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# Bath School Community Newsletter - Spring 2021

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Dear Bath Community,

As we head towards the finish line of one of the most challenging years in education, we want to again, express our appreciation to our parents, students, and staff for going above and beyond this school year. We were able to maintain in-person learning for the entire school year to this point! Thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding in such a unique year.

In the near future, we will be communicating our plans for “closing the gap” for our students since the pandemic began last March. Research indicates that kids across the country have a potential learning loss on average of 3-12 months depending on how well remote learning occurred and at what point students returned to school for in-person learning. In addressing this concern, we are in the planning process to implement services and programs to help meet the needs of our students and families. At the onset of these plans, we will be offering the following interventions this summer: summer school at all levels and a mental health clinic. These summer programs will be finalized soon and communicated by the building principals. Looking ahead, we will be discussing how we can supplement our current programs and services we offer in each building as well as examining the need to add any new programs or services over the next two school years. As we solidify plans moving into next school year, we will look to announce accordingly. At present for next school year, we are planning to have in-person instruction only with our start and end times to each day as follows: Elementary 7:30am (drop off 7:15am) -2:20pm and MS/HS 8:15am (drop off 8:05am)-3:15pm. Our master calendars for the next three school years will be communicated following board adoption.

I want to share some exciting news regarding our facilities! Our board of education approved a turf project at the stadium and installation will begin this summer! For over three years, we have been discussing the status of our facilities and the need to make upgrades around campus, including the prospects of a new 6-12 building. When we met with representatives four years ago from the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission discussing our timeline for constructing a 6-12 school building utilizing our \$20 million credit which we established in our ELPP elementary building project from 2012, we were told that the state could not guarantee our credit in the near future due to a lack of funding and an increase in the number of schools already in line to construct buildings throughout the state of Ohio. We contacted OSFC again last fall and were told that there has not been any progression with funding for us to take advantage of our credit with OSFC. If we decide to move on this project before our number is called with OSFC, our community would have to finance the entire project up front and would only be able to utilize the \$20 million credit post-build deducting from the debt. Therefore, we see ourselves maintaining our current middle school and high school buildings as they are and we will be selective in how we spend our P.I. dollars in them. Over the next couple of years, we will look to engage our community as to the possibility for a new building and its timeline.

We believe the turf project to be an investment in our kids and community as the stadium is one of our busiest and most visible locations on campus, bringing thousands of people from our community and neighboring communities on our grounds each year. This project will be paid for with Permanent Improvement funds with no expenditure from the general fund. Our 3.25 mill Permanent Improvement levy was first passed in 1987 and is renewed every five years and generates approximately \$600,000 each year. This levy does not raise taxes on our constituents. Each year, we dedicate 1 mill, or approximately \$185,000, to technology while the remaining \$415,000 is used throughout the district on items with a five-year life-span or more. P.I. funds cannot be used to pay operating costs such as salaries, utilities, etc. Some examples of other recent P.I. projects for which we've utilized our P.I. funds include replacing sections of roofs at the middle school and high school, re-surfacing our asphalt in the parking lots, refurbishing our track, upgrading security cameras in our middle school and high school buildings, buying school buses, etc. Our P.I. levy renewal will be on the ballot this coming November.

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**BATH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE QUIZ BOWL TEAM EXCELS IN TOURNAMENT!**

Two nights of the quiz bowl tournament were coming to an end. The Bath team knew how they performed but did not know how the other teams were fairing. Team members were biting their nails as they waited to hear the results. Nervous chatter filled the Shawnee Middle School cafeteria. There were three beautiful trophies and large ribbons displayed on a table. Would the team bring one home? Finally, all the competing teams gathered. The judges had the results in their hands. Team members, **Niah Horn, Conner Sprague, Morgan Schrock, Bryce Neff, and Lacey Carpenter** jumped out of their seats as the words "Bath is the second runner-up this year!" The team was brought to the front table to receive a large ribbon and to carry back the impressive trophy. The next day, the trophy was passed throughout the fifth-grade classrooms. Then, the trophy was placed in the trophy case in the Bath Elementary entrance. The next time you are in the elementary building, make a point to find the large trophy in the case. Congratulations to the team! They represented themselves and Bath Elementary well. We are Bath Proud!

