

# Bath School Community Newsletter – Winter 2019

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Dear Bath Community,

As we enter 2019, we'd like to share some new and exciting things coming your way in the near future. First, we are currently acquiring data through Survey Monkey in relation to our Strategic Plan, Branding, school calendar, school safety and facilities. Please go to our website at [www.bathwildcats.org](http://www.bathwildcats.org) and complete the brief survey by January 30<sup>th</sup>. The survey is on the front page of our website under District News. We appreciate your time and effort in completing! Secondly, beginning this spring and going into the next school year, we will be moving our school forms online and into a parent portal called OneView. Finally, we will be rolling out a career and college readiness tool this spring and into next fall called Naviance for our students and parents in grades 6-12.

OneView will give parents access online to our required school forms and allow for updates and revisions immediately as well as keep the forms on file year to year. It will also allow us another communication piece to disseminate information more timely and efficiently to our parents through email. This transition will begin over the remaining months of this school year so that we are up and running for the beginning of 2019-2020 school year. We will be providing more specific information relating to this in the next few months.

We have entered into an agreement with Naviance for the next five years. This program is a comprehensive career and college readiness tool that will allow parents and children in grades 6-12 access to a significant amount of information relating to careers. This tool will centralize resources in one portal that will enable our staff, parents and students the availability to maximize planning for each child's future. Moreover, it will allow for a more concise plan for each student in regards to career interest inventories, individualized success plans, social-emotional learning, career pathways, access to scholarships, emailing transcripts, tracking students after graduation, etc.

Lastly, we have met with representatives from The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and Regency Construction Services, Inc. to discuss our options moving forward with a new 6-12 building. Our elementary building that was completed in 2014 was an ELPP (Expedited Local Partnership Program) project meaning our local taxpayers funded this project which, in turn, established a credit towards our next building project. Our current credit with the state for a second project is \$20,264,355. However, we found out in the meeting that it is unclear when we will be able to enter into the planning stage for a new building due to a lack of current funding from the state. The timeframe given was 6-8 years before we can begin to enter into the formal planning stage. We felt it was important for us to know where we currently stand in this process as to how to spend our P.I. (Permanent Improvement) monies. Permanent Improvement monies may only be spent on items with a lifespan of five or more years. Knowing this information helps us to strategize future spending on big dollar items such as roofs, boilers, air conditioning, etc. The survey on our website will ask some specific questions in relation to our facilities. Again, we look forward to hearing from you through the survey! Have a great 2019!

Sincerely,

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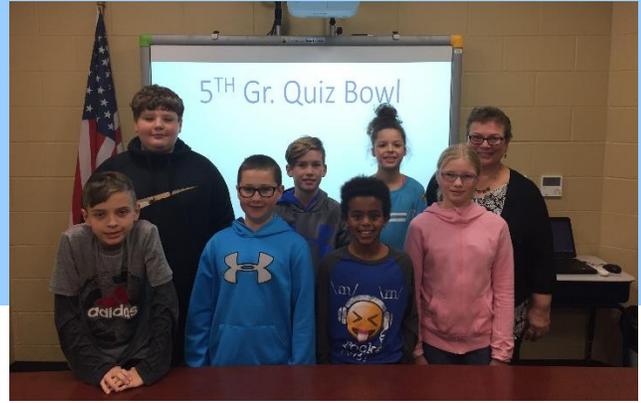


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**FIFTH GRADE QUIZ BOWL TEAM**

We've started a new quiz bowl season! Tryouts have happened! The team members have been selected! Practices have begun! Goals have been set! Knowledge is being obtained! White board round skills are being practiced! Buzzer techniques are being perfected! The team strives to deliver another trophy home to Bath Elementary! The excitement for another great season grows! Our team members are **Hunter Neff, George Rope, August Plumpe, Cohlín Croy, Karson Green, Jacob Rasor, Tarek Horn and Natalie Miller!** The team is coached by Mrs. Wiedenbein. Come watch us compete in mid January through mid February at Shawnee Middle School at 4:00 p.m.!



**WILDCAT KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP**

The Bath 2019-2020 Kindergarten Roundup is ready to begin! To be eligible, a child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2019. If you have a child who meets this qualification:

- 1) Visit [bathwildcats.org](http://bathwildcats.org) and click on the registration link on the upper left hand side of the screen.
- 2) Provide the elementary office with the child's birth certificate (which includes mother's maiden name), social security card, immunization information, custody papers (if applicable, including all pages of the document and the judge or magistrate's signature), and three documents providing proof of residency in the Bath Local School District.

A kindergarten screening time will be scheduled when you bring all of the above-mentioned documents to the elementary office. All of the items must be submitted to the elementary before kindergarten screening takes place. The elementary office is open to pick-up packets from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to collect these items. Kindergarten screening will be Wednesday, May 29 and Thursday, May 30.

