# **BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL** News From The Nest

Above-Beyond-Together

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# **HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES**

## HOMECOMING WEEK: A CELEBRATION OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Each fall, the Bellbrook High School community comes together to commemorate its rich history, embrace the present, and set its sights on the future during Homecoming Week. This year, the Golden Eagles embarked on their Homecoming festivities from October 2nd to the 7th, with students participating in a series of themed spirit days: Pajama Day, Dress Like A Boss Day, Safari Day, Disney Day, and Gold Rush Day.

The highlight of Wednesday's events was the much anticipated Powder Puff game, where senior girls squared off in a fiercely competitive showdown. This thrilling spectacle has become a cherished tradition, complete with a student section, an enthusiastic crowd, performances by our marching band, and "spirited" cheerleaders. This year, the White team emerged victorious over the Purple team by a narrow margin of 8-6. Following the game, Bellbrook High School students gathered around a roaring bonfire situated south of the stadium.

On Friday morning, Tom Bean, Carrie (Gainey) Dunham, and Gregg Sparks were officially inducted into the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District Hall of Fame. Their induction ceremony, attended by family members, community leaders, and the BHS class of 2024, served as a tribute to their commitment, service, and leadership within the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District. These distinguished individuals joined the ranks of the 61 previous inductees, recognized for their exceptional contributions to the school district and the surrounding communities. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Dear Bellbrook Parents,

Our students and staff have been hard at work in the classroom, on stage, in the gym, and on the field of competition and it shows! So far our athletes have captures 6 league titles this fall and we had a record number of National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended students! We are lucky to have such a well rounded and talented student body. Be sure to come out and support our students in their many activities! Please remind your student(s) to keep their focus on their academics and finish the semester on a strong note. Please take a moment to read this newsletter and see some of the great things our students and staff have been working on! They make us proud everyday!

Dave Hann



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## **HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES**

#### BHS HOMECOMING CONTINUED

Friday night marked the high point of the week with the Homecoming football game, where Bellbrook emerged victorious, defeating Monroe by a commanding 49-6 score. The evening also witnessed the crowning of Grace Atchison and Johnny Deszcz as the Homecoming Queen and King, a momentous honor that celebrates their embodiment of the "Spirit of Bellbrook."

The Golden Royal Court, comprising students nominated by classes and organizations as exemplary role models who embody the spirit of Bellbrook High School and our community, included Ella Kapfhammer and Rithik Mall (2027); Lily Deweese and Brady Read (2026); Ava Praeter and Grant Driskell (2025); and seniors: Addy Alexander, Luke Benetis, Seth Gedeon, Grace Kelly, Jordan Meadows, Zander Pittman, Bella Vaughn, and Lincoln Warren. Johnny and Grace received Golden Eagle pins as a symbol of their representation of the "Spirit of Bellbrook."

On Saturday night, the gymnasium was abuzz with excitement as over 730 students celebrated this year's "Tangled" Homecoming. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the BHS Student Government and the entire student body and staff who dedicated themselves to making this Homecoming Week an unforgettable experience.











## **HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES**

#### THE BLUEPRINT OF OUR SUCCESS: UNDERSTANDING THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL'S CULTURE



Let's talk about something really important: our school's culture. It's one of the things that makes our school special. But it's not something that just happens on its own; it takes effort from all of us. Culture isn't just a fancy document hanging on the wall, although we do have plenty of those, it's about what we believe, how we act, and how our actions affect others. It's the foundation of our school community. I have linked our district culture playbook on the left. In it you will find our core beliefs and behaviors.

Our core beliefs are our guiding principles for how we should treat each other, our fellow students, and our community. And why does all of this matter? Because our culture shapes our behavior, and that affects how well we can accomplish our goals.

Success at BHS isn't just about getting good grades, although it is important; it's also about how well we work together, adapt to changes, and how well we overcome challenges. Our culture brings us together around common beliefs and behaviors and this ultimately determines how well we can prepare ourselves for the future.

