



From the Cardinal's Nest

Back to School 2003

Principal's Message

It has been a busy summer at the school with interviews, facility work and master schedule finalizations. The 2003-2004 year will bring twelve new teachers and new faces in the counseling and administrative areas.

We are looking forward to the week of Cardinal Camp and schedule/textbook pick-up the first week of August. Bellaire High's partnership with the PTO brought numerous funds and projects this past year and I want to encourage everyone to join the PTO for the 2003-2004 school year.

Enjoy the remaining days of your summer!

Mr. Salem

A Word From the PTO President

Bellaire High School is an active and vital part of the school community. We raise funds to give back to the students, faculty, and the building in the form of teacher grants, student scholarships, and funds for the auditorium renovation. This past year, the PTO purchased new fencing for the teachers' parking lot, surrounded the school with red benches, financially supported our school's Odyssey of the Mind team to attend the World Championships, and funded the purchase of equipment needed for the band as well as several athletic and academic departments. Our major avenues of fundraising are through PTO membership, the General Fund-Raiser (fall letter campaign), and food sales.

Please become involved in the school by joining the PTO and coming to our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. You do not need to be a board member to attend the PTO meetings—everyone is encouraged to attend to hear the current news at the school! Look for membership/volunteer information to come home the second week of class or find the PTO tables in the foyer outside the auditorium at Open House on August 28. As an added benefit of joining the PTO, you can include an email address on your membership form to receive periodic PTO reminders and school news!

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BHS Open House August 28

The Bellaire High School staff and PTO invite you to the annual Open House from 6:30-9:30 PM on Thursday evening, August 28. The meeting will convene at 6:30 in the auditorium.

Bring a copy of your student's schedule, complete

with names of teachers and room numbers in correct period order! Parents will follow the student's schedule and meet each of the teachers briefly for a description of the expectations for each class.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your check-

book because this is the best time to purchase the year-book, the student newspaper (you can even have it mailed to your home!), subscribe to the Scholarship Report, and to join the PTO! Some English books are usually available for sale as well. Remember to arrive early to find a parking place!

Breakfast at Bellaire for After Prom 2004

Parents of seniors at BHS are sponsoring *Breakfast at Bellaire* in the school cafeteria on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. The event features a continental breakfast and a live and silent auction. Breakfast tickets sell for \$5 at the door. The parents hope to raise \$30,000 for the After Prom party. After Prom is a drug-free and alcohol-free event attended by seniors and their dates. It begins immediately after the prom in the same hotel.

An important part of the live auction is the bidding for Prime Parking on Maple Street. Maple Street has five parking spaces that are reserved from auction to auction for the lucky student who wins the drawing or has the highest bid at the auction. One space will be sold in a drawing, one space will be sold in the silent auction and three spaces will be sold in the live auction.

Senior parent and teacher, Carolyn Karp, will sell drawing tickets in her class-

room during lunch beginning the week of October 27 and concluding on November 7. The drawing will be held on November 10. This date will give students a chance to win a space at the auction if they don't win in the drawing. Drawing tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing tickets, win or lose, are good for free admission to the breakfast. Any Bellaire High School student who has a valid drivers license is eligible to purchase tickets to enter the drawing.

You may choose to purchase drawing tickets this summer through the mail or during Open House this fall. Please mail your check or money order, payable to After Prom 2004 to the school:

*After Prom 2004
Bellaire High School
5100 Maple Street
Bellaire, TX 77401*

Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the claim tickets to be returned to you.

All Bellaire High School students, parents, staff, faculty, friends, relatives, neighbors, casual acquaintances and complete strangers are invited to attend *Breakfast at Bellaire*. Bring all your friends. There will be plenty of food, fun, and great gift bargains. You could finish your holiday shopping before the Thanksgiving break! Just think of all the quality family time that would leave for those college applications and essays.

Call Patti Stiernberg for more information or to make a tax-deductible donation. We also sell advertising space in our auction booklet. Underwriting is available for specific After Prom activities. Check the school home page: www.bellaire.org for auction announcements and click on External Resources to find the After Prom link. You should be able to download all order/donation forms. If not, contact psstiernberg@houston.rr.com or call 713.660-8628.

Breakfast

At

Bellaire

November 15

10 am—1 pm



Bellaire Fall Fever Fun Run – September 20

"ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF BHS" is hosting the 8th annual fun run benefiting Bellaire High School student scholarships. The fun run is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. \$15 registration fee (before 8/31). For online registration go to www.signmeupsports.com or printable form at www.bellaire.org and click on alumni. For more details call 281-563-8247.

