



From the Cardinal's Nest

Spring 2007

Principal's Message

We are in the fifth six weeks of the school year! I can't believe how time flies. This is the season of testing: TAKS, Stanford, AP, IB and End-of Course exams. Make sure you follow the website's communicated bell schedules for delayed class times.

The City of Bellaire has started construction on Ferris Street and that will add to our traffic woes. As of February 24th, there will be no parking available on Ferris. Senior lot members will enter the Senior lot from Maple.

Seniors are securing graduation announcements and cap/gown orders for the big graduation day at Reliant Stadium this year for the first time. That's May 27th at 5:00 p.m.

I hope your child is enjoying the school year.

Tim Salem

A Word from the PTO President

Thank you to the hundreds of families and staff who have joined the PTO and contributed to the Commitment to Learning Fundraiser. This has been a hugely successful general fundraiser, the school will benefit enormously from your generosity. We continue to see new members join each week. It's never too late to join. During the fall teacher grant cycle, we awarded over \$16,000 in grants that directly affect your students. We have several projects under consideration for the spring.

I have continued the tradition started by our wonderful past president, Nancy Brown, of sending out informational e-bulletins periodically. Please contact me if you are a PTO member and are not receiving these bulletins. I will be glad to add you to the list. Speaking of Nancy, she is now employed part-time at the school and produces a newsletter that can be found online at <http://www.bellaire.org/NewsLetter.pdf>.

Our school is very fortunate to have so many dedicated and involved parents and a staff that welcomes our participation. There is always room for you to take part in the life of the school. Volunteer opportunities exist in the College Information Center, selling food during lunch, serving on committees and more.

At our May 1 meeting, we will be electing new PTO officers and one Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) parent representative. The SDMC representatives have two-year terms. Please consider being on the PTO Board for next year. By getting involved in these ways, you will learn more about the school, get to know other parents, and gain a deeper understanding of what makes Bellaire High School such a special place. Several executive board positions will be open as well as committee positions. We will need co-chairs for both the Membership/Fundraising VP position as well as the VIPS VP position. Additionally, we are looking for a new Executive Vice President and a new Treasurer. Ideally, these are all two-year commitments. A nominating committee will form soon to start looking to fill the openings. If you are interested in becoming an officer or SDMC representative, please contact me.

I have enjoyed working with the current PTO board and faculty this year. I have been amazed at how many of our parents and staff go the extra mile to make Bellaire High School the wonderful learning center that it is. Thank you very much for your support of the PTO!

Katie Coughlen / 713-885-0737 / kdcoughlen@houston.rr.com

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"Bellaire High School Today" is a new feature of the website, www.bellaire.org. The content of the newsletter changes monthly, and it highlights some of the news-making events at the school during the previous weeks. Click on the "BHS Newsletter" link in the left hand News and Events section of the BHS home page for news and photos.

CARDINAL CALENDAR

March 1	9 th Grade College Night / 7 pm / Auditorium
March 6	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
March 12-16	SPRING BREAK
April 6	SPRING HOLIDAY
April 9	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
April 10	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
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 / Hyatt Regency—Downtown
May 1	PTO Meeting / 7:30 pm / MPR
May 21-24	Final Exam Week
May 24	Last Day of School!
May 27	Graduation / 5:00 pm / Reliant Stadium

Important Information For Juniors

Juniors will be receiving a print out of their transcript during the spring semester. Parents should review these records very carefully and be sure that all questions and/or corrections are submitted to the registrar by the deadline specified so that the students' records can be absolutely correct before summer. Preliminary, unofficial grade point averages and class ranks (for use in early decision college applications) will be calculated at the end of June based on the information we have in our file at that time.

All questions and/or corrections must be submitted in writing. You will receive a written response from the registrar.

The unofficial grade point averages and class ranks will be distributed to the students in the fall with their first report cards. This time frame is necessary so that new enrollees in the fall semester can be included in the ranking and so that those students who do not return to Bellaire High School in the fall semester can be deleted from the rankings. This will be in time for early decision applications.

Sandra Farmer, Registrar

Parent Networking (“meet & greet”) Sessions

Parent networking sessions have been particularly relevant & valuable to the participating parents.

“Social networks operate on many levels, and play a critical role in determining the way problems are solved, organizations are run, and the degree to which individuals succeed in achieving their goals.” (from Wikipedia)

Your student’s “BHS experience” (as measured in terms of academics, athletics, social skills, PSAT/SATs, etc.) has the potential to be incredibly valuable. However, it takes effort along many fronts to maximize that value. Most parents view their child’s high school years with a mixture of excitement, optimism and some apprehension. The “apprehension” arises from our desire to help our students reach their full potential, but not knowing how to help, or what to do.

