

Bath School Community Newsletter - Fall 2019

Dear Bath Community,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and our school staff for your efforts and patience transitioning into our OneView portal. We believe this will improve upon our communication, enrollment processes and provide an easier transition for parents each year when it comes to our required forms.

We are excited to roll out our Naviance program to students in grades 6 through 12. All of these students and parents have been given access to this career and college readiness tool. We encourage all parents to log in and engage their son/daughter with this platform as soon as possible. The more interactions, conversations and experiences we can provide our students, the more likely they will familiarize themselves with the website and better utilize the success tools within it.

Recently, the Ohio Department of Education released our Local Report Card. Unfortunately, we did drop in our overall grade from a B to a C missing a B by .087 points. Information relating to the report card and how we compared with all schools in the state of Ohio can be found on the main page of our website www.bathwildcats.org under District News.

Over the summer we made some major improvements to our facilities. Our track was re-surfaced and our middle school and high school gyms were re-finished. They all look amazing! (See photos below)

Last year we asked for your input on several items including our Strategic Plan and Branding. Over the summer, through the help of Fultz Sign Company, we designed our seal. We believe all employees and students at Bath reflect the values and characteristics represented in this seal. We have multiple signs in each building that display the Wildcat Way. Wildcat Way is also our second Twitter hashtag, #WildcatWay, along with #WildcatNation. Our seal can be found on the back of this newsletter.

Finally, this December we will be honoring six people and inducting them into our Bath Hall of Fame. This will be our first year for this event and we couldn't be more excited! It's a chance for us as a district to formally recognize those individuals who have graduated from Bath High School or have been contributing members to our Bath community, that have excelled in the fields of athletics, community service or their professional careers. The six inductees are Paulett Eberhart ('71), Robert Hempker ('66), Joe Kitchen ('88), Vicki Mauk ('76), Gretchen Prichard (teacher, coach 1958-1997), and Jerry Ward ('60). We plan on having a Hall of Fame weekend December 13th and 14th whereby these people will be recognized at a boys' basketball game on Friday December 13th against Kenton, followed by a dinner ceremony on Saturday night in our high school cafeteria at 6:00pm. The dinner is open to the public and will be catered by Lock Sixteen. Tickets for the event may be purchased until November 30th and are \$20 each. If you would like to attend, please contact Missy Vandemark in Administration at vandemarkm@bathwildcats.org or 419-221-0807 to reserve your spot. We would love to see our community get behind this event! Finally, we are always looking for deserving people to recognize from our community to induct into our Hall of Fame. Please go to our website www.bathwildcats.org and click on the Hall of Fame link at the bottom right of the page to access our nomination form.

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin
@BathWildcatSupt
#WildcatNation #WildcatWay



Parents



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TITLE I PROGRAM AT BATH ELEMENTARY CONTINUES TO SERVE BATH READERS

Title One continues to be a support program to supplement learning in the regular classroom. Bath Elementary is a Title One school, which means any elementary student can benefit from Title One services. The purpose of the Title One program is to aid in the development of a school/parent partnership which will help all children achieve the high standards required by the state. The reading lab will teach onset-rimes, phoneme awareness, sight words, phonics, fluency, vocabulary development, and text comprehension to help prepare students for the rigorous state assessments. The teachers and parents share the responsibility for improved student achievement.

This year we have four Title One teachers. Kristin Lenhart has worked with Title I students the past three years. Previously, Mrs. Lenhart was a second and a third grade teacher. This is her 12th year at Bath Elementary. She has two children: Ryan, who is 5, and Madison, who is 3. Kelley Counts comes to us this year from Findlay City Schools. She has been teaching reading intervention for the past 10 years. Mrs. Counts and her husband, Casey, have two boys: Caden, who is 6, and Cooper, who is 2. Tara Herr and Jacob Brunk are certified elementary teachers who have worked as part-time tutors. Tara Herr worked as a middle school math tutor last year. She is a familiar face to many with her involvement in coaching Junior Varsity Girls Soccer and assistant coach to the Varsity Girls Basketball team. Mr. Brunk has been with the Title I program for three years and is a Lima native. He is a recent graduate from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. He and his wife, Tova, reside in Lima. All Title One salaries are paid through Title One funding.

