FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-AUGUST 23, 2019

K-12TH GRADE REGISTRATION AT THE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades K through 12 may register at the Junior/Senior High School at Van Horne on Tuesday, August 13th. Registration hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Registration by Mail: Students may also register by mail. Mail-in registrations must be received by Friday, August 9th. The mail-in registration form will be included in your child’s registration packet.

Please be sure to read the information provided by the school relative to school policies and procedures. These materials are provided in an effort to keep you well informed regarding the expectations of our school district. We want to make sure that our students, parents, and patrons understand the importance of the Bobcat Way and the culture of the school district.

REGISTRATION

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9th-12 COURSE COSTS – Any student needing to pay for course costs will do so at the beginning of each term and the cost will be collected by the teacher.

WAIVER OF STUDENT COSTS - Students whose family income meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible for a temporary waiver of student costs. Parents or students who believe they may qualify for temporary financial hardship should contact Donna Ludwik at the MS/HS at registration for a waiver form. The waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually.

OPTIONAL COSTS (School Insurance, not covered under Waiver Fee Policy)

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The brochure will be included in your registration packet or by contacting the building secretary. If purchasing insurance, you may pay with the credit card payment option, check, or money order. Make checks payable to Student Assurance Services, Inc. Mail envelope directly back to: Student Assurance Services, P.O. Box 196; Stillwater, MN 55082-0196. DO NOT SEND ENVELOPE BACK TO THE SCHOOL. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-328-2739.
Welcome Students, Staff, and Parents to the 2019-2020 School Year

Hello, my name is Dr. Pam Ewell and I began July 1, 2019, as the Benton Community new superintendent! Mr. Gary Zittergruen just recently retired and the community, staff, and students helped Gary celebrate his accomplishments as superintendent! Mr. Zittergruen’s impact as superintendent and educator for many years will be his legacy of this school district and his “fingerprints” will forever be on the walls of the schools. Mr. Z has been very successful at Benton Community and we are so grateful for everything that he has done. I wish him the best in retirement and enjoying the time to be with family and grandkids.

A little bit about me…..

The upcoming school year will be my 11th year as a superintendent. Just recently, I completed a consolidation for the Van Buren and Harmony Community School Districts. My husband and I moved to Atkins just a few days ago and we are slowly unpacking and meeting our neighbors.

I grew up in eastern Iowa — Monticello, and met my husband, Brent, during our senior year of high school. His family moved to Monticello from Waterloo as his father took on the director position at Camp Courageous of Iowa. We moved to Knoxville then Pella shortly after finishing college and getting married. We raised our 3 children in Pella — Colleen, Scott, and Austin. Our daughter Colleen and her husband Tony live in Wisconsin and keep very busy with 3 little boys. Our son Scott and his wife Amber live in Austin, TX and they just recently adopted a little girl from Africa. Our son Austin and his gal Abbey live in Wes Des Moines. Our grown children and grandkids keep us busy traveling to see them (when we can!). Brent and I enjoy boating, reading, working together on projects (we have been working on a little cabin for the past 3 years!), doing things outdoors together, taking care of our dog (we have a silver Labrador — Ellie), gardening, and playing with our grandkids.

Some of my interests in the educational realm are academic learning and achievement, instructional leadership, curriculum and instruction, the TAP teacher leadership model and framework, PBIS, CTE programs, activities and sports for students, PLC structures, distributive leadership, and school finance.

I am very excited to begin as your new superintendent. I have always marveled at the accomplishments of the students and staff at Benton! I can assure you that Benton Community is a very special place to raise a family and provide a stellar education for your child(ren). I have already experienced the passion and consideration for students during the past few months as I have been transitioning. I am so impressed with how our staff demonstrates commitment and interest in all of our students and how families are involved in their child’s education. I am very humbled to be part of this educational team and I look forward to working with our staff and with parents as partners to ensure that students are learning and achieving. I am anxious to get to know everyone and visit the communities of our school district. I plan to host “coffee time” in each community this fall after school begins to provide a way to meet people. Look for dates and times in August!

The staff and administration are preparing for another great school year! As I read over the messages sent out from our staff, I am thankful for such a great group of people who care so much about what needs to be accomplished this summer to prepare for the students and the upcoming school year. Thank you!

