Mission Statement
We, the members of the Belle Fourche Community, are committed to building a learning community and ensuring all learners equal opportunity for an excellent education program that results in learners who are responsible and accountable, who value lifelong learning and know how to learn; and who are capable of succeeding in a changing society.
School Registration

New Students: All new students to the District must register at the Administration Offices (2305 13th Ave.). Parents of new students to the District must stop at the Administration Offices to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible and sign a release for the student’s transcripts. Parents are also asked to bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunization records.

High School: All students planning to attend High School in Belle Fourche must register at the High School office on August 6 between 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or August 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We encourage the use of EZSchoolPay to pay fees for student activity tickets, annuals, class dues, laptop fees and student meal accounts.

Visit the District’s website at www.bellefourcheschools.org under Parents for additional information on EZSchoolPay.

If not using EZSchoolPay, students should bring $25.00 for an activity ticket. Adult tickets are available for $35.00. This ticket will be for admission to athletic events. Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior class dues are $3.00. All class dues are to be paid at the class meeting which will be held on the first day of school. 2018-19 High School Annuals will be on sale during registration for $35.00. Annuals purchased after January 1st will be $40.00.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will report to the High School gym on Friday, August 16 at 7:50 a.m. for an assembly. They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. No lunch will be served this day. No buses for high school students this day.

Freshman will report to the high school gym on Friday, August 16 at 12:15 p.m. They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 3:37 p.m.

Monday, August 19 will be a regular class day for all High School students. Classes start at 7:50 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:37 p.m. Buses will be running on their regular schedule.

High School beginning and dismissal times are 7:50 a.m. and 3:37 p.m.

Freshmen and New Students Orientation:

Monday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m. – High School Gym

All BFHS students, grades 9-12, will be issued a school owned laptop. The laptop can be taken home and students are expected to bring it to school in fully charged condition each morning. Each student, that is new to BFHS, will be required to pay a non-refundable $25 deposit (maximum of $50 per family), or sign a waiver for self-insurance. Many home-owner’s insurance policies will cover these laptops so you may want to look into that prior to the start of the school year. Students that qualify for free/reduced meals may have the deposit waived. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE YOUR LAPTOP ISSUED UNTIL YOU’VE EITHER PAID YOUR DEPOSIT OR SIGNED THE SELF-INSURED WAIVER. It is very important to get this taken care of during registration or prior to school starting on August 16. Laptops will be checked out to students on August 16.

Belle Fourche Education Connection (BFEC)

School Registration: All returning students planning on attending BFEC must register at BFEC (2315 Dakota Avenue, Lower Level) on August 16 between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. New student registration will be done at 1:00 p.m. on August 16. School will begin on August 19 for Monday/Tuesday students and August 21 for Wednesday/Thursday students.

Best Buddies Mentoring Program

The Best Buddies Mentoring Program provides Juniors and Seniors the opportunity to enrich elementary students’ lives. This program is a great way for Juniors and Seniors to be role models and helps build scholarship opportunities. The mentoring program involves up to an hour of fun filled activities and memories for both the high school student and the elementary student. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration or contact Brian at 210-0056 or Jeff at 723-3350

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IN A CHILD’S LIFE!

High School After School Program Grades 9-12

Time: 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Assigned Rooms will be posted
Days: Monday through Thursday after school with Friday morning Intersessions. Activities will include homework help, access to computer lab, ACT prep, special projects, scholarship preparation, and other activities. Students will sign up for the activity they will participate in. (Funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant)
Elementary – Grades 1-4
Students in Grades 1-4 must register at South Park School during the following days: Tuesday, August 6 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 7 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teachers will not be available during this time. **Elementary students will find out their teacher at registration.**

**Open house** for parents/students grades 1-4, Friday, August 16, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Meet the teachers and bring your supplies.

**1st day of School for Grades 1-4 is Monday, August 19.**

Kindergarten – North Park Elem
Students in kindergarten must register at North Park School during the following days: Tuesday, August 6 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 7 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teachers will not be available during this time.

**Kindergarten students will find out their teacher and start date at registration.**

**Kindergarten Open House** is Friday, August 16 between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. at North Park School.

Kindergarten students must provide the school with a certified copy of their birth certificate and must have their immunization records up to date prior to beginning school. If you did this during spring registration, you do not need to provide this information again.

**Elementary beginning and dismissal times:**
- North Park: 8:10 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.
- South Park: 8:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

****Just a reminder to call Julie Egemo at North Park School (723-3379) when your child will not be at school. Julie does the attendance for both North Park and South Park Elementary Schools.****

**AFTER SCHOOL TRAK PROGRAM**
Grades: KG – 4  Time: 3:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Place: South Park Lunchroom
Dates: Every day that school is in session for a full day
Activities include homework, computer skills, art, science, social science and language arts. Enrollment forms must be filled out in order for students to participate. These may be picked up at South Park or North Park Elementary School offices. TRAK does not provide transportation. There is also a six week program during the summer. For further information, please call 605-209-0979.

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**Middle School:** All students in grades 5-8 must register during the following: Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Belle Fourche Middle School Office.

