

Bath School Community Newsletter - Summer 2022

Dear Bath Community,

On Sunday May 22, we celebrated graduation day with 120 of our seniors walking across the stage. What a great day honoring our graduates and their families! It was also a special day for those Bath employees who were chosen by each graduate to present their diploma to them on their special day. This new tradition began last year, and we feel it is incredibly important to have our staff share in the pinnacle of the child's K-12 experience. Of the 120 graduates, 58 will be attending a four-year university, 25 a two-year college, 31 entering the workforce, 2 in the armed forces and 4 undecided. We wish all our graduates the best as they enter the next chapter of their lives!

This summer we will be finishing the second phase of our stadium project with asphalt and fencing at the south end of the stadium, as well as adding fencing to the face of our home side stadium. Last year we completed the north end with asphalt and fencing along with the installation of field turf. Our other major project on campus this summer includes replacing sections of the roof at the high school. There will be four large sections of roof replaced over the auditorium, band & choir rooms, science wing and the cafeteria. These projects will be paid using funds from our Permanent Improvement (P.I.) fund.

For the upcoming school year, we are still in need of bus drivers. Over the past four years we have lost over 20 drivers for a variety of reasons. We currently have two open routes to fill with full time drivers. We will be reducing one route from last year to help with the driver shortage. This reduction will affect our start and end times of the school day by a few minutes. We will communicate these times once we get closer to starting school. We have taken steps to help in the recruitment process for drivers, such as raising our daily bus run rate of pay, giving a recruitment bonus, as well as giving a bonus to anyone willing to get their certification and keep it active for substitute driving. If you have any interest in driving bus for us, please contact Keanna McNamara, our transportation supervisor, at 419-221-1837 ext. 6160 or email her at mcnamarak@bathwildcats.org Classes for bus driver training will take place in August.

Finally, we have been working with Garmann Miller in updating our Master Plan for our district. As stated in previous newsletters, we have been in contact with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) on the timeline for receiving our \$20 million credit for our elementary building project back in 2012. Each time we have reached out to them the past couple of years, they have stated we are nearly ten years out from receiving our credit. We continue to make decisions in the district surrounding Permanent Improvement (P.I.) monies and our facilities based on this information. Our updated Master Plan includes possible sites on campus for the new 6-12 building and a bus maintenance building, as well as upgrading our athletic facilities. We will continue to communicate our status with OSFC as well as our Master Plan as it is reviewed over the next few months.

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin
Superintendent

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HEADING INTO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited that returning students along with new students will be a part of our Bath Elementary School family for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be scheduling each student an individual student/parent orientation time that will take place on August 29 or 30. **We ask that every effort be made to bring your child to their scheduled orientation date and time. It is important for each student and their parent to meet the teacher, drop off and pickup supplies, see their classroom and learn about the classroom expectations.** In addition to this, 1st – 5th grade students will be assessed the fall DIBELS and STAR assessments and our KG students will be assessed the state required Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. While students are taking these assessments, parents will have an orientation in our gym with Mrs. Grothaus on how to use both Schoology and Progressbook. Orientations will be limited to the student and their parent(s). Letters stating each child's specific orientation date and time will be mailed on August 8. Student fees may be paid in the elementary office from 8:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30 beginning Wednesday, August 17 through Friday, August 19. If you have any changes over the summer with phone numbers, your child's health, your address, etc., please log in to the OneView Parent Portal you created and make the necessary changes. This will allow us to stay up to date on all information on all our students. The OneView Parent Portal can be found by going to the Bath website: www.bathwildcats.org and clicking on the registration tab. Once you are there, you will click on returning student forms, then select the student demographics and EMA. Here is where you will need to update any changes that have occurred over the summer.

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Chris Renner
Bath Elementary
Principal

INITIAL STATE TESTING RESULTS FOR MATH & SCIENCE

We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their efforts all year. The initial results of our spring state testing are a great example of why we should be extremely proud. 88% of our 5th graders passed the Science tests with 58% of them scoring in the highest category of advanced. As for our Math scores, 87% of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students passed. Below is a breakdown of how each of the grades did on the Math tests.