Golden Eagles are expected to: Do the Right Thing Soar Together Pursue Excellence

Our culture is the driving force behind everything we do. It's what leads to the results we want to achieve. Culture is always a work in progress and we have work to do. Let's all contribute to making our school's culture even better!





BHS students are welcome to come to the library with a pass to study, read or quietly relax during study hall. Mrs. Sumner is available to assist students. The media center houses a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, research materials, and popular magazines. It even has chess and checkers! Just ask at the desk! Check out available books and resources at: <u>https://sites.google.com/bss.k12.oh.us/bhslibrary/home</u>

#### **UPCOMING BLOCK DAYS**

Wed. 10/25 Odd 1-3-5-7 Wed. 11/1 Odd 1-3-5-7 Wed. 11/8 NO BLOCK Wed. 11/15 Odd 1-3-5-7 Wed. 11/29 Odd 1-3-5-7 Wed. 12/6 Odd 1-3-5-7 Wed. 12/13 NO BLOCK Wed. 12/20 EXAMS Wed. 1/3: NO BLOCK Thurs. 10/26 Even 2-4-6-8 Thurs. 11/2 Even 2-4-6-8 **Thurs. 11/9 NO BLOCK** Thurs. 11/16 Even 2-4-6-8 Thurs. 11/30 Even 2-4-6-8 Thurs. 12/7 Even 2-4-6-8 **Thurs. 12/7 Even 2-4-6-8 Thurs. 12/14 NO BLOCK** Thurs. 12/21: Winter Break **Thurs. 1/4: NO BLOCK** 

1ST QUARTER REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE NOW ON PROGRESSBOOK

#### www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us

## **CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**





As autumn sets in, students have been busy crafting a wide range of art pieces that reflect the spookiness of the season. From watercolor haunted houses to masks, skeletons, and more, these creative minds have embraced the eerie charm of the season. In this article, we'll delve into their various art projects, including Special FX makeup, phobia-themed photoshoots, and negative space skeletons, all created in the spirit of the season.

Mrs. Newsome: Art 1- Tis the spooky season! Students are learning the basics of watercolor painting by creating watercolor haunted houses!

**Art 3-** Students were assigned a general topic of "masks" and were given 5 weeks to create anything they want with whatever materials they want. They are making quite a variety of things from actual movable 3D masks to paintings to rotating sculptures.

Art 4- Continuing the spooky season celebrations, Art 4 is finishing up painting on pumpkins and will be starting to draw realistic animal skeletons.

**Career Arts-** Career Arts is also getting into the spooky season by learning about careers as Special FX artists. They are using various materials and prosthetics to create spooky monster and creature makeup on mannequins and each other!

**Digital Media**- Students will be coordinating and creating a "phobia" themed photoshoot. They will choose a phobia and orchestrate a photographic composition, lighting, and editing to make it as scary as possible!

**Mrs. Parsons: Art 1-** Art 1 is working on creating Negative Space Skeletons. Students learned about the grid drawing method to accurating draw images and enlarge drawings. They began by selecting an image of a skeleton, drew their images utilizing the grid method and then transferred their drawings to a piece of painting paper. They selected a warm or cool color scheme to paint their skeletons, and used the opposite color scheme to add oil pastel as a final step, making sure to blend at least two colors in each section.

**Art 2-** Art 2 learned how to create a work of art on scratchboard. They practiced creating at least three different values and three different marks- hatching, cross hatching and stippling. They then photographed a skull prop, transferred the image to scratchboard and used this negative marking making process to create their images while thinking about "drawing the light" and direction of line.

**Cultural Arts**- Cultural Arts studied Dia de los Muertos and designed their own sugar skulls to celebrate the season. They first built their skulls by cutting, gluing and taping 28 individual template pieces together to create a 3D armature. They then learned about plaster and covered their cardboard skulls with plaster to add structure and strength. Lastly they added color with acrylic painting-thinking about variety and detail.