**5th Grade Orientation** – Thursday, August 15, at 4:30 p.m. – Middle School Gym.

**Homeroom Assignments** will be posted on the entrance doors at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13. Friday, August 16, Middle School students attend a half day from 7:55 a.m. to Noon. Classes dismiss at Noon. Open House for parents from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Middle School** normal beginning and dismissal times: 7:55 a.m. – 3:43 p.m.

**Belle Fourche Band Night**
Thursday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.
All Band students need to attend (6, 7 and 8 Grade)
BFMS Band and Choir Room
Haggerty’s will be here. Parents and students come and listen to the music stores rental plans, and make your selections of instruments, cleaning kits, reeds, valve oil, and lesson books. Orders will be taken, and delivery will be made at the school, the first week of school in time for the first lesson.

**After School Jam Program Grades 5-8**
Time: 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Middle School Lunch Room
Dates: Monday through Thursday with Friday Intersessions (sessions to be posted)
Activities include homework zone, computer lab and other enrichment activities planned each night. Waiver/consent forms are needed for participation. These can be picked up at the Middle School office. If you have questions, please call 723-3367 or 641-3139.

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**Phone Numbers**
Administration Offices - 723-3355  Athletic Director - 723-3359
High School - 723-3350  Special Education - 723-3356
Middle School - 723-3367  Facilities - 723-3360
South Park - 723-3382  Food Service - 723-3377
North Park - 723-3379  Early Intervention - 723-9139
Nurse - Contact your child’s school building
Education Connection (Alt School) - 723-0955
Transportation (Buses) - 892-2683
**Elementary Parents Please Note**

Buses will be loading on Stanley Street again this year. This street will be closed to all traffic except for school buses. Please use Valley Drive to deliver children to school.

Bus Routes: The routes will be similar to last year. Parents are requested to watch for the buses when they run their first routes on August 16. New residences along the bus routes outside of the city limits should contact the Bus Garage at 892-2683 to arrange pick up of their children. The School Board has authorized town K-8 students to ride the buses between schools. In the mornings, students in grades K-8 will be allowed to get on a bus at any of the regular school stops to their school of attendance. In the afternoon, they may again board a bus at their school of attendance and ride to any of the regular school stops. Parents wishing to utilize the in town busing service should watch the District website and get information during registrations for a complete schedule showing locations, times and bus numbers. REMINDER: (A) Any bus discipline problems will result in forfeiture of the privilege to ride; and (B) Rural bus students will always have priority for space. High school students are not allowed to utilize the in town shuttles.

**Checks written to Belle Fourche School District:**

Nonsufficient funds checks will be assessed a $20.00 fee. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. For inquiries, please call 723-3355. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

**School Breakfast**

Grades K-8 will be serving breakfast in the classroom after the bell rings. There will be NO breakfast served in dining areas before school for grades K-8. We encourage you to take part in this program, as research studies show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom. More information about this exciting new approach will be shared at registration for grades K-8. Grades 9-12 will serve breakfast in the dining areas before school starts.

Breakfast prices are:
- Paid students $1.80 for all grade levels
- Reduced price students $0.30
- Free Students $0.00

**School Lunch:**

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students. Elementary students are offered two entrée choices daily, while MS/HS students are offered five entrée choices daily. Entrees could include home-style chicken and noodles, Italian foods, Mexican foods, chicken nuggets, entrée salads, wraps and sub sandwiches. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable, milk choices, plus the unlimited Fruit and Veggie Bar.

**Extra Entrée – Extra Milk**

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as a part of the school lunch program. For example, if a student wants a second entrée, or additional entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the student’s account. Extra entrees are only sold to students who first purchase a school lunch. All students can have extra servings of canned fruit, fresh fruit, vegetables and salads at no charge. All extra servings of these items are free. If a student is free or reduced, they may receive one entrée with their meal, but they must have money in their account to purchase any extra entrées.

**Website Link for Menus:** visit www.bellefourcheschools.org under Lunch Information or download the free “My School Menus” app to your Smart phone.
Snacks
For Middle/High School students, snack items will be available during the lunch period. Snack items offered may include: fruit drinks, snack mixes like Chex mix, a variety of chips, cookies and granola bars. All snacks meet standards set by the Belle Fourche Wellness Policy. Snack items are only sold to Middle School students who have a school lunch. All students must have money in their account to purchase snack items.

School Lunch Account
Lunch account deposits must be made in the morning before school starts for the day.
WE ENCOURAGE THE USE OF EZSCHOOLPAY TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND/OR VIEW YOUR STUDENT’S MEAL ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS, BALANCE AND SET UP PAYMENT REMINDERS ONLINE!! Visit the District’s website at www.bellefourcheschools.org under Parents for additional information on EZSchoolPay.

Payment by check may be mailed to: (or drop off at your student’s school office)
Belle Fourche School District 9-1
Attn: Food Service
2305 13th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Be sure to include your name, your student’s name, and your student’s lunch account number. Also include any changes in your address or telephone number.

The District’s Lunch Account Policy for the 2019-2020 school year allows students to charge up to $5.00 against their account. When an account balance is low, students receive a minimum of three reminders to bring lunch money. At this point, when an account reaches a negative $10.00 all purchases will stop. If the student is a free student, they still will be able to purchase a school lunch. No extras will be allowed for any negative account.

