Inside the Hive

Bethel Local Schools Newsletter

Volume 5: Issue 1 Fall 2026



In This Issue

2 Elementary School
3 Middle School
4 High School
5 Music Dept.
6 Athletics, Clinic, & Transportation
7 Calendar Highlights

Welcome Back to School!



We are excited to welcome all of our students, families, staff, and community back for the 2026-2027 school year! The new school year offers the opprotunity to form new friendships, find new interests, and set new goals. We cannot wait to see our students learn and grow throughout the year, the accomplishments they earn, and the experiences they pursue. We are lucky to have a student body who both excel in the classroom and strive to be active members of the community through participation in extracurriculars!

Bethel Local Schools has always been a community-focused school district, and in kind, our community has always supported our students. These students are further supported by a second to none faculty and staff, who work everyday preparing our students for higher education, the work force, and life. This kindness and support set a great example for our students who regulary participate in community service and activities. The support offered by our community, staff, families, and students gives our district a distinct feeling. Together we form a Hive, all working toward a bigger, brighter, and better future!

Each year, semester, month, week, or day is a new opportunity for a better future, and we are lucky to be building it here. This year we have a lot to look forward to, whether its on the athletic field, the construction of our new high school, or a new class being offered, but the new does not diminish what came before. Bethel Local Schools has a long and impressive legacy; each new day offers a chance to add to it. As the legacy grows, the heart of Bethel stays the same. Have a great rest of your Summer!

BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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 upcoming year at Bethel Elementary.

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 25th.

With enthusiasm,

Mrs. Carrie Jones, Principal
Mrs. Michele Leber, Assistant Principal



Carrie Jones
Principal
(Grades K-4)



Back-to-School Info

As we continue to approach the beginning of the school year, please check the Back-to-School Page on the Bethel Local Schools website to stay up-to-date on all information regarding bus routes, school fees, and more! Scan the QR Code below or visit:
https://bit.ly/BLS_BackToSchool

School Supply List

To find the full school supply list, please visit the link below or scan the QR Code:
https://bit.ly/BES_Supplies26

BETHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope your summer was filled with relaxation, fun, and memorable moments. Our team has spent the break preparing our classrooms and halls, and we are thrilled to welcome our fifth and sixth graders back to Bethel Middle School.

Middle school is a time of immense growth, exploration, and transition. Our rigorous curriculum and strong academic programs are designed to challenge thinking, spark curiosity, and build critical foundational skills. For our fifth graders, this year marks an exciting step into a new environment filled with fresh routines. For our returning sixth graders, it is a chance to step up as leaders and take on deeper learning. As we start this journey, we encourage every student to proudly represent the Bethel Bees by choosing to BEE Bright, BEE Bold, and BEE You!

We look forward to seeing everyone very soon to kick off the year together. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Open House event on Monday, August 24th:

5th Grade Session: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
6th Grade Session: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this an incredible, productive, and inspiring school year!

Sincerely,
Tanya Hogan, Principal



Tanya Hogan
Principal
(Grades 5-6)

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope you had a fantastic, relaxing summer and are ready to dive into an exciting new year of learning, growth, and community. As your 7th and 8th grade principal, I am thrilled to welcome back our 8th graders and extend a warm greeting to our incoming 7th grade students and families. Middle school is a time of incredible transformation, and our dedicated staff is ready to support, challenge, and inspire your students every step of the way.

To kick things off, we invite all 7th and 8th grade students and families to join us for our Open House on Tuesday, August 25 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity to tour the building, find your classrooms, and meet your teachers. We truly value our partnership with you, and we cannot wait to see our halls filled with energy and enthusiasm once again. Looking forward to a great year!

Together We SWARM!

Brent Fugate



Brent Fugate
Principal
(Grades 7-8)

School Supply List

To find the full Middle School supply list, please visit the link below or scan the QR Code:
https://bit.ly/BMS_Supplies26

Back-to-School Info

As we continue to approach the beginning of the school year, please check the Back-to-School Page on the Bethel Local Schools website to stay up-to-date on all information regarding bus routes, school fees, and more! Scan the QR Code below or visit:
https://bit.ly/BLS_BackToSchool

BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL



Barrett Swope
Principal



Dylan Walker
Assistant Principal

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year is right around the corner! We are excited to welcome the largest high school student body enrollment in the history of Bethel High School! We have an amazing staff returning who are ready to teach, challenge, and guide as we go through the year. Parents and guardians, we value you as a partner and encourage you to attend as many events and activities as possible. We also encourage you to contact us if you have questions or need assistance in any way. Students, enjoy your final few days of summer break and be ready to come back to school with a positive attitude and a resolve to work hard in everything you do. We are looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year as a year of learning, growing, fun, and memories!

