

BERNE - KNOX - WESTERLO  
2021 **BKW** 2022

DISTRICT CALENDAR



*They are, because we are!*



**Hours of Operation**

**DISTRICT OFFICE –**  
Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**  
Main office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL –**  
Main office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**2021-22 Notable Days**

First Day of School Gr. 1-12	Sept. 8
First Day of Kindergarten	Sept. 9
First Day of Pre-Kindergarten	Sept. 10
Winter Regents Exams	Jan. 25 - 28
Spring Regents Exams	June 14-17 & 21-22
Last Day of School (K-12)	June 24
Class of 2022 Graduation	June 25

**2021-22 Days Off**

Columbus Day	Oct. 11
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 25 - 26
Holiday Break	Dec. 24 - 31
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 17
Winter Break	Feb. 21 - 25
Good Friday	April 15
Spring Break	April 18 - 22
Staff Development Day	May 17
Memorial Day	May 30
Juneteenth (observed)	June 20



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**A message from Dr. Mundell**

A new school year brings new opportunities for students, staff and our entire school community. At BKW, we are moving forward with our important work of educating our students and providing them with a safe, positive and rewarding environment where they can grow socially, emotionally and academically and reach their highest potential.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our students to campus for full-time, in-person learning. Despite today’s uncertainties and challenges, our students deserve our continued support and commitment to their success.

As superintendent, I remain focused upon ensuring that BKW students have the same opportunities to excel as their peers across the region and state, regardless of learning ability, economics, gender, background or zip code. We continue our work to level the playing field so all students can achieve this kind of equity within our system and compared to other school districts.

This school year, we are expanding programs centered around college and career readiness for students in grades 5-12, technology education for students in grades 5-8 and extended learning and enrichment programs, some of which we launched this summer.

We are proud of our growing agriSTEAM program, academic offerings, comprehensive student support services, and extracurricular activities that appeal to students of diverse interests, from athletics and the arts, to FFA and esports, to community service activities and partnerships.

Even though we continue with some uncertainty, it is in our power to place our focus on all of the great things we have to offer our kids. Please join us in that effort. The 2021-22 school year should be one of promise and positivity for our students. “They are because we are.”

**2021-22 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The public is invited to all Board of Education meetings, and to speak regarding issues during the time set aside for public comment. Regular Board meetings typically begin at 7 p.m. in the Elementary School cafeteria. Please check the district website for schedule changes.

Contact the Board at [BKWBOE@bkwschools.org](mailto:BKWBOE@bkwschools.org)

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Important Notices

State and federal laws require schools to post a variety of notices for parents/guardians and residents. These are some of those notices. The full list can be found on the district website.

### Release of information to military recruiters

NCLB requires that school districts disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school students.

However, parents or students may request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information. Parents, or students who are at least 18 years old, may exercise the option to withhold their consent to release this information by contacting the high school principal's office.

### Access to student records

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents and students over 18 years of age have the right to inspect and review the student's records or request an amendment of records believed to be incorrect. They can also withhold consent on disclosure of personally identifiable information, except in cases where the law allows for disclosure without consent.

### Student Directory information

The district releases certain types of student information (name, address, phone number, photo, etc.). Under FERPA, parents may request in writing to not release that information.

### Student Privacy

The district's privacy policy offers parents the opportunity to excuse their child from any survey that reveals information on personal behavior or political beliefs. Parents are also notified and offered the chance to exclude their child from activities that gather personal information about students which can be used for marketing purposes.

### Special needs

Children with special needs may be entitled to additional services from the school district in which they reside. If your child has special needs and is not known to the school administration, please call the Superintendent's Office.

New York State Education Law also requires that each public school district account for the education of all resident minors. Please help BKW comply with this requirement. If your child is home-schooled or attends a private or parochial school and has not previously been registered with the Superintendent's Office, please call 518-872-1293.

### Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with federal law, the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District has in place a management plan to identify and manage asbestos building materials.

The Asbestos Management Plan is on file and available for review in the District Office during regular business hours.

### Pesticide notification

It is mandatory for school districts to inform parents or guardians and staff members of potential pesticide use during the school year.

To be placed on a list to receive 48-hour notification prior to the application of pesticides, please call the District Office.

### Student Health Data

Because New York State is interested in child health data, schools are required to record students' height, weight and Body Mass Index (BMI). If our district is surveyed by the state, we will only share group data (for instance, the number of second grade boys whose BMI is below the fifth percentile), not individual data. However, if parents wish their child's data to be excluded from such group calculations, they may do so by contacting their school nurse.

### APPR Ratings

All parents/guardians have the right to obtain the APPR quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's current teacher(s) and principal(s) once they are available. For additional details, please visit the district website or contact your child's school.

### Attendance Policy

Please contact the main office of your child's school to leave a message when your child must be absent from school due to an illness or other appropriate reason.

*Elementary School: 518-872-2030*

*Secondary School: 518-872-1482*

To follow up, please send a written excuse with your child upon his/her return to school.

If your child will be absent for several consecutive days, we recommend that parents make arrangements with teachers to pick up missed assignments.

Good attendance has been linked to higher academic achievement. Please help maintain BKW's high attendance rate by encouraging your child to attend school every day.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

## Calendar Accuracy

Calendar dates may change after printing. Please visit the district website for updates to meeting dates and for times and locations.