After September DIBELS testing of all Bath students, the intensive reading students will receive 30 minute, small group, interventions with Title One teachers in addition to their classroom instruction. Title One students do not come to the reading lab during classroom instructional time. To build the school/parent relationship it is critical that parents assist students at home with any of the following:

- Review the Saxon word lists and other sight words
- Practice weekly spelling words and reading vocabulary words nightly
- Read to your child and with your child each night
- Discuss what happens in the stories you read...ask about characters, setting, plot, and solutions
- Ask your child often if there are things they do not understand about reading
- Contact us if there are questions or concerns regarding your child's reading

All Bath parents were encouraged to attend a parent orientation and informational meeting on October 2 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. where parents were updated and provided opportunities to ask questions they may have had regarding the Title One program. Students attending extra intervention with the Title One teachers received parent invitations for this meeting. Together, we hope to make this a positive learning experience with significant academic growth in reading for all our students. Please feel free to contact any of the Title One teachers with questions or concerns regarding your child's reading.

~The Elementary Title One Team

Kristin Lenhart, Kelley Counts,
Tara Herr, and Jacob Brunk

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

As the Elementary School Counselor, I have a wide variety of duties throughout each school year. One can say that I wear a number of different hats. This school year, one of the "hats" I will be wearing is that of a 5th grade specials teacher. I am now part of the 5th grade specials rotation. During their time with me, 5th graders will practice typing with the online typing program, "Keyboarding Online". The other half of their time with me will be spent focusing on SEL (Social Emotion Learning). I am excited to have guidance time built into the 5th grade schedule.

-April Neff, Counselor, Bath Elementary School

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 4th & 6th: 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

November 7th – 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

-No school at Bath Elementary November 7th or 8th -

We want to encourage you to schedule and attend conferences.

A letter with more details will be sent home with the students regarding this. We are confident that a team approach is always best and we are thankful to have such supportive parents.

OFF TO A GOOD START

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a successful start. Students were anxious to return, and our staff were well prepared. The amazing turnout to our Open House on August 22nd also contributed to the successful start. We had 92% of our students/families attend our Open House.

Our kindergarteners did not attend school until the third day so kindergarten teachers could administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) to them. This helped each kindergarten student transition into the school year as well, allowing each teacher the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with each student. Our all-day, every day kindergarten seems to be off to a good start. Students are getting into the routine of the schedule. There are many signs early in the year that this is going to be a great year!

THIRD GRADE READING ACHIEVEMENT TEST

This year's third graders will take the first round of the reading achievement test on October 22 and 23.

According to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, all students must obtain a minimum score on either the fall or spring reading assessment in order to move into the fourth grade. Any third grader who does not score the minimum score on the fall or spring test will be required to come to summer school and take the summer reading assessment.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee directs schools to identify which students in kindergarten through grade three are having trouble reading and provide extra support immediately. The goal is to get these students caught up in reading as soon as possible. Studies show that children who are behind in reading at the end of grade three will have a hard time in all subjects in the fourth grade and beyond. After that, it can be hard for a child to catch up in school.

Under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Bath Elementary School will determine at the start of each year how well each child in kindergarten through grade three is reading. We will then create a special reading plan for each child who is behind. Teachers who are experienced in teaching reading will work with these students. If you have a son or daughter who still struggles with reading at the end of grade three, we will talk with you about keeping your child in third grade until he or she catches up. This may be all or only part of the school year. Even then, though, your child may do fourth-grade work in other subjects if he or she is ready.

There are special rules about the guarantee that can help children who are still learning English and children who have disabilities. Read more about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee at education.ohio.gov, or talk with your child's teacher for more details.