**FOURTH YEAR FOR THE ELEMENTARY NewsCats!**

Bath Elementary School fifth grade students **Lily Volbert, Gabriela Gonzalez, Emily Gomez, Matthew Moreland, Jayden Brewer, Drew Pester, Kate Sadler, Lila Capps, Ashleigh Jones, Ava Vandemark, Jacob Rasor, Izabel McDermott, Mya Benham and Olivia Smith** are this year's staff for the Elementary NewsCats! They are learning how to put together recorded video announcements for our students to watch, as well as live video productions streamed to parents and grandparents who are unable to make it to an event. Most of the time the NewsCats are able to put together and record video announcements for the students to watch once a week. After several productions this year, it appears the NewsCats are well on their way to producing some high quality news reports!



**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

In recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness month in September, the elementary students and staff took the picture to the right. Each classroom wrote letters of support and encouragement for children battling cancer at Nationwide Children's Hospital. These letters of encouragement, along with the picture, were delivered to children at Nationwide Children's Hospital by Lauren Cunningham and her family. What a great learning experience it was for our students! We hope our act of kindness brought some hope and smiles to these children.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- February 4 – Spring Pictures
- February 18 – No School



## MUSIC IN THE ELEMENTARY

It has been an exciting beginning of the year in elementary music. Our students have all been busy singing, moving, playing instruments, and dancing during music class. Our fourth grade just performed their musical, *Flakes*. The students did a great job learning their songs, dances, and lines. They came to understand how much work goes into putting together a show. The fourth graders did their dress rehearsal for the rest of the elementary and performed their show for the parents that night. Our brand new kindergarteners just performed their very first concert. They performed many of the songs and chants they learned over the first semester as well as some Christmas songs. They worked really hard learning how to be a performer. Kindergarteners learned how to stand up straight, wait quietly between songs, and not to wave to the audience. That's always the hardest part! As we move into the second semester, we will begin preparing for the Spring Arts Festival on March 29<sup>th</sup>. New this year will be a family folk dance as part of the evening. Fourth graders will be pulling out their recorders for our annual March Madness. ~ Mrs. Hartzler

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND

5th Grade Band took on a different format this year. We are calling 5th grade band "5th Grade Exploratory Band" because the kids are doing a lot of exploring through the different instruments. Rather than picking one instrument and diving right in, students are getting the opportunity to play all 6 instruments found in a beginning ensemble (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and bells). They spend 4 days on each instrument, learning how to put it together, making a basic sound, playing 5 different notes and playing "Hot Cross Buns". By the end of the semester, each student will have played each instrument for a quality amount of time. By doing this, students will be better informed of what instrument would suit them best if they choose to be in band as a 6th grader. Paperwork will be sent home with students at the end of their band semester asking them (and parents) for feedback about the program and what their plans are for 6th grade music. Students will have the option to pick Band, Choir, Band and Choir, or Study Hall. The students who are in 5th Grade Exploratory Band first semester have been very successful and have had a lot of fun with the program. They are finding they have strengths on some instruments, while learning to persevere through challenges on others. We are excited to see how this translates from year to year, and we hope it opens all students' eyes to their potential long-term membership in The Tradition of Excellence Bath Bands!

~Mrs. Snyder & Mr. Hanhold

### A NEW TAKE ON 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHOIR

We have taken a new approach to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir this year. Half of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been coming to choir for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. The other half will come to choir during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. It has been a great opportunity for me to really get to know the students and their abilities, and has given them the chance to really explore what it means to be in band and choir.

Congratulations to Mr. Liedtke's, Mr. Reindel's, and Mrs. Slavin's classes on a wonderful Christmas program, "North Pole Exposure!" Now that Christmas is over we will continue working on reading music, singing technique, and many other musical ideas. I couldn't be more proud of the work that these three classes have done throughout the year, and I look forward to working with the other half of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the second semester. ~ Mrs. Sarah Haselman

### ELEMENTARY SAFETY PATROL

This is our second year with our safety patrol program. Students from fourth and fifth grades applied for patrol positions. Teacher recommendations were also considered in selecting the patrol members. Safety patrol members help teachers and administrators monitor the student body while entering and exiting the building. The patrol members encourage the student body to make healthy and safe choices. The younger students often slow down as they see a patrol member so that they may receive a high five from an upperclassman. Patrol members also maintain the lost and found area. Positive feedback has been received as the program develops. A big thank you goes out to the leadership of the safety patrol members and their willingness to accept extra responsibilities for the betterment of our student body.



Go Wildcats!

**VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY**

On November 7, to commemorate Veterans Day, the Bath Middle School welcomed approximately 50 veterans to our building. Our honored guests had breakfast with family members who are current students. After breakfast, a school-wide assembly took place that emphasized sacrifice, the service of those individuals in attendance, and the significance of Veterans Day. The middle school would once again like to thank those veterans for their attendance at our assembly and for their service to our country.

