



August 23, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

Our Central Enrollment Office is busy with student registration as we begin the school year on Tuesday, September 8th. Please register your child/teen this week, if you have not done so. If you have specific questions, you can reach out to our Central Enrollment Office at (608) 361-4023 or (608) 361-4171.

Our entire staff is working hard to ensure that the start of your child's/teen's school year is successful. We have set-up a **Safe to Learn Website** with lots of information regarding the upcoming school year. We are addressing questions as they are submitted, and you can reference those questions at two locations on this site. Please check out the [Homepage](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information.

Let's Stay Connected:

On September 2nd and 4th, I will be hosting zoom webinars to connect with parents/guardians to discuss the start of the school year. While I will be presenting information, there will also be an opportunity for questions. All three webinars will provide the same information in the same format, so please select a date and time that is most convenient for you.

To Register for the September 2 Webinar at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, please [Click Here](#).

To Register for the September 2 Webinar at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, please [Click Here](#).

To Register for the September 4 Webinar at 10:00 am to 11:00 am, please [Click Here](#).

School Supplies for the Start of the School Year:

School supply lists are on the homepage of every elementary and intermediate website under announcements. High school students will need general school supplies that include notebooks, folders, paper, pens and pencils.

You can access the school supply lists here:

[4K Through 3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade Through 8th Grade](#)

As always, stay safe and healthy.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
Interim Superintendent
School District of Beloit



Previous Updates:

iPad Update:

If you find that your child/teen's iPad is not working, please reach out to our Student Tech Help Desk at (608) 361-4071 or send a tech request to this [LINK](#).

Some families have shared with us that they need an iPad for fall distance learning. Please reach out to your child's/teen's principal to arrange to pick one up. You can email or call the school for this request. All school's will begin the distribution of iPads the week of August 31, this includes iPads for our kindergarten and 4K students.

Converse Elementary: (608) 361-2100
Gaston Elementary: (608) 361-2300
Hackett Elementary: (608) 361-2400
Merrill Elementary: (608) 361-2600
Robinson Elementary: (608) 361-2800
Todd Elementary: (608) 361-4200
Aldrich Intermediate: (608) 361-3600
Cunningham Intermediate: (608) 361-2200
Fruzen Intermediate: (608) 361-2000
McNeel Intermediate: (608) 361-3800
Beloit Learning Academy: (608) 361-4300
Beloit Memorial High School:(608) 361-3000

Digital Platforms for Distance Learning: Tutorials and Help

All elementary students will be using **Seesaw** this fall for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. We have set-up a great page of resources that include video tutorials for parents/guardians and students to preview the platform; instructions on how to access and use Seesaw; a family resource help page; and more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Our intermediate and high school students will be using **Google Classroom** for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. As with Seesaw, we have set-up a resource page with video tutorials for parents/guardians and students; a student's quick reference guide; and much more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Distance Learning: Four-Day Instructional Week

The four-day instructional week for Distance Learning will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be for students to complete homework and independent review of curriculum and assignments. Teachers will be participating in professional development, instructional planning and Professional Learning Communities during this time.

Grab and Go Meals:

Since March, the School District of Beloit has provided Grab and Go Meals for any individual between the ages of one and 18. Grab and Go Meals will continue to be available for pick-up Monday through Friday at all our elementary schools and at our High School from 11 am to 1 pm through August 21. **Our final distribution of Grab and Go Meals will be on Monday, August 24th.**



On Monday, August 24th, you will be able to pick up five breakfast meals and five lunch meals for the entire week. These meals will be provided in "grocery style" meaning that instead of five individual servings of an item, you will receive an entire package of that item. For example, instead of five individual servings of fruit cups, you will receive a full can of fruit.

There will be **no** Grab and Go Meals after Monday, August 24th.

Meal Distribution During Distance Learning: To Begin on Tuesday, September 8th

The district will resume food service under the National School Lunch (NSL) and National School Breakfast (NSB) programs on Tuesday, September 8th. Students enrolled in the traditional School District of Beloit model, regardless of in-person or distance learning, are eligible for a breakfast and lunch meal.

Meal distribution will continue at all six elementary locations and the high school between the hours of 11 AM and 1 PM. Individuals must supply the student's name and the name of their SDB school location to receive a meal under the NSL and NSB program. The meal hotline (361-3136) is still available for students unable to pick up meals from a distribution site.

Beloit Memorial High School Fall Sports:

All fall sports have been postponed until the spring. For follow-up questions, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Mr. Joel Beard at jbeard@sdb.k12.wi.us or visit the Athletics and Activities page on the [Safe to Learn website](#).

New Students to the School District of Beloit:

New students to our district can enroll online by accessing this **LINK**. If you are unable to enroll online, please call our Central Enrollment Office at (608) 361-4023 or (608) 361-4171.

Returning Students to the School District of Beloit:

Returning students to our district can register online by accessing this **LINK**. If you are planning to register your child/teen into Beloit Virtual School (BVS), you must still register your child/teen at their home school; you will be prompted to answer a question on whether you are selecting BVS or Distance Learning for the fall.

The district is committed to keeping our students and staff safe during this pandemic. As part of our registration process, families will be required to view a few videos that share an overview of COVID-19, as well as discuss hand washing, face coverings and social distancing.

If registering your child/teen online, or you have specific questions related to online registration, please reach out to your child's/teen's school office.

Distance Learning:

School District of Beloit teachers (your child's/teen's classroom/subject teacher) will provide curriculum and instruction that includes virtual face-to-face learning, a common digital platform, video instruction, flexible office hours, and off-line learning materials. Distance Learning is available for 4K through 12th grade students.

- Four-Day instructional week
- iPads and chargers will be provided



- Parent/Guardian training on common platforms and IT will be provided
- Integrated social and emotional support provided
- Printed materials will be available
- Common digital platforms
 - Elementary: Seesaw
 - Intermediate and High School: Google Classroom

Beloit Virtual School (BVS):

The School District of Beloit offers a tuition-free, comprehensive virtual school administered by an outside vendor, K12, and overseen and supported by School District of Beloit staff. The program recommends that students have a computer or Chromebook, internet access, are currently performing at grade level in math and reading, and are not credit deficient.

- Administered and taught by K12 teachers
- Students must commit to one hour of studying/work per course, per day
- Students will be able to switch out of this program and return to distance learning at the quarter, if requested
- Common digital platforms
 - Kindergarten through 5th grade: K12 platform
 - 6th grade through 12th grade: Peak platform

Safe to Learn Website:

You can access this **SITE** for the most up-to-date information regarding Distance Learning and the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The Safe to Learn website is available on every school's homepage and on our SDB App.