PTO Study Abroad Scholarship

To encourage Bellaire students in language study and intercultural awareness, the PTO is offering Bellaire students a scholarship for study abroad. Applications for summer, semester, or academic year study abroad programs should be made immediately for best results. For information about the PTO Study Abroad Scholarship, contact Cathy Toisi-Stoll at 713.661.4233. Consideration for the scholarship is predicated on acceptance notification into an accredited program, with preference given to programs lasting longer than 4 weeks.

American Field Service



Interested in American Field Service? AFS is the most experienced, reliable high school student exchange program in the world. Exciting programs are available for high school students in over 42 countries around the globe for a full school year, for a semester, or for the summer. The PTO offers scholarship assistance for Bellaire students studying abroad. For more information, contact Nancy Lomax 713-668-7075 or nlomax@houston.rr.com. Families are needed to host international students. Scholarships are available.

Share! High School Exchange Program

SHARE! HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM is looking for host families. Volunteer American host families are needed to host international high school exchange students for the upcoming 2003-04 academic year or fall semester. Students speak English, have spending money, and medical insurance. Host families provide a bed, meals, and a caring envi-

ronment. The students, from over 30 different countries, are anxiously awaiting news of their host family and new American high school. For more information please phone Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest office at 1-800-941-3738, ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org or website www.erdshare.org

Science Engineering Fair Winner

Congratulations to Ben Wang, first place winner in Physics at the Texas State Science Engineering Fair!

CARDINAL CALENDAR

July 31	Freshman Parent Orientation
August 4-7	Textbook & schedule pickup 9-2 (Mon-12th; Tues-11th; Wed.-10th; Thurs-9th)
August 4-8	Marching Band practice
August 5-7	Cardinal Camp
August 18	First Day of classes!
August 28	Open House
August 29	BHS vs Alvin 7 PM, Alvin Memorial
September 1	Labor Day Holiday!
September 2	PTO Meeting, 7:30 PM
September 4	Senior Parent meeting 7 PM
September 6	BHS vs Northbrook, 6 PM, Tully
September 8	12th Grade College Info Meeting
September 12	BHS vs Chavez, 8:30 PM, Dome
September 16	9th Grade Parent Meeting
September 20	Bellaire Fall Fever 5K Run/Walk
September 25	BHS vs Austin, 7 PM, Delmar
September 29	College Night
September 30	9th Grade Parent Meeting
October 2	BHS vs Milby, 7 PM, Barnett
October 6	Fall Holiday!
October 9	SAT I & II
October 7	PTO Meeting
October 11	SAT I & II
October 11	BHS vs Lamar, 7 PM, Butler
October 14	9th Grade Parent Meeting
Oct. 18 & 21	PSAT
October 18	BHS vs Westside, 7 PM, Butler
October 24	BHS vs Worthing, 7 PM, Butler
October 28	9th Grade Parent Meeting
October 30	BHS vs Madison, 7 PM, Butler
November 1	SAT I & II
November 4	PTO Meeting
November 8	BHS vs Westbury, 2 PM, Butler
November 15	Breakfast at Bellaire
November 18	11th Grade College Info Meeting
Nov. 24-25	Inservice days—no class
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 2	PTO Meeting
December 6	SAT I & II
December 18	Last day for students
Dec. 22– Jan. 2	Winter Holidays!
January 5	Classes resume
January 19	MLK Holiday
January 24	SAT I & II
February 26	10th Grade College Info Meeting
March 15-19	Spring Break!
March 25	9th Grade College Info Meeting
March 27	SAT I only
April 9 & 12	Spring Holidays!
April 20	Senior Transition Meeting
May 1	SAT I & II
June 5	SAT I & II

Important Information from Counselors

Greetings from the Counselors at Bellaire High School! Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We have some changes to let you know about, but will address that in a future newsletter, but want to give you information and dates to put on your calendar.

Open House

Thursday, August 28 you will have the opportunity to attend the first PTO meeting of the year but also to follow your student's class schedule for the semester.

Ninth Grade Parent Meetings

Counselors offer four meetings for parents of new ninth graders. The first session is to meet Counselors and Administrators, and ask questions you may have. Another meeting is devoted to graduation requirements, including the new TAKS testing. For the other two meetings we try to address topics that may be of interest to parents-if you have suggestions, please call or email to let us know what you want us to address! One thing is for certain-they will be timely topics! The dates for these meetings: September 16, September 30, October 14, and October 28. We hope to see you ninth grade parents at each of these meetings.

