



# From the Cardinal's Nest

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## Principal's Message

Hello, Parents!

Our fall semester is quickly progressing and before we know it semester exams will be on the radar screen. Thanks to English department chair Mr. Wolf and student group Antares for a terrific College Night on October 4. We also congratulate the Class of 2007 for their 52 National Merit Semi-Finalists. What an impressive accomplishment!

On another note, I want the Bellaire family to know that the school is investing \$70,000 in school funds for a security camera system that will provide approximately 80 cameras throughout the facility. Our current system needed some updating, and given recent nationwide concerns for school safety, I'm glad we had already appropriated these funds.

I hope your son/daughter is enjoying the school year. Look forward to seeing you at the monthly PTO meetings.

Tim Salem

## A Word from the PTO President

The school year has gotten off to a busy start as always. Once the school year begins, it seems like we get on a roller coaster that does not stop until May. Parents have responded very generously to our *Commitment to Learning* membership and fundraising campaign. Thank you to all who have joined. My concern is that we only have 614 members to date, including 80 faculty members. That represents fantastic teacher & staff participation; however, it also portrays very low participation from our approximately 2,900 Bellaire families.

The school has some major items on their "wish list". The library staff has come up with a creative plan to renovate the library and make it much more inviting and usable. Also, the science department presented a plan at the October PTO meeting to add a building on the campus to help alleviate our overcrowding issues. Obviously, the PTO cannot fund the building. However, we could begin the process by paying for an architectural plan to present to the HISD board. Our teacher grant program is very popular with the staff as evidenced by our outstanding teacher participation in PTO membership. The PTO plays a very active role at the school, both in funding and volunteering. We are very fortunate to be at a school where the parent participation is appreciated and welcomed.

I hope you will become involved in the school both by joining the PTO and attending the monthly meetings. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Each PTO meeting is preceded by a "meet & greet" (parent networking) session that begins at 7:00 pm. January and April meetings will be held on the second Tuesday this year due to conflicts. These are "open meetings." Everyone is encouraged to join PTO and attend the meetings. Members of the PTO are able to vote on issues at the meetings, get a free copy of the parent handbook, and receive periodic PTO *E-Bulletins* and school news.

I have changed the way the PTO *e-bulletins* are handled this year. The bulletins are sent through a yahoo group. I made this change to both make it easier to send the bulletins to a large group and so there would be a record of past bulletins saved for you to access. If you are a PTO member and are not receiving the bulletins, contact me and I will add you to the list.

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## Breakfast at Bellaire

Saturday  
November 4  
9 am—1 pm

Bring your friends  
and family!  
Delicious food,  
live & silent auctions ...  
a great time to do  
your holiday shopping!

## **CARDINAL CALENDAR**

October 18	PSAT
October 17-20	TAKS—Repeat Exit Level Testers
October 24	Parenting Teens class / 7 pm / MPR
November 4	Breakfast at Bellaire / 9 am– 1 pm / Cafeteria
November 7	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
November 9	IB Information Night / 7 pm
November 13	Parenting Teens class / 7 pm / MPR
Oct. 26	UH Field Trip for Seniors
Nov. 20-24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
December 5	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
Dec. 11-14	Final Exam Week
Dec. 15 - Jan. 2	STUDENT HOLIDAYS
January 3	Classes Resume
January 9	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
January 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
Jan. 23 & 25	8th Gr. Information Nights / 7 pm / Auditorium
January 30	Getting Money for College / 11th & 12th gr. Parents/ 7 pm/ English & Spanish/ Aud. & MPR
February 6	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
February 9	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
February 10	Career and Education Day at the GRB Convention Center / <a href="http://www.hispanicforum.org">http://www.hispanicforum.org</a>
February 15	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade College Night / 7 pm / Auditorium
February 20-23	TAKS - Re-testers
February 22	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade College Night / 7 pm / Auditorium
March 1	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade College Night / 7 pm / Auditorium
March 6	PTO Meeting / 7 pm / Auditorium
March 12-16	SPRING BREAK
April 6	SPRING HOLIDAY
April 9	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
April 10	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / Auditorium
April 12	Transitioning from High School to College, 7 pm / MPR / Seniors and Parents
April 15	National College Fair / GRB Convention Center / 1-4 pm
April 17-20	TAKS - Exit Level for Seniors
April 21	Prom
May 1	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
May 21-24	Final Exam Week
May 24	Last Day of School!

