

# Bath School Community Newsletter - Fall 2017

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Dear Bath Community,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! As a proud Bath High School graduate, I'm humbled and honored to serve this great community that I grew up in as your new Superintendent. This will be my 21<sup>st</sup> year serving our community and my 27th year in education. I spent my first thirteen years as a teacher and coach in the Lima City Schools, Findlay City Schools and at Bath. The past thirteen years were spent here as an administrator.

Over the next couple of years, our district's goals will be to:

- Improve communication with our stakeholders, utilizing multiple social media outlets to promote our school programs, students and staff. In addition to this newsletter and our website, we have established Facebook and Twitter accounts as a means to communicate with our community. Our Facebook pages are: Bath Local Schools, Bath Elementary School and Bath High School's The Paw Print Newspaper. On Twitter, we currently have the following accounts: The Paw Print News @BathHS\_PawPrint, Bath Middle School @BathMidSchool and the Bath Elementary @ElementaryBath. Please follow us for the most current information!
- Continue to evaluate and update our school safety plans partnering with the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the Bath Township Fire Department.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships and partnerships with our community organizations and businesses. We will look to entice our students to get involved in school clubs and/or community service projects in order to become responsible, caring citizens. Furthermore, we want to place our students on a career pathway that will set them up for success beyond their high school years.
- Ensure that all students receive a quality educational experience, relying on us to continually analyze best practices in the classroom, as well as continually seeking ways to enhance our test scores on the Ohio Report Card.
- Continue to be fiscally responsible, making financial decisions that allocate resources tied to our Strategic Plan. Also, we will continue to be transparent in our decision making using your taxpayers' dollars.

I believe our school district provides a quality education for our children. Having five children come through our system myself, I personally know the types of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs we provide. I know how talented and dedicated our staffs are and I believe that **ALL** of our students can have a great experience at Bath Local Schools. Thank you for making Bath Local Schools your district of choice! Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin  
Superintendent

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Parents



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## TITLE I PROGRAM AT BATH ELEMENTARY CONTINUES TO SERVE BATH READERS

This year at Bath Elementary, Title One continues to be a support program to supplement learning in the regular classroom. This year the focus continues to be on reading. Bath Elementary is a Title One School, which means every 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. Teachers and parents share the responsibility for improved student achievement.

This year we have four Title One teachers. Jane Bailey continues from previous years. Mrs. Bailey has taught 37 years at Bath Elementary. She taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade most of her career but also taught 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. She has been a Title One teacher for the past 7 years. Kristin Lenhart worked with Title One students last year. Previously, Mrs. Lenhart was a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She has taught at Bath Elementary for 9 years. She and her husband Justin have two preschool children. Audrey Clark and Jacob Brunk are certified elementary teachers and serve as part-time tutors. Audrey Clark is a familiar face at Bath Elementary. She student taught at Bath last year and has been a dependable substitute the past few years. She and her husband, Jeremy, have four children in the Bath School System. Mr. Brunk is a Lima native. He is a recent graduate from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. He and his new wife, Tova, reside in Lima. All Title One salaries are paid through Title One funding.

After September testing of all Bath students, the intensive reading students will receive small group interventions with Title One teachers in addition to their classroom instruction.

All Bath parents are invited to attend a parent orientation and informational meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30 p.m. This meeting is to update parents and answer any questions you might have regarding the Title One program. We look forward to seeing many parents at this meeting. Students attending extra intervention will receive invitations to our orientation meeting in early October. Together we hope to make this a positive learning experience with significant academic growth in reading for all our students.

### ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

Bath Local Schools will be teaming up with SAFY Behavioral Health to bring services to our community. SAFY's School Navigator will be available in the Bath community room twice a month, offering families easy access to mental and behavioral health support, as well as offering referrals to other supporting agencies. Caregivers and families who are interested in helping their children attain greater academic, social/emotional, or behavioral success are encouraged to stop in and meet with the School Navigator. The scheduled dates and times are:

September 28<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 am - 9:00 am  
 October 26<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
 November 14<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 am - 9:00 am  
 November 30<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
 December 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

-April Neff  
 Counselor, Bath Elementary School

~The Elementary Title One Team

Jane Bailey, Kristin Lenhart,  
 Audrey Clark, and Jacob Brunk  
 Chris Renner, Bath Elementary Principal

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The partnership created between home and school can be such a powerful tool in helping all students improve. The only way this will ever happen is through open communication. The task of educating children is the responsibility of all involved: the school, the parents, and the child. We always have a wonderful turnout for conferences. We once again want to encourage you to participate in this partnership. This year's parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 6, November 8 and November 9. A letter with more details will be sent home with students. We want to encourage you to schedule and attend conferences. We are confident that a team approach is always best and we are thankful to have such supportive parents.