College Information Meetings

Counselors offer a college information meeting at every grade level, with representatives from colleges and universities here from across the state (and sometimes even from across the nation), to provide parents and students with the most updated, accurate information one may need to pursue a college education these days. Each meeting is tailored to the needs of that particular grade level. Please keep in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to guide you along the process gradually so that it does not become so overwhelming by waiting until fall of the senior year!

12th Grade Meeting - September 8

11th Grade Meeting - November 18

10th Grade Meeting - February 26

9th Grade Meeting - March 25

All meetings will be held in the **Multipurpose Room** at Bellaire, from **7 - 8:30 pm**.

College Night, with over 150 colleges and universities from throughout the United States will be **Monday, September 29, 7 - 9 pm**.

New Opportunities

One idea, currently in the planning stages, is an in-state college tour, which would run from the Friday before Thanksgiving through the next Tuesday. We want to do this as economically as possible, while maintaining quality. We will need some parent chaperones, so please keep us in mind if you are able to help out with this. We will target seniors who may have no other opportunity to travel around the state to visit colleges first, and then will accept others as space allows.

We have added a mini-computer lab to the outer office of our counseling suite, in Room 119. (Yes, it's crowded!) These computers will be available before and after school and at lunch, for students to complete guidance-related activities. We have interest inventories, cd's that cover interview skills, resume building, etc. These computers will also have internet access so that students without a computer or internet access at home can come here to do a college search, get financial aid information, or sign up for the SAT or ACT. In addition, we plan to gain access to software for credit redemption, to help students regain lost credits.

College Guidance

For students and/or parents who want more guidance for college information than they get from their individual counselor, I will be available by appointment from 11 am to 7 pm. It is important that students and parents have at least talked about what may be possible and what may meet the student's needs prior to scheduling an

appointment with me. The appointments will be set up at 45-minute intervals, so please respect the time of others if you choose to schedule. Students will continue to receive an abundance of information regarding the entire college search process from their individual counselors. Appointments are for those who need some direction, clarification, or validation from someone else. This fall, I need to focus on current seniors, but anyone may call to check for availability. I will follow these hours on these dates, even if no appointments are scheduled, so drop-in students are especially welcomed during this time. However, the only way insure my availability is to schedule an appointment. Please call 713-295-3749 to schedule. If there is enough demand for time slots, I will consider doing this twice a month rather just once. The goal is to be helpful to you and to ease your minds as you go into what can be a very stressful time.

I am assuming a new position this year in order to serve our students more effectively. I will continue to be Lead Counselor but with no student load. I am taking on the responsibilities previously held by Diann Resnick as PreAP/IB Coordinator, for 9th and 10th grade students and parents with questions about the program or interested in the full International Baccalaureate Diploma.

We will introduce new counselors in the next issue. Until then, take good care, and let us know how we can be helpful to you in assuring the best Bellaire education possible for your student.

Shirley Raby
Lead Counselor



PTO PIZZA SALES



Individual Firehouse pizzas (cheese or pepperoni) are sold during lunch every Tuesday and Wednesday. The cost is just \$3 and all the pizza sales profit goes directly back to the students and faculty of BHS. Look for the pizza ladies in the courtyard outside the cafeteria!

Easy ways to support the BHS PTO when buying groceries!

Pick up Central Market Foodie cards at Open House and share with your neighbors!



DO YOU HAVE A TARGET GUEST CARD?

If so, please designate BHS as the school for the fundraising program and we will receive 1% of purchases made at Target stores with that card. To participate, call 1-800-316-6142 or visit any Target store or sign up through www.target.com. Please beware that The Target Guest Card is a credit card!!!

VERIZON LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE

donates 5% of a participant's monthly spending to BHS. If you currently have Verizon as your long distance provider or are looking to change providers, check out the website www.verizon.com/extracredit to designate BHS for the Verizon Extra Credit for School program. This is for home phone service - NOT for cellular phones.

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS! SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

As a service to parents, the PTO will email or mail you a monthly listing of available scholarships as compiled by our very own BHS counselors. The information on the Scholarship Report is available for viewing in the counselors' office or sent directly to you for a subscription price of \$13 by mail or \$10 by email (faster). There are about 9 issues sent for the convenience of parents who might not otherwise see this information!

The report lists the scholarship name, amount, deadline and requirements. If you see something you'd like to investigate further, you can either visit the website listed in the report or get the application in the gray file cabinet located just inside the door of the counselors' office. Ideal for juniors or seniors, academic and non-academic, there are usually a few scholarships/contests listed for grades 9-12, too. If you would like to subscribe, send \$10 cash or check (made payable to Bellaire PTO) and up to 3 email addresses to receive the report electronically, or \$13 to receive the report by mail to: Scholarship Report, c/o Janis Boulware, 5223 Valkeith Dr., Houston, 77096-5108. Please include name, address, phone, ZIP, and up to 3 email addresses if you wish to receive it electronically. The first issue will be sent out in September.

