

Boyden-Hull News

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REGISTRATION

Registration materials will be mailed to each family. **It is important that you fill out the forms and bring the completed forms with you to registration on August 4 or 5.** By completing the forms before you come for registration, we hope to make things run more smoothly and quickly for you. It is important to register your child(ren) before the school year begins. *If you are new to the district or registering a student in kindergarten, please bring your child's birth certificate & immunization records.*

The 2020-21 School Registration will be held on **Tuesday, August 4th from 10AM-6PM in Hull** and **Wednesday, August 5th from 10AM-6PM at the Boyden Elementary & the Hull JH/HS.** We ask that everyone enter through the new "Boyden-Hull Jr/Sr High School" entrance. We will be offering families the opportunity to register using the online process that is outlined in the directions in the registration packets. We will also email the directions in late July. Please follow the directions and if you have any questions, email or call your respective building administrator or administrative assistant. We have condensed the registration forms to this single registration form that each student needs to have completed. In the instructions we also highlight forms that need to be returned to the schools such as immunizations, physicals, and concussion forms. We will have laptops available at each building if you do not have access to a computer or the internet for the completion of this form. If you wish to pay for your registration fees electronically, PaySchools was purchased by another company and is now called SchoolPay. There will also be information included to explain this new program.

We have scheduled registration during the first week in August as the Fall Sports (Football, Volleyball, & Cross Country) practices begin on August 10th. Please contact your coach for the exact dates and times that these practices will begin. A reminder that all Fall athletes need to have a current Athletic Physical and Concussion Form on file with the school nurse before they are able to start official practice. Please try and make it to one of these two days for registration as it helps our secretaries get all fine details such as lockers, sections, and other last minute changes taken care of before the first day of school. Mr. Francis will also be available during Registration Days for your student to come in and make any schedule changes prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

If you're unable to register during these times, you can register after August 5 by contacting the school office:

- Grades PK-6 725-2381
- Grades 7-12 439-2440

SCHOOL BEGINS

School begins on Tuesday, Aug. 25! We will dismiss at 2:30PM the first day. Note the schedule for PLC Wednesdays: The regular school day for K-12 students begins at 8:15AM & ends at 3:30PM except on PLC Wednesdays when we will dismiss at 2:30PM. Shuttle buses leave the buildings at 7:50AM.

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION B-H WEBSITE

Find district info & teacher web pages at: <https://www.bhcomets.com>
JMC Parent Access is available through the district website. Parents can access their child's grades, lunch balance, and report card information. JMC Parent Access forms will be sent with the registration materials.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 725-2381

Call the Elementary during regular school hours to report an absence for your child in grades PK-6. After school hours, you can [leave a message](#) by calling the same number.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – 439-2440

Contact the Jr/Sr High School for absences or other information regarding your child in grades 7-12. After school hours, you can [leave a message](#) using the same number.

SUPERINTENDENT/BUSINESS OFFICE

You can contact the Business Office/Superintendent's Office at 439-2711. After hours, please leave a message so we can return your call.

SCHOOL BOARD

The Boyden-Hull Board of Directors, Jake Ten Haken (President), Jason Moser, Mark Nilles, Gina Woelber, and Laura Woelber, deserve our sincere thanks for their commitment to quality education.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held on Monday, August 24, from 11:30AM-7:30PM for grades PK-6 in Boyden and grades 7-8 in Hull. Due to the COVID protocol, we will be scheduling open house times for families prior to this time to limit the number of students and adults in the building at one time.

This is an excellent time for students to introduce themselves to their teachers, bring school supplies to their desk or locker, and see their new classrooms.

GREETINGS FROM SUPERINTENDENT GROND

We always get excited to have students come back, and this year maybe even more so as we have missed them over the past six months. We know that things will look and feel differently than they have in the past. Both Mr. Pottebaum and Mr. Kerr will be outlining items in this newsletter that we are putting in place for a safe return. These mitigation strategies could change by the time school starts as we continue to get information from Community Health and fill in any uncertainties in our current plans.