November 6 – 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 November 8 – 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 November 9 – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**No school at Bath Elementary November 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Bath Elementary is excited to welcome several new staff members to our building this year. Mrs. Clark and Mr. Brunk join the elementary staff as Title I tutors. Mrs. Binkley joins Mrs. Niebel outside as one of our playground monitors. Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Hanhold will be working together with the fifth grade band members. All of these individuals bring great qualities to Bath Elementary. As you see these individuals in our community, please introduce yourself. We are very excited to have each of them on staff.



**OHIO ASSESSMENTS 2017-2018**  
**AIR-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH**

3rd Grade Fall Language Arts	October 24 & 25, 2017
3rd Grade Language Arts	April 12 & 13, 2018
4th Grade Language Arts	April 16 & 17, 2018
5th Grade Language Arts	April 18, 2018
3rd Grade Math	May 1 & 2, 2018
4th Grade Math	May 3, 2018
5th Grade Math	May 4, 2018
5th Grade Science	May 8, 2018

**THIRD GRADE READING**  
**ACHIEVEMENT TEST**

This year's third graders will take the first round of the reading achievement test on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 to the fourth grade. Any third grader that 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. It is important for all students the night before any test to go to bed at a reasonable time. Being well rested helps one to focus through these tests. It is equally important for them to eat a healthy breakfast. Many students form a fear of tests. The best thing we can do as adults is to encourage them to do their best and to let them know if they do their best, we will be very proud of them.

**HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL**

How many times have you asked your child what happened at school only to hear a quick response of "nothing" or "I don't know?" Many things go on each day in your child's classroom, but you may have to play detective to find out what. The more you know about what happens in the classroom, the better able you will be to help your child do his/her best. Here are a few easy ways you can stay involved in your child's classroom and school:

- \*Join the Bath PTS and get involved. They can help keep you informed about school activities, issues and concerns. It is also a great way to meet other parents and teachers! Forms to become a member are located at the Bath Elementary Office.
- \*Sometime, each day, sit down with your child and go through the papers he/she brings home. Go over each paper. Listen to your child's reaction to his/her work. Be positive and give lots of encouragement. Be sure to read all notes and papers sent home by the teacher or the school, and respond as needed.
- \*Find out your child's homework assignments. Encourage and assist as needed. Provide a well-lit, quiet place to study. Consistency of where and when homework is done is always beneficial to the student.
- \*Mark dates of all school, family and work activities on a family calendar. Be sure to include dates of holidays and early dismissals to help you to remember if you need to pack a special lunch, provide spending money or arrange childcare.
- \*Get to know your child's teachers! Let them know that you are interested in what your child is doing and learning.
- \*Volunteer in the classroom to experience your child's learning environment and provide a much appreciated extra pair of hands for the teacher!
- \*Attend all parent-teacher conferences. Take with you a list of questions or concerns you want to talk about with the teacher.

Being involved in your child's education shows them the importance of it as well as how much you truly care about him/her and his/her future. A great sign of our wonderful parental support is that we had 84% of our students and their families attend our Open House on August 24.

**THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE**

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee directs schools to identify which students in kindergarten through grade three are having trouble reading, and provide them extra reading help right away. The goal is to get these boys and girls 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 ever 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 the 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](http://education.ohio.gov), or talk with your child's teacher for more details.



## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Bath Middle School welcomes several new staff members this year. Todd Fleharty is now our Athletic Director and Assistant Middle School Principal. Mr. Fleharty is beginning his seventh year with Bath Schools. Amy Placie has moved from the Allen County MD unit to be our study hall monitor. Hannah Snyder is now our band director and Stephen Hanhold is the assistant band director. Stephen MacDonald will be spending a great deal of time with the technology needs at the middle school. Michelle Cox has moved from the elementary school to become a cafeteria monitor in the middle school. Natalie Winegardner and Lauren Davis will serve as Title I tutors for the 2017-2018 school year.



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The 2017 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.

Monday, November 6 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9 - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**School will not be in session on Thursday November 9 or Friday November 10.**

## BMS ON TWITTER!



Bath Middle School now has a Twitter account. Community members can follow @BathMidSchool to access tweets that are relative to Bath Middle School and 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:

<http://www2.bathwildcats.org/>

## 2017 AIR TEST RESULTS

The middle school recently received the results of the AIR testing from the spring of 2017. Below is a breakdown of our passage rates for 2017 as well as a comparison of passage rates from 2016.

