

# Mixed Reviews for School Wifi

By Jillian Savage

Wouldn't it be nice if you didn't run out of data just from playing Kahoot or Quizlet? Research? Anything that will help you education wise? Well, let's see how many students agree.

72 BMS students were surveyed to see if they've ever had trouble getting on school wifi. A whopping 75% said yes. That's over half of the sample who said that they have had trouble with Wi-Fi at school.

Eighth grader and Beacon staff member, Megan Cooper says that she does have trouble getting on school wifi. "It gets in the way," Cooper says. "It prevents me from using the internet." Cooper isn't the only one who's had an issue with getting on school wifi.

BMS Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Shankle, says that she also has issues with the school wifi. "I have had trouble getting on to the wifi on my personal device. I brought my laptop in over the summer to use it and was unable to connect. I try to avoid using the school wifi because I find that it doesn't work all of the time." Mrs. Shankle also explains the issue of students not being able to participate in activities due to the lack of wifi. "In the past, I have had students not be



able to participate in activities where they use their own personal device because the wifi isn't working, and they didn't want to use their data. This is the reason that we, as a foreign language department, wrote a grant for the iPads. We wanted to give our students equal access to tech-

nology." Mrs. Shankle doesn't think that having a wifi code for students would be a solution to the problem. "There is a wifi code for teachers and staff. I'm not sure if having a wifi code for the students would help. I have trouble using the staff wifi, I can't imagine that having a code for the students would make it any easier to access, but to be honest, I'm not completely sure how that works."

Mr. Vincent, 6th and 8th grade design teacher, said that the lack of wifi really doesn't bother his class.

"We don't use the wifi because we have 30 computers connected." He also says that the idea of a student wifi code will be a good idea. "I think that allowed multiple users would be great. If having a student wifi code would influence that, I am for it!"

Wifi in school has been a problem at Bexley. With all the advancements in technology, hopefully wifi will no longer be an issue for students and staff.



## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

By Sydnie Smith

The eighth-grade girls volleyball team came into the 2018 volleyball season with a goal to win the MSL Championship, which they fell just short of in the 2017 season. The seventh-grade girls had the same goal, but most of them had never played volleyball competitively before. What's their secret you ask? Hard work and motivation. It paid off big time with both teams being crowned MSL League Champions!

"They were so driven and motivated," Tess Tarpey, the 7th grade coach explained. "They always wanted to be there and wanted to work hard. They would get upset if practice was cancelled. They wanted to get better every day."

Gigi Lewis, an eighth-grade player, said, "You have to put all your effort in the game even if your down, it's kind of a sport that you can come back from." You think being the MSL champions would be enough, but these girls are looking for what they can do to improve on for their future middle school and high school careers. The common theme was that each girl on the team had was grit. Grit is the power to keeping going even when things are tough. For the both teams, facing Teays Valley in the championship was a tough three game slugfest. Each team had their highs and lows, but this is where the Bexley volleyball work ethic kicks in. Their work ethic is very notice-



able to all the fans that went to the volleyball games. "It was a very proud moment as a coach when we won. I was also ecstatic for all the girls," Shayla Jones, the 8th grade coach commented. Work begins for the next season, whether it be a middle school, high school, or even a club season. This season has built a foundation for the Bexley volleyball family and for upcoming volleyball players.

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Hello and welcome to the second installment of “Let’s Debate”! In this feature, we debate about controversial things in pop culture or around the school. Last weeks topic was Fortnite.

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# Phones at School

I have a love/hate relationship with phones. They are very useful, and I use mine relatively frequently (texting, maps, social media, etc.) however, I feel that they can have a negative impact on relationships. For example, when I am at a restaurant it seems like everyone is on their phone or some sort of device. If a family is at a table, it is not uncommon to see both parents on their phones and the kids on an iPad. Last year, I probably took a total of 20 phones. This year, so far, I have taken one. I have a phone and my favorite thing to do on it is to use social media (Instagram, Snapchat). - Mrs. Shankle

I think phones are useful if you need to text your parents that you are sick or you need to get picked up early, but generally, I don’t think they are a good idea because kids are glued to them all of the time, and they won’t do anything else.

—Annabel Long

I think phones are good because it is a way to communicate with people and connect and I think they’re bad because people really abuse them and get addicted like they would on TV or something. On my phone, I like to look at Youtube, take pictures, and text a lot with my friends. —Syd Smith

Phones are useful tools, but the addiction to the mobile phones is becoming a problem, both in school and in everyday life in general. When I need to look up an address to help find my way, or buying movie tickets in the parking lot to avoid the lines, I think about what a great thing technology is doing to help us. When I see people swerving on the highway, or families sitting at a table to eat but all are on their phones, then I think, wow, that’s taking away from life instead of enhancing it. —Mr. Jordon

I feel like they are really important to use and they are very useful and they can be used for good communication, but they can also be used for not so good things. I actually got my phone taken away just a few days ago when I was in the auditorium and I looked at my phone, which wasn’t even on, and it got taken away. I like using Instagram, chatting with my friends, and just watching videos. —Cassidy Schwartz

## Café Changes Keep Lunch Fresh

By Cassidy Schwartz

There have been many changes to our schedule over the last few years. We have seen new tables, walls, and decorations, but with all of that, some problems may rise.

This all started with the school district wanting to make positive changes to the cafeteria for safety and comfort, but do the students agree with these changes?

Some students like the new lunch time, and when asked if she thought it was effective, Jessica Host replied “Yeah, because you just get in line then sit down and eat.”

Other students have very different opinions about our lunch time. “No,” Maya Aframian responds to whether she thought the change was effective, “sometimes I eat, and then I’m really hungry in the afternoon because it’s too early.” While other students are more split about this schedule change. Is the schedule ever going to be perfect? N.K said “No... if we move it, we’ll still have problems.”

We all like sitting and eating next to friends, right? But when some students were asked about their opinions on the lunch tables, they had some things to say. “They’re awful, the seats are way too small and uncomfortable and I don’t really get a choice of who I sit next to if I’m not super early.” Maya A explained. “I think that they’re not very comfortable,” Jessica H says “and there’s a small amount of space.” While some students didn’t really have an opinion on the tables “I like them because they’re like...a circle.” N.K describes.

When asked what they thought our school could do to make our lunch better, they had this to say: “If the teachers weren’t so strict...some teachers yell at us. And if the salad bar didn’t keep changing..” Maya A explains. “To allow us access to the library, computer lab, at activity period because I’m doing homework and other things on the pavement,” N.K. says.

Most of these changes are for the better, and they’re here for the rest of the year. Maybe in the future, these problems will be fixed, and there will be more positives.