As I mentioned, things will look different, and that would have been the case even without COVID-19. Our building project is entering its final stages, and we are excited to have students come back in and use the new facilities and showcase our building off to the community. It was a tremendous investment that this community made in our school district, and we are incredibly proud of how it is coming together.

As we continue to plan for students and staff to come back, please enjoy the last month of vacation, and we will see everyone again on the 25th.

NEW FACES

One of the great things about the start of the school year is the new faces that we have coming that will add to our staff! This year we are fortunate to have five new teachers that will be part of the Comet family:

Seth Lewison - Mr. Lewison is a native of West Salem, WI and a recent graduate of Dordt University. He is excited to begin his teaching career in High School Math at Boyden-Hull and is looking forward to helping out with the new Nighthawk Soccer program.

Amanda Meyer - Ms. Meyer is a native of Perry, IA and a 2017 graduate of Iowa State University. We are excited to welcome Ms. Meyer to our staff as a Language Arts teacher with the experience she brings from the past couple of years teaching in Yuma, AR. She has been an EL instructor, which has helped her develop her tool belt as a young teacher entering into the general education classroom. Ms. Meyer will also assist Mrs. Visscher in the speech program.

Abigail Gustafson - Ms. Gustafson will be joining us in our 7-9th grade Special Education classroom. She has worked in our elementary with Mrs. Zylstra at different points in the 2019-20 school year. Ms. Gustafson is a native of Kiron, IA and will be serving as a JH Volleyball coach as well.

Hope Bosler - Ms. Bosler will be taking over the K-12th Art Instructor role our school district. Ms. Bosler is a native of

Alvord, a graduate of the West Lyon CSD, and a 2019 graduate of the University of South Dakota. We are excited to welcome Ms. Bosler as she begins her teaching career.

Hannah Ott - Ms. Ott joins the Boyden-Hull staff as a recent graduate of Northwestern College. She will be leading our Elementary Special Education classroom. She has a lot of great student-teaching experience and a great enthusiasm for young learners.

We are extremely excited about each of these new hires. They each bring excellent credentials, not only in their teacher experience and preparation, but also in their life background and skills. Please welcome each of these teachers to the district.

UPDATE FROM THE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back Students & Staff!

Dan Pottebaum, Principal
Summer 2020 has been one for the history books. While things can change between now and August 25th, it is our plan to be back in session with the students in school. The administration, teachers, and support staff are working hard to finalize the plans as we return from the school closure in the spring. As most school districts across the state are doing, we are developing detailed plans for one of 3 delivery methods as Mr. Grond shared in a recent update. Our plans will include an On-site Learning Model, Hybrid Learning Model, and Continuous Learning Model. What does this all mean for the Boyden-Hull JH/HS students? It means that we are going to continue to show perseverance and deliver instruction and learn even amidst this challenging time in our history. One of the biggest changes between this spring and this fall is the level of expectations for learning. In less than a few days, we went from winning the Class 2A State Championship to closing school for the remainder of the year without hardly realizing what was actually taking place.

This fall, all 7-12 students will be expected to participate in their learning on a daily basis whether it be in any

one of the aforementioned plans. As stated in a recent release from the governor's office, it is everyone's wish and hope that the students will return to the school buildings this fall. For most students, the most effective learning occurs when we have a relationship with the student and we can guide the student in their learning. One statement that I have heard over and over again from students and parents is not only did they miss school, but they realized that they took for granted the opportunity to go to school each day with their peers. As we move forward this fall, we may not know what each day will look like as we respond to this virus, but what we can control is our effort to provide the best possible education for our students in our community. In response, we simply ask each student to give us their best effort in their active involvement in their learning.

As we approach the return to school, there are many questions of what it may look or feel like as we return. One of the areas that we can control is our cleanliness and hygiene in our own personal efforts in staying healthy. One of the primary means of slowing the spread of any bacteria or virus is washing or disinfecting our hands. We will be encouraging our staff and students to be washing and disinfecting their hands frequently. Staff and students will be encouraged to do this as they enter and leave the school building as well as the classrooms. We will also be equipping our staff with disinfectants that they can wipe down door handles, light switches, desks, and other frequently touched surfaces to minimize the spread of viruses.