**WILDCAT KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP**

The Bath 2021-2022 Kindergarten Roundup is underway! To be eligible, a child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2021. If you have a child who meets this qualification, please go to our website [www.bathwildcats.org](http://www.bathwildcats.org) and click the registration link to register your child. Once you have registered your child, please provide the elementary office with the child's birth certificate (which includes mother's maiden name), social security card, immunization records, three documents providing proof of residency in the Bath district, and custody papers (including all pages of the document & the judge/magistrate's signature), if applicable. A kindergarten screening time will be scheduled when you bring these documents to the elementary office. All of these items must be submitted to the elementary before kindergarten screening takes place. The elementary office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to collect these items or answer any questions you may have. Kindergarten screening will be Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER GOOD CITIZENS!**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE GOOD CITIZENS4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GOOD CITIZENS2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE GOOD CITIZENS5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GOOD CITIZENS3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE GOOD CITIZENS

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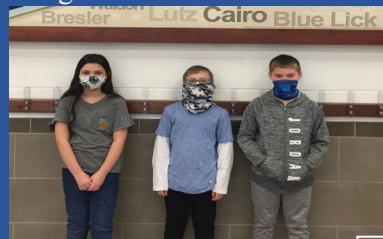
Please remember: all students need to have his/her face mask at the bus stop, and on before boarding the school bus.





## ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to **Conner Sprague**, who finished in first place in the Bath Elementary School Spelling Bee. Conner is the son of Timothy and Lynn Sprague. **Levin Lewis**, son of Jill Bakies-Lewis and Andrew Lewis, was our runner-up and **Lily McFaddin**, daughter of Roger and Amber McFaddin, took third place. Conner and Levin both participated in the Allen County Spelling Bee. Congrats!



### Allen MET Housing Authority (AMHA)

- Educate families in the area of home management and financial self-sufficiency. Promotes crime-free housing and supports youth development.
- 419-228-6065
- 600 S Main St, Lima, OH 45804

### Salvation Army

- Emergency financial assistance, rent and utility assistance, school supplies, food pantry, clothing assistance.
- 419-224-9055
- 614 E Market St, Lima, OH 45801

## SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

This is the second winter that Bath 5<sup>th</sup> graders are participating in the Lifelines Program. Lifelines is a suicide prevention program. Students learn information about suicide, how to help a friend who may be suicidal, and the importance of getting help for themselves if they are suicidal. A staff member from PASS (Prevention Awareness Support Services) comes to teach Lifelines during the 5<sup>th</sup> grade special's rotation. ~April Neff, School Counselor

With this ever changing world, we wanted to share some local resources to members of the Bath Community. Below are local agencies that are available to the public and anyone in need of services. If anyone has any questions or need guidance navigating these resources, feel free to contact the school social worker, Logan Foley, at 419-221-1837

### Allen County Job and Family Services

- Child care, food assistance, medical assistance, cash assistance, fraud/adult protection, social services, and job placement.
- 419-228-2621
- 951 Commerce Pkwy, Lima, OH 45804

### Churches United Pantry (CUP)

- Food Pantry
- Call for days & hours of operation.
- To register at CUP bring proof of residency and photo ID.
- 419-221-3243
- 129 S Pierce St Suite A, Lima, OH 45801

### Our Daily Bread

- Provides Lunch and Supper
- Monday-Friday
- Lunch 11:30am-1:00pm
- Supper 4:30pm-5:30pm
- 419-224-2086
- 125 S Central Ave, Lima, OH 45801

### We Care Crisis Center

- Crisis hotline and provides helpful information, crisis counseling, screening and crisis intervention for children and adolescents, access to "after hours" care for: families and clients, crisis stabilization unit, and follow up care.
- 419-228-4673
- 797 S Main St, Lima, OH 45804

