



**BATAVIA
PUBLIC
SCHOOL
DISTRICT 101**

District E-News
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First Day of School

All K-12 BPS101 students start school on Wed., August 16 (full day). Early Childhood Center students start on Tues., August 22.

- **Visit** PowerSchool to pay fees, update information, view classroom assignments/schedules. *(Please note: Bus Routes are not yet available in PowerSchool. Please continue to check PowerSchool for your route, and be sure to check the night before school starts in case of last-minute change.)*
- **Download** 2017-18 Academic Calendar. **Download** 2017-18 Early Childhood Calendar.
- **View** half-day schedules for the District .
- **Download** medical forms and view immunization requirements.

Early Childhood Screening

BPS101 offers free developmental screenings throughout the year to assess young children's skills.

- Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Screening Schedule (Birth to 32 months) **View >**
- View Early Childhood Screening Schedule (33 months to age 5) **View >**

You Are Invited! BPS101 Hall of Honor 2017 Celebration

On Thursday, October 5, 2017, Batavia Public School District 101 will welcome eight inductees into the third-annual BPS101 Hall of Honor at Batavia High School. The BPS101 Hall of Honor was initiated to promote pride in Batavia Public Schools and to honor alumni, faculty, and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments since they have been associated with BPS101. **Details/tickets >**

Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)

Starting at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, kindergarten teachers across the state of Illinois will be using the Illinois State Board of Education's "Kindergarten Individual Development Survey" to observe student development in critical learning areas within the first 40 days of school. This new tool is designed to help teachers understand their students' individual strengths, challenges, and dispositions early in the school year and take an approach that builds on what each student already knows and can do. **Read more >**

Class of 2017 Exit Report

Batavia High School's "Class of 2017 Exit Report" highlights impressive results from our most recent grads and their post-high school plans. **Check it out >**

Share Your Career Knowledge

Be a volunteer mentor, coach, and/or business resource to Batavia High School INCubator Entrepreneurship students—our future business leaders! Volunteers work with the classroom teacher and play a critical role in guiding student teams through the process of launching a real business. **Read more >**

Batavia Farmers' Market Accepts SNAP Benefits

The Downtown Batavia Farmers' Market accepts SNAP benefits. Patrons using SNAP benefits at Batavia MainStreet's Market also receive up to \$25 in matching Double Value Coupons to be spent on fruits and veggies. SNAP tokens can be used same as cash to purchase items such as honey, eggs, breads, meats, cheeses, fish, and other pre-packaged baked goods. This is a great way for EVERYONE to have access to healthy, locally grown and produced foods. **View flier >**

Bulldogs Unleashed II: Calling All Artists

The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence, Batavia Public Library Foundation, and Batavia Parks Foundation are back in the dog house together to bring the beloved painted bulldog statues back to the streets of Batavia next summer. And, they need artists of all ages! **Read more >**

Afternoon Child Care for Half Day, Fri., Sept. 1

Free afternoon child care for BPS101 students in grades K-5 has been planned by Batavia churches on half day Fri., Sept. 1, from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Batavia, 21 S. Batavia Ave. **Reserve a spot >**

Crosswalk Safety

The City of Batavia and the Batavia Police Dept. have an important message for the community about the safe and appropriate way for pedestrians to use crosswalks, including those with flashing light indicators. Please take the time to view this PSA with your family. **Start video >**

District Communications

In addition to connecting with your teachers and the adults in the building who are supporting your students, it is important to us that you feel informed and connected to the District. Our methods of communicating information to you include:

- **BPS101.net**
- **Facebook**
- **Twitter**
- **Backpack Mail:** Our paperless means of distributing fliers from community organizations that your child would normally bring home in his or her backpack. A link to Backpack Mail is included at the bottom of every District and school e-newsletter.
- **District E-News:** You will receive this electronic newsletter on the first and third Thursdays of each month. To view back issues, visit our **Communication** page.
- **BPS101 Messenger:** If additional information is needed to be sent outside of District E-news, it will be sent as an e-mail from "BPS101 Messenger."

If you have information to share with us, please feel free to provide feedback at any time. Additionally, if you have a story or celebration that you think is of interest to the BPS101 community, we would love to help share it. **Details >**

School Communications

Be sure to follow your child's school on Twitter, Facebook, and the building's website. **View list** of official BPS101 school social media handles with direct links.

Staff Spotlight: McKenna Kelsay

University of Illinois graduate and "Big Ten Distinguished Scholar" McKenna Kelsay is one of Batavia High School's newest teachers and coaches. She'll be teaching social studies and coaching girls volleyball this school year. We're so glad to have her on board! **Read more >**

In the News

- Batavia honors one-of-a-kind native Craig Sager: **Kane County Chronicle >**
- Batavia remembers colorful Craig Sager: **Beacon-News**
- Park District Dish: Batavia Youth Football fosters fun, friendship and football: **Kane County Chronicle >**

Upcoming Events

Sync your mobile device(s) with BPS101.net **school calendars**.

Music Buffs Tag Day/Marching Band Preview Performance

August 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Tag Day collection), 3 p.m. (preview performance)

Music Buffs volunteers and BHS student musicians will be posted outside local businesses (Limestone Coffee, Dunkin' Donuts on Kirk Rd., 7-11 and Walmart on Randall Rd.) as well as the Batavia Farmers' Market to collect donations for Batavia Music Buffs—the booster organization that supports all BPS101 music programs. Also, on Saturday at 3 p.m., the community is invited to a preview of the fall BHS Marching Band program at Bulldog Stadium.

Board Meetings

August 8 and 22, 7 p.m., Rosalie Jones Admin Center

Agenda >

Bulldogs Unleashed II - Kick-off Event

August 11, 7 p.m. Water Street Studios

Details >

Frosh Fest

August 15, 9:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Batavia High School

Comprehensive orientation program for incoming freshmen that includes building tour, walking through schedules, attending lunch, meeting **Link Crew** Leaders, taking the bus to and from school, and more. All incoming freshmen highly encouraged to attend. **Register >**

Corn Boil

August 18, 5-7 p.m., Batavia High School

Kick off the new school year with hot dogs, brats, corn, and community! **Details >**

Homecoming Week

Oct. 2-7

Parade, Game, Dance Details >

BPS101 Hall of Honor

Oct. 5, 6 p.m., BHS/Batavia Fine Arts Centre

Honor the eight inductees into the 2017 BPS101 Hall of Honor recognition program.

Tickets >

Backpack Mail

BPS101 often receives requests from community organizations to distribute informational fliers to students in their backpacks. In an effort to be environmentally conscientious, we use an electronic format to deliver this information, which we call "Backpack Mail."

View the latest edition of Backpack Mail >

*Want to include your school-related event in Backpack Mail? **Details >***