

Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade - China - Oakland - Rome - Sidney

Belgrade Central School

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Dear Parents/Students:

My hope is that everyone is staying healthy and managing your daily lives as best you can during this unprecedented time away from school. Please know that everyone here at BCS is thinking of you and working hard to keep both parents and students connected to our school community.

In this letter I will try to address your concerns and provide as much up to date information that I can. As things change, which seems to be at a very quick pace, additional updates will be posted.

Students: All teachers have been working hard to create resources that you will be able to access in the next day or two. Each teacher has a folder with their name on it and in these folders will be academic resources available for you and your family to utilize this week. Teachers will be continuously adding resources to these folders throughout our closure time. The intent of these resources is to keep students engaged in learning and maintaining academic skills that have already been taught. Here is the link that you can click on to access the teachers' folders.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YpqqQwg_vRD-8he3QU3i9gxiGwvytF_u

If you are unable to print out the resources or do not have internet access, please stop by the school to pick up a packet from the office. Student work is not expected to be turned in to teachers at the conclusion of the closure. The resources are practice materials to maintain academic skills.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Services: Our food service staff will be preparing breakfast and lunch meals for all students for the next two weeks. You can pick up both meals at one of the following locations; Rome Community Center or the North Belgrade Community Center. The North Belgrade Community Center is replacing the Center for All Seasons. In addition, the Alford Community Center will be providing evening meals and snacks starting at 4:30PM-5:30PM on March 17th. These meals can be picked up at Fabian Oil Company in Oakland. If you find your family or know of other families that may need additional food assistance, please reach out to us so that we can attend to everyone's needs.

Hours of Operation: The Belgrade Central School office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-3:00PM daily. Personal belongings, academic resources, and other teacher materials can be picked up during these hours. If these hours do not fit your schedule, please contact me directly so that I can accommodate your timeline needs.

Communication: Please check the district's website and Facebook posts daily as information that we are receiving changes by the minute. I will also communicate through our all call system when necessary.

Student Support Services: Should you find that your student is having a difficult time during these next two weeks please reach out to us. Mrs. Wade can be reached directly by email, or you can call the office and we will contact her to have her reach out to you. She also has a folder with some helpful resources that may help you and your child. Additionally, if your child receives Title I Reading and/or Math support, Speech services, Special Education support, or GT support, those teachers also have folders with resources available. Special Education case managers will be contacting parents regarding any upcoming IEP meetings. Specialists have also provided resources in their folders as well.

I will continue to reach out to our school community on a regular basis. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns. I can be reached at 495-2321 or through email at gbacon@rsu18.org. As I stated earlier in this letter, the staff here at BCS is thinking of you and our most important priority is always the health, safety and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,
Gwen Bacon

"Proudly serving the children in the Belgrade and China Lakes Regions."