### Hopeline

- Crisis hotline Available 24/7
- Call 1-800-567-4673 (HOPE)
- Text 741741

### Safy Behavioral Health

- Provides behavioral health services, family preservation services, older youth services, and therapeutic foster care.
- Youth Drop In Center: open 7 days a week 10am-8pm. Ages 12-17.
- 419-222-1527
- 658 W Market St Suite 101, Lima, OH 45801

### Cornerstone of Hope

- Provides counseling services to kids, teens, and families. Provides marital counseling and support groups.
- 419-581-9138
- 2963 Blue Jacket Court Suite B, Lima, OH 45806

### Family Resource Center

- Provides specialized behavioral health services to children, youth, adults and families.
- 419-222-1168
- 530 S Main St, Lima, OH 45804

### Ohio Assessments 2020-2021

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3rd Grade Language Arts	April 21 & 22, 2021
4th Grade Language Arts	April 26 & 27, 2021
5th Grade Language Arts	April 28, 2021
3rd Grade Math	May 5 & 6, 2021
4th Grade Math	May 10, 2021
5th Grade Math	May 11, 2021
5th Grade Science	May 13, 2021

## RON DIXON CHAMPS!

Bath Middle School once again hosted the Ron Dixon Bath Invitational Basketball Tournament. The tournament includes both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams from all Western Buckeye League schools. While the atmosphere was different due to limited attendance because of COVID-19 restrictions, area middle school athletes still had the opportunity to compete in a season-ending tournament. In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade tournament, our Bath Wildcats defeated Wapakoneta in the championship game. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament, Elida defeated Defiance in the championship game. The middle school would like to thank the many teachers and staff members who volunteered to once again make "The Dixon Tourney" a very successful event.



## STOCK MARKET SIMULATION IN 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AT BMS

After studying the Rule of 72, and more specifically how time and rate of return affect the growth of money, Mr. Miller's 7th Grade Honors Math class became interested in putting their newly found knowledge into action. Using the paper trading feature of the Webull app, each student was able to invest up to \$1000 of fake money in the stock market. The activity began January 22nd and after an initial upward trend, the last two trading days have proven to be a lesson in reality as stocks have headed downward. The class currently has an overall gain of 2.2% in less than one month, with one individual up just under 36%.

## 2020-2021 Bath Middle School Testing Schedule

6th-8th grade	
Monday, April 12th	8th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Tuesday, April 13th	8th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Wednesday, April 14th	6th & 7th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Thursday, April 15th	6th & 7th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Monday, April 26th	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 1
Tuesday, April 27th	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 2
Wednesday, April 28th	6th & 7th grade Math Part 1
Thursday, April 29th	6th & 7th grade Math Part 2
Monday, May 3	8th grade Science Part 1 & 2

Please don't schedule any appointments, vacations, etc. on these days.

*Thank you in advance for making school attendance a priority!*



## VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Mrs. Davis, our middle school guidance counselor, is in the initial stages of collaborating with Shawnee Middle School and Spencerville School to set up a virtual career fair for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The tentative plan is to have each individual make a five to ten-minute video about his/her occupation that will be downloaded to Flipgrid. Mrs. Davis is including various occupations, but will focus on including Bath parents and local businesses. Assuming life won't be back to normal next year, we'd like to add more videos next year and continue to give our students access to these videos. We will also be able to share this Flipgrid link with our high school students.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY AT BMS

We are excited to announce the newest technology tool to be used at Bath Middle School. Grant money has been used to purchase a laser engraver and cutter. This machine is able to cut and engrave different metals, wood, glass, acrylics, and many other materials. Technology is forever changing, and we feel it is important for our students to have experiences with different tools.

This tool, along with the design program, will enhance our students' math skills as well as provide life skills. This technology tool will be used across grade levels in various classes. Our plan is to eventually create an Etsy style store of student work to be purchased by the public. An Etsy shop will allow us to raise money to put back into our art and technology programs.



