

Fall 2017

BRISTOL

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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

We are ready for another great school year at Bristol High School. Student schedules can be picked up the week before school starts.

Please see Mrs. Rowles in the high school office. The High School Office will open August 1st. 7th Grade orientation will be August 15th at 5:00pm in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity for students going into 7th grade to meet the principal, guidance counselor, and high school secretary. Students will get a copy of their schedule and the student handbook and be able to tour the school. Parents will receive information regarding the transition from the elementary building to the high school building as well as information on vaccination requirements for 7th grade students. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

9th grade orientation will be August 15th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Students will receive information on course offerings, graduation requirements, college credit options, and opportunities available to students entering high school. Incoming freshmen and their parents are encouraged to attend this important informational meeting. Students will be able to meet with the school counselor, principal, secretary, and receive their schedule and handbook.

Students at Bristol High School have a variety of courses to choose from.

We currently offer a wide array of electives. Students can take music (instrumental and vocal), art, physical education, computer, business, two foreign languages, industrial technology, college credit classes, film studies, creative writing, and numerous academic offerings. Students have the opportunity to take college credit classes at any college in the area. All of our juniors take the ACT at the school. Our state testing is all done on computers. The technology offered at our small school is comparable to larger districts. Students are able to utilize three classroom computer labs and multiple mobile computer lab carts. Bristol students enjoy the intimacy of a small school with a family atmosphere without sacrificing the opportunities a larger school may claim to have. We truly feel we are the hidden gem of Trumbull County.

The first day of school is August 21st. This coming school year looks to be an exciting one.

Mrs. Dobson and the science club will be having a solar eclipse watch party on the 22nd of August so the year will start with the opportunity to witness a rare occurrence. Students will be off September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday and

the 13th of September for a teacher in service day. School pictures will be October 5th. Homecoming will be October 6/7 with our Homecoming game the 6th and the dance the 7th.

Our fall sports teams are already hard at work preparing for the start of the season. Cross country, volleyball, and both girls and boys soccer have been busy practicing this summer. Open gyms have also been in session for the girls and boys basketball teams. We would like to welcome Mr. Mollohan to his new role as athletic director. He has been busy this summer in that role. Mrs. Woodford will also step into a new role as assistant athletic director and supervise junior high school athletics.

The high school is fortunate to return all staff members from last year. No staff has been added over the summer. The teachers and faculty have worked hard this summer to plan for the 2017-18 school year. The custodial and maintenance staff has the school looking great and ready to welcome the classes of 2018 and beyond to a new and exciting year.

We are Panther Proud!

Timothy Fairfield, HS Principal

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ELEMENTARY NEWS



Hello,

I hope that all of you are enjoying the summer months and spending time together with your families. We had a great year at Bristol Elementary School last year and I am excited about starting the 2017-18 school year in just a few weeks!

We closed the 2016-17 school year with the administration of Ohio's State Tests for students in grades three to six. This was the first year that the elementary students took the test online and the students and staff did a great job with this transition. The sixth grade students traveled to Washington, D.C. and spent three days seeing many of the landmarks. They represented their school and communities well by exhibiting polite, respectful behavior throughout the trip. Students who achieved the honor roll, high honor roll, or had perfect attendance during the school year were recognized at our honors assembly at the end of the year.

Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:00 PM. We will be making some changes this year; we will not gather as a group in the high school gym as we have in the past. The teachers will be in their classrooms beginning at 6:00 PM to greet students and their families.

Mr. Stowell and the teachers from each grade level will meet with families in the library at the times listed below, please plan your open house visitation in a manner that allows you to attend the meeting for your grade level:

Kindergarten	6:00 PM
First Grade	6:15 PM
Second Grade	6:30 PM
Third Grade	6:45 PM
Fourth Grade	7:00 PM
Fifth Grade	7:15 PM
Sixth Grade	7:30 PM

We will be implementing a new reading program called *Wonders* this fall. It is aligned to the new learning standards and you will likely find the reading passages and homework activities to be more difficult than what you have seen come home in the past. Please understand that these standards are set by the state and it is our responsibility to do all that we can to ensure that the children are mastering them, this program supports our efforts to reach that goal. Mr. Stowell and the teachers will explain more about this and other small changes that are being made this year at the Open House meetings.

