



Fall 2023

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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

Welcome!

The 2023-2024 School Year is right around the corner and Bristol has quite a few things to be excited about!

It is exciting to start Year 2 as the High School Principal and I cannot say enough wonderful things about our staff and this community. I look forward to continuing to build on the great things we started last school year.

I have always believed that Bristol is an underappreciated gem of northeast Ohio because of its outstanding community and support for its students. The Bristol Junior High and High School staff is looking forward to another year of helping our students succeed in and out of the classroom. We hope to support our students and help them become productive members of our amazing Bristol community.

GO PANTHERS!

Mr. Daniel Collins
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Junior High and High School Principal

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS!



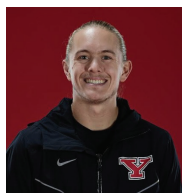
Tami Pleso retired and we wish her well on her upcoming adventure with grandchildren! Abigail Brazofsky will be our new choir and band teacher for Junior High and High School. She attended Malone University where she received the Malone Music Award as an outstanding student. She graduated from Bloomfield High School and is looking forward to joining our small town atmosphere!



In the middle of last year, we brought Katie Synnestvedt into Bristol as a long-term substitute for Physical Education and Health and she did an excellent job. We are excited to have her join us full time for the upcoming school year. She recently graduated from Kent State where she participated as a collegiate softball player.



Madelyn Wansack will join our staff as our new 7th/8th grade English teacher. She graduated from Kent State University with a minor in special education. She has spent time teaching English overseas in Italy and Honduras. We look forward to adding Madelyn's unique experiences to our English Department.



Mikel Lagaras will be our new Physical Science, Chemistry, and Physics teacher. He grew up in the area and is a graduate of Champion High School. He attended Youngstown State University and participated on their cross country and track teams. We look forward to adding Mikel to our science department.

UPCOMING DATES

We will hold the following meetings on August 17, 2023:

7th Grade Orientation - 5:00pm

9th Grade Orientation - 5:45pm

8th Grade Washington DC Trip Meeting - 6:30pm

I look forward to seeing all 7th and 9th grade students and parents at that meeting. If you are a new student to the district in grades 8-12 you may also attend the 9th grade meeting.

All meetings will be held in the cafeteria.



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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES CONT.

Flex Period

We wanted to add more flexibility and student choice in the schedule for next year. With this in mind, we have created a "FLEX" period that will be called "Panther Period". This will allow students to receive extra help if needed, attend school club meetings, participate in assemblies, etc. We are looking forward to this addition to the schedule.

College Credit Plus Math Courses

Starting this school year, we are adding college credit math courses for our students in the high school that are interested in taking math courses for college credit. This expands our opportunities for students looking to take college classes and help with the financial aspect of beginning their college journey.

New Class for Sophomores

We wanted to add more flexibility for our students to explore different career paths as they work through high school. A class to explore STEM opportunities will enable students to learn more about other options that are available to them as they make choices for high school and beyond.

New Class for Seniors

We are moving the Financial Literacy course to senior year for 2023-2024. We believe that is the best time to present valuable information to our students. We are going to pair this course with a new class called "Real World Ready". This course will be all about getting seniors prepared for life after high school. Community Service projects and life skills (basic sewing, basic tools, changing flat tire, checking car fluids, time management, employability skills, self care, CPR/AED, cursive, tie a tie, etc.) will be the focus for this class.

New Structure for 1-to-1 Chromebooks

We have had 1-to-1 Chromebook capability for our student body with chromebook carts available in every classroom. Starting this year, every student will have their own chromebook that they will be responsible for on a daily basis. This allows for students to take responsibility for their own chromebook and access at home as well.

Vape Detectors

We are installing vape detectors in bathrooms across the school and elementary school to help keep our students safe. We will continue to have presentations and assemblies this year to express the health concerns of vaping.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 21
WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM
FOR GRADES K-6

FIRST DAY
AUGUST 23
STUDENTS FIRST
DAY OF SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 4
LABOR DAY

Visit the school website for
updates on
school activities and
calendar events.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on their hard work and commitment throughout the past school year. It was a great year, as we had the opportunity to watch our students grow socially and academically.

I would also like to thank our teachers and staff who went above and beyond to ensure our students received the best possible education. Their dedication and passion for teaching made a significant impact on our students' lives.

I encourage our students to take some time to rest, recharge, and explore new experiences for the remainder of their summer. Whether it is reading a book, learning a new skill, or spending time with loved ones, I hope our students make the most of their time.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our students back in the coming weeks and continuing to provide them with a safe and positive learning environment.

Sincerely,
Nathan Kish, Principal

PTO NEWS

KONA ICE will be here for Open House on August 21st.

They will donate a portion of their profit back to the PTO. There will also be a fall apparel sale on our Facebook page and at the open house. You can follow the Bristol Elementary PTO Facebook page for announcements, upcoming meetings and events.