**Drawing & Painting-** Students in Drawing and Painting learned about negative and positive space and creating interesting compositions. They chose a subject matter of either scissors or flowers and made their own arrangements. They then created a drawing- focusing only on the negative space and selected either watercolor or acrylic paint to add color to their work.



Bellbrook High School Theater presents: Steel Magnolias. Join the ladies of the neighborhood in Truvy's beauty parlour as they gossip, laugh, grieve, and love in this heartwarming fan favorite. This fall show has two casts who each bring their own unique perspective to their characters. Performances will be:

November 16 at 7pm - Blush Cast November 17 at 7pm - Bashful Cast November 18 at 2pm - Bashful Cast November 18 at 7pm - Blush Cast

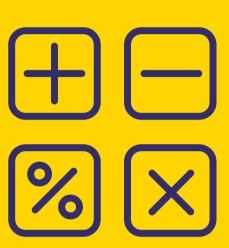
## **CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

# MATHIIT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL SOMEONE DIVIDES BY ZERO

In BHS math classes, students engage in hands-on learning experiences to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts. How many rubber bands do you need to attach to a Barbie doll so that when you drop her from the stairs, she won't crack her head on the floor? Students in statistics and quantitative reasoning are investigating this topic by creating regression models.

While students are required to take four credits of math for graduation, we encourage everyone to take math for all four years of high school. Some type of math course is required for every major in college; the ASVAB has questions to test your math skills; all vocational programs require mathematical thinking.

The math department would like to remind everyone that help is available every morning at 7:30am in room 207 and Monday-Thursday after school until 3:45pm in room 203. Peer tutoring is also available during the school day; just talk to your teacher to arrange a time!



### BHS EXAM POLICIES

Exams will be administered at the conclusion of each semester. Exams will be worth 20% of the grade for the semester. A schedule will be provided for students prior to the administering of the tests. Each semester, all students will be awarded <u>one exam exemption</u> that they may use in a single class where they have earned an "A" or "A+" in each quarter of the semester. No "A-" in any quarter in a semester. Students may not exempt the same exam in both semesters. Students may not use an exam exemption in an AP class 1st semester. Students are expected to take their exams on the day and during the period that the exam is scheduled. Exam exemptions apply to BHS courses only, not College Credit Plus courses.

Students will lose the privilege of their exam exemption under the following conditions:

- 1. A student receives office discipline of: 3+ detentions, in-school studies, or out-of-school suspension during the semester.
- 2. A student has reached the threshold of Excessively Absent or Habitually Truant by state definitions.

SEMESTER 1 EXAM SCHEDULE					
TIME	Fri. 12/15	<b>Mon. 12/18</b>	<b>Tues. 12/19</b>	Wed. 12/20	
8:05-10:05	Period 1 Exam	Period 2 Exam	Period 3 Exam	Period 4 Exam	
10:09-10:31	HOMEROOM				
10:35-12:35	Period 5 Exam	Period 6 Exam	Period 7 Exam	Period 8 Exam	
12:35-1:15	LUNCH/DISMISSAL				
1:15-3:05	EXAM MAKE UP/DISMISSAL				

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES 😵

#### FROM FALL FOLIAGE TO WINTER WONDERLAND: BHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT'S CONCERTS BRING THE SEASONS TO LIFE!

The Music Department continues to work hard in the classroom and on the field of competition to prepare for their upcoming performances. The choral program presented its fall concert on Wednesday, October 11, featuring festive fall music from all the choirs, grades 7-12. The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band performed their annual Halloween Spooktacular on Wednesday, October 18. The high school bands were joined by the 7th and 8th grade bands in this once-a-year event. The Spooktacular was truly spectacular. Please be sure to attend the band's holiday concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm in the BHS auditorium!