Another area that we are considering is the spacing between students in classes. This is a challenge as we are limited by not only space, but the availability in the schedule to offer more sections of classes. In our larger grades, we have tried to split into 3 sections instead of 2 sections. In following guidance from the public health agencies, when we are not able to maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals, they recommend the use of a face mask or shield. At this time, we are not required by the

governor or public health agencies to require the wearing of a face mask. We will encourage staff and students to wear a face mask to minimize the spread of viruses when we are not able to ensure 6 feet for social distancing.

Busing is another area of concern for school districts across the state & nation. We will be equipping the buses & shuttles with disinfectants that will be used on the buses between routes and events. We will also be requiring passengers to use hand sanitizers as they are loading the buses. We are also exploring creative ways to run the routes that will lessen the number of students on a bus at a given time. This may require additional trips between Hull and Boyden. We will also be encouraging when parents or older siblings are able to drop their child or younger sibling off at their school building to use this option. This will minimize the risk for your student, but also enable more space for other students who may not have this option. In the guidance provided by the Department of Education and athletic associations when we began softball and baseball, they had recommended 13 passengers on a 77 passenger rated bus to provide the spacing of 6 feet between athletes. Knowing that this is not feasible, they had stated that if we were not able to limit to this number of passengers, that we would require face masks for passengers. If your child will be riding a bus either on a route or a shuttle, please begin planning on equipping them with a face mask for these routes or shuttles.

As we continue planning for the return of students, we are also planning for how we will safely serve lunch to the 320+ students at the JH/HS. We will be working with A'Viands to work through the safety measures they plan to implement in the serving of the food. As noted earlier, cleanliness of an individual's hands is an important aspect of their hygiene. We will be encouraging students to wash or sanitize their hands prior to eating their lunch. We will also have expectations of students in the spacing of themselves as they wait to be served in the lunch line. Students will also be expected to limit their table seating to

4 per table to provide as much distance as possible during lunch. We will be utilizing classrooms adjoining to the commons areas to provide additional seating areas. Lastly, we will also continue the expectation of the students to wash their tables at the conclusion of their lunch period so that the table is clean for the next eating shift.

Passing time between periods is another topic that we are addressing as a concern. One of the areas that we ask students to consider is bringing the books and materials they would need for 2-3 periods to minimize the need to go back to their lockers. We will also be relaxing our policy on backpacks used by students to accommodate for this need. Students will be allowed to use backpacks to carry their books and other materials to minimize their need to return to their lockers. Teachers will also need to plan for possible areas to have students set their backpacks and laptop bags when in the classrooms. While we are being flexible in the backpack policy, we will still be upholding our cell phone policy in that they remain in the student's lockers. This may be a temptation for the students as they use backpacks to minimize their trips to their lockers. In addition to allowing the use of backpacks, we will also direct the flow of traffic in the hallways to minimize the potential spread of the virus. Many of us have seen this in grocery and retail stores over the past few months. Many of us can remember how crowded the hallways can become during passing times from our school days. In comparison to a grocery store or retail store, we have a lot more students trying to get to their next destination. In these transitions, we will work to minimize the possible transmission. It will also be important to know that the students will be encouraged to wear their face masks during these transition periods.

While we have addressed many of the bigger issues in this newsletter, more information will be forthcoming as we finalize plans for each of the delivery methods in the weeks leading up to the school year. Please know that if you have any questions, please feel free to

contact us at school by calling (712-439-2440) or emailing me at dan.pottebaum@boyden-hull.org. We realize that in order for us to try to return to some form of normalcy, we will all need to do our best in planning and doing what is best for the students. We are doing our best as a school district to provide the safest learning environment possible while ensuring a high quality of education. If you have any concerns for your child in returning to school this fall, I invite you to reach out and we can meet to address your concerns. We are committed to serve each and every student to the best of our abilities. We look forward to our continued partnership in molding your student to be the best they can be now and into their futures.