- 3rd Grade: 84% passed with 63% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
- 4th Grade: 92% passed with 77% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.
- 5th Grade: 84% passed with 47% of the grade scoring accelerated or advanced.

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

This year's Spring Arts Festival took place on April 29. It was an exciting night at Bath Elementary. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to see and observe the art and music talents of our youngest community members. All grades performed songs they had learned in music class throughout the year as well as displayed artwork they had made in art class. This year, families were able to get a Chick-Fil-A meal. It was delicious! We are so thankful for the Interact Club members who came to help serve and set up. The basket raffle was once again extremely popular. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy and support our elementary students on this amazing night.



Bath Community,

I hope all our students and families are enjoying the beginning of summer break. My name is Cam Staley. I will be taking over as principal in the middle school next year. I am a 1999 graduate of Bath and have been back in the school system the past three years as an assistant principal after spending the previous thirteen years teaching at Allen East. I am excited to continue to build upon some of the remarkable things happening in our middle school and hopefully initiate changes that will benefit the students at BMS in the future.

2022-2023 School Year

Next year we will continue to enhance and build upon our career education model. The Allen County Educational Service Center recently awarded the middle school with \$107,000 in grant money. This money will help us purchase technology and new equipment to expand our career focus in the middle school. A steering committee of middle school parents is exploring the possibility of bringing a branch of LifeWise Academy to Bath Middle School. LifeWise is a voluntary religious release program where students can attend religious instruction off campus during the school day. It would have no financial or physical connection to the Bath campus or Bath Local Schools. Please see lifewisecademy.org for more information.

Another focus for the 2022-2023 year will be promoting positive behavior exhibited by our students, specifically behavior connected to the inner four values of our school seal: responsibility, respect, leadership, and integrity. At various points in the year, students will be honored and rewarded when teachers observe them living out these qualities at the middle school through interaction with staff and peers.

Dates to pay fees will be August 17th -19th. Orientation days for middles school students will be on August 29th and the 30th. More specific information regarding times will follow in August. First day of school for the 2022-2023 school year is Wednesday August 31st.

I hope all our students and families are taking the summer to refresh and spend quality time together. Get outdoors and enjoy summer break!

Go Wildcats,

Cam Staley, Bath Middle School Building Principal
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SPRING HIGHLIGHTS: CAREER FOCUS

This spring our students had the opportunity to engage in beneficial career learning. Eighth grade students toured GROB Systems in Bluffton, Ohio and learned about their apprenticeship program. Sixth grade honors language arts students have produced a newspaper edition called *The Sixth Grade Times* all school year. Those students had the opportunity to visit The Lima News on a field trip and learn about print journalism. Superior Federal Credit Union and OSU Lima set up their *Real Money, Real World* exercise in the gym. Students learned about fiscal responsibility as they rotated through various stations. Our cluster paradigm for career education in the middle school this year culminated with an eighth-grade business fair held in April. Our eighth graders spent the month of April working in student groups to identify a specific product to design, market, and sell. They did research on goods and services, cost, and profit margin analysis. They then marketed their products and eventually sold goods they had created at the fair. Our inaugural fair was a success both financially and academically. Students sold over \$4,000 of inventory in 90 minutes. They acquired entrepreneurial knowledge that went beyond anything a textbook can teach. Next year we hope to expand the amount of technology students have access to during our career clusters and give our students more options for entrepreneurial marketing and product design, thus creating a more robust business fair.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS: ACADEMICS and EXTRACURRICULARS

Our baseball and softball teams had abbreviated seasons due to weather. Eighth grade softball led the way in performance with a 7-3 record while the eighth grade baseball team finished with an overall record 5-3 and four consecutive victories to end the year. Throughout the season **Michael Hale** and **Gwen Foust** provided individual highlights in track and field in the boys 400 m. run and girls 200 m. hurdles. Our band and choir programs rounded out the year with outstanding performances at Dinner Theatre and Band-O-Roma in the month of May. The annual Academic Recognition ceremony on May 19th honored 103 students earning a 3.5 or higher GPA for the 2021-2022 academic year. **Alex Walls** was presented with a certificate for perfect attendance, the only middle school student to earn the award this year. **Aiden Wall** and **Olivia Smith** were honored with the Ron Dixon Award for Citizenship. Additionally, seventeen students achieved perfect 4.0 GPA's this school year. Congratulations to all our students on their success this school year!

