

**Belmont Charter High School**  
**ADDENDUM**  
**2022-2023**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to Belmont Charter High School,

I am excited for the 2022-2023 school year. It is with great pride and humility that I serve the students and families of the Belmont Charter High School (BCHS) community. Being a BCHS TIGER is an honor and a privilege for me.

I believe that at BCHS we have some of the brightest and most capable students and it is my job to ensure that EVERY STUDENT graduates from high school ready to succeed in their future endeavors, whether it is college or a career. I want to ensure that our staff work diligently to have students understand their potential and reach it. Our students are warmly embraced, cultivated, and nurtured by our outstanding culturally-proficient and growth mindset-oriented faculty and staff who provide rigorous academics, restorative practices, and research-based practices. We are a community of continuous learners who create authentic learning experiences and simultaneously set high expectations and provide high support and accountability for one another.

If you have been a member of the Belmont Community previously, expect the same warmth and love that you are used to. If you are new to our community, get ready to have a new family.

In Service,

Lashaya Duval-Shepherd

Head of School

Belmont Charter High School

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

10-11 - Senior Portraits  
 18-19- New Staff Orientation  
 22-26-Full Staff Orientation  
 29-First Day of School (Early Dismissal)

AUGUST 2022						
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1 -Practice SAT (10th/11th)  
 1-3-Career Expedition #2 (alternate schedule)  
 2-3-Q2 Report Card Conferences  
 3-Q2 Awards Ceremony  
 17 - Early Dismissal  
 20-President's Day (No School)  
 23-Black History Program (5-6:30pm)  
 24 -Q3 Progress Reports

5-Labor Day (No School)  
 6th-9th: Keystone Diagnostic (10th ELA/ 9th Math)  
 6 -15: STAR CAT Testing (All 9th & 10th Intervention)  
 16-Early Dismissal  
 22nd: Game Night with the Stars (5-6:30pm)  
 26-30 - Spirit Week  
 30 - Homecoming Game/Pep Rally

SEPTEMBER 2022						
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6- No School  
 14-31-SAT Countdown (11th)  
 20-24-Keystone Prep Exams (9th/10th)  
 30-Spring Musical Recital (5-6:30pm)  
 31 - Q3 Ends/ Early Dismissal/ Spring Fling

1 - Homecoming Dance  
 3-7 - College Awareness Kick-Off  
 5- Mobile Dentist  
 7 - Early Dismissal/Six Flags Trip (Fright Fest)  
 10-Indigenous People's Day (No School)  
 11-No School  
 12-Practice SAT (10th/11th)  
 12-14- Career Expedition 1 (alternate schedule)  
 14-Early Dismissal  
 19- FAFSA Parent Meeting (11th/12th)  
 21 - Monthly Incentives Event  
 28 - College Tours

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3-7-Spring Break (No School)/ Spring Break Activities 10-3pm/ SAT Intensives (11th)  
 10- No School  
 11, 13-14-Career Expedition #3  
 12-OFFICIAL SAT (11th)/ Practice SAT (10th)  
 13-14-Q3 Report Card Conferences  
 14 - Awards Ceremony/ Staff Karaoke Night  
 21-Eid-al-Fitr  
 27-Career Day  
 28 - Monthly Incentives Event

- 3-Hobby (Enrichment) Fair (4-5:30pm)
- 4-Q1 Ends
- 9-10-Q1 Report Card Conferences
- 10-Q1 Awards Ceremony
- 11- Veteran's Day (No School)
- 14 - Senior Portraits Makeup Day
- 18 - Winter Formal
- 24 - Turkey Bowl

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- 1- 5 Teachers Appreciation
- 1-12-Keystone Countdown
- 5-AP US History Exam
- 9-AP English Lang & Comp Exam
- 12 - Q4 Progress Reports/Monthly Incentives Event
- 15-25-Spring keystones (9th/10th)
- 19 - Senior Prom
- 24-31-Senior Final Exams
- 22-June 2-Star CAT (9th/10th Intervention)
- 26-Early Dismissal
- 29-Memorial Day (No School)
- 30-June 2-Senior Capstone Presentations
- 30-June7-Finals

- 1-BCHS Talent Show (5-6:30pm)
- 3-SAT Off Site (SAT Prep)
- 6-16-Star CAT (9th/10th Intervention)
- 5- No School
- 8 -Underclassmen portraits
- 15-Holidays w/ The Stars (5-6:30pm)
- 16 - Q2 Progress Reports/Monthly Incentives Event
- 23-Early Dismissal- 12:30pm
- 26-30-Winter Break