Included in this edition of the Benton Connection is a section on our registration schedule and student fee information. We will continue this year with a one-day registration format on Tues. August 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please check the schedule for the specific details. I encourage you to take advantage of this registration opportunity at the Middle/High School. You may also elect to register by mail by Aug. 9. Please read the information provided by the school relative to school district policies and procedures. These materials are provided to keep you informed regarding the expectations of our school district. We want to be sure that our students, parents, and patrons understand the importance of the Bobcat Way and our continued effort to support and grow the positive culture of our school district.

Please read through the entire newsletter for registration information, summer learning, summer camps, and many other important notifications. It always seems like the summer goes by very quickly so enjoy the remaining weeks before school begins!

If you see me at events or around our communities or have time to stop by the central office, please stop or say “hello” as I would like to meet you! ☺

Our 1st day of school is August 23. See you soon! Dr. Pam Ewell, Superintendent
“FOOTBALL NEWS!!!”

Weight Room/Speed Training/Football Workouts
Monday—Wednesday—Friday
6:15-7:45 am Lifting/Speed Training
7:45-8:15 am: Football Workouts

Thursday
6:15-7:45 am: Lifting/Speed Training

***Weight Room will start June 3rd
***Football workouts will start on June 10th

4th-8th Grade Camp
Aug. 5-7
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

7 on 7 (Varsity) practice dates:
Sunday, June 9: 6:00—7:00 pm
Sunday, June 16: 2:30—3:30 pm
Sunday July 14: 6:00—7:00 pm

7 on 7 (Varsity) dates:
Sunday June 23 @ CCA—5 pm
Sunday June 30 @ Solon—5 pm
Wednesday, July 17 @ Prairie—6 pm

HS Camp Date
Aug. 5—8, 3:00—6:00 pm
We will hand out equipment during the week.

HS Practice Schedule - Preseason
Week 1
Aug 12: 8-11 am (Helmets)
Aug 13: 8-11 am (Helmets)
Aug 14: 8-11 am (Helmets/Shoulder Pads)
Aug 15: 8-11 am (Helmets/Shoulder Pads)
Aug 16: 8-11am (Helmets/Shoulder Pads)
Aug 17: 7:45 am Pictures, 9-11 am Practice (Full Pads)

Week 2
Aug 19: 3:30-6:30 (Full Pads)
Aug 20: 3:30-6:30 (Full Pads)
Aug 21: 3:30-6:30 (Full Pads)
Aug 22: 3:30-6:30 (Full Pads)
Aug 23: Williamsburg Scrimmage
**Aug 20/21 could be morning practices

PICTURE DAY
Elementary Centers (Atkins, Keystone, Norway) = Thursday, September 5th
Benton Middle/High School = Wednesday, September 4th

PICTURE DAY
Forget the summer slide help your student knock it out of the park with ACT® Academy™

We've all heard the statistics: students may experience up to 2 months of learning loss during the summer months. There are many summer learning options, but many of them are costly and not affordable for all students.

Using ACT Academy, which is completely free, students can stay sharp throughout the summer and have a strong start when they head back to school in the fall!

academy.act.org/summer-slide/
The yearbook staff would like to thank and recognize all of its sponsors for the 2018-2019 school year. With an increase in prices for computers, cameras, and programs growing each year, yearbook would be extremely difficult to continue on without the help of its sponsors. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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- Gahrning Machine—Keystone
- Garling Construction—Belle Plaine
- Grieder Standard Service—Belle Plaine
- Keystone Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Keystone Savings Bank
- Paulsen Automotive—Keystone
- Plant & Flower Emporium LLC—Blairstown
- Three Rivers Insurance, LLC—Vinton
- Viking Sewing Center—Vinton
- Volz Auto Repair—Norway

**Donations:**
- Dr. Miller—Blairstown
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**“HELP WANTED”**

**Substitute Bus Drivers**
If interested, please contact:
Tim Lyons, Director of Transportation
(319/228-8426) or (319/270-4287)

**Substitute Teachers**
If interested, please contact:
Melody Spence, Secretary to Supt.—Central Administration Office
(319/228-8701, ext. 505)

“Benton Community School District”

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**OPEN HOUSE**

August 21, 2019

12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All Elementary Schools
And MS/HS
Leadership Team Changes at Benton Community:

Benton Community has experienced transitions to the leadership team with the resignations of Gary Zittergruen, Superintendent, and Kal Goodchild, MS/HS Associate Principal at the end of the 2018-19 contract year. The district has also experienced some transitions of staff to other areas and positions. Below is a list of the current administrators at Benton Community and primary assignments.