How many times have you acknowledged that “you don’t know what you do not know” in order to help guide your child? That feeling periodically surfaces before/after a BHS “milestone/event”, e.g. the 3 week up/down curriculum decision in 9th grade, 6 week grading periods, extracurricular activities decisions, final exams, various pre-AP/AP choices, social clubs, summer school decisions, elective course choices, PSAT/SAT efforts, and during the college decision-making process. In other words, throughout the BHS experience, parents find themselves looking for relevant information, and more precisely, looking for insight.

The fundamental purpose of PTO is “to promote good understanding, cooperation, and support among parents, teachers, & administrators in order to provide the best possible education for our students”. This is our second year of scheduling thirty minute Parent Networking (“meet & greet”) sessions prior to every PTO Meeting. As in true

networking events, the shared experiences, “lessons learned”, and resulting insights insofar as a BHS milestone/event have proven to be valuable to all attendees.

“Networking” is far more than shaking hands, introducing yourself and asking questions. It’s about bringing people and ideas together that would have otherwise never crossed paths. Networking is a life skill, rather than something you do only when you want something. It is a process, not an event.

Some BHS parents might not use the term “networking” when they consciously interact within their business, social or religious communities for mutual and community benefit. Similarly, that term might not be used when parents communicate within their kids’ booster clubs. However, all of those activities are “networking” processes. Why wouldn’t you expand your networking to include a new group whose members could offer additional insight into the BHS and college experience?

To welcome “first-time” parents to the meetings, and to facilitate introductions & communication, we always use nametags, greet each parent, and introduce them to others. Additionally, as suggested by a recent first-time attendee, if you are somewhat apprehensive about attending a new event, bring another BHS parent with you.

Parent Networking (“meet & greet”) sessions will be held on March 6, April 10, and May 1, at 7:00 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. PTO Meetings. Please join us. In the meantime, let us know your comments, questions, or requests.

PTO Membership & Fundraising Co-Chairs
Ed Klein (eklein@bdo.com)

The PTO board THANKS all Commitment to Learning contributors for their generosity!

Thanks go to the parents and friends of Bellaire High School who contributed to the PTO general fundraiser – Commitment to Learning. To date we've raised almost \$45,000! Our school, teachers and students benefit greatly from your generosity. You are the force behind this successful campaign – again, THANK YOU. Listed below are the contributors who made this campaign such a success! Those who wished to remain anonymous are not listed and contributions processed after January 15 will appear in the Back to School edition for 2007-2008.

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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 2007 or academic year 2007/2008. The PTO scholarship application process will begin in March 2007, 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 application may be downloaded from the BHS website at www.bellaire.org/pto/PTOScholarshipPage.php. Students and teachers are invited to contact Julie Pomerantz at julespomer@aol.com with any questions. *Applications will need to be postmarked no later than April 16, 2007.*

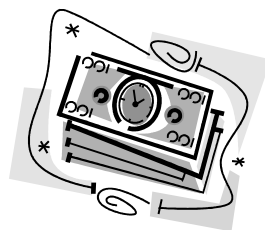


BELLAIRE PTO SCHOLARSHIPS

\$2,500.00 Scholarships

Available for Two Graduating Seniors
Selection is based on: Academic achievement (3.0 GPA minimum), application essays, awards and honors received, community Service, financial need, school extra-curricular activities and work experience. **Additionally, \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded for outstanding BHS Senior enrolling in Liberal Arts college, donated by the Day-springs Fund.**

Deadline for each is March 30, 2007. Interested students should either see Ms. Spence in the Counselor's Office for an Application, download: http://www.bellaire.org/pto/pto_scholarship.pdf or check the BHS PTO website.



PTO Meeting Schedule

The last three meetings of the 2006 – 2007 school year will take place on March 6, April 10, and May 1. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room off Rice Boulevard. Election of officers and one SDMC parent representative for the 2006 – 2007 school year will take place on May 1.

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). 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.

Teacher Grants Awarded — Fall Cycle 2006

The Teacher Grant Committee met on October 17 to review applications for funding. Twenty proposals, submitted by twenty-two teachers, were discussed.

Many thanks to Nancy Brown, Cindy Chapman, Katie Coughlen, Becky Grinstead, Ed Klein, Karen Robinson, Tim Salem, and Shelley Wisner for their thoughtful consideration of these requests. These grants represent a well-rounded mix of Bellaire's diverse academic, athletic, fine arts, and club activities.

