



# Bethel Park High School

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Dear BPHS Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

Throughout October, BPHS Students will be participating in several different surveys, assignments, exams, and career exploration activities. These are all tied to district initiatives, graduation, and/or state requirements. As in past years, these activities necessitate the need to run some alternative bell schedules in order to provide students with adequate time to complete these activities. Please see the list of different activities and days with alternative bell schedules for the month of October:

- **Wed. October 4, 2023 - PASS Survey (Extended 45 Minute Homeroom)**
- **Wed. October 11, 2023 - PSAT Registration (Extended 45 Minute Homeroom)**  
*\* The normally scheduled LEAD Day is canceled and will resume in November*
- **Wed. October 18, 2023 - PSAT Exam/CEWS (180 min. Adjusted Schedule)**
- **Wed. December 6, 2023 - ASVAB Exams/CEWS (180 min. Adjusted Schedule)**

(Original email sent from the district on 9/14/2023) Bethel Park School District intends to give the survey on **Wednesday, October 4** for high school students and the week of **October 9** in our other schools. We ask that **all students in our schools in grades three through 12** complete this survey. This **PASS survey (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School)** measures student attitudes about their school experience. Developed by a team of educational psychologists from multiple universities, PASS provides educators with reliable and valid information about how students feel about themselves as learners and how they feel about school. PASS helps schools to positively address confidence, resilience, motivation, and concentration factors about school through this tool. The information also allows us to see schoolwide concerns that the faculty can help address and support as the year progresses. PASS will be administered in the coming year in the Fall and Spring. If you have questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact David Muench at [muench.david@bphawks.org](mailto:muench.david@bphawks.org) or by phone at 412-854-8405.

On Wednesday, October 18th BPHS 10th graders will be administered the **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). There is no cost for the exam for BPHS 10th graders. Students should put forth their best effort on the PSAT exam since their scores may be used as an alternative pathway to fulfill [Keystone Graduation Requirements](#). During testing, 9th and 11th graders will be completing important CEW assignments (Career, Education, Work) that are needed to meet PA graduation requirements. BPHS 9th graders will also participate in an assembly presented by Steel Center CTC, which provides quality career and technical education to high school students beginning in the 10th grade. BPHS 12th graders are encouraged to use this time to continue

their post-secondary investigations, college applications, and scholarship searches in Naviance. 12th-grade students who have their own transportation have the option to complete these tasks in school or from home but must report to ***Homeroom no later than 9:15 am.***

The PSAT/NMSQT offers a great opportunity for students to begin to prepare for the SAT exam. Each participant will receive an official score report detailing their performance in two areas - EBRW (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing) and Mathematics, which they can then use to prepare for the SAT with free online SAT prep provided by College Board through Khan Academy. Any **11th grader** who wishes to be considered for National Merit Scholarships for 2023-24 **MUST** take the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Any 11th grader wanting to participate in the PSAT must click on the following link to register and pay the \$18 fee: [11th Grade PSAT Registration Link](#). Registration for this event started on 9/25 and will continue through 10/13. Seats are limited. Students who are in 10th grade are automatically on the list for the PSAT and do not need to take any action.

The **ASVAB Test** will be administered on **Wednesday, December 6th**. The ASVAB is a nationally normed, multi-aptitude test battery that has been provided to high schools and post-secondary schools since 1968. It was developed by the U.S. Department of Defense. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program was developed with input from a panel of career development experts and designed to encourage students to increase their level of self-knowledge and to understand how that information could be linked to civilian and military occupational characteristics. The ASVAB Program was recently redesigned to be helpful to all students, whether they are planning on immediate employment after high school in civilian or military occupations, or further education at a university, community college, or vocational institution. **The scores and information of the 10th Grade ASVAB are for students and school personnel only, they are NOT shared with the military.** The ASVAB is one of the approved alternative assessments for a qualifying score that could be used to satisfy the Alternative Keystone Pathway for Graduation Policy 217 at BPHS. In addition, any **11th grader who wishes to take the ASVAB** may participate this year at no cost and should sign up in the BPHS Counseling Office.

If a parent/guardian **does not** want their son or daughter to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT or ASVAB exam, or has any additional questions, please contact the BPHS Counseling Office at 412-854-8595.

Thank you,  
Joseph Villani  
BPHS Principal

## Adjusted Schedules for PSAT & ASVAB - 2023

**October 4, 11, 18, December 6**

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| 45-min Extended Homeroom |               |        |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|
| HR                       | 7:25 - 8:10   | 45 Min |
| Pd. 1                    | 8:15 - 8:52   | 37 Min |
| Pd. 2                    | 8:57 - 9:34   | 37 Min |
| Pd. 3                    | 9:39 - 10:16  | 37 Min |
| Pd. 4                    | 10:21 - 10:58 | 37 Min |
| Pd. 5                    | 11:03 - 11:40 | 37 Min |
| Pd. 6                    | 11:45 - 12:22 | 37 Min |
| Pd. 7                    | 12:27 - 1:04  | 37 Min |
| Pd. 8                    | 1:09 - 1:46   | 37 Min |
| Pd. 9                    | 1:51 - 2:28   | 37 Min |

| <b>180-Minute Testing Schedule</b> |   |                  |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Period</b>                      | <b>Time</b>   | <b>Total Min</b> |
| HR                                 | 7:25 AM - 7:34 AM   | 9                |
| <b>PSAT<br/>ASVAB<br/>CEWs</b>     | <b>7:34 AM - 10:34 AM</b><br><i>Seniors Report at 9:15 AM</i><br><b>Gr 12 Homeroom<br/>9:25 AM - 10:34 AM</b> | <b>180</b>       |
| 5                                  | 10:39 – 11:06   | 27               |
| 1                                  | 11:11 – 11:29   | 18               |
| 6                                  | 11:34 – 12:01   | 27               |
| 2                                  | 12:06 – 12:24   | 18               |
| 7                                  | 12:29 – 12:56   | 27               |
| 3                                  | 1:01 – 1:19   | 18               |
| 4                                  | 1:24 – 1:42   | 18               |
| 8                                  | 1:47 – 2:05   | 18               |
| 9                                  | 2:10 – 2:28   | 18               |