Last but not least, there will be some changes in faces of staff members. We want to wish Mr. Maggert, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Soodsma, Mrs. Lavallee, and Mrs. Moret well in their new endeavors. We would also like to welcome a couple of new faces to the Boyden-Hull JH/HS building. We welcome Mr. Seth Lewison (Math Teacher), Ms. Hope Bosler (Art Teacher), Ms. Abigail Gustafson (JH Special Education Teacher), and Ms. Amanda Meyer to the district. We are also looking to hire some para-professionals in the JH/HS building for the new year.

Please welcome our new staff to the Boyden-Hull CSD as they begin the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to their positive impact on our students and our communities.

RENOVATION PROJECT

One area of excitement for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year is the completion of the renovation project that has been occurring over the past 3 summers. In May 2018, we began Phase I with the addition of the new band room and the remodeling of the old girls locker rooms into the new choir room. Over the 2018-19 school year, the NE addition (shop, MP room, and SC classrooms) were added. Beginning last summer, we began the renovations of the classrooms and the SE classrooms. At the start of the 2019-20 school year, renovations began in

the old band and choir rooms as they converted those areas to the new JH/HS offices. In addition, they repurposed the open space between the gym/theater entrance and the old band room for the new guidance and AD offices. In March, we moved into the new JH/HS offices. The old JH/HS office, nurse office, and teacher work room began its renovation to the District office. In July 2020, this area was completed. Currently under renovations are the JH/HS Commons, Restroom, Library, and Family & Consumer Science classroom. It's hard to imagine that this has been a process over the past three summers. It appears that the project will be completed approximately a week prior to the start of the school year. We will be working with the school board and contractors to find a date and time that we will be able to open the building for the public to see all the changes and updates. In light of the current situation with COVID-19, this may add some challenges as we plan for this event.

7TH GRADE & NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE/LAPTOP ROLL-OUT

On Monday, Aug 24, we invite all 7th grade students, new students, and their parents to come to the JH/HS to meet their teachers and put their materials in the lockers. We will be limiting this Open House to just the 7th Grade and New Students. In the spring, we were not able to host the 6th Grade Shadow Day in which we give the incoming 7th grade students tours of the building and go through the schedule & procedures at the JH/HS Building. We will be sending out assigned times for 7th Grade students and new students for this Open House so that we can provide appropriate measures of social distancing. We will also hand out the laptops for these students during your assigned times.

8TH-12TH LAPTOP ROLL-OUT

In the past, we have hosted a laptop roll-out for 8th-12th grade students prior to the start of the school year. This year, we are going to eliminate this roll-out so that we can limit mass gatherings as much as possible. When you register your student on August

4th/August 5th and turn in their forms, we will hand out your 8th-12th grade student's laptops at that time.

OPENING DAY ASSEMBLY

Our opening day assembly will be a bit different this school year. We will be conducting the Opening Day Assembly via Zoom to each of the classrooms so that we can avoid a mass gathering in the auditorium. During this Zoom meeting, Mr. Pottebaum will explain all the changes and expectations related to the return to school for students. We will also go over the changes to the Student Handbook.

UPDATE FROM THE ELEMENTARY

Tom Kerr, Principal

As with all school districts across the U.S., it has been a very busy summer planning for onsite learning, hybrid learning, and continuous (online) learning due to the COVID pandemic. There will be more specific information coming out to parents and students during school registration and the days leading up to the first day of school. These plans are a fluid process that seem to change on a daily or weekly basis from the State.

Moreover, there has been quite a bit of discussion and controversy regarding face coverings or masks in our society. As Mr. Grond stated in a letter to parents in the middle of July, at this point, masks will be optional but strongly recommended. We understand that face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear all day in school. Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms or is asymptomatic.

In addition, one major change that will take place is in the lunchroom. We'll be spreading out students throughout their lunch period, and the round tables will be used to help social distance during this time. There will be four students at each rectangular or round table. Since these measures needed to be in place for safety reasons, parents, family members, or relatives will not be allowed to eat

lunch at school or sit with their child until further notice.