CAREER AWARENESS TRAINING (CAT) PROGRAM:

The Bath High School CAT program allows seniors to receive hands-on experiences through a semester or full-year internship experience. In partnership with Lima Memorial Hospital, the Allen County Educational Service Center pre-school program, Bath Elementary School, and a local veterinary clinic, our senior interns will receive experience in the following career fields during the 2022-2023 school year.

Healthcare- Ten students will receive experiences in medical coding and billing, pediatrics, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling, psychiatry, pathology, dietician, dermatology, neonatal intensive care, criminal justice and public safety.

Education- Three seniors will receive training in pre-school and elementary education.

Veterinarian- One student will receive experiences in veterinary care and vet tech services.

CAREER BASED INTERVENTION (CBI) PROGRAM:

This work-based learning program requires students to work a minimum of 15 hours per week and includes coursework that covers obtaining and maintaining a job, personal finance, and job safety. Based on their schedule, students may be released early from school for work purposes. The program is now available for juniors and seniors. We have approximately 35-40 students enrolled in the CBI program next school year, which is the largest enrollment number in program history at Bath.

SUMMER TRAININGS FOR STAFF

While school is out for the summer, high school teachers will be attending conferences and trainings in the following areas to prepare for next school year:

- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Strategies for teachers and students
- Blended Learning
- American Sign Language (ASL) Conference
- Foreign Language Conference
- Engineering/Robotics/3D Modeling

CLASS OF 2022 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD RECIPIENTS

B.E.A. Jemin Gandhi & Ty Sibert

Bath Scholars **Lucy Deters, Liliana Green, Dylan Grigsby, Britton Hall, Chloe Rieman**

Frederick Kenney Memorial Scholarship **Riley Christensen**

Ryan Young **Lucas Prichard, Lucy Deters, Carter Parlapiano, Lily Green, Chloe Rieman, Ty Sibert & Keaton Liles**

Bath Music Association **Caiden Bush & Amari Junkins**

Guadalupe Rodriguez **Ava Craddock & RJ Cortez**

BHS Legacy **Jemin Gandhi**

Ron Dixon **Ava Craddock, Dylan Grigsby & Chloe Rieman**

Kyle's Heart **Jemin Gandhi, Hunter Hensley, Amari Junkins, Shelby Marsteller, Ty Sibert, & Grace Wood**

Remembering Laura **Gracie Renner**

Honda-Ohio State Stem Award **Jemin Gandhi**

Kathy Wangler **Amari Junkins, Kalie Kitchen, Anthony Parker & Andrew Stahr**

Kody Knight & Bryan Taylor **Ella Robey & Keaton Liles**

Mary E. Brennenman **RJ Cortez, Tierra Cortez, & Amari Junkins**

Interact Scholarship **Lucy Deters, Kendal Doyle, Kalie, Kitchen & Shelby Marsteller**

Lima Optimist Youth Appreciation Award **Chloe Rieman**

Lima Exchange Club ACE Award **Alex Simbron-Bradley**

Lima Exchange Club Youth of the Year Award **Caiden Bush**

Charles River **Haley Plaugher**

University of Northwestern Ohio Full-Ride Scholarship **Kylie Carpenter**

St. Rita's Volunteer Scholarship **Jemin Gandhi**

Ohio Means Jobs Scholarship **Ella Robey**

United States Army Enlistment **Damien Mouk**

United States Marine Corps Enlistment **Skyler Blauvelt**

Rhodes State Certificates **Noah Burnett**

Rhodes State Associates Degree **Samantha Sadler**

GROB **Austin Miller**

Eagles Scout Cords **Anthony Parker**



FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department worked extremely hard throughout the 2021-22 school year to intervene and provide support for Bath students. The focus was on individual interventions to aid students in making progress and recouping skills on all of their Individualized Education Program goals.