### **Fine Arts Performances**

eMOTION Bellaire Dance Company  
Winter Show  
November 17 / 7 pm

Combined Choir & Orchestra Concert  
December 5 / 7 pm

Band Concert— All Bands  
December 12 / 7 pm

## **Important Info Re:Transcripts**

Preliminary, unofficial grade point averages and class ranks for seniors were distributed in advocacy on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. The grade point averages and class ranks will be recalculated in January 2006, for the official numbers which will include this fall semester.

We are well into the transcript request season. It is very important that students submit their requests in a timely manner. Please remember that a transcript requires 5 working days for processing while a transcript with a counselor recommendation requires 30 working days for processing. Be sure to request well in advance of your deadlines so that we can get everything out for you on time. Students often want to put an earlier deadline on their request card than the one set by the college or university. This only delays your request because we must check for the correct deadline information. Please provide accurate information so that we can process all the requests quickly and accurately. Remember that the deadlines apply to scholarship applications as well as to college/university admissions.

Seniors will receive one more printout of their transcript during the fall semester so that they can verify all the information is correct before official rankings are done. In addition, we will be asking seniors to verify their full names for their diplomas and their social security numbers for their final official transcripts during the year. Please help us by responding to our requests for information promptly.

All correspondence courses and credit by exam must be completed by December 1, 2006, for courses that are required for graduation. If a senior has not completed a required course by that date, the student will be enrolled in the class at Bellaire High School for the spring semester.

Juniors will receive transcript copies to review for preliminary rankings during the spring semester.

**Sandra Lynn Farmer**  
*Registrar*

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## Commitment to Learning—PTO Membership & Fundraising Campaign 2006/2007 Fall Update

This is your opportunity to directly improve the learning environment at BHS ... by contributing to the PTO's Commitment to Learning Fundraising Campaign. This fundraiser exists because the PTO is called on to fund many items that the HISD budget no longer covers.

More than 600 families and 80 BHS teachers & staff have joined the PTO, and the Commitment to Learning Campaign has raised \$40,000. However, we are \$5,000 short of our budgeted goal, and \$10,000 short of our "stretch goal".

PTO asks for your commitment to this fundraising program while acknowledging the myriad of school organizations and booster clubs that we, as parents, also support. Nevertheless, PTO works to support all of our parents, teachers, & administrators in order to provide the best possible educational environment for our students. The PTO's "support" includes financial grants to teachers & staff, as well as the direct personal efforts of parents who serve on the Volunteers in Support of Schools (VIPS) Committee.

### How are the funds spent?

All of the membership & fundraising funds are channeled back to the school. Teachers & staff apply for funds to purchase supplemental books or equipment for their classes, e.g. during the '05-'06 school year, PTO funded 25 separate purchases, totaling \$25,300. PTO also funds one-time expenditures such as the repair of the drainage/irrigation infrastructure for the multi-purpose field (when it was damaged by the re-positioning of the temporary buildings). PTO also participated in last year's purchase of new stage curtains on the auditorium, when the existing curtains were cited as "fire hazards."

### Significant Contributions

PTO appreciates and respects all contributions. We also sincerely acknowledge that some BHS families can only afford the \$10 PTO membership contribution. However, experience tells us that some families are able to, and choose to, contribute significant amounts to the fundraiser. To this point, we have received **160 contributions of \$100 or higher, including forty-five of \$250 or higher, including four \$1,000 contributions!**

Every contributor of significant funds has their own motivation. Typically, we hear that they are "giving back" to the school, or pragmatically stating that without BHS, their students would likely be in private school, at considerable expense. Please consider making a significant contribution ("investment") to the BHS PTO Commitment to Learning Campaign.

We certainly thank those families who have joined the PTO and made contributions to the fundraiser. And we also welcome any "supplemental" contributions from existing PTO members. As importantly, we encourage those who haven't participated yet to please consider PTO membership as well as the fundraising campaign. Your contribution is tax deductible.

### How do I contribute?

Write a check for the amount you wish to contribute, complete the membership form (back cover), and mail it to the address indicated. Contributions of \$50 or more will be recognized in the Cardinal's Nest by contribution level listed below. All contributions, no matter the amount, are appreciated and respected!