PIN NUMBERS: All students will be using their Infinite Campus (our student management system) Person ID number as their meal account number.

Diet Modifications
Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if the child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation. Please contact Justin at the School Food Service office for more information.

Unlimited Servings of Fruits and Veggies
All students purchasing the regular school lunch may have extra servings from the fruit and veggie bar: fresh fruit, canned fruit, and fresh vegetables at no charge. All extra servings of these items are free. Locally grown produce is featured when possible in our Farmers Market Selections, along with nutritional information.

Contact Justin Olson, Food Service Director at 605-569-1957 or at j.olson@lunchtimesolutions.com

School meal prices for 2019-2020 are:

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Free & Reduced Meal Applications must be received in the Administration Office AND approved before school starts.

Join us anytime! Please feel free to join your student for a meal on any day. The cost for an adult breakfast is $2.15 and an adult lunch is $4.00. We hope to see you there!
Applications can be picked up at the District Administration Building or are available on the website. Children from families whose income falls at or below the level shown on the scale are eligible for either free or reduced price meals at 40¢ for lunch and 30¢ for breakfast. To apply for free or reduced price meals, please fill out an application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school. Applications may be received when you register your child/children, or may be picked up in any of the school offices or the Administration Office at any time. Please list all of your children’s names on one application. You will be notified of the eligibility determination.

**Note** Even if you have participated in the free and reduced meal program in previous years, a new application is required each school year.

Below are the income guidelines:

(Effective from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

Participants may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income is at or below the limits on this chart:

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The information attached to the application explains eligibility and how to apply for meal benefits. If you have any questions or need help in filling out an application form, please contact Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, at 723-3355. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

School Districts are now automatically notified of children in approved SNAP and/or TANF households. Thus the printed notice will no longer be sent for the household to complete and submit to the School District.

**High School** students are also offered the Bronc Grill meal, which is a “grab & go” meal that offers students four entrée choices daily (like cheeseburgers, hot sandwiches, and hotdogs) with fruit, veggies and a milk.

In an effort to encourage students that may be experiencing bullying, harassment or intimidation and are too fearful or not quite ready to come forward face-to-face to report the matter, the Belle Fourche School District has implemented the CyberBully Hotline program.

Our desire and efforts are always first focused on encouraging students to report such issues directly to a teacher, counselor, coach or school administrator; however, in some cases, a student can be overcome with fear and worry about who to talk to, what to say, may fear retaliation, or may fear losing respect of their peers by being labeled a “rat” or “snitch”.

Students with such fears need a reporting path and the CyberBullying Hotline is designed to do just that. Here are a few high-level details and you can learn more at [www.cyberbullyhotline.com](http://www.cyberbullyhotline.com)

How it works:

The school has published the following hotline number: **605-277-1837**

- Students can send a text message to this number or call and leave a voice message.
- Their Caller ID is masked, making their report anonymous.
- The messages are forwarded to one or more school officials designated to monitor for reports.
- The monitors have the ability to reply to text messages and start a two-way anonymous chat.
- The goal is to engage the student to begin a dialog and start a resolution process.

Our goal is to ensure that each student feels comfortable coming forward, either face-to-face or anonymously. Encourage your student to use all the services that are offered by the Belle Fourche School District to help resolve any issues that they may face. We are here to help, but we cannot help if we do not know.

As a parent, you are also welcome to report issues. Anything that you think we should know to ensure the health and safety of our students should be reported.

If you have further questions, or require further information, please contact our office, visit the CyberBully Hotline section on the school website, or visit cyberbullyhotline.com to learn more.

Regards,

Dr. Steve Willard
Superintendent

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**Facility Rental:** Out of school groups wishing to use school facilities should contact Adam Nowowiejski at 723-3359.

**FALL SPORTS BEGIN:** You must have a physical before beginning practice!
- August 1 – Boys’ Golf, Cross County, Football, Competitive Cheer, Soccer & Volleyball – student & parent meeting - 6:30 p.m. – HS Gym
- August 5 – Soccer and Competitive Cheer practice begins.
- August 12 - Boys Golf practice at the Golf Course
- August 12 – MS Football parent meeting & equipment checkout – 4:00 p.m. MS Gym
- August 15 - HS Volleyball, HS Football & Cross Country practices begin
- August 15 – MS 7th & 8th Volleyball sign-up & parent meeting - MS Gym - 4:00 p.m.
- August 22 - Bronc Booster Fall Picnic - Lou Graslie Field - 6:00 p.m.
- Coronation - Monday, September 16 - 7:30 p.m. – HS Gym
- Homecoming (Bronc Day) - Friday, September 20 - parade starts 2:30 p.m.

**Physical Examinations**
Physical forms must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian prior to taking the physical examination. Forms are available during the summer at participating clinics and the School Administration Office. Forms can also be picked up at the Middle School and High School offices after August 1st. All Middle School and High School students participating in a sport or cheerleading will need to have completed and passed a physical examination before they begin practicing the activity. The school must have a copy of each student’s physical examination before they will be allowed to begin practice. Physical examinations dated prior to April 1, 2019 will not be valid!

