

# Bath School Community Newsletter - Fall 2018

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Dear Bath Community,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! As we enter another school year, I'd first like to re-visit the goals we stated at the onset of last year and discuss how we are meeting and/or exceeding them.

## **Improve Communication Through Social Media**

We've set up Facebook and Twitter accounts for our district. The sole purpose is to communicate information highlighting our students, faculty and staff in a more efficient and timely manner. Please follow us on Facebook at BathLocalSchools, BathElementarySchool, ThePawPrintNewspaper. Please follow us on Twitter at @BathHS\_PawPrint, @BathMidSchool and @ElementaryBath using the hashtag #WildcatNation. Also, beginning in October, we will transition to our new website.

## **School Safety**

Over the summer we made significant security improvements to our facilities. We totally replaced our security camera systems in both our middle school and high school buildings aligning them with the software utilized in our elementary building. Secondly, we installed a temporary locking device system called Nightlock onto each interior door of the three buildings. These devices are meant to supplement our ALICE training in relation to any lockdown situation we may incur. Prior to implementation, we consulted with and received input from our township fire and police departments regarding the device.

## **Student Wellness and Career Pathways**

We have placed a significant emphasis on student wellness this year offering several new programs and trainings for students and staff. Also, in relation to career pathways, we are excited for the implementation of three ideas that will benefit students and parents tremendously. First, at the end of each nine weeks, we will send home a success plan for every child grades 6 through 12 in relation to career exploration and career readiness. Second, we have started a Career Based Intervention program at the high school where students will receive work-based learning experiences while remaining at our high school. Lastly, at the middle school, each student in grades 7 and 8 will rotate through a 16-day program exposing them to a career field that includes Health Science, Finance, Law & Public Safety, Information Technology, Business and Administration, Manufacturing, Engineering, Marketing, Education, Construction Technology, Human Services, Agriculture & Environmental Science, Coding and Personal Wellness.

## **Fiscal Responsibility**

Our board, treasurer and I will continue to maintain transparency making financial decisions that allocate resources tied to our strategic plan. Furthermore, we will look to establish a long range plan for our facilities and integrate community feedback in the process. Our five-year forecast is always available on our school website listed as a link on our Treasurer's page.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated to making every child's experiences here at Bath great ones! We will continue to focus on safety, student wellness, classroom instruction and career readiness as we move through the school year. Thank you for making Bath Local Schools your district of choice!

Have a great year!

Rich Dackin  
Bath Superintendent

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Parents



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Community

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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. Jane Bailey continues from previous years. Mrs. Bailey has taught 38 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 1 teacher for the past 10 years. Kristin Lenhart worked with Title One students the past 2 years. Previously, Mrs. Lenhart was a second and a third grade teacher. This is her 10<sup>th</sup> year at Bath Elementary. Audrey Clark and Jacob Brunk are certified elementary teachers who worked as part-time tutors last year and return to the Title One program for the 2018-2019 school year. Audrey Clark is a familiar face at Bath Elementary. She student taught at Bath and has been a dependable substitute in previous years. Mr. Brunk is a Lima native. He is a recent graduate from Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. 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 are welcome to attend a parent orientation and informational meeting, which is on October 8, 2018 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 with the Title One teachers will receive 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.

**ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE**

Acts of kindness can be big, small, random, or planned. The theme of “kindness” emerged in our school last year and is still at the forefront of our daily encounters with students in the elementary school. Kindness is reinforced throughout our students’ day while in our building. On our daily announcements, Mr. Renner shares the names of students who were “caught being kind” and the act of kindness they were caught doing. Many of our weekly anti-bullying meetings focus on kindness. Throughout our school, staff members pose the question of “Is that kind?” to students when discussing student choices and behaviors. Using the term “kindness” is a good starting point when discussing choices, actions, and behavior with our children in and out of school. Big or small we all know how kindness makes us feel ☺

-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

**OFF TO A GOOD START**

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a successful start. Students were anxious to return, and our staff were well prepared. Our annual open house was also a major factor in the success of our first day.

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. It has been a good start.

**BATH ELEMENTARY IS ON TWITTER**

One way to keep up with what is happening at the elementary is to follow us on Twitter. We can be found at our Twitter account @ElementaryBath

## **THIRD GRADE READING ACHIEVEMENT TEST**

This year's third graders will take the first round of the reading achievement test on October 23 and 24. 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 onto 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 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.

### **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 5, November 7 and November 8. 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.