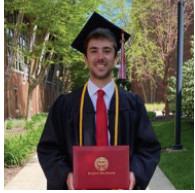
DISTRICT FINANCIAL NEWS

The district will be asking voters in the spring of 2024 to consider an emergency levy renewal for a period of five years to produce the annual amount of \$400,000.

This renewal is not new money. The funds generated by the emergency levy are used to cover operating costs of the district.

Thank you!

Meet Our New Teachers!



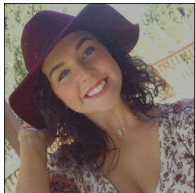
Hello, my name is Anthony Innocenzi and I will be teaching 6th grade ELA and social studies. I recently graduated from Youngstown State University with my bachelors degree in Middle Childhood Education. I completed both my pre-clinical and student teaching experience at Niles Middle School and have tutoring experience at Youngstown City Schools. Some of my hobbies include going on bike rides, golfing, and growing produce on our family farm in Kinsman, Ohio. I am looking forward to joining the Bristol community and am excited to meet the new faces in the sixth grade in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
Anthony Innocenzi



Hello, my name is Francesca Gomez and I am new to the Bristol staff. I joined the team in January of 2023 and had the pleasure of finishing off the year teaching kindergarten. This upcoming school year I will be teaching second grade. Before joining the Bristol staff, I attended Youngstown State University for four years to earn my degree. My degree is in Primary Education and Primary Special Education. I am beyond excited to continue my journey working with the Bristol community this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,
Francesca Gomez



Hello, my name is Sydney Powers! I graduated from Youngstown State University and obtained my degree in Primary Education and Primary Intervention. I joined Bristol staff back in March as a Learning Loss teacher. This upcoming school year, I will work as the 3rd and 4th grade Intervention Specialist. I have many things to share with our students and I cannot wait to watch them grow. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Sydney Powers

TEACHER NEWS

- Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Coulter have retired! Congratulations to both and we thank them for their years of service at Bristol!
- Mrs. Fick will be teaching Kindergarten. She also had her second child this spring! Congratulations!
- Mrs. Donatelli will be teaching 1st grade.
- Mrs. Gomez, formerly Miss Merkel, will be teaching 2nd grade. We would like to congratulate her on her recent marriage!
- We would like to welcome two new teachers. Miss Powers will be our 3rd and 4th grade Intervention Specialist. Mr. Innocenzi will be teaching 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies.

STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2022-2023 STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD

Hadley Quinn
Ellanor Duncan
Micah Miller
Davey Yoder
Joshua Schmucker
Joey McFalls
Aiden Steward
Jake Mansfield
Dylan Bosley
Gabiella Weaver
Ryder Soltis
Amy Schmucker
Kaitlyn Borkholder
Sophia Barnard
Elvesta Mast
Steven Mast
Jakobie Austin
Logan Baker
Chloe Staples
Annslee Quinn

ART AWARD

K-2: Autumn Groth
3-6: Kaylee Miller

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

K-2: Oakley Wires
3-6: Korie Kennedy

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

Aurora McDowell

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

K-2: Autumn Taylor
3-6: Samantha Crisp



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BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOL - 2023/2024 School Calendar

August 18th, 2023	Friday	Floating Teacher In-service Day	February 19, 2024	Monday	Presidents' Day / NO SCHOOL
August 21-22, 2023	Mon. & Tues.	Teacher In-service Days	February 20-23, 2024	Tues. - Fri.	Kindergarten Registration 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
August 23, 2023	Wednesday	Students' First Day	March 18, 2024	Monday	End 3rd Nine weeks
September 4, 2023	Monday	Labor day / NO SCHOOL	March 22, 2024	Friday	Teacher In-service Day / NO SCHOOL
October 12, 2023	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00	March 29 & Apr. 1, 2024	Fri. & Mon.	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
October 13, 2023	Friday	NEOE Day / NO SCHOOL	April 17-18, 2024	Wed. & Thurs.	Kindergarten Screening
October 25, 2023	Wednesday	End 1st Nine weeks	May 20, 2024	Monday	Tentative Senior Last Day
October 27, 2023	Friday	Teacher In-service Day/ NO SCHOOL	May 23, 2024	Thursday	End 4th Nine Weeks/ Last Day for Students
November 22-27, 2023		NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break			Early Dismissal - HS 11:50/Elem 12:30
December 21, 2023 - January 1, 2024		NO SCHOOL - Winter Break	May 24, 2024	Friday	Teacher In-service Day - Last Day
January 12, 2024	Friday	Teacher In-service Day/ NO SCHOOL			Graduation 7:00 PM
January 15, 2024	Monday	End 2nd Nine weeks	May 27, 2024	Monday	Memorial Day
February 15, 2024	Thursday	Martin Luther King Day / NO SCHOOL	May 24-31, 2024		Calamity Day Make Up - If needed
		Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50	June 3, 2024	Thursday	Calamity Teacher In-service - If needed
		Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00			
February 16, 2024	Friday	NO SCHOOL			

Adopted 2/8/23

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