	<u>2016 Passage %</u>	<u>2017 Passage %</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Grade 6 ELA	72.9 %	76.3 %	+3.4%
Grade 6 Math	73.6 %	81.6%	+8.0%
Grade 6 Social Studies	79.1%	74.3%	-4.8%
Grade 7 ELA	53.0%	73.2%	+20.2%
Grade 7 Math	69.4%	76.4%	+7.0%
Grade 8 ELA	53.6%	63.7%	+10.1%
Grade 8 Math	77.4%	79.7%	+2.6%
Grade 8 Science	72.7%	74.1%	+1.4%
Algebra	100%	100%	0.0%





# 2017-2018 Bath Middle School Testing Schedule

## 6th-8th grade

Tuesday, April 3rd	8th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Wednesday, April 4th	8th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Thursday, April 5th	6th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Friday, April 6th	6th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Tuesday, April 10th	7th grade English Language Arts Part 1
Wednesday, April 11th	7th grade English Language Arts Part 2
Monday, April 23rd	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 1
Tuesday, April 24th	8th grade Math/Algebra Part 2
Wednesday, April 25th	6th grade Math Part 1
Thursday, April 26th	6th grade Math Part 2
Friday, April 27th	7th grade Math Part 1
Monday, April 30th	7th grade Math Part 2
Tuesday, May 1st	8th grade Science Part 1
Wednesday, May 2nd	8th grade Science Part 2

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

### **ACCESSING GRADES**

Parents are encouraged to access grades via ProgressBook. Students have received their username and password. In order to access grades, please follow the following directions:

- Go to Bath's website-[www.bathwildcats.org](http://www.bathwildcats.org) and click on the picture of the middle school
- Click on "ProgressBook" on the left hand side of the screen
- You can access ProgressBook with the same username and password that you used last year

(New Bath students will be given a registration key to set up an account. If you can't locate your username and/or password from last year, please do the following:

- Click on "Forgot your username or password?"
- If you don't know your username, click on "I forgot my username"
  - Enter your email address and ProgressBook will send you an email with your username
- If you don't know your password, click on "I forgot my password"
  - Enter your username and ProgressBook will send you an email that will allow you to reset your password

You should now be able to log into ProgressBook with your username and password. You can view your child's grades and homework assignments. Click on "Classroom Information" on the left to view this week's assignments. Monitoring ProgressBook is an easy way to help support your child's academic journey! If you have any questions regarding ProgressBook, please feel free to contact guidance counselor Jeanna Davis.

### **RED CROSS DONATIONS**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Bath Middle School had a hat day with all donations going to the American Red Cross to assist with flood relief efforts in Texas. Staff and students donated a grand total of \$712 towards the disaster relief. The middle school would like to thank all of the students, staff and community members who contributed to a very worthy cause. The generosity displayed is greatly appreciated.





## NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS

High School welcomes new staff members:

Mr. Dylan Haehn – Physics, Environmental Science, Chemistry II  
 Mr. Stephen Hanhold– Music Teacher, Band Assistant  
 Mr. Luke Hickey – Intervention Specialist, Social Studies, English, Future Educational Solutions  
 Mr. Mrs. Stephanie Miller – Guidance Counselor, Grades 9 & 11  
 Mrs. Hannah Snyder – Music Teacher, Band Director  
 Ms. Casey Unverferth – College Prep 11 & 12, Great Works

## TUTORING HELP IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know student members of the National Honor Society offer tutoring during most study hall periods, Monday through Thursday? Students who would like help must sign up with Mr. Garland in Study Hall, who will notify the NHS tutor. For further information or questions, contact Mrs. Ellington, National Honor Society Advisor, at [ellingtonc@bathwildcats.org](mailto:ellingtonc@bathwildcats.org) or 419-221-0366, ext 2207.



## IMPORTANT LINKS

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



My name is Natalie Crowe and I am a current sophomore at BHS. Over the summer I was given the opportunity to go to Ohio Northern University's Summer Academic Honors Institute. The Summer Honors Institute is a camp that offers week long, Sunday through Friday, programs in Ohio Northern's biggest majors, such as physics and forensics. I chose to go to the anatomy program. I arrived Sunday afternoon at the dorms, where we stayed in the fraternity houses. I went inside, checked in and met my counselors, Eric and Theresa, who then gave me the week's schedule and my room key. My family helped me settle in before they left. After dinner we had to go to class. At class we met our professors for the week, Dr. Aulhouse and Dr. Connour. Before we left, we cracked fertilized chicken eggs into dishes. Over the course of the week we watched and discussed the anatomy and physiology of the developing embryos. We went to class all day on Monday, then after dinner, we played ice breaker games with the other camps. Tuesday was much the same, except we played a campus wide scavenger hunt against the other programs, where anatomy won. By Wednesday, we had our first quiz in class over lab techniques. We could also see the hearts forming in the chick embryos. We also received our mystery organ slides. We were challenged to figure out what organ we were given, then give a presentation on it Friday. Wednesday night's activity consisted of watching movies. By Thursday, we could see blood circulating through the embryos. My partner and I also figured out that our mystery organ was the spleen. We spent all night Thursday developing the presentation for our mystery organ. Friday morning, we visited some of the science departments unusual specimens before giving our presentations. After presentations, we went back to the dorms, packed up, and said our last goodbyes. I was a little nervous at first because I didn't know anyone, but by the end of the week, I had traded phone numbers with at least 4 people. My experience at this camp was amazing. If you have the chance to go, take it!