## Publicity

Students' names, grade levels and photos may be published on the BKW website, in school publications, or released to the media to recognize student achievement or activities of the BKW School District. Parents who object to the use of their child's information or image should notify BOTH the superintendent of schools and their child's building principal – in writing – on or before **September 8.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The district is not responsible for media that cover news happenings, sporting events or school events.

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For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit [www.bkwschools.org](http://www.bkwschools.org)

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**Labor Day**  
(offices closed)

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(begins at sundown)

**NO SCHOOL**

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Staff Development

**NO SCHOOL**

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First Day of Classes  
Grades 1-12

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First Day of  
Kindergarten

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First Day of  
Pre-K

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(begins at sundown)

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# NOVEMBER 2021

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

## School Closings

In case of inclement weather or other emergencies, school closings and delays are posted to the district website, Facebook, Twitter, and local media.

A notification will be also sent directly to parents, staff, and community members through our ParentSquare messaging system.

### How do I sign up for ParentSquare?

If you're a parent or guardian, first make sure your contact info in the eSchoolData Parent Portal is up to date. Information will be posted on the district website, [www.bkwschools.org](http://www.bkwschools.org) and shared with BKW families about ParentSquare and how to sign up.

### Activities when school is closed for the day

When school is closed during the day, all afternoon and evening functions are cancelled unless otherwise scheduled by the Superintendent.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Superintendent's Conference Day  ELECTION DAY <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3	4	5	6
7  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day (offices closed)  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Emergency Early Release Drill	25 Thanksgiving Recess (offices closed)  THANKSGIVING <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 Thanksgiving Recess (offices closed)  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27
28  HANUKKAH (begins at sundown)	29	30		For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a>	<b>OCTOBER 2021</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>DECEMBER 2021</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

# DECEMBER 2021



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<p><b>NOVEMBER 2021</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a></p>	1	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24 Holiday Break (offices closed)  CHRISTMAS EVE  NO SCHOOL	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27 Holiday Break (offices closed)  NO SCHOOL	28 Holiday Break  NO SCHOOL	29 Holiday Break  NO SCHOOL	30 Holiday Break (offices closed)  NO SCHOOL	31 Holiday Break (offices closed)  NEW YEAR'S EVE  NO SCHOOL	

# JANUARY 2022

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

## District required to hold 12 safety drills per year

All New York school districts are required to conduct 12 safety drills every school year. Four of those drills must be lockdown drills. The remaining eight drills are evacuation drills – widely referred to as fire drills.

During a lockdown drill, students and staff practice clearing hallways, locking doors and taking positions out of sight as quickly as possible.

Evacuation drills ensure students and staff quickly and calmly exit a building in the event of an emergency.

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<p>DECEMBER 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2022</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28</p>	<p>For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a></p>				<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY</p>
2	3 Classes Resume	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (offices closed)	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL					
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30	31					





# FEBRUARY 2022

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

## Emergency Management Plan

BKW Central School District has an Emergency Management Plan as required by the Commissioner's Regulation.

A copy of this plan is available for public inspection in the Superintendent's Office.

## Bus safety

Please remember that New York State law requires drivers to stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing.

Always approach school buses with caution. There is precious cargo on board:

**OUR FUTURE!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter Break (offices closed)  PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL	22 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	23 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	24 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	25 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	26
27	28			For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a>	<b>JANUARY 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>MARCH 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



# MARCH 2022

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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# APRIL 2022

## Registering to vote in BKW

Any U.S. citizen who is 18 years of age or older and a resident of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote is eligible to cast a ballot in the budget vote. But first you must be registered. Those who are registered for the general elections are automatically registered for school votes.

For any questions on how to register to vote, contact District Clerk Anne Farnam at 518-872-1293.



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<p><b>MARCH 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p><b>MAY 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a></p>			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday <i>(offices closed)</i>  PASSOVER <i>(begins at sundown)</i> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	16
17 EASTER	18 Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19 Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	20 Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	21 Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22 Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23
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# MAY 2022

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

## Memorial Day Events

- Berne & Knox Memorial Day Parade
- Town of Knox Memorial Day Parade Ceremony



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MOTHERS DAY						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Annual School Budget Vote & BOE Election Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
	Memorial Day (offices closed) NO SCHOOL			For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a>	<b>APRIL 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>JUNE 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

# JUNE 2022

## What is your senior doing after graduation?

Is your graduate off to college or a trade school?

The work force?

The military?

The Guidance Office needs to know.

Don't forget to give the office a call at 518-872-1483 to let us know your grad's future plans.



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For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Juneteenth (Observed)  NO SCHOOL	21  SUMMER BEGINS	22	23	24 Final Day of School	25 Class of 2022 Graduation
26	27	28	29	30	<b>MAY 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>JULY 2022</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



# JULY 2022

BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO

## Summer Reading

Summer is the perfect time for children to engage in leisure reading. BKW students should continue their education on their own by reading as many books as possible during the summer.

Students in grades 6-12 are required to read at least two assigned books, but they should try to read more for enjoyment.

## Summer Reading lists

Our assigned reading lists are available at [www.bkwschools.org](http://www.bkwschools.org) or in our main offices.



# BKW

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>JUNE 2022</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 2022</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>	<p>For school events, activities, and athletics schedules, including start times and rosters, visit <a href="http://www.bkwschools.org">www.bkwschools.org</a></p>			1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
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# AUGUST 2022

## Attention residents

District residents who are age 55 or older may obtain a senior citizen honorary ticket that entitles them to free entry to all BKW events, except graduation.

For more information, please call the Superintendent's Office at 518-872-1293.



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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Berne, NY 12023

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