Furthermore, the construction at the secondary building will make a minor change with the bus loading zone for the elementary shuttle busses before and after school. The bus loading zone will shift further down to the west in front of the band classroom to the theater entrance doors. Elementary students will be able to wait in the Theater/Gym Entrance in case of inclement weather.

The preparation for the first day of school with the extra construction has made the summer break interesting and challenging at times. A special thank you to Daryl Egdorf, Ashley Madsen, Steph Ochsendorf, and Loni Sohl who have managed to clean and get things put back in order up until school starts on the 25th of August. The following are some of the changes in the elementary building for this upcoming 2019-20 school year:

- Our school board approved the purchase of 45 new iPads that will put us 1:1 in grades K-5 with these devices, and 6th grade will have Macbook Air laptops.
- Teachers had training in the Google Suite, along with Seesaw and Google Classroom that will be used as our computer platforms for onsite or at home learning.
- The final installation of security of our door system took place this summer as well. Parents, students, and visitors will need to continue the process that took place last school year. Once the school day begins at 8:15AM, all visitors will need to be buzzed into the school and check into the office for security and safety measures. Our security camera system provides added safety measures inside and outside the elementary school.
- The Brunsting Painting crew put a fresh coat of paint in the second grade hallways and gym area.
- The locker rooms were finally completed during the final construction phase this summer too!

- A handicapped portable ramp was installed to gain access to the stage prior to the end of the semester last year.
- Students and parents will notice a new math curriculum this school year from Ready Classroom that a number of grade levels piloted in the second semester. This will take place in grades K-8th. The online platform of i-Ready, is similar to Lexia Core 5 to diagnose each individual students' math skill needs and strengths with interesting virtual lessons.
- Please welcome a few new faces at the elementary building when you see them - Ms. Hannah Ott, Special Education teacher, Ms. Hope Bosler, our new K-12 Art teacher.

PRESCHOOL START DATE

The first day for the 2020-21 Boyden-Hull Preschool will be on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Mrs. Annie Van Der Zwaag will be contacting you in August to arrange a virtual home visit via Zoom prior to the preschool start date.

TITLE I READING

Title I reading instruction at Boyden-Hull Elementary is usually done with students in grades K-4. Students are given instruction in small-group settings based on the student's needs as determined by the classroom teacher and testing that is done within our school. We use the ISASP and FAST test results to help determine a student's eligibility.

Students who demonstrate the need for reading instruction will be grouped by skills and age. All of our Title I teachers are assigned to these small groups to teach reading skills needed by students. These are fully certified teachers with all the necessary reading endorsements required by state and federal law. If you have any questions about the Title I program, please visit with Mrs. Zoet or Mrs. De Wit, our Title I teachers, or Mr. Kerr, the elementary principal, during our Open House on Monday, August 24, from 11:30AM-7:30PM.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 15th for Elementary Students and Wednesday September 16th for JHHS Students. Your child will be given an envelope with information about ordering school pictures a week or so prior to this date. Pictures will begin right away in the morning at both the Elementary and the Jr/Sr High School. Students will hand their envelopes directly to the photographer at the time of their picture. Even if a student or family decides not to purchase the pictures, they will need to take the picture for the annual Yearbook.

Reminder for seniors to give Mrs. Hibma a senior picture as soon as possible along with a baby picture. It seems every year we are scrambling for a few students to turn these pictures in for the Yearbook and the Senior Video.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Supply lists will be in the registration packets.

One item that we would encourage parents to consider would be 2-3 face mask for each of their students. At this time we are not requiring face masks, but recommending their use due to the limited space we have in classrooms to ensure social distancing. We will be asking students that ride a rural route or a shuttle bus to wear a face mask as the students are in confined space on the buses. Backpacks and P.E. bags need to fit in a locker without causing damage to the locker's latch and hinges. Repair for damage to a locker is the responsibility of the student assigned to that locker. Students will need book covers for many of their courses. It seems like at the start of the year, many of the retail stores run out of the commercial book covers. I would encourage students to "Think Green" and use a brown paper bag from the grocery store. Another useful item for students is an accordion folder to help keep their papers and other materials organized. We will be providing the JH students with a daily planner. We would also encourage students to use the Google Calendar and Stickies on their laptops for their calendars. Students can share their Google Calendars with their parents so parents know when assignments, projects, and other test and quizzes are planned.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Boosters will have some sale items and some new items of Comet & Nighthawk apparel & gear available to purchase at registration on Aug 4 & 5. Some of the new items will be sweatshirts and sweatpants. The Fall Sports web-store will also be open soon. The Booster box is open at all home volleyball and football games. Thank you for your support!

