# Inside the Hive

## Bethel Local Schools Newsletter

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## A Message from Bethel Local Schools

Happy Holidays from Bethel Local Schools! This season of the year is a great time to reflect on all of the things we have to be grateful for, and here at Bethel Local Schools there is an abundance to appreciate. Firstly, we'd like to thank our students for being dedicated to learning, not only in the classroom, but also in their extracurricular duties! Our students continue to go above and beyond academically, creatively, and athletically. These students would not have the abundance of discipline, dedication, and drive if not for their parents, guardians, and families, who continue to lift them up throughout their time here at the Hive.

In addition to our wonderful students and families, we here at BLS are incredibly lucky to have the best and brightest teachers, administrators, and staff members! Our staff work every day to provide our students with the best possible education. It is important that all aspects of the school from the curriculum to the facilities are used and maintained to their best potential, and the staff at BLS uses every possible resource in our goal to *'Educate with Excellence.'*

The final group we are thankful for this holiday season is our amazing community! The support from the Bethel community reminds our students the importance of their actions and activities, and helps uplift the staff in their educational goals.

We here at Bethel local Schools are so grateful to everyone of our students, staff members, and community members. Have a great Christmas, a great holiday season, and a great new year, and we will see you back here in January as we continue to build the #BethelLegacy.



# BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year! Our students and staff have had a wonderful first semester filled with learning, growth, friendships, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your support in making our K-4 building a positive and joyful place for children to learn each day.

**Celebrating Positive Behaviors - PBIS Rewards**
We continue to be proud of our students for demonstrating respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn. This year, we've enjoyed two exciting PBIS schoolwide rewards so far:

- **1st Quarter:** *Recess at the stadium* - a fun outdoor celebration students earned through positive choices and school-wide expectations. Our PTO contributed in purchasing some new equipment for recess so students had a variety of activities to choose from.
- **2nd Quarter:** *Holiday Sing-A-Long* - a festive gathering where students and staff joined together in music, cheer, and fun! Teachers and staff were invited to hop on stage and share their talent as students sang along.

We look forward to more opportunities to recognize and celebrate positive behavior in the months ahead.

**Learning Beyond the Classroom – Field Trips**
Students from several grade levels had opportunities to connect learning with the real world through enriching field trips:

- **Learning Tree Farm** – Students were able to learn about Ohio pioneers and their way of life by making soap, tasting various spices and vegetables, holding hens and seeing fresh eggs!
- **Caesar's Creek** – Students had the opportunity to learn about and search for fossils common in Ohio. Despite the cold, wet weather, students had a great time!
- **Carillon Park** – Students learned about local history, innovation, and community heritage, aligning well with our Wit and Wisdom curriculum.
- **Great Life Farm Pumpkin Patch** - Our kindergarteners were able to pick a pumpkin and take pictures, in this mobile pumpkin patch
- **Victoria Theater** - Bethel First Grade visited the Victoria Theatre to see the production of *The Singing Zoologist* to connect our Wit and Wisdom curriculum to the theatre, made possible by the Tipp City Foundation.
- **Kindergarten and High School Band Collaboration** - After finishing the Wit & Wisdom unit on the 5 senses, including a book called "Rap A Tap Tap" which focused on sound, music and dance, Kindergarteners were treated to a performance hands on exploration of different instruments by the high school band.










**Looking Ahead**
As we move into the second half of the year, we remain committed to providing excellent instruction to support students of all abilities, nurturing social-emotional development, and supporting students' confidence and independence. Thank you for your ongoing involvement, whether through communication, encouragement at home, volunteering, or simply staying engaged with school happenings. Together, we make a powerful difference.

# BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL 5TH-6TH

As we look ahead to the winter season, Bethel Middle School 5/6 is taking time to reflect on the year so far. Our inaugural year has been marked by a strong, positive start filled with memorable experiences and meaningful learning opportunities. From hands-on science experiments and engaging math and ELA lessons to choir concerts, Scene75 trips, the middle school musical, and the excitement of Camp Kern, our students and staff have embraced every moment.

These experiences have helped establish a supportive and energetic school culture that continues to grow each day. Students have demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience, while our staff has remained dedicated to providing high-quality instruction and fostering a welcoming environment. Together, these efforts have set a strong foundation for ongoing success.



