Fall 2026

BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOLS...

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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

With 2026-2027 underway, we are thrilled to team up with our community once again to make this a fantastic year for Bristol students!

Stepping into a new academic year always brings a deep sense of gratitude and enthusiasm. Our staff member's commitment and passion for teaching drives everything we accomplish. To our parents and guardians: your active partnership and support are crucial to your children's growth, and we are eager to continue working alongside you. And to our wonderful community: your ongoing involvement and encouragement strengthen our school in so many ways. Working together, there is no doubt we will make this an extraordinary year for everyone.

I've long felt that Bristol is one of northeast Ohio's best-kept secrets, largely thanks to the incredible people who stand behind our schools. The staff at Bristol Junior High and High School can't wait to guide our students toward success both inside the classroom and beyond, empowering them to become active, contributing members of this exceptional community.

GO PANTHERS!

Mr. Daniel Collins
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Junior High and High School Principal

New Staff

"Hello, everyone! My name is Sydney Grishaber. I will be teaching 7th and 8th grade English language arts! I just recently graduated from Kent State University in May of 2026, and I am so excited to start my journey here at Bristol! In my free time, I love taking care of my chickens, cooking, and spending time outside! I can't wait to get started and meet everyone, thank you so much for accepting me with open arms!"

Parking Passes

The Bristol Township and Bristol Local Schools have worked together to create a partnership for our student drivers. The township is paying for any Bristol Student Drivers, which will cover the $10 fee for students to park their vehicles in the Bristol School parking lot. The parking lot over by the town hall will no longer be able to be used for student parking and students that violate this could be towed. All student drivers are expected to park in the Bristol School parking lot for safety purposes and easy access to busing. This includes Bristol students attending TCTC and those riding the bus from Bristol to TCTC.

Career Based Intervention

We will begin our second year of offering Career-Based Intervention otherwise known as CBI. Our first year got off to an awesome start and has created a lot of momentum for us to build upon. The program is designed to help students improve academic competency, develop professional skills, and implement a career plan that will serve them on the path to graduation and beyond. The goal of the program is to help students make an educated decision on their future, provide resources, and a pathway of development in preparation for post-graduation. During a student's senior year, they will participate in specific classes during the morning to complete Ohio graduation requirements. Then they will go to a job during the second part of the day. This will give students a real opportunity to enter the workforce, intern, and job shadow during their senior year. They will really get the feel for a career path they may be interested in and/or build up a strong foundation they can build a resume from. We look forward to continuing to help our students prepare for life after high school.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES CONT.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 8	Early Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences	**Feb 11**	Early Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 21	End of 1st Nine Weeks	**March 17**	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
Oct 23	No School for Students	**March 19**	No School for Students
Nov 25-30	Thanksgiving Break	**March 26-29**	Spring Break
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break	**April 30**	Prom
Jan 12	End of 2nd Nine Weeks	**May 21**	Last Student Day
Jan 15	No School for Students	**May 22**	Graduation

DISTRICT FINANCIAL NEWS

We've had a busy summer at Bristol Local Schools! Thanks to careful financial planning and continued investment in our facilities, we completed several projects designed to improve safety, security, technology, and the overall learning environment for our students and staff. Some of these improvements include:

- **Completed a district-wide security camera upgrade,** adding new interior and exterior cameras throughout the building and campus. This project was funded through a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.
- **Upgraded camera systems on our school buses,** improving safety both inside and outside each bus. This project was funded through an Ohio School Bus Safety Grant and district capital funds.
- **Installed a new district-wide Wi-Fi network,** funded through federal E-Rate dollars and district capital funds.
- **Completed an HVAC controls upgrade** throughout the high school, including installation of new temperature control systems. This project was funded with district capital funds.
- We're pleased to announce that our new **72-passenger school bus** is now in service and transporting Bristol students safely each day.

These investments reflect the District's continued commitment to responsibly managing taxpayer dollars while providing a safe, modern learning environment for our students.

As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, we're pleased to continue providing FREE breakfast and lunch to every Bristol student each school day. Ensuring students have access to nutritious meals helps support learning and removes one more financial burden from our families.

We look forward to another successful year and appreciate the continued support of our community. In our Spring 2027 Newsletter, we'll provide an update on Ohio's property tax reform legislation and any known financial impacts on Bristol Local Schools. At this time, the final impact to our district remains unknown.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Bristolville and Farmington Community,

Welcome back, families! I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing summer and is ready for another great year together. Our halls are once again filled with smiling faces, lively conversations, and lots of energy—and it's great to have everyone back!