HEALTH-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Students in all grades need to have the required immunizations before the first day of school. Please check with your health care provider to make sure that your child has had the immunizations and tests needed for school. The school is required to have a copy of your child's current immunization record on file. Pre-K, Kdg, & TK students are required to have all immunizations per age prior to beginning school. **New requirements have been made for 7th and 12th grade students.**

A Health Physical is required for Preschool age students. Your Physician must complete the form, and you should return the forms to the school as soon as possible.

A dental exam is required for 9th grade and Kdg students. For 9th graders, a screening completed within one year prior to enrollment is acceptable. For Kdg. students, a screening done between ages 3 to 6 is acceptable.

A vision screen is required by the State of Iowa for all students in Kdg & 3rd grade. Completed forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Athletic physicals are required for students who participate in school-sponsored sports (including cheer & dance). If your child had a physical over the summer months, please send a copy to the school nurse. Physicals are good for one year. Your child will not be allowed to attend practice until a physical is on file at school.

All forms are available upon request by emailing the school nurse at andrea.maassen@boyden-hull.org, or

in either school office & should be returned as soon as possible.

Please watch upcoming school newsletters for additional health requirements and information.

JR/SR HIGH T.A.G. PROGRAM

The assessment process for G/T program involves several factors. Some of the tools used are the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and FAST assessments. Most students admitted into the program will score in the 95th percentile or better on their composite score or in a particular subject area. For instance, we already have in place an accelerated program in our math curriculum. We will be making efforts to add more modifications to our courses of study to better challenge our highly motivated students. These modifications may be in the form of special projects or research with the help of volunteer mentors. Some of our students have taken concurrent enrollment courses online or PSEO (Courses at Northwestern College or Dordt University). Standardized test scores are just one means of measuring a student's inclusion in the Talented and Gifted Program.

Often teachers will recognize students who have an exceptional interest or ability in a particular subject area. Efforts will be made to foster that student's knowledge beyond the regular classroom work. These teacher recommendations will be factored in with other qualifications for the program.

Students may also request participation in the program. A highly motivated student willing to work beyond the required classroom levels is surely a candidate for this program. Usually in these cases a performance test is given to assess the level of the student's ability. A final decision on being in the program will be made by an appointed faculty committee. This part of the program could lead to enhancements of the classroom requirements.

Gifted and talented opportunities are available in general intellectual, specific academic, creativity, leadership, or visual and performing arts areas. This is why we would like students interested in the program to fill out the information form as a spring-board for our efforts to get the program started as soon as possible in the fall.

Giftedness has many faces. The Boyden-Hull School District recognizes the need to provide all students with opportunities and experiences that will allow them to reach their full potential. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Alexander or Mr. Pottebaum.

MUSIC INFORMATION

HS Marching Band Uniform Info

The Marching Band uniforms will be handed out to the band students on the same day as the computer rollout, from 5:30-7:30PM. It is extremely important for the freshman to come and get their uniform fitted at this time, as well as students who have changed sizes.

5th Grade Students can join band!

MidBell Music will be coming to the Elementary Art Room on Wednesday, Sept 16 from 4:00-5:30PM, to help students with their instrument needs. No community instruments will be accepted for sale at this meeting due to virus concerns.

MidBell also offers online ordering at www.midbellmusic.com. They are located at 4230 Lancelot Lane in Sioux City, phone number 712-276-0351. If you would like to order online, please order your instrument, a care kit, and lesson book- '**Standard Book of Excellence I**' for an instrument, '**Breeze Easy Book I**' for percussion. MidBell will deliver the order directly to school.