We are pleased to announce the following awards for the Fall, 2006 Grant Cycle:

- C. Allen/Band** \$1800 for a sousaphone
- C. Allen/Band and A. Solberg/Choir** \$1200 for keyboards, stands, and headphones
- B. Anderson/Math** \$1741 for a projector, document camera, and software
- R. Garcia/Spanish** \$1009.39 for classroom texts
- U. Ghosh and B. Hervat/Physics** \$3000 for a projector, lab equipment, and graphing software
- L. Good/Social Studies** \$1320 for LCD projector replacement light bulbs
- M. Kramer/Golf** \$1450 for golf fees
- M. Mavronicles/Chess Club and Biology** \$1337 for a display case
- D. Moore/Campus Police** \$1554 for a computer
- K. Nocca/Geography** \$340 for video and DVD series
- C. Peek/World History** \$1580 for a VHS-DVD converter and 2 LCD projectors

PTO is pleased to be able to award **\$16,331.39** for the Fall, 2006 Grant Cycle. Over \$140,000 has been distributed by the PTO Teacher Grant program since its inception in 1996.

We recognize the many worthy efforts of teachers who submitted proposals for the Fall Grant Cycle. The entire PTO appreciates all of our teachers and staff who work so diligently all year long on our children's behalf. Thank you very much.

Cheryl Levy / PTO Teacher Grants Committee Chair / 2006-2007

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

MEMO

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The counseling department hosted two information sessions for 8th graders in January and a session on "Getting Money for College" for the parents of juniors and seniors. The department plans College Information sessions for parents of 11th graders Thursday, February 15; for parents of 10th graders on Thursday, February 22; and for parents of 9th graders on Thursday, March 1st. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Counselors plan to visit seniors in their economics classes to stress the importance of filing a FAFSA form and to answer any questions about the government form.

Counselors will meet with juniors during their English class on Wednesday, February 21, to discuss graduation requirements, GPA and rank, college application, finan-

cial aid, Texas Grant, the SAT and ACT, college visits, and other post-high school options. Individual conferences with juniors will follow shortly afterwards and will include selecting classes for next year. Parents, please begin discussing with your child his or her course selections. We will send parents a confirmation of the course selections, give time for change, and then close the decision making in preparation of scheduling.

Counselors will meet with 10th graders during their PE (or equivalent) or Health classes in March and April to discuss graduation requirements and to select courses. We will meet with 9th graders during their English classes. Students will need to complete the requirements of Health, Communication Applications, and

3 semesters of PE (or an equivalent) by the end of the junior year. Counselors will visit 8th grade campuses to meet with zoned students to select classes and to answer questions about high school.

On April 12 at 7 PM counselors will host "Transitioning from High School to College" in the Multipurpose Room. We are excited to advise you of the National College Fair on Sunday, April 15 in the George R. Brown Convention Center from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

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

Ann Fields
Lead Counselor

Volunteers Needed for AP Exam Weeks

During the second and third weeks of May, hundreds of students will be taking AP exams. Parents are needed for morning and afternoon shifts.

It's not an exciting job, but it's necessary. There's a good chance you can catch up on your reading.

Morning shifts are 7:30 to around 11:45. Afternoon shifts are 12:00 to around 3:30. Parents cannot work a shift if their child is taking that exam. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Jamey Schaaf at jschaaf@houstonisd.org.

Fine Arts Performances

Bellaire Jazz Night – March 2 – 7 pm
Band End of Year Concert – May 1
Band Awards Dinner – May 18

UIL Choir Showcase Concert – March 8, 7 pm,
Christ Church Presbyterian
Senior Concert/Pop Show May 15, 7 pm

eMOTION Bellaire Dance Company
5th Annual Community Dance – March 19
Spring Show April 27

Orchestra Concert Dates TBA

Commitment to Learning PTO Membership Drive & Fundraising Campaign 2006/2007 Spring Update

The combined PTO Membership & "Commitment to Learning" Fundraising Campaign has once again brought forth the very best in the family and friends of BHS. With your contribution to the campaign, you automatically become a PTO member. Your contributions are needed to provide funds, beyond HISD budgets, that are required to maintain Bellaire's learning environment.

The response has been tremendous – almost 700 families and 90 faculty/staff members have contributed \$45,000. That includes \$750 in corporate "educational matching funds". Those 700 PTO members receive timely BHS PTO *E-Bulletins* (emails) with news of school events, test schedules & delayed starts, etc. We sincerely thank those families who have joined the PTO and contributed to the fundraiser.

We encourage those who haven't participated in this campaign to please do so. Additional contributions are most welcome, and please check with your employer insofar as "educational matching funds". We emphasize that 100% of your contribution goes to support Bellaire HS students and teachers, plus your contribution is tax deductible.