## QUIZ BOWL

The Bath Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade Quiz Bowl is once again competing in the Allen County Quiz Bowl Tournament. After two weeks of competition, the Wildcats are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 teams as they head into the final two weeks of tournament play. Students are asked questions from a wide variety of topics including geography, history, mathematics, science, grammar and current events. Our team does a great job of working together as a team to represent Bath Schools. Good luck to the following players as they enter tournament play: **Braycen Jolliff, Tevin Lever-Roose, Heidi Parthemore, Kaden Pllaughter, Daniel Plumpe, Sawyer Spallinger, Adelaide Wilver and Kristen Zuercher**



## BMS SCIENCE FAIR

Bath Middle School held its annual science fair on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 5-8 participated and were evaluated in the following areas: Knowledge Achieved, Use of the Scientific Method, Clarity of Expression, Originality & Creativity, and Teamwork. Participants did an awesome job of using the scientific method in their projects. Skills were developed in research, communication, and technological design throughout the fair. **Morgan Schrock** (5<sup>th</sup> grade), **Elisabeth Hendrickson** (5<sup>th</sup> grade), **Penelope Francis** (5<sup>th</sup> grade), **Aubrey Gerten** (6<sup>th</sup> grade), **Carter Schrock** (7<sup>th</sup> grade), and **Kyla Fallis** (8<sup>th</sup> grade) received superior ratings and will represent Bath at the Virtual District Science Day. Congratulations to all participants!

## MURAL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL CLINIC

Our middle school art teacher, Mrs. Recker, and several of her students recently completed a mural in our middle school clinic. A great deal of time and effort was made to make our building a brighter and better place. Pictured with the mural are middle school students:

**Madeline Kelley, Savannah Long, Hailey Hinkle, Evelyn Hendrickson, and Hale Hensley.**

We appreciate their talent and hard work!





## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY- NEW INDUCTEES

Congratulations to this year's newest inductees into the Bath Chapter of the National Honors Society: **Caiden Bush, Kylie Carpenter, Tierra Cortez, Morgan Crowe, Lucy Deters, Kendal Doyle, Jemin Gandhi, Liliana Green, Hunter Hensley, Macey Hoehn, Amari Junkins, Samantha Klingler, Shelby Marsteller, Richard Miller, Alexis Parker, Anthony Parker, Haley Plaughter, Olivia Puffenberger, Gracie Renner, Chloe Rieman, Samantha Sadler, Andrew Stahr, Mathilda Vorachack, Rachel Wilcox, and Grace Wood**

NHS Advisor: Mrs. Char Ellington



### WINTER ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

The following student-athletes earned these All-WBL honors this season:

#### Bowling

- **Jenna Sprague**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-WBL
- **Payton Newbury**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-WBL
- **Isaac Branim**- Honorable Mention All-WBL
- **Linnaea Long**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

#### Boys Basketball

- Sectional Champions
- **Bradyn Fleharty**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

#### Girls Basketball

- Finished 22-3 (best record since 2013)
- WBL Champions (1<sup>st</sup> title since 2015, 19<sup>th</sup> overall)
- Sectional Champions
- Head Coach Greg Mauk- WBL and District Coach of the Year
- **Ruby Bolon**
  - WBL Player of the Year
  - District Player of the Year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-WBL and All-District
  - District All-Star Game participant
  - North/South All-Star Game participant
- **Esther Bolon**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-WBL, District All-Star Game participant
- **Chandler Clark**- 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-WBL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District, District All-Star Game Participant
- **Madelyn Renner**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-WBL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District
- **Abbie Dackin**- Honorable Mention All-WBL

#### Swimming

- **Payton Meffley**- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place WBL 200 IM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place WBL Backstroke, District Qualifier
- **Lucy Deters**- 7<sup>th</sup> Place WBL 200 and 500 Free, District Qualifier
- **Kaden Truman**- 6<sup>th</sup> Place WBL 50 Free, 7<sup>th</sup> Place WBL 200 Free
- 200 Medley Relay District Qualifiers- **Payton Meffley, Emily Harnishfeger, Kira Stall, Kierra Ackerman**
- 400 Freestyle Relay District Qualifiers- **Payton Meffley, Kierra Ackerman, Lucy Deters, Kira Stall**

#### Wrestling

- **Zeke Burkholder** (138 lbs)- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place All-WBL, District Qualifier
- **Nolan Deppe** (182 lbs)- 4<sup>th</sup> Place All-WBL, District Qualifier
- **Zac Kennedy** (132 lbs)- District Qualifier

Congratulations athletes!