For school athletic physical appointments, the following are offering specials:
- Dr. Abby Johnson (723-3434) – Females Only – call to make appt.
- Tri-State Chiropractic will be offering FREE physicals on Sat., July 13 and Wed., July 31 ONLY (892-4845). You must call ahead for an appointment and tell them it’s for a school athletic physical – these are their FREE dates. Before appointment, a parent or guardian must fill out the form. Any other dates, the athletes will be CHARGED $20.00.
- The Belle Fourche Regional Health Medical Clinic (723-8970) – athletes may see any provider of their choosing, but there will be a $25.00 charge (not covered by insurance). Appointments are required. A parent or guardian must complete and sign page 1B before the physical can be performed. Forms are available at the clinic.

See District website for complete details regarding physicals: [www.bellefourcheschools.org](http://www.bellefourcheschools.org)

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**Fall Concussion Testing**
All impact testing will take place at the High School in Room #143 (Mrs. Green’s). See below for testing information, times & dates. 9th & 11th graders and anyone who is a first time participant or had to take a post-injury test due to a head injury during the 2018-19 school year will need to take/retake the test. 7th grade football players will also be tested. Participants in Fall Boys Golf & Cross Country do not need to take the impact test.

**Impact Concussion Testing Schedule at HS:**
- July 23 –
  - HS VB (9 & 11 graders) - 7:30 a.m.
  - HS Girls Soccer (7, 9 & 11 graders) - 8:30 a.m.
  - HS Cheer (7, 9 & 11 graders) – 9:30 a.m.
- July 24 - HS Boys Soccer (7, 9 & 11 graders) – 8:30 a.m.
- July 29 – MS Football (7 graders) – 2:30 p.m.
- July 30 – HS Football (9 graders) – 8:00 a.m.
- July 31 – HS Football (11 graders) – 8:00 a.m.

Admission charges and activity tickets for the various activities are listed below. Activity tickets may be purchased at the High School Office any time after August 5, 2019.

**ADMISSION FEES:**
- K-12 with no activity ticket $3.00
- Adult with no activity ticket $5.00
- K-12 season activity ticket $25.00
- Adult season activity ticket $35.00
- Senior Citizen (Age 55)........Free Pass from HS Prekindergarten........................................Free

(Activity Tickets will not be honored at Tournaments or playoff games)

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**Driver’s Education**
Mr. Tonsager will be running Driver’s Education class in two sessions this fall and spring. The fall session will start on September 13 and running for 8 intersession Fridays from 8:00-12:00. The spring session will start January 17 and also run for 8 intersession Fridays from 8:00-12:00. Classes will be held in the High School in Mr. Tonsager’s classroom. Students will also be given 6 hours of driving experience that will be scheduled by the student. There will be a $250 cost to enroll in the class and spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. The fee must be paid no later than the first day of classes. If you have any questions, please call Wayne Tonsager at (605) 210-3090. Registration form on District website.

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**PLEASE DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED!**
Parent Teacher Conferences:

**High School Conference Schedule**: Fall Conferences:
November 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and November
15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Spring Conferences February 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30
p.m. and February 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Middle School Conference Schedule** Fall Conferences:
November 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and November
15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Spring Conferences February 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30
p.m. and February 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Trimester End Dates: November 7, February 21 and May
22.

**Elementary Conference Schedule**: Fall Conferences:
November 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and November
15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Spring Conferences February 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30
p.m. and February 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Our elementary schools will have three grading periods
(Trimester End Dates). The first grading period ends on
November 6, the second on February 21, and the third on
May 22.

Assignment to Students in District:
Belle Fourche School District students will be assigned to the
various school buildings as follows:

**Kindergarten** - North Park School at 29 North 6th Avenue,
Phone 723-3379, Fax 723-3381

**Pre-School Special Needs** - Early Intervention at 29 North 6th
Avenue, Phone 723-9139, Fax 723-3381

**Grades 1-4** - South Park School at 1816 Valley Drive, Phone
723-3382, Fax 723-3384

**Grades 5-8** - Belle Fourche Middle School at 1302 Ziebach
Street, Phone 723-3367, Fax 723-3374

**Grades 9-12** - Belle Fourche High School at 1301 12th Avenue,
Phone 723-3350, Fax 723-3357

**Belle Fourche Education Connection** – 2315 Dakota Avenue,
Lower Level, Phone 723-0955.

**Special Education** IEP teams may consider services in
alternate locations, depending on the needs of the student.

**Mailing address for all school buildings is: 2305 13th Avenue.**

**Important Services for Students**

**Did You Know...?** The Belle Fourche School District provides
free, appropriate public education for all children with
disabilities from birth through age 21, including any eligible child
within the jurisdiction of the District, including those enrolled in
any public or private agency or school. Special Education services
provide an educational program based on the concept of least
restrictive environments (LRE). The goal of LRE is to educate
children with disabilities with children without disabilities to the
maximum extent appropriate.

If your child is not performing up to his/her ability, is not able
to keep up with peers academically, emotionally, or socially,
and you feel other options are needed, please contact the
Special Education Director, Caleb Case at 723-3356 for
information regarding the special education referral process.