Our district is blessed to have a collection of highly skilled intervention specialists to serve students with an IEP in grades K- 12. Over the course of the 21-22 school year, our intervention specialist would collect and monitor data to identify strengths and weakness in their students and focus on the skills the students needed the most using Goalbook, a specialized online program.

The Special Education Department began implementing Goalbook in the 21-22 school year. More specifically, the purpose of the Goalbook Toolkit is to support intervention specialist with designing learning goals and instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of students. The usage of this tool has had a positive impact on both teachers and students.

There was professional development held on three separate occasions for the special education staff with more training of this nature to come for the 2022-23 school year.

We are looking forward to continuing to serve our students and doing whatever it takes to help prepare our students for the future. Have a great summer and thank you for your support!

Chris Clark, Director of Special Education

FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Starting next school year, 2022-23, the Child Nutrition programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations. Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to see if their students qualify based on the income of all family members. As in past years, the first 30 days of the school year will carry over the status from the previous school year.

Beginning August 1, 2022, the 2022-2023 Free and Reduced Meals application will be available.

The application will be online at www.payschoolscentral.com. Parents will need to make an account, if one isn't already set up. When adding your students to your account, you will need your student's ID numbers. If you do not know your student's ID number, please contact Mariah Ross at 419-221-0807 ext. 2197 or rossm@bathwildcats.org.

The 2022-2023 full pay meal price is being determined. Further communication on the pricing will be announced prior to the start of next school year.

The Food Service Department is committed to assisting families and making this transition back to normal operations as easy as possible.

The Food Service Department is looking for substitute workers for the 2022-2023 school year. Contact Mariah Ross, Food Service Supervisor at rossm@bathwildcats.org or 419-221-0807 ext. 2197 for more information.

FROM THE TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

After 40 years of service to education, our District Technology Coordinator, Tim Gough, has retired. Jared Rex was hired by the Bath Board of Education in April and will be around campus this summer working with our technology department and preparing for the students return in August. Please help us welcome Jared to Bath Local Schools!

FROM THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

The Transportation office is open all summer long, routing school buses and performing mechanical upgrades in preparation for our students return this August. Be sure to complete your student's transportation form in OneView for the 22-23 school year as soon as possible. If you move or have changes in your transportation needs during the summer, please enter the changes in OneView on your students EMA form. The sooner we have your student's information, the better we can be prepared.

We are looking for bus drivers! Today's buses are easy to drive, and we provide all the training. If you like working with children and have a good driving record, please consider becoming a school bus driver. This position is ideal for people with flexible schedules and retirees. Call the transportation department today! 419-221-0807 x 6160.

The Bath Transportation Department transported over 1,400 students this year. Our goal is to provide the safest transportation possible for all students to get to and from school in a timely manner. We currently have 25 buses and run 66 bus runs every day. This has been reduced from 76 runs per day just a few years ago. We also run multiple field trips every week, transporting classes to field trips and athletic teams to games. Our buses traveled nearly 200,000 miles this year. In addition to yellow school bus transportation, we service 38 special needs students.

One of the questions we often get at the beginning of a new school year concerns corner/group bus stops. Ohio law states that a student may be asked to walk up to a half mile from home to the bus stop. We don't have anyone walking near that far, but we do sometimes have students walk several houses to a group stop. This helps us be able to keep routes less than 60 minutes long and get all students here before their bell times. We always encourage parents to walk with their students to and from the bus stop when possible.

Bath Schools requests students to be at the bus stop "Place of Safety" five minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus. Bus drivers are required to count students as they approach the bus stop, so visibility is important. Reflective tape down the side of a book bag can be very helpful. The bus driver also counts the students again as they board the bus. This is for the safety of students.

Emergency bus evacuation instruction and drills are completed every year within the first month of school. Students are trained on what to do if an emergency situation should occur and how to properly evacuate through the rear and front doors of the bus. We talk about how to use the radio and where the first aid kit and emergency box are, as well as general emergency situations.