Band Events this Fall:

- Aug 29- Frozen Food Fundraiser begins
- Sept 11- Football at Hesla
- Sept 16- Instrument Display Night
- Sept 26- TriState Festival- Luverne
- Oct 9- Homecoming FB

STAFF IN-SERVICES

Staff development in-services are scheduled as follows:

Aug. 17-18 New Teacher In-Service
Aug 20 Certified Staff (1/2 day-AM)
Aug. 21-24 In-Service (No School)
Oct 1 School Dismissed 11:30AM
Oct. 2 In-Service (No School)
Jan. 15 School Dismissed 11:30AM
Feb. 12 In-Service (No School)
Apr 22 School Dismissed 11:30AM
Apr 23 In-Service (No School)
May 27 In-Service (No School)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conference dates for 2020-2021 are:

October 26 4-7 PM
October 29 4-8 PM
March 15 4-7 PM
March 18 4-8 PM

(No School - October 30 & March 19)

OPTIONAL STUDENT INSURANCE

Optional student accident insurance will be available. There are separate coverage plans for at-school, field trip, 24-hour, and high school football. The insurance provider is Markel Insurance. You will enroll using their website: <http://markel.sevencorners.com>. The secure website provides information on the various coverage and premium options, answers of frequently asked questions, and allows you to purchase the insurance using a credit/debit card. If you have questions or need help filing a claim, contact The Kelley Group (439-1122). Additional information will be available at registration.

As you decide whether or not to purchase this plan, please keep in mind that the school's liability insurance plan has a specific exclusion regarding medical payments for student injuries.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

For the past few years, the district has been using the SchoolMessenger notification system for weather notices. Please note that any phone number or email addresses that you provide to include in your child's JMC account will carry over into the SchoolMessenger contact database. If you have a preference on how you'd like to receive these messages, you may go to <https://contactme.schoolmessenger.com/?u=boydenhull>, and contact the district office for the ID number of your child(ren). If you need any help with this process, please contact Julie Johnson in the District Office.

Around the time we started using the SchoolMessenger program, the legislature passed a law limiting services such as this from contacting mobile numbers without permission. The purpose of this law is to prevent unknown and uncontrollable data charges that your phone/plan may not be set up for. In order to receive announcements on your cell phone, please contact the school so we can add your phone numbers to JMC. When JMC and SchoolMessenger sync each evening, you will receive a text message asking if you want to enroll in the service. If you respond to that message with 'Yes, you should receive a confirmation message explaining that your mobile number is enrolled in receiving messages for Boyden-Hull Community Schools.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We need to update our list of people willing to substitute for Teachers & Bus Drivers (need certification for both), Para-Professionals, Kitchen Assistants, and Custodial Assistants.

Please call Mr. Kerr (Elementary), Mr. Pottebaum (Jr/Sr High), or Julie Johnson (District Office) to let them know if you are interested.

KIDS CLUB

Kids' Club is a fun, safe, nurturing environment for kids in grades K-3rd. The program is community and church supported so all kids are welcome for free! It's a great opportunity for kids to spend time with each other, volunteers, and Jesus Christ. The program usually begins after Labor Day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:30PM, ending the 1st week in May. However, due to COVID-19, they are going to put the program on hold for a few months, and they hope to begin in January 2021. More information will follow if they are able to begin the program later in the school year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION

Parents/guardians considering open enrollment for their child(ren) into another school district in Iowa need to be aware of the following deadlines for filing the required paperwork.

- March 1, 2020 -was the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2020-21 school year.

- September 1, 2020 is the deadline for incoming TK/Kindergarten students.
- Enrollment deadlines for the 2021-22 school year are March 1, 2021 for regular open enrollment requests and September 1, 2021 for incoming kindergarteners.

Applications received after these deadlines will not be approved unless the reason for late filing qualifies for "good cause." There are a number of state-approved reasons that qualify for "good cause," including moving to a new district and change in the parents' marital status.