****SNOW DAYS** When the decision is made that
school will not be in session due to bad weather, the
announcement will be made over the following radio
and television stations: KBFS, KBHB, KDSJ, KSQY,
KIMM, KKLS, KDDX, KOTA-TV, KEVN-TV,
AND KNBN-TV. Parents will also be notified via our
automated phone calling system.

Please remember that any days missed during the
school year due to weather will be made up and
scheduled as soon as possible as determined by the
School Board.

Schedule of School Beginning and
Dismissal Times:

North Park - Kindergarten: 8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
South Park – grades 1-4: 8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Middle School – grades 5-8: 7:55 a.m. - 3:43 p.m.
High School – grades 9-12: 7:50 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.
Beginning and dismissal times may be changed when
determined by the District.

Child Custody Notification

By law, if parents are legally separated or divorced,
each parent has equal rights to the custody of the
child/children UNLESS a parent has a court order that
indicated which parent has sole custody of the
child/children.
The school MUST HAVE A COPY of the court order on
file, otherwise either parent may check the child out of
school with proper identification.

**Administration/Contacts**

Dr. Steve Willard, Superintendent 723-3355
Susan Proefrock, Business Manager 723-3355
Mathew Raba, High School Principal 723-3350
Kevin Smidt, Middle School Principal 723-3367
Julie Hatling, Elementary Principal 723-3382
Adam Nowowiejski, Activities Director 723-3359
Caleb Case, Special Education Director 723-3356

Tommy Coyle, Facilities 723-3360
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Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse 723-3382
Justin Olson, Food Service Director 569-1957
### SUPPLIES FOR 2019-20 KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

*NO PEANUT PRODUCTS*

#### KINDERGARTEN
1. Ream white copy paper
2. Large eraser
3. 2 boxes of 8 Crayons, regular size
4. 1 pack small Glue sticks (not Elmer’s liquid or rolling glue)
5. Fiskars blunt scissors (metal)
6. Box for supplies, plastic (no larger than 8” x 5”)
7. No. 2 wooden pencils (no plastic or glitter coated pencils)
8. Watercolor paints, Crayola or Prang brand
9. 1 Kleenex (large box)
10. Back pack or book bag
11. 8 wide-tipped Crayola markers (classic colors only)
12. 1 box of colored pencils
13. 1 spiral bound wide-ruled notebook
14. Large disinfectant wipes container
15. 2 boxes snacks per month
16. REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.
17. 1” 3 ring binder for Mrs. Bohlmann’s room

#### FIRST GRADE
- Box of Crayons, 24 pack
- 4 large Glue sticks
- 2 large green or pink erasers
- Fiskars scissors
- School box
- 12 No. 2 lead pencils - plain yellow
- 1 Kleenex (large box)
- 1 box crackers per month
- 8 Crayola washable wide-tipped markers (Classic colors only)
- 2 – Clorox wipes
- 2 – 2 pocket folders – sturdy plastic
- Colored pencils (optional)
- Headphones (NOT earbuds)
- Hand sanitizer
- REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.

#### SECOND GRADE
- No. 2 lead pencils (not plastic or glitter coated)
- 8 Glue sticks
- 2 Large pink erasers
- Box of 24 crayons
- Fiskars scissors
- 8 Crayola washable markers (optional)
- Kleenex (large box)
- School box, about 8” x 4” x 1 ¾” deep
- 1 Clorox wipes
- 2 Dry Erase Markers
- 1 package pencil top erasers
- Headphones
- ½” binder
- 12 pack colored pencils (optional)
- REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.

#### THIRD GRADE
- No. 2 lead pencils-package of 12 (no mechanical pencils)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- Scissors (Fiskars recommended)
- 8 white Glue sticks
- Crayons
- 2 Kleenex (large boxes)
- 2 heavy duty plastic (2 pocket folders)

#### FOURTH GRADE
- Plastic box for supplies
- 2 large containers of Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 1 box of crackers per month
- Colored pencils
- 1 bottle white Elmer’s glue
- Small pencil sharpener (with cover)
- 2 Dry Erase Markers
- 1 small package wide ruled notebook paper
- Headphones or earbuds
- REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.

#### THIRD GRADE CONTINUED
- Plastic supply box (about 11” x 6” x 2” deep)
- Small pencil sharpener (with cover)
- 1 bottle white Elmer’s glue
- Small pencil sharpener, with cover
- Plastic supply box (about 11” x 6” x 2” deep - big enough for glue, scissors, markers, etc.) (Ziplock containers work well too)
- 1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 2 - Clorox wipes
- Headphones or earbuds
- REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.

#### 3rd and 4th Grade Music Supplies:
- 1 pocket folder with fasteners, 1 pencil and 1 Recorder OPTIONS: Purchase Peripole Baroque Soprano Halo recorder with cleaner, neck strap and zipper case through school (order forms will be sent home at the beginning of the school year cost will be about $6.00 for this durable recorder) or recorder from home approved by Mrs. Simonyak. 4th Grade students can use the same recorder and folder from 3rd grade.

(SOME OF THESE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Please put your child’s name on all supplies. Everything listed per grade level is required.