DECEMBER 2022						
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- 1-Rising/Shining Stars Dinner (5-6:30pm)
- 2-Senior Grades Close
- 3 - Sports Banquet
- 6-7 Senior Class Trip
- 9 - Q4 Grades Close/ Graduation
- 12-14-Early Dismissal
- 12- Inclusion Trip
- 13 - School-wide field day
- 14 - Move up day/Q4 Awards Ceremony
- 14 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- 2-Winter Break
- 3-No School
- 4-18-Winter Keystones
- 13-Early Dismissal
- 16-MLK Jr. Day of Service (No School)
- 17-20-Mid-Terms/ End of Semester Assessments
- 25-Q2 Ends

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**KEY**

- Network closed
- Schools closed - network open
- PD Day
- Early Dismissal for Students
- Report Card Conferences
- End of the Quarter

## BCHS IMPORTANT CONTACTS

<b>Head of School</b>	LaShaya Duval-Shepherd	lashaya.duval@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.788.1421	Email
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>School based staff concerns, student discipline, general school concerns</i>			
<b>Assistant Head of School</b>	Jessica Heintz	jessica.heintz@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.844.2592	Email
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Academic concerns</i>			
<b>Office Manager</b>	Cynthia Spotwood	cynthia.spotwood@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.896.8650	Email
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Attendance, latenesses, class fees</i>			
<b>Director of Culture</b>	Tony Dover	tony.dover@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.844.2601	
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Student behavioral issues, fights, and arguments (between students)</i>			
<b>Family Support Services</b>	Tamika Dover	tamika.dover@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.752-0013	
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Therapy, behavioral health referrals</i>			
<b>Nurse</b>	Cathy Goodsell	cgoodsell@fpcn.org	267.263.7785	
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Health concerns, Immunization, Medicine, and other medical questions,</i>			
<b>Special Education Manager</b>	Shanna McKoy	shanna.mckoy@belmontcharternetwork.org		email
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Concerns with your student with an IEP or 504, or requesting evaluations</i>			
<b>College and Career Readiness Director</b>	Malaun Yuille	maluan.yuille@belmontcharternetwork.org	267.788.1421 ext. 60021	
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Career and college programming, college applications and aid questions and class scheduling</i>			
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Brian Quinn	brian.quinn@belmontcharternetwork.org		Email
<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>Any concern sports related</i>			

<b>After School Program Director (IGNITE)</b>	Dwayne Wiggins, Jr.	dwayne.wiggins@belmontcharternetwork.org	267-308-9092	
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<i>Start with me for:</i>	<i>After-school programming, any issues that occur during IGNITE Programming</i>
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## SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We believe uniforms help build community pride and support equity amongst all students. School uniforms must be worn at all times. Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Cramers. It is recommended that you always call in advance to confirm availability.

**SCHOOL SPECIFIC VENDOR INFORMATION HERE:**

**Cramers West Philadelphia**  
 5226 Market St  
 Philadelphia Pa 19139  
**(215)307-2839**

<b>Our required school uniform is as follows:</b>	
Uniform Shirt	White Oxford with school logo purchased from Cramers
Uniform Pant	Navy Pants (From Cramers OR DICKIES)
Uniform Skirt	Red and Blue plaid Purchased from Cramers
Uniform Belt & Shoe	All colors allowed. <i>*Belts must be worn</i>
Gym Shirt	Gray or Navy Blue with school logo Purchased from Cramers
Gym Pant	Navy Blue with school logo Purchased from Cramers
Outerwear	Navy Blue Blazer with school logo Purchased from Cramers
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy Blue or White 3/4 zips with school logo Purchased from Cramers</li> <li>● Red and blue ties Purchased from Cramers</li> <li>● Navy Blue or Black Socks</li> </ul>

Students can wear any color footwear, no open toe shoes or slippers.

## SCHOOL DAY ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Being at school and on time every day is essential to your student's success at school. Students should not arrive at the school building prior to the "Doors Open" time indicated. Students arriving prior to this time will be unsupervised, and BCN will not be responsible for the student at this time.

Description	Time	Location & Details
Arrival prior to doors opening	Before 7:45am	Students arriving prior to this time will be unsupervised and BCN will not be responsible for the student at this time.
Doors are open for on-time arrival	7:50- 8:00 am	Students should enter the annex or the main building to report to 1st period class.
Breakfast is served from	7:45 am - 8:00 am	All students who report to school by 7:55 am will have access to a free hot breakfast.
Students are marked late as of	8:01 am	Students who are arriving late will need to report to the main entrance on Belmont.
Students are dismissed at	2:45 pm	Students will exit from Annex and Main building

## TRANSPORTATION

The School District of Philadelphia is responsible for the transportation of students to and from school. According to the District's policy, students who reside more than 1.5 miles from their respective school buildings will receive a yellow bus or SEPTA transportation. Students who qualify for SEPTA transportation will receive SEPTA transpasses. For additional information regarding transportation, contact the main office.