Transportation assistance may be available for parents/guardians of open enrolled students who meet the eligibility guidelines. This may be actual transportation or a cash stipend at the resident district's discretion.

Families also need to know that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility.

Contact the Superintendent's Office if you have questions or need an open enrollment form.

A'VIANDS - MENUS

A'viands is our school food service company. They will be posting their lunch and breakfast menus on the Boyden-Hull website throughout the year. You can find this right on the home page using the 'School Lunch Menu' button, or you can go to the Students category at the top of the page, and then choose the 'Food Service/Lunch Menu' option from the dropdowns that appear.

FUNDRAISER

A number of the BHES staff and parents have organized a community fundraiser for the Van Meeteren family on **Wednesday, August 12 from 5PM to 7PM at the Westside Park Shelter House in Hull**. Carter is a kindergarten student who received a heart transplant on June 14th in Iowa City. We will be serving pork burgers, chips, cookies/bars, & a drink in conjunction with the Sioux County Pork Producers.

ATHLETICS

NOTICE: All students participating in extra-curricular sports must have a physical and concussion form turned in to your coach before you may practice! This includes junior high & high school students in all sports, cheerleading, & student managers.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

A meeting will be held for all parents of B-H High School football players on Aug 3 at 6:30 PM in the B-H auditorium. If you plan to purchase school insurance for football, forms will be available at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

2020 Kickoff - Aug 5 at 5PM

Football Camp in Rock Valley
HS – August 6 & 7 from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. The cost is \$30-make checks payable to RVHS.



**A bus will be available from Boyden & Hull for camp & practices. Leaves 45 minutes before scheduled practice from the Boyden Elementary and 30 minutes before the scheduled practice from the High School in Hull.

HS Football Practice in Rock Valley

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| August 10-11, 13-14 | 8-11AM |
| Aug 12 | 5-8PM |
| August 17&21 | 8-11AM |
| August 18-20 | 5-8PM |
| August 24 | 4-6PM |

Daily practice continues after school from 4-6PM.

August 28-1st Game vs. Western

JH Football camp will be August 6 & 7 from 9AM-Noon in Rock Valley.

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| Cory Brandt | Head Coach |
| Doug Bundy | Asst. Coach |

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

JH Nighthawk football practice begins on Monday, Aug 24 at 4:00PM in Hull. Rock Valley begins classes on Mon, Aug 24 and Boyden-Hull begins classes on Tue, Aug 25. On Mon, Aug 24, buses will leave from Rock Valley School & Boyden Elementary School at 3:35PM for the first practice.



On Tue, August 25 and thereafter, practice will be held after school for the remainder of the season. Practice is usually done around 5:35, with buses returning to Rock Valley and Boyden at approximately 6:00PM. We will be dressing in the football shed located east of the practice field, or across the street to the south of the B-H Jr/Sr High building in Hull. There are no showers in the football shed, so players will do so at home. Parents who are picking up their child who plays football can do so in front of school.

All athletes must have a current completed physical form on file in their respective offices before they may practice. Athletes must bring shorts, shirt, socks, compression shorts/whitietighties, & shoes. If football cleats are worn, the cleats must be made of rubber or plastic. Metal cleats are illegal.

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| Thank you, | |
| Rob Van't Land | Coach |
| John Olson | Asst. Coach |



CROSS COUNTRY

HS Cross Country practice will begin on Mon, Aug 10 at 8:00AM. Meet in the student parking lot.

JH Cross practice will begin after school during the first week of school.



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| Tim Brunsting | Head Coach |
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HS VOLLEYBALL – GRADES 9-12

August 10-14

Practice: 8AM-11:30AM

Busing will be available for students. If you need busing, please contact Coach Mesman.

Contact Coach Draayer if you have any questions

Justine Draayer - Head VB Coach
Heather Mesman – JV VB Coach



JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

The JH Volleyball Team will be bused to Boyden for practice. The first practice will be held after school during the first week of school-more details will follow when school resumes. Practice usually ends by 5:30PM. A shuttle bus will run to Hull after practice. You will need black volleyball shorts, kneepads, and black socks for games.



Coach Abigail Gustafson

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