As we enter the second half of the year, we are eager for the opportunities ahead. Our students will continue to develop academically, socially, and emotionally through purposeful engagement and consistent hard work. We look forward to building on the momentum of the first semester and are excited for everything the remainder of the year has to offer. Go Bees!

# BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH-8TH

What a wonderful first half of the school year it has been for our 7th and 8th grade students! As we reflect on the past few months, we're filled with pride at the incredible accomplishments, growth, and community spirit our students have demonstrated. Our middle schoolers have truly shone, from academic achievements to creative performances and community service.

One of the semester's highlights was our eighth grade class trip to Washington, D.C., where students were able to explore our nation's capital and visit iconic monuments and museums. This trip brought their history lessons to life as they witnessed firsthand the workings of our government and the rich tapestry of American history, sparking meaningful discussions and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Our drama department brought down the house with their spectacular production of *Once Upon a Mattress*! The talented cast and crew delivered performances filled with energy, humor, and heart. We're incredibly proud of everyone involved in making this production such a delightful success, and we're grateful to all the families who came out to support our young performers.



We're also thrilled to report that our food drive has been a tremendous success! Our students have embraced the spirit of giving, working together to collect donations for families in need. Their compassion and commitment to helping others truly embodies the values we hold dear as a community. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this important cause.



As we close out this first semester, we want to thank our students, families, and staff for making it such a memorable and positive experience. Enjoy your well-deserved winter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 6 for another exciting semester ahead!

# BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

## Homecoming Week 2025

Memories were made during Homecoming 2025! A spirit week full of theme dress up days included PJ Day, Class Color Day, Decades Day, Mermaids vs Pirates, and Friday's Greenout. The annual PowderPuff game was an exciting time, as was the community parade. The homecoming royalty were honored before the Friday night game with Izzy Halleg being crowned queen and Landen Cornwell being crowned king. While the Bees did not win the football game Friday night, the band kept the stadium hopping. Saturday night saw the students dance the night away at the "Bees Under the Sea" dance.









## Field Trip Opportunities

Several of our high school students had opportunities for experiences outside the walls of the school. Some of the STEM students attended the Farm Science Review to see how technology is used in agriculture. Computer technology students had the opportunity to tour the University of Cincinnati and learn about their early Informational Technology program. The entire Junior class had the opportunity to attend an event at Edison State's College & Career Fair to learn about career opportunities and college options after high school.



## Fall Play: Mountain of Crime

The Bethel High School thespians took to the stage this fall in the play, *Mountain of Crime*. This murder mystery took the audience through the murder of a crime boss, weaving in elements of comedy along the way. The three performances over Halloween weekend were well attended and the students did a great job entertaining the audience.



## Class of 2026 Graduation

The 132nd Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2026 will take place at Hobart Arena on Sunday, May 24, 2026. The ceremony will begin at 7:30pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. No tickets are required for entry. We hope to see you there as we celebrate the Class of 2026!





# Reminders from the Clinic

It is winter and that means the cold and flu season is upon us! Please keep your child home from school if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Per Dayton Children's, if a cold is lasting longer than 7 to 10 days, especially if a cough is getting worse or not going away, it could be walking pneumonia. Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, also circulates annually. It usually begins with a runny nose, sneezing, mild cough, and fever. It then progresses into a cough sounding like a "whoop" and can be intense, uncontrollable coughing fits that can last for minutes.

Students should NOT return to school until they have been fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours and no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours. If your child tests positive for Influenza, Covid, Strep Throat, Pneumonia, or other viral illnesses, please notify the clinic so that we can monitor classroom spread and protect students that have compromised immune systems.

Contact the Clinic: Elementary School - bes-clinic@blsk12.org
Middle School - bms-clinic@blsk12.org
High School - bhs-clinic@blsk12.org

Updates to Medical History: Please update your child's health history in Final Forms when they are diagnosed with new conditions such as Asthma, allergies to foods, or other health conditions. We need this updated to do our best to keep your child safe and healthy while at school!

Immunizations:To all parents with an upcoming 7th or 12th grade student for SY 26-27: All 7th grade students are required per OH state law to receive the Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine and the Tdap vaccine prior to entrance to 7th grade. All 12th grade students are required per OH state law to receive a 2nd dose of Meningitis (MCV4) prior to entrance to 12th grade. Documentation must be submitted to the nurses or office.

Kindergarten Students for SY 26-27: All students registering for Kindergarten will be required to submit a physical and proof of immunizations and/or exemption form for immunizations.