The transportation department opens at 5:45 a.m. and closes around 4:30 p.m. each day.

FROM THE MAINTENANCE & CUSTODIAL OFFICE

The district has several projects to complete around campus this summer before school starts in August. Phase II of the stadium asphalt and fencing on the south end of the track, and the visitor restroom area will be completed along with paving in front of the visitor main bleachers. This will complete all areas around the stadium that previously had stone or grass walkways for a cleaner and safer place, not only to walk around the stadium on the visitor's side, but to support portable bleachers that are moved around for different events at the stadium. All the fencing around the track is being replaced along with new gates that will replace the old, worn-out ones. Another large project happening this summer is at our high school, replacing the roofs over the science wing, kitchen, cafeteria, band room, choir room, and the auditorium.

Inside our buildings, the custodial staff is completely dismantling all the classrooms and offices to thoroughly clean and disinfect each and every room in each building. This includes wiping down all walls, desks, tables and windows, waxing floors, and cleaning lockers, to provide a clean, safe environment for all students and staff to start next school year.

FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

The Athletic Department is utilizing Final Forms for parents and students to register to play sports in grades 7-12. The link to Final Forms registration can be accessed on our website www.bathwildcats.org under Athletics when selecting "Registration." Registration, physicals, and all parts of the process must be complete before a student-athlete is cleared to start practice or competition.

There have been changes to athletic ticket prices for the 2022-23 school year. Senior citizens that are 70 years of age or older can receive a pass for general admission to all athletic events at Bath. A Driver's License for proof of age needs to be presented at the high school athletic office to receive the pass. Also, a student All Year Pass (K-12) is now only \$50 and allows the student into all home athletic events.

We encourage you to follow Bath Athletics on Twitter at @gobathwildcats for scores and highlights of all our middle school (grades 7 & 8) and high school teams.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, August 1 – First Day of Practice for all sports (Must be registered in Final Forms)

Sunday, August 7 – Blue & Gold Community event at Bath Stadium

Tuesday, August 9 – Fall Sports Picture Day

Saturday, August 13 – Reverse Raffle (Sport Boosters Fundraiser) at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00 and the Raffle begins at 7:00. Email Shawn at scgoetz@yahoo.com for ticket information.

Friday, September 2 – First Home Football Game vs Kenton (Youth Night)

Friday, September 30 – Homecoming Football Game vs Defiance

FROM BATH ATHLETIC OFFICE



KRISTEN HOLT, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Bath Schools was represented at the 2022 Division II State Track Meet by junior **Xavier Griffiths** and senior **Lucas Prichard**. Xavier made the finals in shot put, finishing 10th overall. The following day, both Xavier and Lucas competed in discus. We are tremendously proud of both boys for leaving your mark in school history!



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FROM THE TREASURER....

I am retiring as Treasurer this summer! When I started my career in 1985 I used a "dumb terminal" and a rotary phone, had no scanner or fax, and no way to attach anything to an email. Excel had not been created, and checks were printed on a line printer and signed by hand. Technology has certainly changed my job, and all of education significantly, but it still comes down to the people. The people cleaning and mowing, the people serving lunch and driving the bus, the people teaching and guiding and nurturing each student, and the people in the office working to keep it all running smoothly. We have good people at Bath Schools! Good people who believe in public education, and who believe in doing what is best for kids and families. Please continue to give them your whole-hearted support!

Thank you to the Board of Education and to the Bath Community for their trust in me these past 22 years. Thank you also to my excellent assistants, Cindy Thompson and Rosemary Drummelsmith. They do so much to keep our office operating efficiently. Natalie Scott will be taking over as Treasurer August 1st, and I wish her much success in this role. Please welcome her to the Bath family.

I have enjoyed my career, and am very thankful for the privilege of being a Bath Wildcat. May God bless the road ahead!

Annette Morman

LOOKING AHEAD

August 17, 18, & 19: School Fee Days
August 29 & 30: Orientation Days / Open House
August 31: First Day of School