OHIO ASSESSMENTS 2019-2020

3rd Grade Fall Language Arts	October 22 & 23
3rd Grade Language Arts	April 16 & 17
4th Grade Language Arts	April 20 & 21
5th Grade Language Arts	April 22
3rd Grade Math	April 30 & May 1
4th Grade Math	May 4
5th Grade Math	May 5
5th Grade Science	May 6

BATH ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This year we would like to welcome several new staff members to the elementary. Mrs. Audrey Clark has joined our third grade staff. Mrs. Counts has joined our Title I staff as a Title I teacher and Miss Herr has also joined the Title I staff as a Title I tutor. Mrs. Stager joins Mrs. Kaple as an aide with our KG students. Mrs. Stahr is working with Mrs. Binkley as a playground monitor. Mrs. Tracy joins Mrs. Chris Clark and Mr. Sommers as part of our district special education staff. Finally, Mr. Gillett comes to us for one period a day from the high school to teach PE to our fifth graders. In addition, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Cash have joined our building as new county employees in speech and the multi-handicapped unit respectfully. Each of these individuals bring great qualities to Bath Elementary School. As you are in our community and run into them, please feel free to introduce yourself and get to know them.



Elementary Safety Patrol

Bath Elementary inducted its most recent safety patrol members on Friday, September 13 in front of the fourth and fifth grade student body. Students interested in being a safety patrol member had to apply for patrol positions. Teacher recommendations were also considered when selecting the patrol members. The purpose of the safety patrol is to help teachers and administrators monitor the student body while entering and exiting the building. The patrol members encourage the student body to make healthy and safe choices. The younger students often slow down as they see a patrol member so that they may receive a high five from an upperclassman. Patrol members also maintain the lost and found area. Throughout the past several years, feedback has been received as the program has developed. A big thank you goes out to the leadership of the safety patrol members and their willingness to accept extra responsibilities for the betterment of our student body. Go Wildcats! #Wildcatway



CAREER EDUCATION AT BMS

Bath Middle School will once again place an increased emphasis on career education. An exciting change to our career education plan will be the addition of Naviance, a college and career readiness software program created to partner with K-12 schools. Naviance provides students with college planning and career assessment tools. All middle school students will be involved in this program this school year.

In addition to the Naviance program, the middle school will be expanding our career education plan that was initiated last year. The sixth grade students will be exposed to numerous career fields via guest speakers. Sixth grade students will also receive career based information during their keyboarding/technology class.

The Ohio Department of Education has developed 16 various clusters for students. Bath Middle School staff members are certified to provide information to our students in each of these 16 clusters. This year, students in grades 7 and 8 will receive information in the career clusters listed below.

Grade 7

1. Health Science
2. Finance
3. Law and Public Safety
4. Information Technology / Coding
5. Business and Administration Services
6. Manufacturing
7. Personal Well Being
8. Small Engine Repair (new for 19/20 SY)

Grade 8

1. Engineering and Science Technologies
2. Marketing
3. Education and Training
4. Construction Technologies
5. Human Services
6. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
7. Computer Coding / Video Production

The career education instruction takes place within the regular school day schedule. Students move from one career cluster to another on a scheduled rotation. It is our goal that after completing 8th grade, students will have received valuable career information in 15 different career fields. While we do not expect students in the middle school to make career decisions, we hope to provide them with information that may provoke thoughts about possible careers in the future.

BMS ON TWITTER!

Community members are encouraged to access the Bath Middle School Twitter account.



Members of our community can follow @BathMidSchool to access tweets that are relative to Bath Middle School and the Bath Local Schools in general. Students and parents are also reminded to register for middle school text alerts. Registration for text alerts is available at the Bath Local Schools website www.bathwildcats.org

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The 2019 parent-teacher conference schedule for the middle school is listed below. Information relevant to scheduling parent teacher conferences will be sent home with students in the near future.

November 4th and 6th - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

November 7th - 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

GYM RENOVATIONS

A significant change to our facilities for the 2019-2020 school year involves our middle school gymnasium. Our gym floor has a new finish, new graphics and is a facility that our students, community and staff can be proud of.