All contributions, no matter the amount, are appreciated and respected! The contribution levels are Diamond (\$1,000+), Platinum (\$500+), Gold (\$250+), Silver (\$100+), Bronze (\$50+), and Crystal (25+), all of which include PTO membership. The Family PTO membership by itself is \$10.

Cindy Chapman (cpchapman@yahoo.com)
Ed Klein (eklein@bdo.com)
Co-Chairs – PTO Membership & Fundraising

After Prom 2007/ April 21/ Hyatt Regency Hotel

After Prom 2007 needs Senior Parents to attend After Prom meetings in February, March and April. Please check the Bellaire High School web site calendar for dates. The meetings will take place in the Multi-purpose Room at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include budget, fundraising, co-chairs and worker sign-ups. Please contact Ilene Flora (713-668-0361 or mmmilene3@hotmail.com) for volunteer and donation information. The school web site also has After Prom information posted.

The BHS Prom will be held on April 21, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, located at 1200 Louisiana Street. Prom will be in the upstairs Ballroom from 8:00 p.m. until midnight and includes dinner and dancing. After Prom will be in the downstairs Exhibit Hall from midnight to 6:00 a.m. Participants change out of their formal clothes into play clothes and have them checked in at the After Prom coat check area. All students must then register for After Prom before entering. Approximately 900 students attend this event.

Volunteers are needed for several committees: Coat Room, Registration, Prize Patrol, Casino Cashiers, Casino Dealers, and Decorations. This is a one-time, one night commitment that means so much to the Bellaire High School community and the Class of 2007. Parents of current Juniors are invited to work with us this year in preparation for their own big bash next year. Please join the team for this wonderful event. We really appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you.

After Prom is a safe, supervised, alcohol and drug-free party that provides snacks, pizza and ice cream all during the wee hours of the morning with a breakfast buffet at 5:00 a.m. Inflatable games, casino games, Karaoke, dancing and door prizes are continuous. Grand prize drawings begin at 5:00 a.m. during breakfast. Seniors must be present to win. Prizes received to date include: Bluetooth Headset, DVD players, Electronic Dart Board, DVD movies, Texan football merchandise, sheets for dorm, video games, CD's and much more. Parent volunteers are needed all night (and morning) to help make After Prom an event to remember! Each volunteer makes the evening that much easier, organized and enjoyable for everyone involved. All of us have busy schedules, but Prom only happens once in a lifetime. Please make time for this important event. We need your help and want your input.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE—March 17

After Prom is now selling one-day-only "Shop For A Cause" Macy's shopping passes. Passes sell for \$5.00 and come with a 20% off coupon, a \$10.00 off any \$20.00 purchase coupon, and a chance to win a \$500.00 shopping spree. You may shop both Macy's in the Galleria on March 17th. What better way to spend a day shopping and support After Prom 2007. To purchase a shopping pass please contact Ilene Flora at 713-668-0361 or mmmilene3@hotmail.com.

Graduation
Commencement Ceremony
Sunday, May 27 / 5:00 p.m.
Reliant Stadium

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 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 /713-668-0361

Cardinal's Nest Deadline July 1



Items for the **Back to School** edition of the PTO Newsletter Cardinal's Nest is July 1. Send them to Editor: Alan Rossiter, alan@rossiters.org, Tel: 713-660-9503 / Fax: 713-669-1987

BHS STUDENT DIRECTORY

There are still directories for sale in the main office or by emailing Ilene Flora at mmmilene3@hotmail.com. They are \$5 each and contain names, addresses and numbers of all BHS students (except those who completed a form asking that they not be listed). Proceeds benefit After Prom 2007.

Support Bellaire by using the following:

Randall's Good Neighbor number: 4817
Bellaire Target number: 98610
Office Depot number: 70116508

PTO Food Sales

It's not too late to join us at lunch to sell Pizza Hut and Chick-fil-A. We meet on Tuesday's and Wednesday's in the court yard at 11:30 a.m. We are looking for volunteers especially for Wednesday's. If you can help please e-mail Ilene Flora at mmmilene3@hotmail.com. Proceeds go to PTO.



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Next PTO Meeting / March 6th @ 7:30 PM,
preceded by a "meet & greet" (parent network-
ing) session at 7:00 pm (Multipurpose Room)

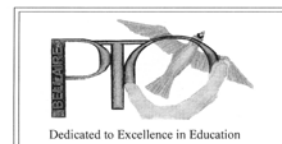
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go to www.bellaire.org and click on the "Subscribe to
the BHS yahoo group" link on the left side of the
page. The group is for current Bellaire parents only.



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 _____

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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 # _____.
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