The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band will be visited by nationally recognized wind band conductor, Dr. Alfred Watkins, on Tuesday, October 24 for a clinic. We are excited to be welcoming him to Bellbrook!







The Marching Eagles have continued to work hard this fall at completing and perfecting their 2023 competition show, Press Play, featuring music from The Simpsons, WandaVision, Squid Games, and Cheers,

among other tunes. The band traveled to Cedar Point in September, where they performed in a parade and enjoyed a day in the park. They also participated in the Bands of America Regional in Obetz, Ohio, where they performed their best show of the fall so far. The band has also enjoyed supporting the football team this fall, and is looking forward to future competitions at Centerville and Mid-States Championships, where they will defend their 2022 Class AAA Championship title. Please come out to support the band at their home invitational on Saturday, October 21. The season will conclude with a trip to Indianapolis for the Bands of America Grand National Championships. Good luck to the Marching Eagles!

### **NEED HOMEWORK HELP?**



Free, anonymous, and on-demand help from Bellbrook students!

-Eagle Assistance

**NEED HELP?** Free Tutoring Available PEER TUTORS ARE

AVAILABLE. EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU NEED TO FIND A TUTOR

Curriculum resources will be on display during Parent-Teacher Conferences on 11/9 from 3:30-6pm

# **GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS**



#### SWBL Championships: Bellbrook Dominates with Multiple League Titles

**SWBL Championships -** Boys & Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Girls Tennis & Girls XC all won the league titles this fall. The football team can win the title with a victory at Ross this Friday, October 20th.

**Golf** - The boys team finished 3rd in the district tournament and the girls finished 6th.

**Cross Country** - The girls team won the SWBL SW Title on Saturday and the boys finished runner-up.

**Football Friday @ Ross (7pm)** - The game is for the league title. Ross HS is at 3601 Hamilton Cleves Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

**Welcome to the SWBL** Ross & Edgewood - Both schools have been a strong addition to the league. Just this fall, in the sports of tennis, volleyball, girls soccer and football, Ross and Bellbrook have competed down to the final game/point for the league title.

**OHSAA Tournament Brackets** - Volleyball earned the #2 seed in their sectional. They had a 1st round bye and defeated Piqua in their opening match in round 2. They will play Springboro on 10/25. Girls Soccer was also the #2 seed and defeated Wilmington before falling to Monroe in overtime. They finished the season with an impressive 11-1-5 record. Boys Soccer is the #4 seed and defeated Ponitz in the first round, they will host Alter on Saturday 10/21. All brackets can be found on the <u>SW District Website</u>.

**OHSAA Tournament Tickets** - Tickets are required for all OHSAA tournament events, even tennis and golf. For the sectional, district and state tournaments tickets can be purchased on the <u>OHSAA website</u> or in the <u>HTT Fan App</u>. Bellbrook passes **ARE NOT** valid at OHSAA tournament games, even when the game is at Bellbrook.

**Football Playoffs** - The team has clinched a playoff berth. The playoff starts on Friday, October 27. Currently, we are the #10 seed. The top 16 seeds make the playoffs and the top 8 host in the first round (October 27). In the second round (November 3) the lower seed hosts and then games are at a neutral site in the third round. <u>Joe Eitel's website</u> will be updated around 11pm on Friday. The official playoff brackets will be released by the <u>OHSAA</u> on Sunday.

**Streaming** - All home games at the stadium (lacrosse, soccer & football) and in the main HS gym (volleyball, basketball & wrestling) will be streamed on the <u>NFHS Network</u>. The NFHS Network is a subscription-based network that broadcasts thousands of HS games each year. The host school keeps 50% of the subscription fees. Subscriptions are month-to-month (\$12) or yearly (\$80). Both allow the customer to view all games at our stadium and main gym as well as many away games. Video can be streamed on any computer as well as through the <u>NFHS Network Mobile App and Smart TV App</u>.

