responsibility of the adult that completes the request.

**Physical Liability Waivers** -Based upon the activity, waivers may be required to be filled out by participants

**Priority** - First priority will be given to school activities then to district residents.

Our building use form can be obtained by calling the Buildings & Grounds office at 315-346-1211 ext. 570

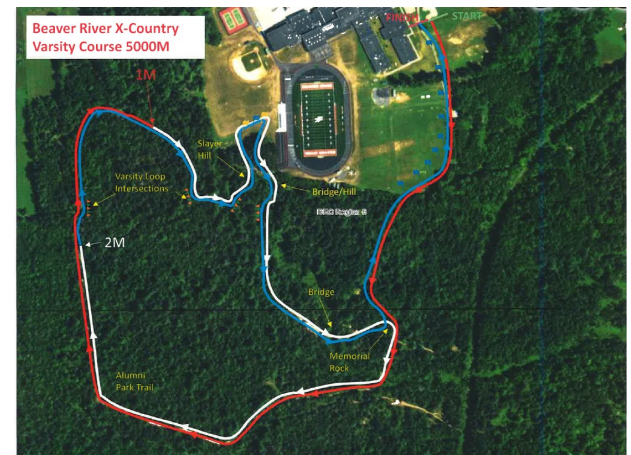
### FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center is open to all district community members. If you are interested in using the fitness center, you must sign a consent form and be trained on the use of equipment. You may call the Athletic Office for more information at

315-346-1211 ext. 370

The BR Alumni Park and walking/cross country trails are open to the community as well.

Prefer indoor walking, we allow walkers to use the inside of the building and have walking maps in the hallway by the pool entrance.



### NOTICE:

No dogs allowed on school property at all times.



# NOTIFICATIONS

## Recruiters or Higher Learning Establishments

Pursuant to the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, the Beaver River Central School District must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school students. However, the district must also notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district **NOT** release such information if it is requested.

Parents, or students who are at least 18 years old, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning.

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**NOTIFICATION TO  
BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2023-2024**

TO: *Middle/High School Principal  
Beaver River Central School  
PO Box 179, Beaver Falls, NY 13305*

RE: Reservation of Consent for the Release of Certain Student Information under the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

I **DO NOT** give permission for release of information (name, address, or telephone number ) to any Military recruiters or institutions of higher learning.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Mr. Daniel Rains, Middle/High School Principal  
by **September 29, 2023**.

## Pesticide Notification

Dear Parent, Guardian, and District Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic elementary or secondary schools to provide periodic written notification regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the school year and summer school to all faculty/ staff and persons in parental relation.

The Beaver River Central School District maintains a list of all faculty/ staff and persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications as required by law. In the event of an emergency, where we might find it necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour Prior Notification List.

If you have not already responded and would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that may occur at your school building during the remainder of the current year July 2023-June 2024, please complete the form below and return it to:

### **Beaver River Central School**

*Lloyd Richardson, Building and Grounds  
PO Box 179  
Beaver Falls, NY 13305*

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### **Beaver River Central School District**

#### **Request for Pesticide Application Notification**

**2023-2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly**

## Permission to Survey Students

In January 2002, the Protection of Pupil Amendment (PPRA) was amended by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (also known as the *No Child Left Behind Act*). The amendment added an additional category (religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parents) to the existing categories that impact student surveys and made minor changes to the existing seven categories. If a survey contains one or more of the identified categories, schools and contractors must protect student privacy and give parents the right to inspect the survey. The eight categories are:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or parent;
- Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent; Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or receiving financial assistance under such program);

Parents or guardians have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party, before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students.

Parents have the right to remove their child from participation in any survey containing one or more of the eight categories of information noted above.

If you do not want your child surveyed or would like to see the survey before it is given, please complete the form and return it to the student's appropriate building principal.

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### **Permission to Survey Form**

Please circle the appropriate response:

I **do not** want my (son/daughter) to take any survey given in school.

I **want to see a copy of the survey prior to the survey being given in school.**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: This form **must be returned** to the building principal by September 29, 2023 if they are not to take surveys or you want to review the survey prior to being given.

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