### CAREER AWARENESS TRAINING (CAT)

The CAT Program is an elective course that provides seniors with internships, apprenticeships, and/or other business opportunities. The goal is for students to gain work-related experiences and learn the skill sets necessary for a career of their interest. Students may be released throughout the school day to participate in hands-on training opportunities. Employers who may be interested in a partnership should contact Brian Jesko, HS Principal, at (419) 221-0366 or [jeskob@bathwildcats.org](mailto:jeskob@bathwildcats.org).

### BLOOD DRIVE

This year's Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:00 in the High School Gym, and is open to the public. Interested donors may register by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "bathhs" to schedule an appointment.



## #WILDCATWAY

There is a new Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support program at BHS! We are celebrating staff and students who exemplify the Wildcat Way principles weekly: communication and collaboration, respect and responsibility, integrity and attitude, caring and compassion, work ethic and grit, inspiring lifelong learning, and leadership. Be sure to follow the Bath High School Guidance Department on Twitter to view our weekly recipients.



### STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to seniors **Andrew Gerten** and **Kaitlyn May** on their recent honors. Andrew is this year's Bath nominee for the *Honda/OSU STEM* award, which recognizes students with a strong background in Science, Technology, Business and Engineering, and Mathematics. Kaitlyn was Bath's nominee for the *Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizenship* award and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Northwest District Good Citizenship essay contest.



### SENIOR WALKTHROUGH

Our annual Senior Walkthrough will take place on Wednesday, May 19, in the elementary and middle schools. Participating seniors should wear their caps and gowns and meet in front of our elementary school at 1:25 p.m.

### GRADUATION

This year's commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the football stadium. Seating will be available on both sides of the stadium for this year's ceremony. Per the Governor's newest public health orders, social distancing and facial coverings are still required at this time.

### PROM 2021

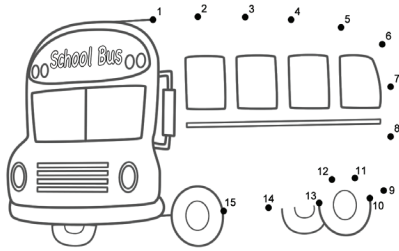
This year's Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the football stadium. The administration and staff are working on details for the event. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

### LOOKING AHEAD

BHS Blood Drive	Friday, March 26 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in high school gym
End of Course Exams	Wednesday, April 14 - ELA I and ELA II (Part 1)
	Thursday, April 15 – ELA I and ELA II (Part 2)
	Friday, April 16 – ELA I & II Makeups/retakes
	April 19-23 – ELA I & II Make ups/retakes
	Tuesday, April 27 – Algebra I and Geometry (Parts I & II)
	Wednesday, April 28 – Algebra I and Geometry makeups/retakes
	Thursday, April 29 – American History & American Gov't (Parts I & II)
	Friday, April 30 & Monday, May 3 – Algebra I, Geometry, American History & Gov't makeups/retakes
	Tuesday, May 4 – Biology (Parts I & II)
	Wednesday, May 5 – Biology makeups/retakes
	Thursday, May 6 -& Friday, May 7 – Math, Social Studies, Science makeups/retakes
AP Exam	Wednesday, May 5 at 8:00 a.m. in library
Prom	Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Bath Stadium
Relay for Life	Tuesday, May 18
Last Day for Seniors	Friday, May 21
Senior Breakfast	Friday, May 28 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Cafeteria
Graduation Practice	Friday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. - MANDATORY
Graduation	Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Bath Stadium



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Below is a rendering of our project that will begin this June. Weather permitting, this project will be completed prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Maumee Bay Turf Center will be our installer. They have installed fields not only locally for area high schools, but also, throughout the United States at the NCAA and NFL levels. We are extremely excited to begin this project and anxious to see the final product!

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin

#WildcatNation #WildcatWay #BleedBlue