BHS Proposed Budget for 2003-2004

Projected Revenue:

Balance Forward	\$	39,078.78
Bank Interest		1,000.00
General Fund-raiser		15,000.00
Membership		10,000.00
Other		250.00
Food Sales		50,000.00
Scholarship Report		800.00
Total	\$	116,128.78

Projected Expenses:

Administrative	\$	100.00
Study Abroad Scholarship		2,500.00
Approved Expenditures		35,560.64
Discretionary Fund		1,000.00
Encumbrances 2002-03		3,718.14
General Fund-raiser		1,000.00
Membership		1,000.00
Newsletter		2,000.00
Food Sales		30,000.00
Scholarship Awards		5,050.00
Scholarship Report		500.00
Staff Appreciation		3,500.00
Teacher Grants		20,000.00
Teacher of the Year		200.00
Carryover for next year		10,000.00
Total	\$	116,128.78

Cardinal's Nest Deadline

Items for the summer edition of the PTO Newsletter Cardinal's Nest may be sent to Natalie Lamont by fax (713.666.6138) or email: bnlamont@pdq.net. Deadline for the Fall edition is October 1.

#1 in District UIL Competition

In District UIL Academic Competition, Bellaire was the top scoring school, with a total of 626 points. Lamar placed second scoring 278 points and Westside finished third with 266 points. Students compete in a wide variety of subject areas, such as the sciences, math, editorial writing and computer. Congratulations to the students who participated in this event!

Thank you BHS Class of 2003 Afterprom Sponsors

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(Donations that were received subsequent to publication of spring 2003 PTO Newsletter)

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**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

Bellaire Academic Challenge Team



No. 1

Statistics from the 2003 Academic Challenge were compiled in June and only two teams averaged over 400 points per game: Chaska (MN) with a 411 average and Bellaire with 434. Congratulations to this very special group of students and to the team sponsor, Mrs. Ida Medlen for this wonderful accomplishment!

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The PTO also has a page on the school website at www.Bellaire.org/PTO where you can find PTO board member contact information and other news. Also, try to volunteer your time in any number of ways throughout the year. The VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) coordinator, Jeannette Sebesta will be glad to talk with you about opportunities at the school information desk, special events, and elsewhere. Cardinal Camp, food sales, and many Shared Decision-Making Committees (SDMC) are also areas in which parents may be involved.

Welcome, or welcome back to Bellaire! We're looking forward to a great year and want you to be a part of it. See you at the Open House on August 28 and the next PTO meeting on September 2.

Janis Boulware / 713-728-8826
jboulware77@sbcglobal.net

Bellaire Debate Team Competes

Members of the squad competed at the Lincoln Financial Group National Forensic League National Speech and Debate tournament. More than 2650 students participated in the tournament on the campus of Georgia State University in Atlanta, June 15-20. BHS has qualified students 44 of the 48 years since the school opened in 1955 ... more than any other school in Texas. Only six schools across the country have attended the tournament more times than Bellaire.

Bellaire students placed 10th in cross examination debate, competed through the 8th round in extemporaneous speaking and narrowly missed the cut in Lincoln Douglas debate.

Congratulations to Amol Helekar, Avinash Krishnan and Marc Bhargava and to the team sponsor/coach, Mr. Jay Stubbs! Bellaire is also pleased to announce the hiring of an additional debate coach, Russell Rach, who has coached many championship teams at Crosby High School.

Staff News

The following staff and faculty members retired over the summer. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to BHS!

Sondra Adair
Francine Bunner
Judy Dugas
Brenda Gould
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**PTO MEETING
TUESDAY
SEPT. 2, 7:30 PM
MULTIPURPOSE RM**

The 2003-2004 HISD calendar is
available on the
website at www.hisd.org

PTO Membership 2003-2004 (*please print clearly!*) **Please Join!!**
Mail in form with your dues to **Bellaire High School PTO, 5100 Maple St., Bellaire, TX 77401.**
Thank you!!

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____ grade _____
Student Name _____ grade _____
Home Address _____
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Email address for periodic school news updates/reminders: _____

Membership Contribution enclosed (circle) \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 other \$ _____

*Please remember that PTO membership is required to be eligible for
student scholarships and teacher grant awards.*