Vision and Hearing Exams: If your child has had a professional vision or hearing exam within the last year, please submit it to the clinic nurses so your child will not need to be screened at school. If you have received a vision or hearing referral from the nursing staff, please have your child seen by a professional and return a copy of the exam.

## Important Dates from the Guidance Department!

- **January 12th:** 8th Grade CTC Field Trip
- **January 13th:** 8th Grade CTC Field Trip
- **February 12th:** CCP Meeting for Returning and New Participants
- **May 15th:** Signing Day (8th Period)
- **May 20th:** Senior Awards Night - 6:00pm in Bethel Hall

## Tech Corner

Reminder! As the weather and temperatures start getting colder, please make sure to bring your electronic devices inside each night, and do not leave them outside or in the car. Freezing temperatures can cause the screen to freeze and crack, causing the device to have to be fixed or replaced. Damaged devices issued by the school will be subject to a fee for the replacement of any parts or screens.

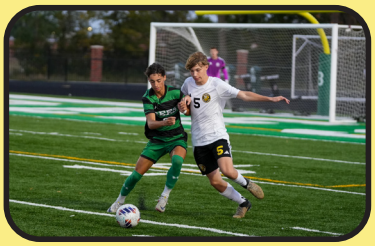
# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## HomeTown Tickets

Bethel Local Schools will be continuing our use of the HomeTown Fan App for our Athletic Passes for the 2025-2026 Winter Athletic Season! There are All-Sport passes, if you want to make sure you don't miss a single home game, or you can get a pass for a specific sport, if that's more your style.

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**

## Thank You for a Great Fall Athletics Season!







## Winter Athletics Schedule

To find the most up-to-date calendar of Winter 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/AthleticEvents25-26**

## Hall of Fame Nominations

The Athletic Department is seeking nominations for the Bethel Athletics Hall of Fame! The Hall of Fame honors Bethel athlete alumni, coaches, athletic administrators, or boosters who have demonstrated excellence in athletics and contributed to Bethel's proud traditions. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Athleltic Director Chase Goulette at goulettec@blsk12.org to request a nomination form.

## Running All the Way to State

Congratulation to Senior Kade Schweikhart and Sophomore Olivia Brumbaugh, who both qualified and represented Bethel at the state cross country meet! Olivia finished the meet with an impressive time of 19:59.84 minutes, and Kade finished his high school cross country career with a strong 17:21.39. Congratulations to both runners for a great season. Your hard work, determination, and sportsmanship represent Bethel well and inspire the entire Bethel Community!




# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Marching into a Great Year of Band





The marching band had a successful season this year participating in 4 contests and 2 parades with our show: Man In the Mirror. Five students participated in the Bowling Green High School Honor Band in November. Our first concert was December 14th and the students did a fantastic job.

Middle school band performed with the high school marching band at a home football game this year. The students had an amazing time and are excited to be in the marching band in the future! Middle school also had a fantastic performance at our winter concert December 14th.

## *Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition*

Bethel Middle School amazed with their 12th musical production this year, *Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition.* Some pictures highlighting the show can be seen below:













## Important Dates

- **Jan. 13-15:** HS Musical Auditions
- **Mar. 15:** MS/HS Dessert Spectacular
- **April 17-19:** BHS Presents *Matilda The Musical*
- **May. 6:** HS Solo and Ensemble
- **May 17:** MS/HS Spring Concert
- **May 20:** Elementary Spring Concert

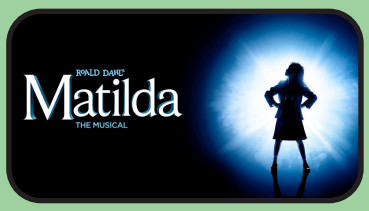
## OMEA Honors Choir

Bethel Local Schools had the pleasure of hosting OMEA High School and Junior High District Honors Choir this November! Bethel had 14 Middle School and 14 High School students selected to participate, with each choir having approximately 100 students selected from Miami, Darke, Shelby, Logan, and Champaign county!





## BHS Presents *Matilda The Musical*




Bethel High School is excited to present *Matilda the Musical* on April 17th, 18th, and 19th! Students interested in auditioning for *Matilda* can join the Musical Google Classroom at FJDX5Y64 to get information! Auditions are January 13th, 14th, and 15th. Email Ms. Wolford if you have any questions!

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