**WELCOME TO BMS**

Bath Middle School welcomes Mr. Tim Vernik as a new district technology assistant. Mr. Vernik replaces Stephen MacDonald, who left the district earlier this year. Tim is a graduate of Elida High School and UNOH, and is a veteran of the United States Army as well as an active Army Reserve. As a district technology assistant, he will primarily be handling all of the technology needs for the students and staff in the middle school. Welcome to Bath Schools Mr. Vernik!



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Procter & Gamble for their generous donation of an AED to the concession stand at our youth ball fields. These portable devices can be used by nonmedical people and save lives when cardiac arrest occurs. We are grateful to have this device on hand.

**AED**



**CAREER CLUSTERS**

As a part of our Career Education program in accordance with Ohio Means Jobs, the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is receiving training to administer basic First Aid, and CPR, and training in the proper use of an AED. The students will gain hands on experience in performing each of these lifesaving skills, as well as becoming familiar with a few of the most basic yet vital components of a career in the medical field. In addition to their training, under the Health Sciences Career Cluster, each of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to receive complete certification with the American Red Cross. It is our hope that this experience will not only familiarize our students with the basics of the medical field, but also provide them with an extremely important skill that could possibly save a life in the future.



**OHIO MEANS JOBS**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the middle school has increased our emphasis on career education at all grade levels. As a part of this process, parents are encouraged to access the Ohio Means Jobs website. (<https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/seeker.aspx>). While it would be unrealistic to expect middle school students to select their career at this time, this website provides valuable information and will help students begin exploring various career fields.

**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)

## QUIZ BOWL

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Quiz Bowl season wrapped up on October 29<sup>th</sup>, after a month long competition. This year's meets were held at UNOH and featured questions ranging from math, science, history, geography, literature, and current events. Quiz Bowl is an activity that builds teamwork as well as good study habits that carry over into the classroom. This year's team represented Bath Schools very well and should be congratulated on a job well done. Team members were **Jaden Augsburger, Elise Branim, Jude Coleman, Logan Roush, Keaton Sexton, Robert Shaffer, Andrew Sheidler, Kris Shields, Sahib Singh, Skyler Thomas**. Thank you to Quiz Bowl advisor Adam Rohrbaugh for working with our students.



## HEALTH FAIR 2018

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Health and Wellness Committee held a Health Fair for our middle school students. Sixteen different vendors from the Lima community came to speak to our students on making healthy choices. A variety of topics were covered, including physical and mental health. Students also participated in "Hands Only" CPR demonstrations, yoga and taste testing for healthy food options. Thank you to all of the vendors, staff and students for making this day a huge success.

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents and students of this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class are encouraged to attend the high school freshman orientation meeting that will be held on February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. High School Principal, Mr. Jesko, along with high school guidance counselors, will discuss scheduling options for the freshman class for the 2019-2020 school year.

During the afternoon of February 4, Mr. Jesko will meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to pass out curriculum guides and give information about scheduling and the evening meeting. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend the evening meeting at the high school. Please bring the curriculum guide to the meeting.

## 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!



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY- NEW INDUCTEES

Congratulations to the newest members who were recently inducted into the Bath High School chapter of the National Honor Society. **Eden Adkins, Abigail Bitters, Brenton Brock, Mallory Clark, Natalie Crowe, Fayme Gandhi, Nathan Hardesty, Derek Inskeep, Ainsley Miller, Jack Place, Austin Sakemiller, Kylyn Schadewald, Jacob Strange, and Madison Ward.**



## 2018 HOMECOMING PARADE AND BONFIRE

A BIG Wildcat thank you goes out to all who were involved in this year's Homecoming parade and bonfire. Your time, efforts, and participation are greatly appreciated! We had a fantastic turnout and hope for the same next year.

## INTERACT CLUB BARREL DRIVE

The Bath High School Interact Club sponsored a barrel drive throughout the district from November 12-16. Students from the elementary, middle, and high schools donated personal care items for the entire week of the drive. Congratulations to this year's winners, the kindergarteners, who donated the most items (802) and won free donuts for their efforts. In total, the drive collected 2,973 items. Thanks to all who donated and committed to helping others.



## ACADEMIC TEAM CROWNED CHAMPIONS

The Academic Team won this year's Whiz Quiz competition in October. This was the school's first championship in this event since 1997. Congratulations to **Gemin Gandhi, Derek Inskeep, Natalie Crowe, Vincent Abrams** and coach Dan Grime on this outstanding achievement!



## VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

The Lima Tank Plant held its annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 8, 2018. Two of our high school students had the opportunity to perform at the ceremony. **Cyrus Bantner** sang the National Anthem, and **Quinn Schneider** played Taps on the trombone. They made our Bath Music Department, our school, and our community proud. Congrats to Cyrus and Quinn on this honor!