Students should be dropped off on Leidy Ave and enter through the schoolyard.

For Student Fare Cards, please see Mrs. Spotwood in the main office (lost/new).

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING, ENRICHMENT, CLUBS & SPORTS

### AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING (IGNITE)

IGNITE (formally known as OST) is the BRAND-NEW after school enrichment program at Belmont Charter High School. The purpose of IGNITE is to provide activities for all interested students to participate where Inspiring Greatness by Nurturing Innovation, Talent & Exploration is happening! For students to

participate in afterschool clubs and programs, students must be present the entire school day. The goal of IGNITE is to spark a passion for hobbies and interests, and to assist students in becoming well-rounded, creative, and active individuals.

**Director:** Dwayne Wiggins, Jr. | **Contact:** 267-306-9092

**Email:** [dwayne.wiggins@belmontcharternetwork.org](mailto:dwayne.wiggins@belmontcharternetwork.org)

### **IGNITE HOURS**

2:45 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. – Enrichment Programs

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. – Clubs and Programs

### **IGNITE CLUBS & PROGRAMS**

**DECA** - DECA mission is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

**National Honors Society** - The National Honor Society (NHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The mission of NHS is to honor students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

**FBLA** - FBLA-PBL is the largest business Career and Technical Student Organization in the world. Each year, FBLA-PBL helps over 230,000 members prepare for careers in business. Students get to attend national conferences and competitions where they can win cash, awards, and scholarships.

**HOSA** - HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% health care!

**4-H** - 4-H serves youth in rural, urban, and suburban communities in every state across the nation. 4-H offers a wide variety of STEM opportunities – from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection, and computer science.

**Rising Stars** - Rising Stars serves 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and provides academic tutoring, academic skills, peer mentoring, community service, career exploration, wellness, off-site field trips and choice day.



**Drum Corps** - Drum corps are specialized marching bands. BCHS Drum Corp will consist of percussion instruments, electronic instruments, and color guard.

**GSA** - Genders & Sexualities Alliances, or GSAs for short, are student-run organizations that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities.

**Art Club** - The Art Club is a place for practicing artists to hone in on their skills, develop their techniques and portfolios, collaborate with other artists like themselves, create bonds with the community through the arts, and learn how to work together through group projects that will beautify the school and community.

**Anime Club** - An anime club is an organization that meets to discuss, show, and promote anime in a local community setting and can also focus on broadening Japanese cultural understanding.

**Shining Stars** - Shining Stars serves 10th - 12th grade and provides students with the opportunity to gain and refine important skills such as problem-solving, interpersonal skills, and critical thinking that can benefit them as they plan for college or enter the workforce.

**BOLT** - An after-school/weekend club in which participants create community through team building, adventure activities, ecological studies, and projects in the Belmont neighborhood.

**AV Club** - The purpose of the A/V Club is to teach students how to properly operate the equipment used for sound and lighting at live events. This includes theatrical performances, concerts, presentations, award nights, and other miscellaneous school events.

**Yearbook Club** - Yearbook club consists of students that are chosen to manage our school yearbook. This consists of capturing photos of students, activities, etc. All students can contribute to the yearbook.







**Theatre Co.** - Theatre Co. is designed for students interested in learning more about the aspects of theater. This includes learning stage terminology, working on acting skills, set building, and costumes/makeup design.


**Game Club** - The Game Club is an opportunity for students to socialize and have fun together based on their hobby of playing both board games and video games, and weather-providing outdoor games as well.

## Sports Offered 22-23

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cross Country Cheerleading Football	Basketball (Girls/Boys) Wrestling	Track (Boys/Girls)