### Supply list for Early Intervention Students
- 1 backpack (large enough for papers)
- 2 purple glue sticks
- 1 bottle of liquid glue
- 1 box of crayons (Class Pack – 10pk)
- 1 box of markers (Class Pack – 10pk)
- 1 water color paints
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- Cracker snacks - Please bring 1 box at the beginning of each month

### Screening dates for Early Intervention are:
- Friday, August 23, 2019
- Friday, November 22, 2019
- Friday, January 10, 2020
- Friday, February 21, 2020
SUPPLIES FOR 2019-20, 5TH - 12TH GRADE

Grades 5-8: Lock for locker required (may rent or purchase your own) - combination locks are offered in the office for $5.00, which will be refunded when the lock is returned. If you use a key lock, please give an extra key to the homeroom teacher. **NO LASER LOCKS.**

No self-enclosed pencil sharpeners allowed!

**5th GRADE**
Trapper with zipper
(No book bags on wheels, as they do not fit in lockers)
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)
1 three ring binder, 1 ½ inch wide with inside pocket
24 No. 2 pencils (re-supply as needed)
Colored pencils (12 count only)
12 Glue sticks (re-supply as needed)
Scissors
Erasers/pencil top erasers (re-supply as needed)
3 Composition notebooks for Science and Lang. Arts
(100 pages in bold print)
2 graph composition notebooks for Math and Science
2 Trapper folders with pockets (1 for computer class)
2 Kleenex (large boxes)
Markers (10 count) – thin and thick
Earbuds or headphones required
1 large Clorox wipes

**6th GRADE**
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)
2 - 3 hole punched folders with pockets
2 large pink erasers – replace as needed
5 different colored Highlighters
2 packages - No. 2 lead pencils
1 – 2 inch 3 ring binder
3 - packages loose leaf lined paper (college ruled)
3 pens (no black)
3 Composition notebooks
3 large boxes of Kleenex
2 large Clorox wipes
Scissors
1 package glue sticks – resupply as needed
Trappers ok but not necessary

(For all grade levels - some of these supplies need to be replenished during the school year)

**7th GRADE**
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)
No. 2 lead pencils (package)
Black or blue pens
Erasers
Red pens (package)
2 packages loose leaf paper
Colored pencils - 1 box
3 folders with pockets (1 for computer class)
3 Kleenex (large boxes)
1 Composition notebook (Science Lab)
2 spiral notebook
1 – 1 inch wide 3 ring binder
1 Trifold (bring in November - needed for future projects – 36” x 48”)
Index tabs for 3 ring binder
Headphones/earbuds – optional
2 Clorox wipes

**8th GRADE**
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)
No. 2 lead pencils
Black or blue pens
Colored pencils
12” ruler
2 Kleenex (large boxes)
Loose leaf paper
2 large Glue sticks
Trapper or binder with dividers
9 ¼” x 7 ½” composition book (Lang. Arts)
Earbuds or headphones
1 large Clorox wipes

**P.E. SUPPLY LIST - 5-8 Grade** - gym bag, shorts, shirt, deodorant and tennis shoes (shoes may be an old pair). Sweats for cold weather. Combination lock for PE locker (no key locks) and a sleeve type folder.

**5th MUSIC** – 2 pocket folder and bring your 4th grade recorder.

**COMPUTER CLASS – 5-8 grade** – 2 pocket folder.

**BAND/CHOIR – 6-8 grade** – 1 box Kleenex, pencil, $16.00 shirt fee for new band and choir students.

**HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12) SUPPLY LIST**
2 Three ring binders 1 1/2” or 2”, No. 2 lead pencils or mechanical pencils, black or blue pens, 5-7 spiral notebooks. Bag or backpack with a sleeve specifically for carrying a laptop.
NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

The purpose of this notice is to inform parents and students of the rights granted to them under Section 504. The federal regulations that implement Section 504 are found at Title 34, Part 104 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and entitle parents of eligible children and the student themselves to the following rights:

1. You have a right to be informed of your rights under Section 504. The School District must provide you written notice of your rights under Section 504. (This document represents written notice of rights required under Section 504). If you need further explanation or clarification of any of the rights described in this notice, contact Tina Rosenkranz, Section 504 Coordinator, at South Park Elementary, 723-3382, and she will assist you in understanding your rights.

2. Under Section 504, your child has the right to an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.

3. Your child has the right to free educational services, with the exception of certain cost normally also paid by the parents of nondisabled students. Insurance companies and other similar third parties are not relieved of any existing obligation to provide or pay for services to a student who becomes eligible for Section 504 services.

4. To the maximum extent appropriate, you child has the right to be educated with children who are not disabled. Your child will be placed and educated in regular classes, unless the District demonstrated that his or her educational needs cannot be adequately met in the regular classroom, even with the use of supplementary aides and services.

5. Your child has the right to services, facilities, and activities comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.

6. The School District must undertake an evaluation of your child prior to determining his or her appropriate educational placement or program of services under Section 504 and also before every significant change in placement.

7. If formal assessment instruments are used as a part of an evaluation, procedures used to administer assessments and other instruments must comply with the requirements of Section 504 regarding test validity, proper method of administration, and appropriate test selection. The District will consider information from a variety of sources in making its determinations, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, reports of physical condition, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, health records, report cards, progress notes, parent observations and test scores.