We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growing, making new friends, and plenty of fun along the way. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We're excited for all that this new year will bring!

Here's to a fantastic school year! We're so glad you're here!

With Gratitude,

Nathan Kish
Principal, Bristol Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 8

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 9
NEOEA DAY

NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 23
TEACHER INSERVICE

RY NEWS

MEET OUR NEW TEACHER

My name is Brooke Rasmussen. This is my fourth year as an Intervention Specialist! I am coming from my first few years at Lakeview. I am excited to start here at Bristol and move to the area (North Bloomfield). Outside of school, my husband and I enjoy renovating homes into rental properties, taking ATV rides, and spending time with our families.

Brooke Rasmussen

THANK YOU, MRS. MENDIK

After 32 years of service to our school and community, we are excited to celebrate Mrs. Mendik as she begins a well-deserved retirement!

For more than three decades, she has made a lasting impact on students, families, and staff members. Her kindness, dedication, and commitment to our students have helped make our school a special place.

While we will miss seeing her in the hallways, we are excited for her and all the fun that retirement will bring! Thank you for 32 amazing years, Mrs. Mendik! We wish you all the best in this next chapter. You will definitely be missed!

TEACHER NEWS

- ***Mrs. Novicki (Riggs)*** will be teaching 1st grade this year, rather than kindergarten.
- ***Mrs. Donatelli*** will be a Title 1 teacher this year, rather than teaching 1st grade.
- ***Mrs. Tammy Church*** will be our Reading Coach.
- ***Mrs. Rasmussen*** will be our new Intervention Specialist.

BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS

Dylan Bosley, Ella King, Abigail Adams, Isabell Bailey

Pictured Left to Right

Students pictured with Mary Ann Raidel and Kathy Seeman of the Bristol Township Historical Society.

STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025-2026 STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD

Holly Titus
Erma Detweiler
Dalton Perkins
Rosie Fortney
Brianna DeVol
Alayna Allen
Cole Bilas
Michael Bellar
Avery Campbell
Aubrey Maraczi
Emma LeJeune
Charlotte Knodel
Ellanor Duncan
Lawrence Smith
Matthew Moore
Levi Austin
Sophia Lexso
Logan Bates
Makenna Christlieb
Alexa Peterson

ART AWARD

K-2: Zyli Wilson
3-6: Cora Fisher
Best of Show: Lonnie Bontrager

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

K-2: Lonnie Bontrager
3-6: Kolbie Timko

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Kyle Caldwell
K-2: Natalie Williams
3-6: Storm Turner

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BRISTOL LOCAL SCHOOL - 2026/2027 School Calendar

August 14th, 2026	Friday	Floating Teacher Inservice Day
August 17-18, 2026	Mon. & Tues.	Teacher Inservice Days
August 19, 2026	Wednesday	Students' First Day
September 7, 2026	Monday	Labor day / NO SCHOOL
October 8, 2026	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00
October 9, 2026	Friday	NEOEA Day / NO SCHOOL
October 21, 2026	Wednesday	End 1st Nine weeks
October 23, 2026	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL
November 25-30, 2026		NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027		NO SCHOOL Winter Break
January 12, 2027	Tuesday	End 2nd Nine Weeks
January 15, 2027	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL
January 18, 2027	Monday	Martin Luther King Day / NO SCHOOL
February 11, 2027	Thursday	Early Dismissal - HS 1:10/Elem 1:50 Parent Conferences - HS 1:30-8:00 Elem 2:30-9:00
February 12, 2026	Friday	NO SCHOOL
February 15, 2027	Monday	Presidents' Day / NO SCHOOL
February 16-19, 2027	Tues. - Fri.	Kindergarten Registration 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
March 17, 2027	Wednesday	End 3rd Nine weeks
March 19, 2027	Friday	Teacher Inservice / NO SCHOOL
March 26-29, 2027	Fri. & Mon.	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
May 19, 2027	Wednesday	Tentative Senior Last Day
May 21, 2027	Friday	End 4th Nine Weeks/ Last Day for Students
May 22, 2027	Saturday	Graduation 7:00 PM
May 24, 2027	Monday	Teacher Inservice
May 25, 2027	Tuesday	Teacher Inservice - Last Day
May 25, 2027 - June 1, 2027		Calamity Day Make Up - If needed

Adopted 2/11/2026

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