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Bethel Local Schools Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School!



We are excitedly making final preparations for the 2025-2026 School Year! We hope you have had a restful, eventful, and enjoyable summer break! As we begin the 2025-2026 school year, we are filled with excitement for all of the experiences and achievements our students will have, and we cannot wait to watch them learn and grow. Each year brings a new set of opportunities for us to create new connections, find new interests, and take new paths when presented!

We here at the Bethel Local School District are lucky to have a growing community, a dedicated staff, and motivated students. From the classroom to extracurricular activities, our students are not only actively participating, but excelling. This greatness is only furthered by the support they receive from our amazing teachers and staff, our active families, and our ever growing community. Soon we will all be together sharing another year full of learning and fun, especially at Friday night football games, where the full breath of the Bethel Community can be seen!

This new school year brings a host of exciting changes here at Bethel Local Schools! However, despite these changes, the heart of Bethel stays the same with great students, a spectacular staff, and an amazing community. Make sure to keep an eye out for more information about start times and other building information at the August Board of Education Meeting and on our website. Until then, have a great rest of your summer and Go Bees!

BETHEL ELEMENTARY

Dear Bethel Families,

I hope this letter finds you soaking up the last sweet days of summer and feeling refreshed for a brand-new school year! We are filled with excitement and anticipation for the wonderful year ahead at Bethel Elementary.

Our growing school is more than just a building—it's a community built on connection, care, and commitment to every child's success. This fall, we're eager to welcome back our returning families and give a warm greeting to those joining us for the first time. Whether your child is stepping into Kindergarten for the very first time, or heading into their final elementary year, we are ready to make this a joyful, meaningful experience for all.

This year brings new opportunities for learning, friendships, and growth. You can look forward to engaging classroom activities, school-wide events, and traditions that make our school special. We are proud to work alongside you to support your child's academic, emotional, and social development.

Let's work together to make this school year the best one yet. Here's to fresh starts, new goals, and the promise of an exciting and productive year ahead! We look forward to seeing you all at Open House on August 20th.

With enthusiasm,

Mrs. Tanya Hogan (K-1 Principal, K-4 Literacy Coordinator)
Mrs. Carrie Jones (2-4 Principal)



Tanya Hogan
Principal
(Grades K-1)



Carrie Ann Jones
Principal
(Grades 2-4)

Back-to-School Info

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School Supply List

To find the full school supply list, please visit the link below or scan the QR Code:
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BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I'm excited to welcome you to our 5th and 6th grade community. This is a special time in a student's journey, full of curiosity, growth, and new opportunities. We're committed to supporting every child through this important transition.

Our dedicated staff is ready to provide a learning environment that is engaging, safe, and student-centered. We value strong partnerships with families and believe open communication and collaboration are key to student success. I look forward to a fantastic school year as we work together to help our students thrive! Go Bees!

Sincerely,
Josh Sowder (BMS 5th/6th Grade Principal)



Joshua Sowder
Principal
(Grades 5-6)

As we stand on the brink of a brand new school year, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to each and every one of you! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with adventure and relaxation. It is with great excitement that I greet you, ready to embark on another fantastic journey of learning and growth together. This year promises to be filled with new opportunities, inspiring challenges, and unforgettable memories.

We have been hard at work over the summer, preparing our curriculum and enhancing our programs to ensure every student has the tools they needed to succeed. Our dedicated educators are enthusiastic about implementing innovative teaching methods and engaging activities that will inspire our students to reach their full potentials. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I want you to know Bethel Middle School is here to support you every step of the way. Together, we will foster an environment where curiosity thrives and every voice is valued.

As we kick off this academic year, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration and respect that makes our school so special. I would like to invite you to our Open House on Thursday, August 21st, from 5pm-7pm. This will be a great way for students and families to pick up their student's class schedule for the year, introduce themselves to their teachers, and become familiar with the building. Let's make this year not just about academic achievement, but also about building lasting relationships and creating memories that will stay with us long after the school year ends.

Here's to a year filled with discovery, growth, and success—welcome back!

Together we SWARM,
Brent D. Fugate (BMS 7th/8th Grade Principal)



Brent Fugate
Principal
(Grades 7-8)

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BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

We are looking forward to another great year at Bethel High School! We have added some new course offerings, a couple of new staff members, and are excited to get the 2025-2026 school year started! We would like to welcome Mr. Dylan Walker to the high school as our assistant principal. He comes to the high school after serving as the Bethel elementary school assistant principal last year. Mr. Walker will be entering his 4th year in an administrative role after being a classroom teacher for 14 years. Our goals at BHS continue to be 1) having a safe learning environment where students exercise respect and responsibility and 2) students learning the skills to prepare them for life after high school. We are looking forward to a year of learning, exciting events, and memorable times. Students, we will see you on Tuesday, August 26 for the first day of school!



Barrett Swope
Principal



Dylan Walker
Assistant Principal

Sincerely,
Barrett Swope

Important Dates

- **August 6th:** Schedules Available Online
- **August 7th:** Schedule Changes Form Made Available
- **August 11th:** MVCTC Juniors' First Day
- **August 12th:** MVCTC Seniors' First Day
- **August 12th & 13th:** Schedule Changes* 9:00am - 2:00pm
- **August 14th:** Freshman Orientation 1:00pm
- **August 21st:** Open House** 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- **August 26th:** First Day of School

**Appointment Only*
***Physical Compies of Schedules can be picked up during Open House*

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Music Department

BMS Presents *Once Upon a Mattress*

Bethel Middle School is proud to present *Once Upon a Mattress* this November 14th through 16th in Bethel Hall! Be on the look out for ticket information this fall, and please see the Audition packet available through the following link, or scan the QR Code to the right:

https://bit.ly/BMS_MattressAuditions

Pride of Bethel Marching Band

We are so excited for our 2025 marching band season. The band has been working hard over the summer with this season's show: Man In The Mirror. In addition to all football games, you can see us at various OMEA Marching Band Contests and parades. Hope to see you there!