\$ 1,000+ - <b>Diamond Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>	\$ 50+ - <b>Bronze Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>
\$ 500+ - <b>Platinum Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>	\$ 25+ - <b>Crystal Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>
\$ 250+ - <b>Gold Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>	\$ 10 - PTO membership fee only – Family	
\$ 100+ - <b>Silver Contributor</b>	<b>(PTO membership included)</b>	\$ 5 - PTO membership fee only – Bellaire HS faculty/staff	

**Double your contribution** – check with your company's HR department for educational matching programs. **In 2005/2006, the Fundraising Campaign received over \$800 in matching funds!**

All \$50+ contributions will be recognized in the spring edition of the Cardinal's Nest.  
***Thanks in advance for your support!*** Questions or comments, please contact us,

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Cindy Chapman (cpchapman@yahoo.com home: 713-728-0240)  
PTO Membership & Fundraising Co-Chairs

MEMO

The counselors are pleased that most schedule changes have finally been completed and we can move on to meaningful tasks, such as meeting with students in regard to their academic goals and plans.

We are delighted to welcome to our staff Willie Me Franklyn, who is returning to HISD after working for three years as a counselor in the Cypress Fairbanks ISD at Cypress Falls High school. Prior to working at Cy-Fair, Ms. Franklyn worked in HISD for 18 years. She began her teaching career at Patrick Henry Middle School teaching science, math, and Spanish. While at Patrick Henry, she was asked to chair the science department of Sam Houston High School where she worked for four years before being selected as one of four teachers to open the Middle College for Technology (MCTC). During her second year at MCTC, she was selected by her peers as the campus' Teacher of the Year. Ms. Franklyn was the Magnet Coordinator at Reagan High School for three years and was asked to serve as the project manager during the first year of Reagan's high school reform and restructuring efforts. Her first counseling assignment was at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Ms. Franklyn attended school in HISD and is a graduate of the Jesse H. Jones High School Vanguard Program and Prairie View A&M University. She was grateful for the opportunity to return to HISD this year. She considers it "coming home." Ms. Franklyn loves working with her students and feels very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful students, parents, and school staff members over the years. She is enjoying being a part of Bellaire High School and looks forward to continuing to serve this community.

Seniors should plan to access **The Senior Bulletin** on a regular basis through-

out the fall and spring semesters. **The Senior Bulletin** contains information for seniors on the college application process, college entrance exams, scholarships, financial aid, and other post-high school options. It is published approximately every other week and is available on the shelf in room 119 or online at [www.bellaire.org](http://www.bellaire.org) (click on "Counselors" Page as the link.) It is also vital for seniors to complete and turn in the Senior Recommendation Form (Brag Sheet) to their counselors. Not only are these forms used to write your letters of recommendation, but the Bellaire Scholarship/Awards Committee uses the information to consider seniors for scholarship nominations. Remember, the procedure for requesting recommendations and transcripts for scholarship applications is the same as for your college applications: the process begins in the registrar's office. Please allow the usual time for processing, including the 30-day advance for counselors for recommendations.



Volunteers in the College Information Center have been trained to assist students with college searches and the application process. Counselors have taken groups of students to University of Houston to apply for admission, apply for financial aid, and to tour the campus. Counselors hosted a meeting with a panel of college representatives for seniors and their parents and a meeting for ninth graders to meet the principal, assistant principals, and their counselors. Seniors met with counselors through their English classes and learned lots of valuable information about life after high school, instructions from Mrs. Farmer for ordering transcripts, and the senior information forms (online) to give to their counselors when they need a letter of recommendation.

Counselors held a Spanish-speaking Parent Night and two interactive parenting classes. Additional parenting classes are scheduled for October 24 and November 13 at 7:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room.

Later this fall counselors will be meeting with students in one-semester courses, such as PE, Health, Communications Applications, Keyboarding, and electives to request courses for the spring. All students are required to complete by May of the junior year the following requirements: 3 semesters of PE or equivalent, 1 semester of Health, 1 semester of Keyboarding (or have taken Keyboarding in middle school or have passed the proficiency test at Bellaire). Please discuss with your child which courses, if any, need to change for the spring semester, and what will be dropped or added. Any change to the schedule must be submitted in writing to the appropriate counselor by November 14 at the latest.