## SCHOOL APPS for COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

Name	Where can I find it?	What it is used for?	Who do I contact for support?									
<b>Parent Square App &amp; Website</b> 	Download free app OR go to <a href="https://parentsquare.com/signin">parentsquare.com/signin</a>	MAIN SOURCE of all school communication. School closings and emergencies are communicated through ParentSquare. Direct message all staff & teachers here.	Main office can help with general questions and can resend invites. For password reset, you must use the password reset link directly on Parentsquare.									
				<b>PowerSchool Website</b> 	Go to <a href="https://cea.powerschool.com/admin">cea.powerschool.com/admin</a>	View your student's grades, daily attendance, assignments and due dates	Email <a href="mailto:chromebooksupport@belmontcharternetwork.org">chromebooksupport@belmontcharternetwork.org</a> or call Tech support hotline at 215 330 4810	<b>Google Classroom App &amp; Website</b>  Google Classroom	Contact Teacher in order to be invited	View assignments your student is working Google Classroom	Contact your student's teachers to be invited to their Google Classroom	<b>Kickboard App &amp; Website</b>
<b>PowerSchool Website</b> 	Go to <a href="https://cea.powerschool.com/admin">cea.powerschool.com/admin</a>	View your student's grades, daily attendance, assignments and due dates	Email <a href="mailto:chromebooksupport@belmontcharternetwork.org">chromebooksupport@belmontcharternetwork.org</a> or call Tech support hotline at 215 330 4810									
<b>Google Classroom App &amp; Website</b>  Google Classroom	Contact Teacher in order to be invited	View assignments your student is working Google Classroom	Contact your student's teachers to be invited to their Google Classroom									
<b>Kickboard App &amp; Website</b>	Download free app	View specific behavior	Homeroom teachers									

	OR go to <a href="http://www.kickboardforschools.com">www.kickboardforschools.com</a>	recognitions & infractions and see who issued them	Assistant Head of School
<b>Naviance App &amp; Website</b>			

## BCHS Minimum Graduation Requirements

### A. Academic Credits

Content Area	Required # of Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English 1-4, English Honors 1-4, AP Language and Comp.
Social Studies	4	Global Studies, World History, Civics and Economics, US History/APUSH, African American History
Math	3	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre- Calculus
Science	3	Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Fine Arts and Humanities	2	Options include: Intro to Visual Art, Drawing & Painting, Art History, Advanced Art, Intro to Theater, Band, Practical Producers, Play Writing & Acting, Fashion Design
Electives	4	One of the electives should be an ACT Prep, Math Applications, Math Concepts, Science class, or an Advanced Placement class.
Wellness (Health & P.E)	1.5	.5 Health, 1 PE
World Language	2	Spanish 1, Spanish 2

<b>Seminar/ Graduation Project</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Each year, students must complete assignments/tasks that demonstrate problem solving, communication, citizenship, school-to-career or multicultural competencies that will ensure our students are college and/or career ready upon graduation. Credits are issued each year upon completion of yearly tasks and hours completed.</b>
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**Total: 27.5 Credits**

### **B. State College and Career Readiness Eligibility**

For students graduating in 2023 and beyond, five pathways exist for meeting state high school graduation requirements:

- Keystone Proficiency
- Keystone Composite
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrator
- Alternative Assessment
- Evidence-Based

#### **Pathway Descriptions:**

##### ***Keystone Proficiency (By 11th Grade)***

In this pathway, students must obtain proficient or higher scores on the three required Keystone exams.

- Proficient or Advanced Algebra 1
- Proficient or Advanced Biology
- Proficient or Advanced Literature

##### ***Keystone Composite (By 11th Grade)***

This pathway consists of a blend of scores on the three required Keystone exams.

- At least 1 Keystone score is Proficient or Advanced
- No score is Below Basic
- Composite Keystone Score is 4452 or Greater

##### ***Alternate Assessment (Prior to Graduation)***

This pathway offers flexibility through a combination of assessments, programs, and higher education.

##### ***1 piece of evidence from the following:***

- Attainment of one alternative assessment score or better: ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), or SAT (1010)
- Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient

- Successful completion of dual enrollment course(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient
- Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program such as CHIP, Career Study, Work Study, Gifted Mentorship
- Acceptance into 4-year Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework

***Evidence-Based (Prior to Graduation)***

This pathway uses evidence to demonstrate readiness, approved by the High School. **3 pieces of evidence from the following:**

- Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test
- Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam
- Successful completion of any dual enrollment or post-secondary course
- Industry-recognized credentialization
- Acceptance into an other-than-4-year Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework

***\*No more than two from the following:***

- Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam
- Successful completion of a service-learning project
- Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment
- Completion of an internship or externship
- Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements

**\*\* If criteria in one of the 5 pathways is not met, students will not be eligible to be recommended for graduation and will not receive a diploma as granted by the State of Pennsylvania \*\***

**C. Community Service Hours**

1. Students are required to complete, document, and reflect on a minimum of 60 hours of community service. These community service hours must be volunteer hours; students cannot use paid time as community service hours.
2. Students must have a supervisor sign off on these hours and complete a reflection on the hours for them to count.
3. Hours accumulated in previous years can be counted towards this total.

**D. Individualized Career Plan**

1. Students must have a solidified college or career pathway upon graduation
2. Students must either be enrolled in a 4-year college or university, a 2-year college, a trade program, apprenticeship or training program, be enlisted in the military, or have an offer of stable employment.
3. Documentation must be provided as proof of post-secondary plan, upon graduation.