## 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.

## SCHEDULING FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2020 and 2023 during Wildcat Time, with a parent meeting at 7pm in the auditorium  
February 5<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2021 during Wildcat Time  
February 6<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2022 during Wildcat Time

## 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](#) – BHS Practice Tests, Handbook, E-Mail, Progress Book, Guidance/Calendar..etc...



## OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION- STATE QUALIFIERS

### Girls' Tennis- **Esther and Ruby Bolon**

After an impressive regular season in single's competition, sophomores Esther and Ruby Bolon teamed up in doubles competition for the OHSAA tournament. The sister duo won at Sectionals and Districts, earning them a trip to the State Tournament in Cincinnati.



### Boys' Golf- **Britton Hall**

Freshman Britton Hall had a stellar first season on the course.

His steady play in the Sectional and District tournaments earned him the opportunity to compete at this year's State Tournament on the Scarlet Course at The Ohio State University.



Congratulations and job well done to these athletes!

## COLLEGE AND CAREER SPEAKERS

Beginning in November, representatives from local businesses and colleges/universities have been speaking to high school students about a variety of careers and the pathways to these careers. Students are encouraged to attend these speakers to hear about their experiences and to ask questions related to these career fields. Anyone interested in reaching out to our students can contact the high school guidance office to schedule a time.

### CONGRATULATIONS MR. FAY!

Mr. Fay received a certificate of recognition from the University of Toledo for his influence on a former student. He was nominated by Reece Spradlin, a 2018 Bath graduate, as the most influential educator in Reece's decision to study Engineering at the University of Toledo.



## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS MEETING

A College Credit Plus meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium for all students currently in grades 6 through 11. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your students' option to earn college credits while at Bath Schools, as well as ask our guidance counselors questions.

### ACT

The current Junior class is required to take the ACT on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

The ACT will be administered at BHS on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for any student wishing to take the exam.

### 2018-2019 Bath High School Testing Schedule

#### National and State Testing Dates

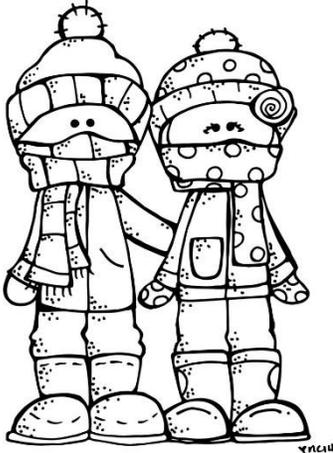
ACT- JUNIOR CLASS ONLY	Wednesday, February 20 at 8:15 a.m.
Make-up ACT	Tuesday, March 12
EOC ELA 1 & 11 Part 1	Tuesday, April 16
EOC ELA 1 & 11 Part 2	Wednesday, April 17
EOC ELA Make-ups	Thursday, April 18 – Friday April 26
EOC Algebra 1 & Geometry Part 1 & 2	Wednesday, May 1
EOC Biology (Part 1 & 2)	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: MONICA FISCHER, ASSISTANT TO THE TREASURER**

Monica has lived her entire life in Bath, where she and her husband Terry raised their twins, Josh and Jessie. She has three fun, loveable grandsons: Brody, Brogan and Braylon, who attend Allen East Schools. Monica says she feels very fortunate to live so close to her family. As a Bath grad, class of 1974, she was given the opportunity to be a part of the COE program her senior year. COE was a school-to-work program for students that placed her in the elementary, working half days until she graduated. At that time, copies were made on a mimeograph, a copy machine that used a hand crank to run copies. After graduating, Monica went on to get a two year degree from Lima Technical College and worked for Westinghouse until they closed their doors. Monica says she was “very happy to receive a job offer at Bath from Treasurer Pat Jordan” in July of 1991 as an Assistant to the Treasurer.

As the youngest employee in the administration office, she enjoyed working with Pat and the other Assistant to the Treasurer, Jeannine Dackin. Monica paints such a different picture of the treasurer’s office from what we recognize it as today. In the 1990’s, some things were still being done by hand in the treasurer’s office, using computers far different than we use today. Technology has made the life of a treasurer’s assistant much easier, with more advanced software for payroll and record keeping. Monica shares she has enjoyed learning the changes that have come in her time at Bath, and has always strived to be knowledgeable about her position, helpful, and friendly to staff. She has enjoyed the people she has worked with and finds it amusing to be the oldest now in the treasurer’s office.

When asked about her 27 years at Bath, she says “it has been an amazing and long ride here at Bath. I am looking forward to retirement in the next couple of years and having more time to travel to our little place in Northern Michigan. No matter what, I will always be a Wildcat and a Buckeye, wherever I am at.”