***Any change to the spring schedule must be submitted in writing to the appropriate counselor by November 14 at the latest.***

Course verification sheets, on which you may make corrections of course choices and which you are asked to sign, will be given to students around the last week in November. Careful consideration of choices is extremely important, as we make changes in cases of error, not because a student changes his/her mind.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We will continue to work hard to justify your faith in us. We appreciate your support and involvement.

**Ann Fields  
Lead Counselor**

## Hayden Askew Reels in \$20k Scholarship

Hayden Askew, a junior at BHS, won a college scholarship worth \$20,000 for catching an 8-pound 13-ounce speckled trout in the annual Coastal Conservation Association State of Texas Anglers Rodeo fishing tournament, which runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day along the Gulf Coast. Hayden, who has been fishing since he was 5 or 6 years old, was on the water four or five days a week this summer in search of the prize. More than \$1 million in prizes are given to youngsters and adults each year in STAR, with this year's winners ranging from 8 - 79 years old.



For more information about non-academic scholarships for college, check out the websites listed on the SENIOR BULLETIN found at [http://www.bellaire.org/from\\_the\\_counselors.php](http://www.bellaire.org/from_the_counselors.php)

## 52 BHS National Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program has recognized 52 Bellaire High School students as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Semifinalists are chosen from each state according to their score on the PSAT exam taken in their junior year. The cut-off score varies from state to state. This year, the score was 217. These seniors may now compete for around 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring. Bellaire High School's 2007 semifinalists are:

Neal Bennett, Jason Berkowitz, Meg Bevilacqua, Edward Biegert, Anish Borkar, Arnav Chakravarty, Willis Chambers, Jonathan Chang, Nicole Craigen, Calvin Dotsey, Lisa Felberg, Sara Fisher, Benjamin Garmezy, Christine Gerbode, Anand Habib, Faye Han, Leslie Huang, Cynthia Judson, Daniil Kabotyanski, Emma Kleinworth, Tessia Lamison, Yan Largman, Hope Lee, Mengwen Li, Yinghua Li, Christine Lu, Yanran Lu, Courtney Meason, Jorgen Nelson, Andrew Nepomuceno, Kimberly Niehaus, Michael Nock, Erika O'Connor, Michael Pan, Bridget Pelanne, Linda Phung, Brandon Plost, Kyung Hyun Seo, Andrew Shen, Sarayu Sundar, Jeremy Tanner, Sharon Tobias, Emma Treadway, Chen-Ling Tsai, Ziyue Wang, Ang Wei, Chloe Wood, Catherine Wu, Anna Xu, Fei Yang, Jessica Zhao, Yin Zhou.

## National Achievement Scholars

Bellaire High School students Hope Carter and Jessica Oriakhi were named National Achievement Semifinalists by the National Merit Program. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding African American high school students. The 1600 semifinalists chosen nationwide from students taking the PSAT exam will compete for scholarships to be awarded in the spring.



The National Hispanic Recognition Program has recognized six Bellaire High School seniors as 2006 - 07 National Hispanic Scholars: Gabriella Arroyo, Jorge Bustamente, Jamie Crawford, Gustavo Herrera, Joshua Sinuk, and Jose Zuniga. Katrina Ramirez-Meyers was selected as an Honorable Mention Finalist. The awards are based on a combination of the students' 2005 PSAT test scores and grade point averages.

## National Merit Commended Scholars

The National Merit Corporation also recognizes those students across the country who made higher than a score of 203 on the PSAT.



Bellaire High School commended scholars: Umar Alam, Marc Alexander, Gabriella Arroyo, Erene Attia, Evan Bookstaff, Gregory Bradshaw, Kieu-Thu Bui, Jen-Hao Chen, Brett Cooper, Anh-Khoi Dang, Kelly Diehl, Xinxin Feng, Nicholas Garbarino, Adam Garmezy, Lindi Gui, Daniel Gwen, Elizabeth Hayes, Gustavo Herrera, Hakeem Hindi, Daniel Hyman, Brian Jones, Anna Kuntz, Khillip Kwon, Laura Lambert, Christina Lenert, Dongming Li, Jessica Liang, Huimiao Lin, Youh-Chian Lin, Jasper Lu, Jacob Lynn, Keegan O'Brien, Ilana Osadchey, Qian Qin, Nicole Rice, Stacy Roberts, Emily Roth, Daniel Rothenberg, Aaron Ru, Kirsten Salyer, Alison Schultz, Ofer Shouval, Cynthia Tsai, Owen Wang, Jocelyn Wedelich, Alexander Wei, Katherine Welch, Siyan Wen, Michael Winsten, Katherine Wright, Ming Wu, Myra Yang, You You, Bin Zhao, Jue Zhou.