8. Placement decisions regarding your child must be made by a group of persons (504 committee) knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation date, possible placement options, and the requirement that to the maximum extent possible, disabled children should be educated with nondisabled children.

9. If your child is eligible under Section 504, he or she has a right to periodic evaluations to determine if there has been a change in educational need. Generally an evaluation will take place at least every three years.

10. You have the right to be notified by the Belle Fourche School District prior to any action regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.

11. You have the right to examine relevant documents and records regarding your child (generally documents relating to identification, evaluation or placement under Section 504).

12. You have the right to an impartial due process hearing if you wish to contest any action of the District with regard to your child’s identification, evaluation, or placement under Section 504. You have the right to participate personally in the hearing or to be represented by an attorney if you wish to hire one.

13. If you wish to contest an action taken by the Section 504 committee by means of an impartial due process hearing, you must submit a notice of appeal or request for hearing to the District’s 504 Coordinator (Tina Rosenkranz, South Park Elementary, 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, Ph. 723-3382). A date will be set for the hearing and an impartial hearing officer will be appointed. You will be notified in writing of the hearing date, time and place.

14. If you disagree with the decision of the hearing officer, you have the right to seek a review of the decision before a court of competent jurisdiction (normally the closest federal district court).

15. With respect to other issues surrounding your child’s education that do not specifically involve identification, evaluation or placement, you have a right to present a grievance or complaint to the District’s 504 Coordinator, who will then investigate the situation, taking into account the nature of the complaint and all necessary factors, in an effort to arrive at a fair and speedy resolution.

16. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education. The address for the regional office that covers the Belle Fourche School District is US Dept. of Ed., 10220 North Executive Hills Blvd., 8th Floor, Kansas City MO 64153-1367, Ph. # (816) 880-4200.
ATTENTION: PROJECT CHILD FIND  
BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT  
NEEDS IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Belle Fourche School District will continue conducting a child identification project which will identify and evaluate children under the age of 21 who may require special education services. ANYONE who may know of a child in the District with unserved special needs is asked to contact Caleb Case, Special Education Director at 723-3356 or Lisa Ward at 723-9139.

After children have been referred, the District will gather all needed data to determine if an evaluation is warranted.

Parents’ permission will be obtained before any evaluation will be completed.

Following a comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation, a meeting will be held with the parents, child (if appropriate), diagnostician, and other appropriate individuals to determine needs and develop an appropriate education program.

Parents need not know that their child has special needs before referring; instead the Belle Fourche School District encourages any parents who have concerns regarding their child’s development to contact the District.

Quarterly screenings are made available to the public and are conducted at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center with collaborative efforts of Head Start, Butte County Public Health Nurse, and The Parents Resource Network/Parents as Teachers.

Screenings are held on August 23, November 22, January 10 and February 21. Please watch for further information regarding Child Find efforts.

Caleb Case  
Special Education Director  
723-3356

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FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINT POLICY AND TITLE X PART C - HOMELESS EDUCATION

A parent, student, employee, or District stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to resolve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the District’s superintendent.

Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including interdistrict disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the District Office. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the School’s decision including the rights of the parent, guardian or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are resolved.

1. The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision, within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.

2. The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.

3. The complainant will be allowed one week to react to the decision before it becomes final.

4. The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgement in writing, addressed to the superintendent.

5. If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the School Board for further review. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the District’s decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.

6. Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure).

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Equal Opportunity Title IX-504

The Belle Fourche School System is a nondiscriminatory institution that offers education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or disability. Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedures – Specific allegations of violation may be submitted in writing to Title IX Coordinator, Adam Nowowiejski, 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, (605)723-3359, within thirty (30) days of the grievance.

1. Within five (5) days, the coordinator will evaluate the grievance and render a written decision.

2. Grievances will be discussed with the immediate principal involved and action through the principal with cooperation of the involved person(s) and the coordination will ensue.

3. At the discretion of the principal, or coordinator, file or involved person, a formal hearing can be conducted with concern persons resent and with a third uninterested party conducting the proceedings.

4. This will be done within ten (10) days of the initial decision of the coordinator.

5. If there is to be a hearing, all interested parties will be notified by writing as to the time and place. The decision of the coordinator or the decision resulting from the hearing may be appealed within five (5) days after the coordinator’s written decision.

The following three steps shall be followed to appeal: (a) principal, (b) superintendent, (c) School Board. The School Board will act at its first meeting following the superintendent’s decision. Following each step of appeal, a decision must be rendered within five (5) days. Correction or recommendation of discrimination practices will begin immediately following a judgment of discrimination. Accurate records of all proceedings, actions and discussions shall be kept by the coordinator.

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IMMUNIZATION REMINDER
All children entering the Belle Fourche School District this fall must have their immunizations current. The immunization record must show that your child has had: (1) DTP (Diptheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 4 doses - at least one after age 4; (2) Polio – 3 doses – at least one after age 4; (3) MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses; and (4) The parent must provide proof that the child has had chicken pox or the child must have a chicken pox immunization before entering kindergarten. Children and adults need a tetanus booster every 10 years. Hepatitis B Series is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. Parents of kindergarten and transfer students must bring the immunization record to school at the time of registration. All children entering school must be in compliance with South Dakota’s immunization requirements. Each child’s record must show the above immunizations.