2019-2020 Bath Middle School Testing Schedule

6th-8th grade

Monday, April 6 th	8 th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Tuesday, April 7 th	8 th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Wednesday, April 8 th	6 th & 7 th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Thursday, April 9 th	6 th & 7 th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Monday, April 20 th	8 th grade Math/Algebra Part 1
Tuesday, April 21 st	8 th grade Math/Algebra Part 2
Thursday, April 23 rd	8 th grade Science Part 1 & 2
Wednesday, April 28 th	6 th & 7 th grade Math Part 2
Wednesday, May 1 st	8 th grade Math, Part 1
Thursday, April 29 th	6 th and 7 th grade Science, Part 2

Please do not schedule any appointments, vacations, etc on these days. Thank you in advance for making attendance a priority!

STAFF CHANGES



Bath Middle School has several staff changes for the 2019-2020 school year. We welcomed Kate Wiltsie, Intervention Specialist, to the 6th grade. Stephani Fortman is now the 7th and 8th grade Intervention Specialist. Sydney Renner moved into the middle school to work as a building secretary. Todd Fleharty has moved from the high school to the middle school to serve as our assistant principal and athletic director for grades 7 and 8.

2019 AIR TEST RESULTS

The middle school recently received the results of the AIR testing from the spring of 2019. Below is a breakdown of our passage rates for 2019 as well as a comparison of passage rates from 2018.

	2018 Passage %	2019 Passage %	Met
Grade 6 ELA	76	81.6	Yes
Grade 6 Math	77	81.6	Yes
Grade 7 ELA	73	84.2	Yes
Grade 7 Math	73	69.8	No
Grade 8 ELA	76	65.8	No
Grade 8 Math	81	73.7	No
Grade 8 Science	79	75.7	No
Algebra	100	100	Yes

PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Bath Middle School has recently formed a parent advisory group. One purpose of the group is to keep parents informed about issues and events at Bath Middle School. A second purpose is to get feedback from parents and community members with regards to what we can do to improve and better meet the needs of the students in our community. The group is tentatively scheduled to meet at least once or twice each nine-weeks. Community members interested in participating in this group can contact Brad Clark, Middle School Principal, at clarkb@bathwildcats.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA - The Bath Middle School cafeteria is cooking up breakfast and lunch daily! You can find full menus online at <http://www.bathwildcats.org/FoodServices.aspx> as well as a list of ala carte pricing. We have recently made some changes to our menu and hearing rave reviews! You can load money into your student's lunch account through EZPay on our website: <http://www.bathwildcats.org/EZPay.aspx>



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK students and families of Bath High School! The high school administration and staff are excited about the 2019-2020 school year and are committed to providing our students with an environment that will promote learning and growth, as well as enhance their opportunities to reach their goals as students at BHS. We hope that everyone is off to a safe and healthy start to the year and are looking forward to an exciting year. BLEED BLUE AND GO WILDCATS!

NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to introduce our newest staff members at BHS



Mr. Cam Staley
High School
Assistant Principal
& A.D. for grades
9-12, and Bath
Alum
(class of 1999)



Mr. Sam Boehnlein
Integrated Algebra
I, Geometry,
Integrated Algebra
II, and graduate of
Fostoria St.
Wendelin
(class of 2005)



**Miss Carrie
Ellington**
Intervention
Specialist –
English/Social
Studies and Bath
Alum
(class of 2011)



Mr. Joe Keweenaw
American History
and graduate of
Defiance HS
(class of 2013)

YES FEST 2019

Bath High School will be holding our annual YES Fest on Monday, October 28. This year's guest speaker is Ron James, who will be sharing a message with middle and high school students about making good life choices. High school students will attend breakout sessions with local guest speakers, titled "Cultural Diversity" and "Character Counts." YES Fest gives our students the opportunity to say "yes" to getting plugged in with local organizations who accept teen volunteers, as well as one of our many clubs offered within our building. Students will be afforded time to talk to college representatives from local universities and interact with military personnel about opportunities after high school as well as our local union halls to discuss various trade / skilled labor opportunities for our students after graduation. Thank you to the Bath High School Interact Club for sponsoring YES Fest, and to all who help make this day possible. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts to make this day a positive experience for our students.