## PTO Study Abroad Scholarships

To encourage our students' interest in experiencing different cultures, the PTO will award partial scholarships to current BHS freshmen, sophomores, & juniors for study abroad programs that will occur during either summer 2006 or academic year 2006/2007. The PTO scholarship application process will begin in March '07, and will require a copy of the student's acceptance letter into a specific study abroad program. Interested students should use this time to investigate various study abroad programs. The PTO's applications will be available in the Spring, although last year's application can be found on the BHS website, at [www.bellaire.org/pto/PTOScholarshipPage.php](http://www.bellaire.org/pto/PTOScholarshipPage.php), and it is not expected to change significantly. Students and teachers are invited to contact Julie Pomerantz at [julespomer@aol.com](mailto:julespomer@aol.com) with any suggestions, comments, or concerns.



## 2006 - 2007 PTO Budget

### INCOME

Fundraising-Bumper Stickers	\$ 100
Fundraising-Food Sales	\$ 80,000
Fundraising-General	\$ 45,000
Interest Inc	\$ 500
Other Income	\$ 1,000
Prior Year Carry-over	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$136,600</b>

### EXPENSES

Administrative	\$ 200
After Prom 2008	\$ 1,000
Carry-over Expenses	\$ 10,000
Counselor Mailings	\$ 1,000
Food Sales Expenses	\$ 60,000
General Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,000
Misc. Staff & Admin Requests	\$ 1,000
Newsletter	\$ 5,000
Parent Handbook	\$ 1,000
Presidents Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000
Scholarship Awards	\$ 5,000
School Reform Awards	\$ 1,000
Social Worker	\$ 2,000
Special Projects	\$ 14,000
Staff Appr-1st Fridays	\$ 150
Staff-Gifts	\$ 1,000
Staff Appr-Luncheon	\$ 3,500
Stage Curtains	\$ 5,000
Study Abroad Scholarship	\$ 2,500
Teacher Grants	\$ 25,000
Teacher of year	\$ 200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$136,550</b>

### FOOD SALES

It's not too late to join us at lunch selling Pizza Hut pizza's and Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and salads. Tuesday or Wednesday. E-mail Ilene Flora at [mmmilene3@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmilene3@hotmail.com). Proceeds go to BHS PTO.

### Volunteer at BHS

Get involved at BHS by volunteering—either on a regular basis or for special events. Please contact Cathleen Trechter at 713.666.7397 or [Trechter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Trechter@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in helping out.

### BHS Bumper Stickers

Bumper Stickers \$1.00 and Window Clings \$2.00. E-Mail or call Ilene Flora [mmmilene3@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmilene3@hotmail.com) /713-668-0361

### BHS Art Department Revels in New Display Space

The Art Department at Bellaire High School has turned a second floor hallway and a portion of a third floor hallway into an Art Exhibition corridor.



Last year, the Bellaire PTO funded the purchase of ten new cabinets for the display of student art. The cabinets, which meet strict safety codes for size and thickness of glass, were installed during the summer vacation.

Space has always been at a premium at Bellaire High School, and there was never enough room to display the outstanding work of the students. The hallways near the art rooms lost their original cabinets during the last school renovation. Since 1993, the Art Department, which instructs about 600 students, has had two cabinets on the first floor.

Art teachers Jo Zider and Mary Rogers are ecstatic. Mrs. Zider, who has taught at BHS for 17 years, says the display cases will allow for frequent updating of the award winning works coming out of our art program as well as showcasing as many examples as possible of all students' work. The displays will help the students to know the potential quality that high school students can achieve.

### BHS Directory

Bellaire High School Directories are now available for \$5.00. They will be sold in the Main Office and College Information Center. You may also purchase a directory by e-mailing Ilene Flora at [mmmile-ne3@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmile-ne3@hotmail.com). Proceeds benefit After Prom 2007.