**Stadium Naming Rights** - If your family or your business is interested in the naming rights for the stadium, please contact the superintendent, Dr. Doug Cozad (doug.cozad@bss.k12.oh.us) or the Athletic Director, Charlie O'Dell (charlie.odell@bss.k12.oh.us).

**Eventlink** - All game schedules (MS & HS) are available on the schedule page of our <u>athletic department website</u> and on the Eventlink App for <u>iPhone</u> and <u>Android</u>.

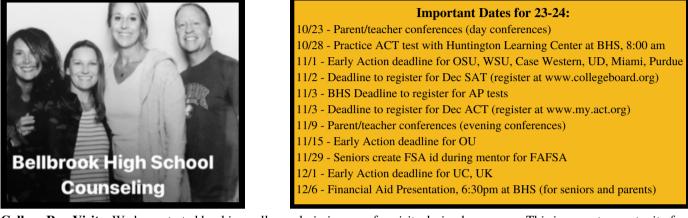
Excellence in Sportsmanship + Communication - This initiative started in 2021 and aims to create a respectful environment for everyone.

Bellbrook Apparel Online Team Shop - Looking for Bellbrook gear? This is your place!

# **COUNSELING CORNER**

## Mrs. Scohy (A-G) Mr. Hartley (H-O) Ms. Sanderman (P-Z)

Contact Registrar Mrs. Kiki Kramer at extension 2902 for general questions.



**College Rep Visits:** We have started booking college admission reps for visits during homeroom. This is a great opportunity for you to meet in a small group setting with an admissions rep who could potentially be reviewing your college application. Reps are available to answer any questions you have about the application process as well as scholarships, FAFSA, campus life, etc. Take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the google form in your google classroom for your class. Here is the calendar with all of the dates when admissions reps will be at BHS. <u>Calendar</u>

A **Practice ACT**, sponsored by Huntington Learning Center, will be offered at BHS on Oct. 28th. Cost is \$25. This is a full length practice test. Students will attend a review session on Nov 9th at 5:30 pm with a 10-page breakdown of scores indicating strengths and areas to improve as well as test-taking tips. An online registration link will be shared with students as soon as it is available.

**AP Test Registration:** Students are required to log-in to their collegeboard account and join their AP classroom. Each student was provided an AP class join code in the first week of school. Students must register on their collegeboard account AND pay for their AP tests in Mrs. Scohy's office by Nov 3rd! The cost is \$98 per test. You can pay with cash or check in the counseling office. Checks should be made out to Bellbrook-Sugarcreek schools. There is a \$40 late fee for anyone who registers for a test after the Nov 3rd deadline. There is also a \$40 unused or canceled test fee.

A **Financial Aid Presentation** will be held on Dec 6th from 6-7 pm. Representatives from WSU will be here to discuss financial aid and changes to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA Form won't be available until late Dec. You can create an FSA ID by going to fafsa.gov. There will be a senior homeroom for students to create their FSA ids on Nov 29th. Students will need to know their SSN in order to create the FSA id. Both student and parent(s)/guardian(s), including step-parents, must have an FSA id to complete the FAFSA.

**Peer Tutoring:** Peer tutors are available to help every period. Please see your counselor or talk to your teacher about setting up a peer tutor.

**Seniors -- Be aware of upcoming college application deadlines**, especially if you are applying for early action or early decision. If you are applying on the common application you will need to "invite" your counselor as a recommender. Some colleges require a counselor recommendation. If a counselor recommendation is required we will need a copy of your brag sheet. If you are applying to schools that are NOT on the common application, please request a transcript using the link on the guidance webpage so we know where to send your transcripts. <u>Order Transcripts</u>



## **STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH** 



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# BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Take the chances, have fun, go to concerts, never stop doing what you love, and remember that mistakes are learning experiences. -Mrs. Sumner

## **ABOVE AND BEYOND**



#### Bellbrook High School Thank you for going ABOVE and BEYOND!

Scratch off to reveal YOUR PRIZE

ABOVE-BEYOND-TOGETHER

BHS students who perform actions and or behaviors that go "above and beyond" expectations may be given an "ABOVE and BEYOND" card by BHS staff. Students can scratch off the card revealing if they win a prize. Winning cards can be redeemed in the office. Non-winning cards can be turned into the office and entered into a monthly "second-chance" drawing for a prize. Many local businesses and our PTO have donated gift cards and merchandise to be used as rewards for our students. If you, or your business, would like to donate gift cards or merchandise to this program please contact Mr. Hann at david.hann@bss.k12.oh.us.

#### GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

The following students were recognized for going "Above and Beyond" during the 1st quarter. \*\* Winner of Above and Beyond Drawing

Esther Ajing Addy Alexander Caitlyn Bowser Bryden Brenner Venessa Centeno-Lopez Josh Hiester Jackson Howell Ben Hunt Chris Hyer\*\* Paul Jefferson Garrett Kidder Joe Krebs Nawida Noori Zach Piel Ian Richards Mason Thaler\*\* Nora Trickler Max Warner

LAST DAY **FIRST DAY** A reminder to BHS students and parents: In **AUG A OF SCHOOL OF SCHOOL** 27 order to get a 2023-24 yearbook, you must call 17 the office and add the \$85.00 cost of the book to SPRING BREAK FALL BREAK 1 WINTER BREAK your student's school fees. School fees must be NOV 20-NOV 24 DEC 21-JAN 2 paid by the end of the first semester to secure a DEC MAR MAY HOMECOMING WEEK ост **APR 27** yearbook. Please contact Ms. Giles at 848-5001 13 20 25 'Т 2. x2103 with any questions. PROM END OF EACH QUARTER SCHEDULED CLOSINGS, DISMISSALS, AND DELAYS YEARBOOK SEPT 4: LABOR DAY NOV 10: NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY FFR 19: SEPT 15: NO SCHOOL JAN 12: NO SCHOOL **MAR 13: 2HR DELAY** NO SCHOOL OCT 9: **JAN 15:** MLK DAY **APR 19:** NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL FEB 16: NO SCHOOL OCT 23: **APR 26**: **2HR DISMISSAL** ESTER EXAMS ADIA **DECEMBER 15-20** FINAL EXAMS **MAY 20-23 BHS 2023-2024** 

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

OCT 21:	BHS BAND INVITATIONAL	Bellbrook High School 848-3737
<b>OCT 23:</b>	PT CONFERENCES (DAY)	Principal
		David Hann x2999
<b>NOV 8:</b>	NO BLOCK 11/8 AND 11/9	Assistant Principals
<b>NOV 9:</b>	PT CONFERENCES (NIGHT)	Nikki LaSota x2921
		Todd Whalen x2922
NOV 10:	NO SCHOOL: STAFF PD	Secretaries
NOV: 16-18	BHS FALL PLAY	Robin Cordonnier x2901
NOVADA		Lee Gregory x2903
NOV 20-24:	FALL BREAK	Counseling Department
<b>DEC 6:</b>	HS/MS WINTER CHOIR CONCERT	Khris Scohy x2911
DEC 12:	HS WINTER BAND CONCERT	Andy Hartley x2912
DEC 12.	IIS WINTER DAND CONCERT	Debra Sanderman x2913
<b>DEC 15-20:</b>	HS SEMESTER EXAMS	Kiki Kramer (Reg) x2902
<b>DEC 21:</b>	WINTER BREAK BEGINS	Athletic Director
		Charlie O'Dell x2512
JAN 3:	SCHOOL RESUMES	Cindi Pettit (Sec.) x2904

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	
SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023	Oct 24, 2023	
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov 21, 2023	
Mar 9, 2024 (Digital)**	Feb 23, 2024	February 27, 2024	
May 4, 2024 (Digital)**	Apr 19, 2024	April 23, 2024	
June 1, 2024 (Digital)**	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024	

# **GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION**