6th Grade Vaccination Requirement:
South Dakota requires all 6th grade students to get:
One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on or after their 11th birthday
One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after their 11th birthday. See District website for complete details.

FAILURE TO SHOW PROOF OF THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING SENT HOME UNTIL THE PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS ARE OBTAINED. Call your physician for an appointment or the Public Health Office at 892-2523 for immunizations. When registering your child for school, please notify the school if your child has allergies or any health concerns. We do our best to adjust the child’s schedule to accommodate health problems of any kind. NOTE: the school will no longer purchase non-prescription pain reliever for student use at school unless under the direction of the School Nurse. If your child needs prescription or non-prescription medication, a parent or guardian must come to school and fill out the proper forms. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year!

~Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse~

NOTICE - To promote safe and healthy schools, the Belle Fourche School District will continue to conduct unannounced random drug searches of our facilities. These drug searches may be conducted by, but not limited to, a school administrator, the School District Resource Officer, a private contractor hired by the School District or police. All drug searches will be conducted in a prudent and professional manner under the direction of a School District Building Supervisor or Superintendent of Schools.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT
The U.S. Government and the State of South Dakota require that we notify you annually of asbestos in our buildings. The law requires all school buildings to be inspected for asbestos. The first inspection took place in 1988. The report showed the areas that contained asbestos. Since then, the school has established a maintenance program to monitor and repair asbestos continuously. The law requires that we inform you of any removal of the asbestos.

In the past, we have informed you of areas that have had removal. Previously, removal was done at the High School.

The law further requires that we keep a copy of our Asbestos Management Plan on file and available for public viewing. A copy is on file with the Facilities office at 2305 13th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. For more information, please call Facilities at (605) 723-3360.

Parent Portal
Parent portals, via the internet, are available as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents. The portal allows parents to view their own child’s school records anywhere at any time via an internet connection. The portal is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Belle Fourche School District. Parents may stop in at the Administration Office to pick up the forms necessary to access this service or print the form from the District website.

Badlands Head Start
Badlands Head Start is recruiting families with preschool aged children (3 and 4 by September 1st) who meet household income eligibility guidelines and have special needs. Please call 605-723-8837 for more information.

INTERESTED IN SUBSTITUTE TEACHING?
A substitute teacher in-service will be held Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Middle School Library at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your high school diploma or college certificate to the in-service if not already on file.
INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL
PERMISSION FORM

We are pleased to offer students of the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 access to the internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the form to the principal’s office. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further education goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 supports and respects each family’s right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network. Network storage areas and e-mail may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance and they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another’s password
- Trespassing in another’s folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY

The Belle Fourche School District will provide all students with a strong foundation of knowledge, fitness, nutrition and healthy choices in a challenging and changing world. The District will provide an environment that promotes, protects and preserves health. Effective health education is a shared responsibility that begins in the home and reinforced in the community by its citizens, health agencies and schools. Hardcopies of the District Wellness Policy are located in each school attendance center and the Central Office. There is also a link to the District Wellness Policy on the School District’s webpage. Direct any questions concerning the District Wellness Policy to the Superintendent’s office. (723-3355)
**2019 YRBS** - Belle Fourche High School is taking part in the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). This survey is sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Health and asks 9th through 12th grade students about health behaviors including nutrition, physical activity, injuries, and tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that could lead to pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. We are planning to administer this survey on September 5, 2019. Students may opt out of the survey, and a passive consent form will be provided to all parents at registration on August 6th and 7th. To view past results, go to [http://doh.sd.gov/Statistics/YRBS.aspx](http://doh.sd.gov/Statistics/YRBS.aspx). If you’d like to see a copy of the survey, please contact Virginia Peterson at [Virginia.Peterson@state.sd.us](mailto:Virginia.Peterson@state.sd.us).

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**Welcome Back Broncs**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are ready to begin a new academic adventure. We have some new K-12 staff members this year. It is difficult to replace the experience and knowledge of veteran teachers, but we hope the enthusiasm and commitment of our new teachers will help to inspire our students to learn. The following are the new members of our teaching staff:

- **Elementary Teachers:** Lars Dunavant SPED, Jill Reede Kindergarten, Leah Kirsch SPED and Sydney Ederhoff 1st grade.
- **Middle School:** Karlee Gusso band & choir.
- **High School:** Ashley Dilks HS English, Emma Thomas HS English and Mike Kane HS Social Science.
- **District Wide:** Angela Reder Curriculum/Testing Coordinator.

Other changes in the School District include:

- Breakfast in the classroom will begin this year in grades K-8. No breakfast meals will be served in the lunch rooms except for High School.
- The School Districts 1 to 1 initiative will cover grades 5-12 this school year.
- Our new Career and Technical building will be open for its second year giving students the opportunity to experience a variety of careers. This will also be the second year of our 8th grade students having the opportunity to experience CTE.

With the progressive vision of our School Board and the dedication and hard work of administrators and staff Belle Fourche continues to be an educational leader in Western South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Willard
Superintendent of Schools
Belle Fourche School District 9-1