

Fall 2024



BRISTOL

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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

Welcome!

The 2024-2025 school year is underway and I look forward to the progress, engagement, and learning that will happen this year at Bristol Junior High and High School!

I am very thankful for our dedicated staff throughout the district. Everyone is a part of the process for our students to learn and grow. It is important for our students to appreciate the time and effort that is put into creating an environment for productive learning and building a foundation for success.

I have always believed that Bristol is an underappreciated gem of Northeast Ohio because of its outstanding community and support for its students. I am excited for another year of getting to work with the Bristol community. Our staff works very diligently to create an environment of learning skills 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

Staff Changes

Jen Armour will move out of the classroom and will become our new Special Education Supervisor for the district. We know she will continue to excel in giving our students what they need to accomplish their goals and help them succeed!

Caitlin Shannon will be joining our staff as an Intervention Specialist this year. She will also be our new head coach for High School volleyball.



Dear Bristol Local School District,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Intervention Specialist joining your district. My role will be to support and empower students who need additional assistance to achieve their academic goals. I am eager to collaborate with educators, families, and students to develop personalized strategies that foster success and growth. Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to working with you all and making a meaningful impact in our school community.

Best regards,
Caitlin Shannon

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 20	Picture Day	Jan. 17	No School for Students
Sept. 28	Homecoming	Jan. 20	No School
Oct. 10	Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm / Parent-Teacher Conferences	Feb. 13	Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm / Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 11	No School	Feb. 14	No School
Oct. 25	No School for Students	Feb. 17	No School
Nov. 5	No School for Students	March 21	No School for Students
Nov. 27-29, Dec. 2	Thanksgiving Break (No School)	April 11	Prom
Dec. 23-31, Jan. 1-3	Christmas Break (No School)	April 18-21	Spring Break (No School)



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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES CONT.

House Bill 250 –

Cellphone Use in School

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 250. The new law will require every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cellphone usage during school hours and seeks to minimize student use of cell phones in K-12 schools.

Due to House Bill 250 and wanting to create an appropriate school environment, Bristol will implement a specific policy regarding cellphone usage during school hours.

Students are not permitted to use their cellphone during school hours without staff permission. Staff will only give permission for students to use their cellphone for education purposes. If a student uses a cellphone without staff permission, they are subject to disciplinary action outlined in this handbook. "During school hours" includes classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, locker rooms, and the cafeteria between the hours of 7:15am – 2:26pm.

If a student needs to contact a parent, they need to come to the high school office and communicate from that location using a school phone.

College Credit Program Transition

We have transitioned to using Youngstown State University as a liaison for in-school college credit courses. Mr. Nowery will continue to lead the way in offering college credit courses in-person at Bristol High School. We will continue to hold information meetings throughout the school year for students interested in earning college credits during their Junior and Senior years of high school.

Vape Detectors

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome back to a new school year! We are excited to have your children with us again and are looking forward to a year full of learning and growth.

Our goal is to help your children succeed in their studies and in life. We are here to support them and you in every way we can. If you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make this year a great one for your child. Thank you for your trust in us.

With Gratitude,

Nathan Kish
Principal



PTO NEWS

PTO will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair again this school year. The book fair will be held on October 7th-10th. On October 10th, the book fair will be open to the public during parent/ teacher conferences until 7:00 pm. You can follow the Bristol Elementary PTO Facebook page for announcements, upcoming meetings and events.



ELEMENTARY

STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023-2024 STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD

Micah Miller
Jayden Schmucker
Kaya Weaver
Bethany Detweiler
Levi Austin
Rex King
Mahala Miller
Melissa Detweiler
Sophia Steward
Titus Austin
Louise Lyon
Kaitlyn Borkholder
Steven Mast
Isabella Vernucci
Luke Armour
Wesley Armour
Melissa Miller
Jazlyn Welz
Rosie Fortney
Luke Zajac

ART AWARD

K-2: Luke Collins
3-6: Andrew Parmalee

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

K-2: Oakley Wires
3-6: Jakobie Austin

KINDNESS AWARD

Gracie Clisby

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

K-2: Alexa Bilas
3-6: Jakobie Austin

MEET OUR NEW TEACHER

Hello, my name is Ashlyn Riggs and I am new to the Bristol staff. I am joining the team this year as I will be teaching Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. I graduated from Kent State University May of 2024 with my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. In my free time I like to read, golf, and hangout with my goldendoodle. I am so excited to start this new journey working with the Bristol community and cannot wait to meet my kiddos!



TEACHER NEWS

- Miss Riggs will be teaching Kindergarten. We have added a third Kindergarten teacher this year. We would like to welcome her to Bristol Elementary.
- Mrs. Andrella welcomed her second child, a daughter, in the spring.
- Mrs. Cox welcomed her first child, a son, this summer.
- Mrs. Makris welcomed her first child, a daughter, in the winter.
- Mrs. Tammy Church will be filling in as a Title I teacher as Mrs. Makris spends time with her daughter.



IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 10

NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 11
NEOE DAY

NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25
TEACHER INSERVICE

DISTRICT FINANCIAL NEWS

The Board has voted to approve placement of an emergency levy renewal on the November 5, 2024 ballot for the public's consideration in the fall of 2024. If approved, the proposed emergency levy renewal would be for a period of five years to produce the annual amount of \$400,000, which would result in a continuation of the current operating levy. This means that, if approved, the emergency levy renewal would result in continuation of existing taxes being collected under the current operating levy for an additional five-year term, rather than additional tax being applied in addition to what is being collected under the current operating levy. If approved, funds generated by the emergency levy renewal would be used to cover operating costs of the district.

The information being provided is merely factual, district personnel are not allowed to advocate for or against the passage of the levy or bond issue during times they are being compensated by the district.



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BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOL - 2024/2025 School Calendar

August 16th, 2024	Friday	Floating Teacher Inservice Day	February 14, 2025	Friday	NO SCHOOL
August 19-20, 2024	Mon. & Tues.	Teacher Inservice Days	February 17, 2025	Monday	Presidents' Day / NO SCHOOL
August 21, 2024	Wednesday	Students' First Day	February 18-21, 2025	Tues. - Fri.	Kindergarten Registration 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
September 2, 2024	Monday	Labor day / NO SCHOOL	March 19, 2025	Wednesday	End 3rd Nine weeks
October 10, 2024	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00	March 21, 2025	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL
October 11, 2024	Friday	NEOE Day / NO SCHOOL	April 16-17, 2025	Wed. & Thurs.	Kindergarten Screening
October 23, 2024	Wednesday	End 1st Nine weeks	April 18-21, 2025	Fri. & Mon.	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
October 25, 2024	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL	May 21, 2025	Wednesday	Tentative Senior Last Day
November 5, 2024	Tuesday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL	May 24, 2025	Saturday	Graduation 7:00 PM
November 27, 2024 - December 2, 2024		NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	May 26, 2025	Monday	Memorial Day
December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025		NO SCHOOL Winter Break	May 27, 2025	Tuesday	End 4th Nine Weeks/ Last Day for Students
January 14, 2025	Tuesday	End 2nd Nine Weeks	May 28, 2025	Wednesday	Teacher Inservice - Last Day
January 17, 2025	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL	May 28, 2025 - June 3, 2025		Calamity Day Make Up - If needed
January 20, 2025	Monday	Martin Luther King Day / NO SCHOOL	June 4, 2025	Monday	Calamity Teacher Inservice - If needed
February 13, 2025	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00			

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