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# Bensenville Elementary School District 2



Calendar  
2016-2017

*Maximizing the unique potential of each child  
by honoring a natural curiosity and igniting a desire to learn.*

## District Directory

### Educational Administration Center

630-766-5940 630-766-6099 (fax)  
210 S. Church Road  
Bensenville, IL 60106

- *Dr. James Stelter* ..... *Superintendent of Schools*
- *Dr. Kathleen Dugan* ..... *Assistant Superintendent for Learning*
- *Paul Novack* ..... *Chief Financial Officer*
  
- *Julie Colgrove* .. *Interim Director of English Language Learners*
- *Leah Gauthier* ..... *Director of Instructional Services*
- *Juliann Greene* ..... *Director of Special Education*

## School Directory

### **Blackhawk Middle School**

630-766-2601 630-766-7612 (fax)  
250 S. Church Road  
Bensenville, IL 60106

- *Perry Finch* ..... *Co-Principal*
- *Sarah Humboldt* ..... *Co-Principal*
- *Jeff Kersten* ..... *Assistant Principal*

### **W.A. Johnson School**

630-766-2605 630-595-3609 (fax)  
252 S. Ridgewood Avenue  
Bensenville, IL 60106

- *Missy Baglarz* ..... *Co-Principal*
- *Dianne Thornburg* ..... *Interim Co-Principal*
- *Dr. Reinhard Nickish* ..... *Interim Co-Principal*

### **Tioga School**

630-766-2602 630-766-4114 (fax)  
212 W. Memorial Road  
Bensenville, IL 60106

- *Carlos Azcoitia* ..... *Co-Principal*
- *Nicole Robinson* ..... *Co-Principal*

## School Hours

### *W.A. Johnson & Tioga Elementary Schools*

8:35 a.m. Entry Bell  
8:45 a.m. Tardy Bell  
3:20 p.m. Dismissal Bell

### *Blackhawk Middle School*

7:45 a.m. Entry Bell  
7:50 a.m. Tardy Bell  
2:55 p.m. Dismissal

### *Thursday Dismissal Times for Students*

School dismisses early each Thursday to provide time for staff in-service.

- K-5th grade students are dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- 6th-8th grade students are dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

If there is an emergency after school hours, call 630-993-6891.

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## Mission Statement

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## Belief Statements

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## 2016-17 AT A GLANCE

August 24 ..... **First Day of School**

September 5 ..... Labor Day, no school

October 7 ..... Teacher Institute, no school

October 10 ..... Columbus Day, no school

October 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school

November 21 – 22 ..... Teacher Institute, no school

November 23 – 25 ..... Thanksgiving Break, no school

December 19 – January 2 ..... Winter Break, no school

January 3 ..... School resumes

January 16 ..... Martin Luther King Day, no school

February 20 ..... President's Day, no school

March 2 ..... Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school

March 3 ..... Teacher Institute, no school

March 27 - March 31 ..... Spring Break, no school

April 14 ..... Non-attendance Day, no school

April 3—27 ..... PARCC Testing Period

April 28 ..... Teacher Institute, no school

May 29 ..... Memorial Day, no school

June 7 ..... **Last Day of School**  
**(if no emergency days are needed)**

June 8 ..... *(Emergency Day)*

June 9 ..... *(Emergency Day)*

June 12 ..... *(Emergency Day)*

June 13 ..... *(Emergency Day)*

June 14 ..... *(Emergency Day)*



# AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm WAJ PTA Meet & Greet	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2-7 pm Registration/Welcoming Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Preschool Screening @ Tioga – call for appointment	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>18</b> New Teacher Orientation	<b>19</b> New Teacher Orientation	<b>20</b> <b>All Day – Band Camp to Six Flags (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)</b> 9-11 am BMS Walk the Schedule & Locker Day
<b>Band Camp - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Beginning Band Camp (9 am – 12 pm)</b> <b>Band Camp 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band Camp (12:30 pm – 3:30 pm)</b>						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>District Institute Day – No Student Attendance</b> 6-7pm WAJ & TI Kindergarten Curriculum Night 6:00 pm BMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night	<b>23</b> <b>Teacher Institute Day – No Student Attendance</b> 2:30 pm WAJ Meet the Teacher 2:30 pm TI Meet the Teacher	<b>24</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of School for K-8	<b>25</b> BMS Picture Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Tioga Pre-K 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Tioga K-5 Picture Day WAJ Picture Day			

# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10:00 am Project CARE Welcome Back Seminar – Lifelong Learning Center 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> No School Labor Day	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm BMS Open House 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>8</b> 5:30-7:30 pm WAJ Open House & CAP Parent Night 5:30 pm Tioga Erin's Law Presentation 6:30 Tioga Grades 1-5 Open House	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Project CARE Begins BMS YWCA Presentation 8 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>13</b> 6-8 pm Fenton Band Nigh Rehearsal (7/8 Band) BMS YWCA Presentation 8 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>14</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 8 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30-9 pm Fenton Band Night Performance (7/8 Band) Preschool Screening @ Tioga – call for appointment WAJ 5th Grade Field Trip The Grove	<b>17</b> WAJ PTA Fall Fest
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>22</b> 4-7 pm Tioga PTA McTeacher Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 7 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>27</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 7 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>28</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 7 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>BMS Book Fair September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>						

# OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7 am – 5 pm ILMEA Junior Auditions @ BMS (6-8 Band and Chorus)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Mid-term BMS YWCA Presentation 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>4</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting	<b>5</b> BMS YWCA Presentation 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes	<b>6</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress Reports Home 6-7:30 pm WAJ Literacy Night & Book Fair 6-7 pm Tioga Literacy Night	<b>7</b> No School Teacher Institute Day	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> No School Columbus Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>19</b> Tioga/WAJ/BMS Picture Retake Day Pk-8 4:30 pm CDC @ LLC 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BMS Trunk or Treat	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3:00-8 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences WAJ SMART Start Parent Event (anti- bullying) Tioga PTA Movie Night	<b>28</b> No School 7:30 am – 3:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences WAJ SMART Start Parent Event (anti- bullying)	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1:00 pm WAJ Halloween Parade & 1:45 pm room Parties 2:30 pm Tioga Halloween Parade & Classroom Parties 6-8 pm WAJ Trunk or Treat					

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>3</b> 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>4</b> TBD - BMS Musical	<b>5</b> TBD - BMS Musical 7am – 4 pm ILMEA Concert Festival (6-8 Band & Chorus, select students only)
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm BMS 6-8 Band Fall Concert	<b>10</b> 6-7:30 pm WAJ Math Night	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends</b> 6:30 pm BSD2 5th Grade/Jazz & Chorus Concert	<b>18</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Home</b> Tioga Thanksgiving Feast Tioga PTA Family Fun Night WAJ PTA Ladies Night Craft & Vendor Event	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> No School Teacher Institute	<b>22</b> No School Teacher Institute	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
			<b>No School – Thanksgiving Break</b>			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

# DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7:00 am BMS Student Recognition Breakfast 9:30 am Fenton Holiday Concert for Elementary School Students 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:00 pm WAJ Winter Performance (Grades 4/5) TBD - BMS Holiday Assembly (Music Makers Showcase)	<b>14</b> 4:30 pm CDC @ LLC 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>15</b> Tioga Pre-K Vision & Hearing Re-screening Tioga PTA Winter Wonderland 6:30 pm WAJ & Tioga Holiday Concert @ BMS	<b>16</b> 1:45 -2:30 pm Tioga Holiday Concert (for students)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>No School - Winter Break</b>						
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>No School - Winter Break</b>						

# JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>No School – Winter Break</b>	3	4	5 BMS Vision & Hearing 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	6	7
8	9 WAJ Vision & Hearing Screening	10 12:00 pm & 7 pm Fenton Tri-District Choral Dress Rehearsal and Concert (6-8 Chorus)	11 6:30 pm Tioga Talent Show	12 Tioga Vision & Hearing Screening K-5	13 5-8 pm 8th Grade Fenton Pep Night (8 Band) Tioga Vision & Hearing Screening K-5	14
15	16 <b>No School – Martin Luther King Day</b>	17 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	18 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	19	20 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Mid-term</b> WAJ Vision & Hearing Re-Screen BMS Vision & Hearing BMS – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Pictures WAJ PTA Bingo Night	21
22	23	24 TBD Fenton Fine Arts Visit to BMS	25	26	27 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports Home</b>	28 TBD Thomas Middle School Jazz Jamboree
29	30	31				



# FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>2</b> 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>3</b> 6-8 pm "Sweets and Beats" (6-8 Band, Jazz Band) Tioga Vision & Hearing Re-Screen K-5	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30-2:00 pm SIT "Students Involved with Technology" Conference - BSD2 Hosting
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:30-3 pm WAJ Valentine Parties Tioga Valentines Parties	<b>15</b> WAJ Junior Achievement 4:30 pm CDC @ LLC 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Band Concert (5-8 Band) @ BMS	<b>17</b> Preschool Screening @ Tioga - call for appointment	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> No School -President's Day	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Tioga and WAJ Elementary Little Kids Rock Concert (@ WAJ)	<b>24</b> WAJ PTA Family Social/5 <sup>th</sup> grade bake sale	<b>25</b> All Day - IGSM Solo and Ensemble Contest (6-8 Band & Chorus, select students only - BMS Hosting)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

# MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Tioga STEM Night 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>2</b> No School Parent/Teacher Conferences (7:30 am – 3:00 pm) 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>3</b> No School Teacher Institute	<b>4</b> IGsMA District Jazz Contest (Jazz Band)
<b>5</b> )	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting 6:30 pm Tri-District Band Festival @ Fenton (7-8 Band)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Home	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>16</b> WAJ PTA Nation's Night	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> IGsMA District Band Contest (6-8 Band)
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>22</b> 2:00 pm WAJ K-2 Spring Show Tioga PTA Movie Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>No School – Spring Break</b>						

# APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting	5	6 6:30 pm Bensenville Library Art Show Reception (Grades 6-12)@ Bensenville Library 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	7	8
9 1:30 pm Bensenville Library Art Show Reception (Grades K-5) @ Bensenville Library (Jazz Band plays)	10	11	12 4:30 pm CDC @ LLC 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting	13 Tioga PTA Family Night Out	14 <b>No School Non-attendance Day</b>	15
16	17	18 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library Tioga Spring Pictures (Pk-5)	19	20 6:30 pm WAJ Fine Arts Fest & Book Fair	21	22
23	24	25 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Mid-term</b> 2:15 pm Tioga Fine Arts Fest Rehearsal Assembly 6:30 pm Tioga Fine Arts Fest	26	27 Tioga Children's Day WAJ Children's Day  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports</b>	28 <b>No School Teacher Institute</b>	29 TBD - IGSMMA State Band Contest (6-8 Band)
30	BMS Book Fair April 24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>					

# MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Tioga PTA Meeting 6:30 pm Blackhawk Chorus, Steel Drums and Music Makers Concert	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Board of Education Committee of the Whole/Special Meeting	<b>4</b> Preschool Screening @ Tioga – call for appointment 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting 7:00 am BMS Student Recognition Breakfast	<b>5</b> Preschool Screening @ Tioga – call for appointment	<b>6</b> TBD - IGSMMA State Jazz Contest (6-8 Band)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Tioga PTA Ice Cream Social	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:30 pm WAJ 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Recorder Concert 9 am -12 noon Tioga Fun Run	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Project CARE Last Week	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm BMS PTO Meeting - BMS Library	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm District Band Festival (5-8 grade Bands) @ BMS	<b>19</b> 9 am -12 noon Tioga Fun Run -Rain Date	<b>20</b> Fine Arts Spring Trip (6-8 Blackhawk Students)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Project CARE Luncheon	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Tioga 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Kick-off Celebration Assembly 10:00 am-2 pm Tioga 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Picnic	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> No School - Memorial Day Memorial Day Parade 9:45 am – 12:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 5:45 pm WAJ PTA Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:30-8:30 pm BMS 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Dance Tioga Field Day WAJ Field Day	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Tioga Field Day-Rain Date WAJ Field Day-Rain Date	<b>6</b> WAJ Kindergarten Celebration Tioga Awards Assembly & Kindergarten Celebration 7:00 pm BMS 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion (Tentative)	<b>7</b> <b>Last Day of School (If no Emergency Days needed)</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Home</b> WAJ 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration BMS Mega Fun Day (Tentative) Tioga Pre-K Celebration Tioga End of the Year Celebration	<b>8</b> Emergency Day - if needed	<b>9</b> Emergency Day - if needed	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Emergency Day - if needed	<b>13</b> Emergency Day - if needed	<b>14</b> Emergency Day - if needed	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## Mission & Beliefs

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