We will welcome a county preschool unit to our building this year taught by Mrs. Julie Wilcox. There are still a few openings, please call the elementary office at (330) 889-2700 if you are interested.

Bristol Local Schools will be changing our email system on July 22nd, 2017. Our staff email addresses will follow a firstname.lastname@bristol.k12.oh.us format. For example, my email address will change to ryan.stowell@bristol.k12.oh.us

Ready or not, back-to-school promotions will start soon! You can find the supply list on the elementary school website to be sure that you have everything that your children need to start the school year. We look forward to seeing all of you at Open House on August 16th and having a great year in 2017-18!

Educationally,

**Ryan Stowell, Principal
Bristol Elementary School**



ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday,
August 16th

Find your scheduled time(s)
in the chart to the left.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Christopher J. Dray, Superintendent, Bristol Local SD

We had various capital improvement projects going on during a busy 2016-2017 school year. In the high school, we replaced our failing steam conversion boilers with much smaller high efficiency hot water boilers. This move also allowed us to clear out a sizable amount of space once the old boilers were removed that we could use for additional storage. We also installed Bolo Stick devices in district classrooms as an extra measure of security in emergency situations.



We have numerous initiatives for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year as well. This summer, we replaced a section of the roof on the high school side. We will also be sealing the parking lots since it has been more than a few years since the last time. New cafeteria tables should be in place or on the way and they will more practical for cleaning and set up/tear down for events needing that space. We are also hoping to add more Chromebooks district wide in an effort to meet state testing requirements.



Finally, we are getting ever closer to the elementary bond issue being paid off in December of 2020. This equates to a millage of 1.85 on local property taxes.



Thanks to our local school community for letting us continue to serve the needs of our students!

Coffee
with the
BOARD



We are having Coffee with the Board on
Wednesday, August 16th from
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

This will be a great way to meet board members or ask them questions individually in an informal setting.

We hope you can make it!

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BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOL - 2017/2018 School Calendar

August 16, 2017	Wednesday	Teacher Inservice Day	February 16, 2018	Friday	NO SCHOOL
August 17, 2017	Thursday	Floating Teacher Inservice Day	February 19, 2018	Monday	Presidents' Day / NO SCHOOL
August 21, 2017	Monday	Students' First Day	February 20-23, 2018	Tues.-Fri.	Kindergarten Registration 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
September 4, 2017	Monday	Labor day / NO SCHOOL	March 20, 2018	Tuesday	End 3rd Nine weeks
September 13, 2017	Wednesday	Teacher Inservice/No School	March 23, 2018	Friday	Early Dismissal - HS 11:50 / Elem 12:30
October 12, 2017	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10 / Elem 1:50 Parent Conference - HS 2:00-8:30 / Elem 3:00-9:30	March 30 & April 2, 2018	Fri. & Mon.	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
October 13, 2017	Friday	NEOEA Day / No School	April 19 & 20, 2018	Thurs-Fri.	Kindergarten Screening
October 25, 2017	Wednesday	End 1st Nine weeks	May 21, 2018	Monday	Tentative Senior Last Day
October 27, 2017	Friday	Early Dismissal - HS 11:50 / Elem 12:30	May 24, 2018	Thursday	Last Day for Students Early Dismissal - HS 11:50 / Elem 12:30
November 22-24, 2017	Wed.-Fri.	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	May 25, 2018	Friday	Teacher Inservice - Last Day Graduation 7:00 PM
December 20 - January 2		NO SCHOOL Winter Break	May 28, 2018	Monday	Memorial Day
January 12, 2018	Friday	End 2nd Nine Weeks Early Dismissal - HS 11:50 / Elem 12:30	May 25 - June 1, 2018		Calamity Day Make Up - If needed
January 15, 2018	Monday	Martin Luther King Day / NO SCHOOL	June 4, 2018	Monday	Calamity Teacher Inservice - If needed
February 15, 2018	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10 / Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 2:00-8:30 Elem 3:00-9:30			

Adopted 3/8/17

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