Dr. Pamela Ewell  Superintendent of Schools
Doug Embray  Associate Superintendent
Dr. Jamie Bieschke  High School Principal / Career and Technical Education
Rob Arnold  Middle School Principal / Associate HS Principal
Anna Upah  Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services
Phillip Eastman  Norway Center Principal / Gifted Education
Ryan Junge  Keystone Center Principal / Director of Special Education and Student Services
Shawn Pffifner  Activities Director and 7-12 Assistant Principal
Jason West  Atkins Center Principal / Preschool Program

In addition there are also changes to the Benton Community Teacher Leadership team for the 2019-20 school year. Below is a list of teachers serving in full-time roles as a teacher leader at Benton Community:

Laurie Donald  Curriculum and Professional Development Leader and Instructional Coach 7-12
Kim Fisher  Curriculum and Professional Development Leader PK-6 and Instructional Coach at the Keystone Center
Christy Deutsch  Instructional Coach at the Atkins Center
Jeff Furler  Instructional Coach at the Norway Center
Jen Bange  Instructional Coach at the MS/HS

Jeff Furler will be new in his teacher leadership role this school year.

CROSS COUNTRY CAMPS / PRACTICE NEWS

Benton Community will once again host a cross-country camp for boys and girls entering grades 7th and 8th in the fall of 2019. The camp dates this year are Monday, August 12th, Tuesday, August 13th, Wednesday, August 14th, and Thursday, August 15th, 2019. The time for camp each evening will be from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There is no cost to anyone who is interested in attending. Camp will be held at the high school in Van Horne. Please come dressed to run each night, as students will be engaged in various running and other related activities. Make sure that you have a comfortable pair of running shoes to wear. In addition, please make sure that you have taken your school physical before attending camp. If you have questions please contact Coach Marty Thomae at (319) 560-5518.

The first day of practice for boys and girls entering grades 7th and 8th will be Friday, August 23rd after school. Thank you!

The first day of practice for high school cross country, for boys and girls entering grades 9-12 next fall will be on Monday, August 12th, 2019. Practice will be held at the high school in Van Horne and will start at 3:30 P.M. and last until 5:30 P.M. Any questions please call Coach Marty Thomae at (319) 560-5518. Call for an updated schedule of practice times the week before practice starts.
Benton Community Welcomes New Teachers

The Benton CSD welcomes 10 new teachers for the 2019-20 school year. We look forward to the valuable contributions and positive impacts each will make to our school community!

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IOWA IMMUNIZATION LAW

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Iowa Department of Public Health has made changes to the Iowa Immunization law. This change requires that all students entering 12th and 7th grades have the Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in the fall.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings and typically affects older teens and young adults.

All students entering 12th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption. The student must have 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine if they are born after September 15, 1999, or 1 dose if they received the vaccine at age 16 or older.

All 7th grade students born after September 15, 2004 will need to submit a completed certificate of Immunization with the meningococcal conjugate vaccination (Men, A, C, W, Y), or a certificate of Immunization Exemption before school starts in the fall.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.

Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school rush by making an appointment for your incoming 12th and 7th grader.

Thank you for your time and attention to this requirement,

Stephanie Timmerman, RN school nurse
Benton Community Middle/High School
The Benton Community Food Service and Child Nutrition Department would like to welcome everyone back for the 2019-2020 school year. The Food Service & Child Nutrition Department is continually striving to provide the healthiest and tasty food service program possible.