## CLASS OF 2017 ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH 12

Members of the AP English 12 Class of 2017 are deserving of praise and congratulations for their collective hard work and stellar scores on the Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Exam. All 7 students put in hours of hard work throughout the school year and were a consistent pleasure to have in class. They all performed wonderfully on the rigorous AP exam, earning college credit-worthy scores. Katie McNamara earned the highest possible score (5) on the exam.

**Paul Blasiman**  
**Rachel Inskeep**  
**Katie McNamara**  
**Kennedy Metcalf**

**Andrew Reynolds**  
**Zac States**  
**Lauren Van Dyne**

Thanks for a great year and best wishes for a most promising future!

-Mr. Steidl

## BATH ACADEMIC TEAM

The Bath academic team wrapped up its most successful season in school history with the WBL Championship last May. The team finished the season with a record of 54-11-1, which is both the most wins and the best winning percentage for a season. In addition to WBL, the team also won the Blackswamp League and WSU Lake Campus tournament. Congratulations to the 2016-2017 school year members: **Vincent Abrams, Alexis Ball, Seaira Ball, Evan Barr, Paul Blasiman, Tony Camps, Tristam Cheeseman, Natalie Crowe, Allison Fisher, Katie Fisher, Riley Iames, Derek Inskeep, Rachel Inskeep, Ashtyn Jefferson, Noah Kindig, Katie McNamara, Meagan Plikerd, Cody Rieman, and Savannah Stahl.**



## FINANCIAL AID

The application for FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens on October 1st. To better help seniors and parents understand the application process, we are holding our annual Financial Aid Night, Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school study hall. A representative from The Ohio State University, Lima will present general FAFSA information to all students and parents and be available to answer questions. Please contact the high school guidance office with any questions.

## 2017-2018 Bath High School Testing Schedule

### National and State Testing Dates

PSAT	Wednesday October 11, 2017
OGT	Thursday, October 26, 2017
ASVAB	Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (tentative)
AIR Make Up Dates	Monday, December 4 – Friday, December 15 2017
AIR Government	Monday, December 11, 2017
ACT	Saturday February 10, 2018
OGT	Thursday, March 15, 2018
ACT	Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - no school
ACT	Saturday, April 14, 2018
AIR – ELA	Monday, April 16, 2018 & Tuesday, April 17, 2018
AIR – Make Ups	Wednesday, April 18 – Friday, April 20, 2018



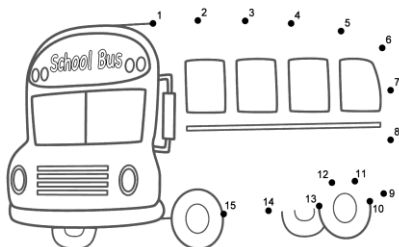




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#### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MR. KEVIN WIERMAN

We are proud to spotlight Mr. Wierman, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. His list of accolades is long: he is entering his 38<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Bath, his 40<sup>th</sup> year overall. He graduated from Defiance College with his bachelor's degree, where you will find his name in their Hall of Fame for baseball and football. He earned his master's degree from the University of Dayton. He was an assistant varsity football coach from 1980-1994, and again in 1999 through 2006. He also served as a varsity baseball assistant coach in 1980-1993, head baseball coach 1994-1995, and again an assistant baseball coach in 2004-2006. These accomplishments alone make our community proud to have Mr. Wierman on staff. But it's the list of intangibles that we love most about Mr. Wierman: family, community and home. Mr. Wierman is a lifelong Wildcat. He graduated from Bath in 1974 and married his high school sweetheart Janet (Williams) Wierman, where together

they raised their two children in what he claims is "the best school system and community around." He takes a personal interest in his students, teaching them life lessons, and is mindful to practice what he preaches as he walks out his Christian faith. Mr. Wierman has undoubtedly left a legacy at Bath. Ask any of his former students or players, and they will smile as they recount the impact he made on their lives. But when asked what legacy he hopes to leave, he replied "I hope to leave with the respect of my colleagues and the respect of my former students; I hope I treated people with dignity and made enough relationships and connections to make a difference."

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

**PTS Meeting** – October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Follow the Bath PTS on their Facebook page, Bath Parent Teacher Society (PTS), for meeting dates, locations and news about their upcoming Purse Bingo fundraiser November 11<sup>th</sup>.