November 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>: 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

November 8<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

-No school at Bath Elementary November 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> -

## **OHIO ASSESSMENTS 2018-2019 AIR-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 3rd Grade Fall Language Arts | October 23 & 24  |
| 3rd Grade Language Arts      | April 11 & 12    |
| 4th Grade Language Arts      | April 15 & 16    |
| 5th Grade Language Arts      | April 17         |
| 3rd Grade Math               | April 30 & May 1 |
| 4th Grade Math               | May 2            |
| 5th Grade Math               | May 3            |
| 5th Grade Science            | May 7            |

### **HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL**

Children of all ages benefit from their parents being involved. While it is certain that the first few years of school are arguably the most important, the other years are important as well. Children are smart and intuitive. When they see their parents taking a step back in their involvement, it sends the wrong message. Every parent should know what is going on in their child's daily school life. With that being said, we want to encourage all of our parents to do the following things every day:

- Ask your child how their school day went. Engage in conversation about what they learned, who their friends are, what they had for lunch, etc.
- Make sure your child has time set aside to complete homework. Be there to answer any questions or assist when needed.
- Read all notes/memos sent home from school and/or teacher. Notes are the primary form of communications between a teacher and parents. Look for them and read them to stay up-to-date on events.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you have any concerns.
- Value your child's education and express the importance of it every single day. This is arguably the single most valuable thing a parent can do when it comes to their child's education. Those that value education often thrive and those that don't often fail.

Being involved in your child's education shows them the importance of it and how much you truly care about them and their future. One great sign of the wonderful parental support we receive is that we had an amazing turnout at our Open House on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please know we have an open door policy, and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe, nurturing, and learning environment for all of our students.

**CAREER EDUCATION AT BMS**

Bath Middle School is increasing our emphasis on career education. In the sixth grade, students will be exposed to numerous career fields via regular guest speakers. They will also begin to develop both an Ohio Means Jobs backpack and a career success plan. Sixth-Grade students will also receive career based information during their keyboarding/technology class. The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Means Jobs have developed 17 various clusters for students. Bath Middle School staff members have become certified to provide information to our students in each of the 17 clusters. Beginning with this school year, students in grades 7 and 8 will receive information in the career clusters listed below, from the staff member listed.

**Grade 7**

| <u>Career Cluster</u>                   | <u>Staff Member</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Health Science                       | Todd Clark          |
| 2. Finance                              | Cindy Bourne        |
| 3. Law and Public Safety                | Dean Mayhew         |
| 4. Information Technology/Coding        | Tony Miller         |
| 5. Business and Administration Services | Meg Rockhold        |
| 6. Manufacturing                        | Clint Salisbury     |
| 7. Personal Well Being                  | Teresa St. Clair    |

**Grade 8**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Engineering and Science Technologies   | Brooke Herr     |
| 2. Marketing                              | Andy Herr       |
| 3. Education and Training                 | Bonnie Wicker   |
| 4. Construction Technologies              | Adam Rohrbaugh  |
| 5. Human Services                         | Beth Horstman   |
| 6. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences | Brooke Sherrick |
| 7. Computer Coding                        | Steve McDonald  |

The career education instruction will take place within the regular school day schedule. Students will move from one career cluster to another on a scheduled rotation. It is our goal that after completing grade 8, students will have received valuable career information in 14 different career fields. While we do not expect students in the middle school to make a career decision, we hope to provide them with information that may provoke thoughts about possible careers in their 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](http://www.bathwildcats.org)

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The 2018 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 5 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8 - 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**School will not be in session on Thursday November 8 or Friday November 9.**

# 2018-2019 Bath Middle School Testing Schedule

## 6th-8th grade

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Monday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>     | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts Part 1                   |
| Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts Part 2                   |
| Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts Part 1 |
| Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts Part 2 |
| Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math/Algebra Part 1                            |
| Wednesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math/Algebra Part 2                            |
| Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math Part 1                  |
| Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math Part 2                  |
| Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science, Part 1                                |
| Thursday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science, Part 2                                |

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

### ADDED SECURITY MEASURES AT BMS

In order to provide the safest and most secure educational environment possible, the middle school was recently equipped with additional and more up to date surveillance cameras. The updates have greatly expanded the school surveillance capabilities both inside and outside of the building. In addition, NightLock devices have been installed on every interior door. These devices are to be used in a lockdown situation, along with ALICE training.

### 2018 AIR TEST RESULTS

The middle school recently received the results of the AIR testing from the spring of 2018. Below is a breakdown of our passage rates for 2018 as well as a comparison of passage rates from 2017.

|                        | 2017 Passage % | 2018 Passage % | Difference |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Grade 6 ELA            | 76.3           | 76.6           | +3         |
| Grade 6 Math           | 81.6           | 79.2           | -2.4       |
| Grade 6 Social Studies | 74.3           | No Test        | -          |

|              |      |      |      |
|--------------|------|------|------|
| Grade 7 ELA  | 73.2 | 73   | -2   |
| Grade 7 Math | 76.4 | 73.6 | -2.8 |

|                 |      |      |       |
|-----------------|------|------|-------|
| Grade 8 ELA     | 63.7 | 77.2 | +13.5 |
| Grade 8 Math    | 79.7 | 82.7 | +3    |
| Grade 8 Science | 74.1 | 81.3 | +7.2  |
| Algebra         | 100  | 100  | -     |

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

There has been a change to the curriculum for 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies at Bath Middle School. In the past, the curriculum for grade 7 social studies has focused on world history. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, our focus will be civics. Students will learn about local, state and federal government. They will also learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens. There will also be an emphasis on United States and world geography. It is a goal to help our students begin to develop into civic-minded citizens who understand the workings of government and the role of citizens in our government.





**MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL – MR. JESKO**

As the new high school principal, I would briefly like to introduce myself. I graduated from Bath High School in 1997 and attended college at the University of West Florida, located along the beautiful shores of the Gulf Coast. I am entering my 15<sup>th</sup> year in public education as a teacher, coach, and administrator. I taught Language Arts and Reading at Escambia High School (Pensacola, FL), Lake Mary High School (Lake Mary, FL), and Lima South Middle School. In 2008, I returned to Bath Middle School and taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts. I have been the Assistant Principal at Bath High School for the past five years. My wife, Jodi (Goetz) Jesko, is a 1998 graduate of Bath, and we have two daughters--Lillian (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Avery (1<sup>st</sup> grade). Our family is extremely proud and excited to be a part of the Bath Local School District and our great community. I look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead here at Bath High School.  
 –GO WILDCATS!!!!



**NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS**



Mr. Todd Fleharty  
 Assistant Principal  
 & Athletic Director



Mr. Pat Prichard  
 Industrial  
 Technology /  
 Career Based  
 Intervention  
 Teacher



Mr. Bryant Miller  
 American  
 Government  
 Teacher, Bath  
 Digital Academy  
 Instructor



Mr. Eric Mohler  
 American History,  
 Economics,  
 Psychology  
 Teacher

**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](http://ohioalerts.com) – Bath High School District Text Alerts
- [bathwildcats.org](http://bathwildcats.org) – BHS Practice Tests, Handbook, E-Mail, Progress Book, Guidance/Calendar..etc...

## NEW FORMAT AT BHS OPEN HOUSE

At this year's open house, students 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 Rachelle Marquez, who was accompanied in the picture by her children Camryn (grade 11), Nadia (grade 10), and Jadin (grade 9). 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.



## OPENING DAY ASSEMBLY

Staff members and students gathered together in the gymnasium for our Opening Day Assembly on August 27. Our band, the Tradition of Excellence, started the morning with the playing of the Bath Alma Mater. The BHS cheerleaders energized the crowd with a variety of spirit cheers that created incredible energy and enthusiasm. Bath High School staff members introduced themselves and offered our students some outstanding words of encouragement. The assembly concluded with the playing of the Bath Fight Song.

## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. OLIVER!

Mrs. Oliver has been selected as a recipient of the 2018 Yale Educator Award. This award recognizes educators from around the world who inspire and support their students to perform at a high level and to achieve excellence. Mrs. Oliver was nominated by Alexis Ball, a 2018 Bath graduate who currently attends Yale University.



## New Courses at BHS

- Industrial Technology
- Career Based Intervention- CBI is a work program that enables students to take core courses and a CBI-related course at BHS while working a minimum of 15 hours/week for additional elective credits.

## 2018-2019 Bath High School Testing Schedule

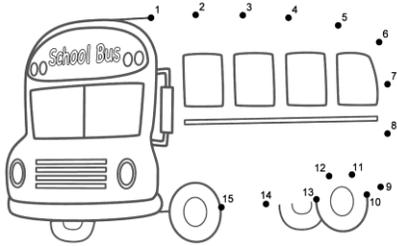
### National and State Testing Dates

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|---|---|
| PSAT  | Wednesday October 10                              |
| ASVAB   | Tuesday, November 10                              |
| EOC re-takes  | Tuesday, December 4 through Thursday, December 20 |
| ACT- juniors only                                       | Wednesday, February 20                            |
| Make-up ACT   | Tuesday, March 12                                 |
| EOC ELA 1 & 11 Part 1                                   | Tuesday, April 16                                 |
| EOC ELA 1 & 11 Part 2                                   | Wednesday, April 17                               |
| EOC ELA Make-ups  | Thursday, April 18 – Friday April 26              |
| EOC Algebra 1 & Geometry Part 1 & 2                     | Wednesday, May 1                                  |
| EOC Biology (Part 1 & 2)                                | Thursday, May 2                                   |
| EOC American History & American Government (Part 1 & 2) | Friday, May 3                                     |
| Make ups – Math, SS, Science                            | Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10                    |
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**SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE: DEB WILKINS**

Deb Wilkins currently serves as our food service supervisor, overseeing the kitchen and staff in all three buildings. She has been married for 42 years to her husband, Denny, and has a “wonderful son and two beautiful granddaughters.” Deb came to us in 1987 as a bus driver. After driving bus for three years, she went to work in the cafeteria, and held both jobs for ten years. At the time, she was the youngest driver and cook on staff. In 1993, she became head cook, and she continued to serve in that role until three years ago when she became the food service supervisor. Like many in education, Deb quickly agreed there have been numerous changes, impacting school lunches. State mandates have caused the removal of some of Bath’s favorite foods, such as the carter bar. Cooks serving up homecooked food is a thing of the past. Food is no longer made from scratch, ensuring all meals meet state guidelines and regulations. While she enjoys the challenges of her new role, she says she misses seeing the kids every day. She will pass by kids in the

hallway who remember her as their lunch lady, and that brings a smile to her face. Deb says she feels very blessed to work for Bath Schools. “The staff and community have been very supportive over the years I have been here. God has always put me right where I need to be.”