### A Word from the Librarian on the HISD Databases

So many things are available for your students this year through the HISD databases that I am so excited to tell you about. Please follow these steps:

Go to our Bellaire webpage.....[bellaire.org](http://bellaire.org)

Select BHS Library site....(It's under ACADEMICS.)

Wait for the library doors to load and click on the doors

Click the second tab at the top (DATABASES)

Click on the link HISD DATABASES



When using these databases at home, you must enter the user ID (houstonisd) and password (comets).

Of course, these databases are wonderful for your students to research, but a new component this year in the THOMSON/GALE database is the TESTING AND REFERENCE CENTER. You will find a career search, a college search (with scholarship search in it) and much more. The best part is this.....hit the Test Preparation tab, the green one. You are in for a huge surprise. You can download the study guide books, take practice exams, etc. for the PSAT, SAT, AP Exams, etc. No longer do you need to purchase these books. They are all online, courtesy HISD!!!!

Parents, there is even the book for the LSAT and GRE. Please, please use these databases. Call me or stop by the library and I will walk you through the use. But, trust me, this is EASY!

**Janice Albright, Librarian / Bellaire High School**  
713.295.3728 / [jalbrigh@houstonisd.org](mailto:jalbrigh@houstonisd.org)

# Breakfast at Bellaire

## Saturday, November 4 / 9 am -1 pm

### benefits After Prom 2007



Parents and seniors at BHS are sponsoring Breakfast at Bellaire in the school cafeteria on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The event features a continental breakfast and a live and silent auction. Outback Steakhouse will be grilling up hamburgers to all who attend the auction.

Breakfast tickets sell for \$5.00 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 5 parking spaces that are reserved from auction to auction for the lucky students who win the drawing or has the highest bid at the auction. Drawing tickets for 1 prime spot will be sold during lunch in the courtyard beginning the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> and concluding on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 \$10.00 each or \$ 25.00 for 3. Any BHS student who has a valid drivers license is eligible to purchase tickets to enter the drawing. You may also purchase tickets through the mail by sending a check or money order, payable to After Prom 2007, Bellaire High School 5100 Maple Street Bellaire, TX 77401. ATTN: After Prom 2007. Include a stamped, self -addressed envelope for the claim tickets to be returned to you.

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 items.

Contact Ilene Flora at 713-668-0361 / mmmilene3@hotmail.com for more information or to make a tax-deductible donation. Underwriting is also available for specific After Prom activities. Contact Ilene Flora for all order/donation forms.

The Class of 2007 After Prom Committee  
will begin having meetings in January . . .  
We'll need lots of volunteers!

### Information Concerning Scholarships

The SENIOR BULLETIN is published bi-weekly. It contains Scholarship listings, College Entrance Exam schedules, College Admission Reception dates, and other information vital for seniors in the transition from high school to higher education.

The Bulletins are numbered, and entries are organized by deadline date.

The Bulletin is posted on the BHS website. Hardcopies are available in the Counselors' Office (room 119), the College Center and the English 4 classes. A P.A. announcement is made when each new edition is posted, and seniors and parents of seniors are invited to visit the website often.

### Cardinal's Nest Deadline February 1

Items for the **Spring** edition of the PTO News-letter Cardinal's Nest may be sent to Natalie Lamont by fax (713.666.6138) or email: [bnlamont@earthlink.net](mailto:bnlamont@earthlink.net).

**Deadline for the Spring edition is February 1.**

Newsletters are posted on the PTO website.

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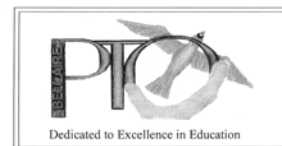
Next PTO Meeting / November 7 7:30 PM,  
preceded by a "meet & greet" (parent network-  
ing) session at 7:00 pm (Multipurpose Room)



## Commitment to Learning

PTO Membership & Fundraising Campaign 2006/2007

**Please print all information.**



Contributor Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

List all students in the family who attend Bellaire & their grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emails \_\_\_\_\_

I've enclosed my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the **Commitment to Learning** campaign (or the PTO membership fee only).

**Please refer to page 3 for contribution levels. Check # \_\_\_\_\_.**

Check here  if you wish your contribution to remain anonymous.

**Make checks payable to the Bellaire High School PTO and mail to Bellaire HS PTO, 5100 Maple, Bellaire, TX 77401**