We would first like to explain the use of our Lunch/Activity Pass card. As in the past, the Elementary Students will have either a lunch card or a lunch sheet that will stay at their center in their classroom. It will be used daily for breakfast, lunch or afternoon milk. If parents wish to purchase an Activity Pass, they will pay for it at registration. MS/HS students will have a card that serves as both their lunch ticket and their activity pass (if purchased). This year we are changing to a new lunch/activity pass card system. There will be temporary Elementary Activity passes, and a temporary lunch/activity pass for all MS/HS students. These will be handed out at Open House or the first day of school. Permanent cards will be distributed in late September, after picture day (Seniors will use the temporary card all year).

This year will see continuing healthy options in our breakfast and lunch programs. All centers will be continuing with our successful breakfast program. We feel it is extremely important that every student start the day with a healthy breakfast. Breakfast will be served at all centers from 7:30 a.m. until class starts.

Please reference the attached following pages for lunch prices and Program Policy regarding payment.

We are continuing our on-line lunch payment system with our provider, RevTrak. There is a small convenience fee attached which helps cover the costs associated with this feature. To access your child's lunch account, follow the RevTrak Link, its fast and easy. If you need ID and Password information, contact Food Service at 228-8701 x118 or x119. We ask that you DO NOT include lunch money in with your mail-in registration payment, and that all lunch account payments be made with a separate check. Payments can be made on lunch accounts at anytime, at any center, by mail, or through the web.

Continue to check out the School Nutrition Webpage for more information. Just click on the link from the Benton home page at www.benton.k12.ia.us.
Welcome Parents & Students:

Benton Community Schools currently uses the Total K-12 computerized lunch program.

Each family will have an account from which all students in that family will use funds. Money can be deposited into the account at ANY center for any amount. Deposits received after 10:00 a.m. will go on the account the next day. We ask that you allow deposits 24 hours to show up in accounts. Each student will have their own individual account number that will follow them from school to school and enable parents to see activity on each student. All meal and a la carte purchases are to be prepaid.

The system allows you as parents to access your account online and review the history of the account for the last 30 days. You can sign up to receive e-mail notifications through your computer or cell phone when your child’s account starts to run low and to make online deposits into your lunch account. You can also communicate or ask questions directly from the parental portal via the web. Password information is available at the time of registration or through the food service department. More information is available on the Food Service Web Page which can be accessed through the Benton Community Schools Home Page - www.benton.k12.ia.us

At the elementary level, parents will be notified when their balance reaches low balance status. The low balance status is based on the number of children on the account. If you have one student it begins at $5.00, 2 students $10.00, 3 students $15.00 and so on. (You may also set custom limits for your family from the web.) Low balance notices will be sent home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Once an account goes below (-$10.00), students will not be allowed participation in the program until the account is made current. Parents will be contacted by telephone, email, or in writing.

At the MS/HS level, the parents are responsible for keeping the lunch account current. The student can see his/her balance on the computer or can ask the cashier for a balance. Reminder notices are at each cashier station. MS/HS students will not be able to purchase a la carte items at EITHER breakfast or lunch if their account is below zero (this does NOT include extra milk or lunch main dishes). If the account goes below (-$10.00) the student(s) will need to bring a sack lunch from home. Parents will be contacted by telephone, email or in writing.

At the MS/HS level, the card will be a Lunch/Activity Pass Card. If an Activity Pass is purchased it will be indicated on the card. Students MUST have their card or they will have to wait until the end of the lunch line. This helps us get all students through the lunch line as quickly as possible. There will be ABSOLUTELY no borrowing of tickets. There will be no a la carte purchases allowed at either Breakfast or Lunch without a ticket, and any a la carte will be purchased through the lunch account.

You may set limits on the amount of money allowed for extra food or put blocks on when you access your account on-line.

Elementary students at all centers will receive lunch cards that will remain in their classrooms. If an elementary Activity Pass is purchased it will be printed after registration and given to the parent or to the building secretary for Open House. If you do not attend, it will be sent home with the student or mailed. Any breakfast, extra milk, or additional food purchased at the elementary level will come out of the lunch account, so please take this into consideration when depositing funds. Menus are available on-line on the Benton Home page at www.benton.k12.ia.us.

Full breakfast is served at all centers. Breakfast purchases will also come out of the account. Breakfast is not served on late start days except at the MS/HS.
All negative balances are to be paid prior to the end of the school year. If money is left in the account, it will carry over to the next school year. If a family is leaving the district, they will need to provide Food Service with a forwarding address and any remaining balances will be refunded.

