



# BMS GETS BACK TO BUSINESS

By Erica Golden

For the first time in three years, Bexley Schools are back after summer break and in full session with no restrictions! Because of this, school has changed drastically and so have the students along with it.

Eighth grade student Mabyn Evans said that, "There are definitely no masks, and there seems to be an increase of students participating in school sports as well as homework." She added, "I am so excited and can't wait because I will get to see Washington DC." It is, in fact, true that the DC trip will be returning for current and future eighth graders, and the students were very excited to

receive this news with nearly 78% of surveyed students looking forward to it.

Sixth grader, Kate, anticipated that school this year isn't too big of a step up from elementary school last year. "The workload is pretty similar," she said, "The only big change that I've noticed is that there is a longer walk to and from school."

With all the enthusiasm that this year began with, Aurora Summers, a seventh grader, think that , "this is great year to make new friends."

Many others agree with Aurora and think this is a promising start to the year! We are all very happy to be back in school, and we wish all of our peers an amazing 2022-23 school year.



# RHINEHART: A CAREER IN REVIEW

Written by Abby Sullivan-Kight

Rebecca Rhinehart is a talented, creative woman with a lot of character, and for a lot of Bexley students, a beloved director, mentor, and teacher. A successful director at Bexley Schools with over 200 different productions and the Ohio Theater Teacher of the Year in 2013, she is both well respected and well admired.

Rhinehart had a passion for theater at a very young age. Her mother did theater as a child, so involvement in the theater world was strongly encouraged if not pressured.

When asked what and when her first encounter with acting was, she replied “ My first experience in theater was playing baby Jesus at 3 months old, I had no lines although (laughs), I took it very seriously, I was method acting at 3 months!” First method acting at 3 months, What next?

It is evident Rhinehart enjoys her job, one faculty member said “Rebecca instills a love and passion for theater in all her students, which is evidenced by the many students who pursue theater as a career, continue theater as a hobby, or simply decide to come back to the community and take a leadership role in the Bexley Theater Arts program.”

When Rhinehart was asked why she loves the profession she has at Bexley she replied “ I love this program and the fact I get to work with students of all ages. I don't know anyone in the position I am in, it's incredible.”

Sometimes the expensive, extravagant things are



more fabulous, but not in this case. Rhinehart’s favorite memory of directing in Bexley was in her first year. The production of Titanic was being put on and Rhinehart was saving money to have an engineering company tilt the set so it looked as though the ship was sinking. It was going to cost about 5,000 dollars but the company raised the price to 50,000 dollars. With the show next week and no plan on how to sink the ship Rhinehart had to improvise. Dry ice was blown on to a scrim curtain with lights on it and as the curtain was moved it looked like the ship was sinking. Rhinehart was absolutely dumbfounded by this saying “ Coolest thing I have ever seen, I got chills. The audience was like “Whoa!’ It had been a horrible week of trying to figure stuff out.”

She went on saying “ I would love to see that moment over and over again, it was magical. Sometimes you don’t need all the stuff.” Rhinehart reflected on what we should learn from theater. “ Every show is a challenge, Keep challenging ourselves. Keep growing.”



# WEB SPINS WELCOMING SPACES

By Claire Watts and Penelope Sidel

WEB, or “Where Everybody Belongs”, is a program designed for sixth graders at Bexley Middle School that has been running since 2017. However, the WEB program hasn’t been all smooth sailing after the coronavirus hit and the program had to be completely renovated. Luckily, the program is back and better than ever.

The school counselors helped design the WEB program. Mrs Busold explains that WEB started in 2017, when sixth grade moved from the elementary school to the middle school. The school wanted to make the sixth graders feel more comfortable in this new environment, so the idea for a transition program was developed. This idea evolved into the WEB program.

For three years, the program went smoothly. However, when the coronavirus hit school hard in 2020, the counselors were left to completely renovate the program to fit the circumstances. All of the activities had to be simplified. Mrs. Busold, one of the school counselors who helped to continue to develop the

program, says, “Everyone tried their best but struggled a bit.”

Many current eighth graders don’t remember anything about WEB in sixth grade. Some current eighth graders, like Mabyn Evans, have negative memories of WEB. Mabyn says, “I didn’t have a good web leader because they never showed up and they didn’t understand the activities they were teaching.” Every eighth grader can agree that the WEB experience in 2020 was a mess.

Luckily, the WEB program is back to normal and some sixth graders think that this year’s program is going well. Emery is a current sixth grader and she says, “It’s fun, I like doing the different activities.” While there was some chaos in the first WEB event, sixth grade orientation, things have been more organized and coordinated.

Although the WEB program has had its ups and downs, the message behind WEB will always remain. Hopefully, in the future WEB will continue on and keep spreading the same message for incoming students at BMS.



# SUMMER OF 2022 IN REVIEW

By Harper Dresbach



## The Queen of England Celebrates Platinum Jubilee

Queen Elizabeth II commemorated her Platinum Jubilee, celebrating 70 years as queen of the UK. She was the first British Monarch to celebrate this historic occasion. Sadly, she passed away in on September, 22 at the age of 96.

## Bexley Celebrates Pride

Girl scout troop 1512 arranged a pride parade. After lots of hard work, the troop was able to have a fun and successful way to celebrate pride.



## Marvel Movies Take the Theaters by Storm

Theaters were packed with marvel fans this summer and with two blockbuster movies coming to the big screen: *Thor Love and Thunder* and *Doctor Strange Multi-verse of Madness*. Both of these movies had theaters packed with fans waiting for the next installment of Marvel Cinematic Universe.



## A Fashion Update

Over the summer American fashion underwent a major revamp with things such as Y2K coming into style. Some of the biggest fashion statements were colorful shoes, blazers, low rise pants, and mini skirts.



## The Supreme Court Overturned Roe V. Wade

On June 24, 2022 the supreme court voted 5 to 4 to overturn Roe v Wade, leaving decisions about abortion and contraceptive laws up to state government.