- **Sep. 6th:** OMEA Troy High School
- **Sep. 20th:** OMEA Grove City High School
- **Sep. 27th:** Mum Festival Parade
- **Oct. 7th:** Bradford Pumpkin Festival
- **Oct. 11th:** OMEA Piqua High School
- **Oct. 18th:** OMEA Tecumseh High School

2026 Choir Disney Trip

The Bethel High School Choir will be returning to Walt Disney World in December 2026! If your student is interested or planning on attending the trip, please be sure to attend the parent meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30pm in Bethel Hall.

Department Changes!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Catherine Tayse to the Music Department as our new Middle School Music and Choir Teacher! Mrs. Tayse will be the Music Teacher for 5th through 8th Grade and Choir Director for 5th and 6th Grade. She will also be the Co-Director for the 7th and 8th Grade Choir with Ms. Wolford. In addition to this change, we also have Mrs. Rust taking over as the Middle School and High School Band Director, while Mr. Spears will be heading up the Music Classes and programs at the Elementary School!


Mrs. Rust


Mr. Spears


Mrs. Tayse


Ms. Wolford

Music Booster Mattress Sale

The Music Boosters are having a Mattress Sale Fundraiser this Fall on Sunday, September 21st! They are kicking off the Sale with an important informational meeting on September 4th at 7pm in Bethel Hall. Everyone is invited to attend!

Performance Dates

- **Oct. 12th:** Choirpalooza
- **Nov. 14th-16th:** Once Upon a Mattress
- **Dec. 12th-13th:** Broadway Showcase
- **Dec. 14th:** MS/HS Christmas Concert
- **Mar. 15th:** Dessert Concert Spectacular
- **Apr. 17th-19th:** High School Musical
- **May 6th-7th:** HS Solo and Ensemble
- **May 17th:** MS/HS Spring Concert and Music Department Awards

Athletic Department

HomeTown Tickets

Bethel Local Schools will be continuing our use of the HomeTown Fan App for our Athletic Passes for the 2025-2026 School Year!

Passes will only be sold online and will be digital. For more information on our Athletic Passes, please scan the QR code or visit: **https://bit.ly/BLS_AthleticPass25**

Fall Athletics Schedule

To find the most up-to-date calendar of Fall athletic events happening here at the hive and away, please visit our athletics website!

The calendar can be found through the QR Code or this link: **https://bit.ly/BLS_AthleticEvents25**

The Clinic's Back-to-School Reminders

The immunization requirements for Kindergarten through 12th grade are available on the Back-to-School page of our website. Care plans for Asthma, Seizures, and Diabetes, in addition to the medication authorization form, are also available for parents on our Back-to-School page through this link or the QR Code: **https://bit.ly/BLS_BackToSchool**

PLEASE UPDATE medications and medical history, including allergies, in Final Forms. We use this information to keep your child safe!

BusRight

The Bethel Local School District will be utilizing the BusRight platform to create, update, and distribute our bus route information this year. Later this summer, parents will be invited via email to download and create an account for the BusRight app. Please be on the lookout for this invite starting in early August!

For more information, please visit the 'Back to School Page' at **https://bit.ly/BLS_BackToSchool** or by scanning the QR Code!

Rooms in the Bethel App

The BLS app has a new feature called rooms, in which parents will be able to receive classroom updates for each of their students' classes! Parents will also be able to message teachers inside of the Bethel App!

Just download or update the app and the 'Classrooms' icon will be located in the bottom right or the screen. Once clicking the 'Classrooms' icon, you will be prompted to log in. Parents can login using the phone number they used when registering their student(s) in Finalforms and students can login using their Google Single Sign-on.

For more information, please visit our 'Rooms Support' page at **https://bit.ly/BLS_Rooms** or by scanning the QR Code!

2025-26 School Year Calendar Highlights

First Days of School

- 2-12: Aug 26
- K-1: Aug 26-28

Last Day of School

- May 28

Make Plans for School Breaks!

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 26-28

Winter Break

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

Spring Break

Mar. 30 - Apr. 3

End of Each Quarter

- Oct 16
- Dec 18
- Mar 19
- May 28

Graduation

May 24 at Hobart Arena

Other Scheduled Closings

- Sep. 1 - Labor Day
- Oct. 17 - Teacher ISD
- Dec. 19 - Teacher WD
- Jan. 5 - Teacher ISD
- Jan. 19 - MLK Jr. Day
- Feb. 13 - Teacher Comp Day
- Mar. 20 - No School
- Apr. 27 - Teacher ISD
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- May 29 - Teacher WD

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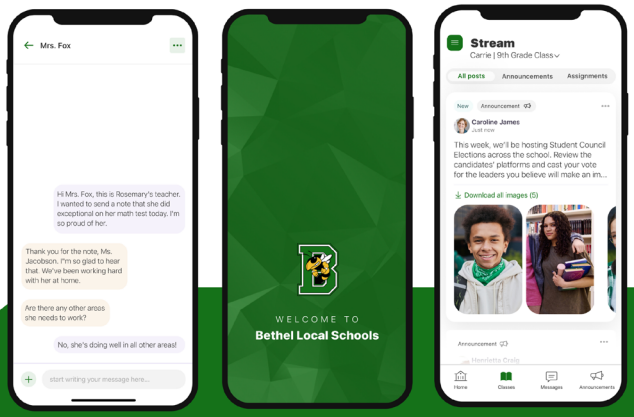
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