Students who qualify for free meals shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases. Students with outstanding meal charge debt will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

If there are problems with the account, payment arrangements can always be made by contacting the Food Service Director. Any other questions regarding the breakfast/lunch program should be directed to Donna Ludwik (Food Service Administrative Assistant) at 228-8701 X118 (dludwik@benton.k12.ia.us) or Jane Svestka (Food Service Director) at 228-8701 X119 (jsvestka@benton.k12.ia.us).

### SCHOOL LUNCH COSTS (INCLUDES MILK)*

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Community Contributions: Benton's Construction Material Processing Builds Birdhouse

Benton Community's Industrial Technology program was contacted by retired teacher, Mr. Tim Casey, to construct a project for the Keystone Care Center. The residents of the Keystone Care Center enjoy bird and squirrel watching. There was an existing birdhouse/feeder right outside of a large window for many years that attracted the residents during their free time. Recently, that structure was removed due to rotting wood. Under the instruction of Mr. Seth Meyne, Benton's Construction Material Processing class accepted the project. The students developed a project plan, a lumber order, a cut list, and began construction a day later. The students had nine days to complete the project.

Junior student, Tessa Smith said, "We had to use our time wisely to complete the project as a team." The students knew they had a deadline to meet and this brought them all together. Some students even decided to work on the project during study hall and after school.

Coleton Usher, a sophomore said, "Cooperation and teamwork helps to get a group project done. This was a very fun, yet challenging project for our class."

After eight days of construction in the shop, the group hauled the structure to Keystone and installed it in the ground. The team of students worked quickly to dig the four leg holes and assembled the remaining parts. Tracy Hanson, Keystone Care Center Administrator, stated, "The bird/squirrel house is all the rave. We love it!"

Mr. Meyne shared, "It was amazing to watch the individual students come together on one project. This tied in everything from the semester, and everything from the Benton Wheel: Creative Problem-Solvers, Effective Communicators, Complex Thinkers, Responsible Citizens, Self-Directed Learners, and Cooperative Contributors."
5th Annual #BCEdCamp Held at Benton Community

The Benton Community Teacher Leadership Team hosted our fifth annual edcamp! An edcamp is a style of learning for educators where the schedule gets built on the day of the event by the attendees of the event. Teachers from throughout the state came to Benton Community MS/HS on June 25th and joined in conversations focused on instructional coaching, social-emotional learning, technology enhanced instruction, play-based learning, elective courses, and more. Mr. Zittergruen took the stage for the final time as Superintendent, thanking the group for their work and willingness to engage in the learning about to happen. Dr. Ryan Wise, Director at the Iowa Department of Education, provided a welcome message for the group that participated in the day's learning. He was also able to participate in a session hosted by Stefanie Wager, the state consultant for social studies, around the new social studies standards in Iowa.

Many Benton teachers also participated in the event. When reflecting with a few of them who were experiencing the event for the first time, one teacher said, “This experience has been beneficial because it gave me the opportunity to talk to other teachers who had answers to a few of my questions about strategies in my content.” Another teacher shared, “I appreciate #BCEdCamp because it gave me an opportunity to brainstorm ideas with other teachers who might be doing something great that I’ve never even thought of.”

If you're interested in hearing more about this event, check out the podcast episode recorded at #BCEdCamp by visiting www.bctlt.weebly.com/podcast.

Follow Benton Community on Social Media

Stay up-to-date with happenings throughout the Benton Community School District.

Follow Benton Community on Facebook at Benton Community Schools. https://www.facebook.com/BentonCSD/

Follow Benton Community on Twitter @BentonCSD

School Website: http://www.benton.k12.ia.us/

Activities Calendar: https://www.wamacconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?school_id=102
Section 504 Notice of Nondiscrimination

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Benton Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504, or Iowa Code Section 280.3 is directed to contact Anna Upah, P.O. Box 70, Van Horne, Iowa 52346 or call 319-228-8701, ext. 408; who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district’s efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, Section 504 and Iowa Code Section 280.3.