BATH BAND SPECTACULAR

The 45th Annual Bath Band Spectacular was held on Saturday, September 21 at the football stadium. This year's event showcased 16 very talented bands from across the region. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Hanhold, our band directors, as well as the Bath Music Association.

This is a big even to organize. Congratulations on a job well done!

IMPORTANT LINKS

- education.ohio.gov – Parent Resources, Community Resources, Earning a High School Diploma, etc...
- ohiomeansjobs.com – In-Demand Careers, Career Pathways, K-12 Students, College Student
- [ohioalerts](#) – Bath High School District Text Alerts
- bathwildcats.org – BHS Practice Tests, Handbook, E-Mail, Progress Book, Guidance/Calendar..etc...

OPEN HOUSE

At this year's Open House, students once again followed their class schedule throughout the first hour of the evening. Parents were encouraged to join as well. Each class period, teachers had five minutes to introduce themselves and speak briefly about their class. Our goal was to give students and parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and to get connected as the school year begins. The evening included a free raffle gift basket of Bath items and memorabilia. The winner of this year's raffle was Stacey Miller, the mother of **Brooklin** (grade 6), **Makaila** (grade 11), **Michael** (grade 9), and **Reese** (grade 11). Thank you to the parents and students who were able to attend this year. We are planning on a similar format next year and are looking forward to another great evening.



GUEST SPEAKER

We would like to thank 1987 Bath graduate Kristen Holt for visiting with us and speaking to our high school students and staff on April 29, 2019. Ms. Holt is the head women's basketball coach at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

NAVIANCE

Students in grades 6-12 will be introduced to the new Naviance program this year. Naviance is a suite of products and services that promotes college and workplace readiness through increased collaboration, rigor, and transparency. Students will be asked to complete tasks and assessments that are aligned to identify their interests and meet their unique individual needs. Parents are highly encouraged to get involved in the Naviance program with their children.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

In support of Childhood Cancer Awareness month, the week of September 9-13 was a designated Spirit Week throughout the district. Students and staff from each building showed their support by participating in the following daily themes:

- *Tuesday, September 10- "Caps for a Cure"- Students were permitted to wear hats to school with proceeds being donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- *Wednesday, September 11- "Sock it to Cancer"- Crazy Sock Day
- *Thursday, September 12- Card Day- Students and staff made cards with words of encouragement for children who have been affected by cancer.
- *Friday, September 13- Yellow/Gold Day- Students and staff wore yellow/gold in support of the fight against childhood cancer.

The week culminated with students from Bath and Elida schools, who were dressed in yellow, forming the shape of a ribbon during halftime of the Varsity football game. Thank you to the students, staff, and community members for the incredible amount of support that was demonstrated throughout the entire week!



2019-2020 Bath High School Testing Schedule

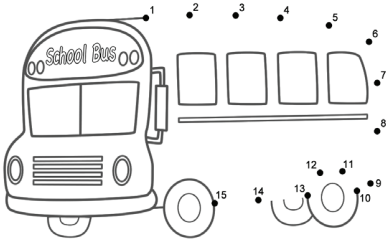
National and State Testing Dates

PSAT	Wednesday October 16
ASVAB	Tuesday, November 26
EOC re-takes	Tuesday, December 3 through Thursday, December 19
ACT- Juniors only	Thursday, February 20
EOC ELA I & II, Part 1	Wednesday, April 15
EOC ELA I & II, Part 2	Thursday, April 16
EOC ELA Make-ups	Friday, April 17 – Thursday, April 24
EOC Algebra 1 & Geometry Part 1 & 2	Tuesday, April 28
EOC American History & American Government (Part 1 & 2)	Thursday, April 30
Make ups – Math, SS, Science	Monday, May 4– Friday, May 8
AP English Exam	Wednesday, May 8 (8am to noon in HS library)





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