Sincerely,
Barrett Swope

Important Dates

- **August 10th:** MVCTC Juniors' First Day
- **August 11th:** MVCTC Seniors' First Day
- **August 13th:** Schedules Available Online
- **August 18th & 19th:** Schedule Changes*
- **August 20th (1pm):** Freshman Orientation
- **August 24th (3:30pm-6pm):** Open House**
- **August 27th:** First Day of School
- **September 7th:** No School - Labor Day
- **September 9th:** Jostens Meetings
- **September 21st - 25th:** HOCO Spirit Week
- **September 25th:** HOCO Court and Game
- **September 26th:** HOCO Dance
- **September 30th (3:30pm-7pm):** Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

Back-to-School Info

As we continue to approach the beginning of the school year, please check the Back-to-School Page on the Bethel Local Schools website to stay up-to-date on all information regarding bus routes, school fees, and more! Scan the QR Code below or visit: **https://bit.ly/BLS_BackToSchool**

School Supply List

To find the full school supply list, please visit the link below or scan the QR Code: **https://bit.ly/BHS_Supplies26**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A Fall Full of Theatre

The Bethel Theatre Department has a fall semester filled with exciting productions! Starting off the semester, Bethel High School is excited to present their first ever summer show. BHS will be performing *Six The Musical: Teen Edition* September 5th and 6th! Bethel Middle School will then share a tale as old as time in their production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* November 13th through 15th! BHS will then round our the fall semester by bringing a cult classic to back to life. Join them December 11th through 13th for *George Romero's Night of the Living Dead*! For more information about the shows and auditioning, please visit the Theatre Department Page via the QR Code or the following link: **https://bit.ly/BLS_Theatre**



Six The Musical Teen Edition
September 5th-6th
Bethel High School
Bethel Hall



Beauty and the Beast Jr.
November 13th-15th
Bethel Middle School
Bethel Hall



George Romero's Night of the Living Dead
December 11th-13th
Bethel High School
Bethel Auditorium

Pride of Bethel Marching Band

We are so excited for our 2026 marching band season. The band has been working hard over the summer with this season's show: Let It Be. In addition to all football games, you can see us at various OMEA Marching Band Contests and parades. Hope to see you there!

- **Sep. 19th:** OMEA Tippecanoe HS
- **Sep. 26th:** Mum Festival Parade
- **Oct. 3rd:** OMEA Piqua HS
- **Oct. 10th:** OMEA Northwestern HS
- **Oct. 13th:** Bradford Pumpkin Festival
- **Oct. 17th:** OMEA Hamilton HS

Performance Dates

We have a year full of exciting perfomances lined up for the 2026-2027 school year!

- **Sep. 5th-6th:** Six: Teen Edition
- **Oct. 14th:** Choirpalooza
- **Nov. 13th-15th:** Beauty and the Beast Jr.
- **Dec. 9th:** HS Christmas Concert
- **Dec. 16th:** MS Christmas Concert
- **Mar. 3rd:** HS Dessert Concert Spectacular
- **Mar. 10th:** MS Dessert Concert Spectacular
- **Apr. 16th-18th:** High School Musical
- **May 19th:** HS Spring Concert and Music Department Awards
- **May 26th:** MS Spring Concert

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

HomeTown Tickets

Bethel Local Schools will be continuing our use of the HomeTown Fan App for our Athletic Passes for the 2026-2027 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_AthleticPass26**

Fall Athletics Info

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 athletic site can be found through the QR Code or this link: **https://bit.ly/GoBethelBees**

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! Please be on the lookout for bus routes starting in August!

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

Bethel App

Receive district, building, and classroom updates via the Bethel Local Schools app! Parents are able to receive direct updates about classroom activities and message teachers all inside of the Bethel App!

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

26-27 Start Times

The Bethel Local School District will be instituting a three-tier busing system for the 2026-2027 school year. This change will work to resolve a multitude of issues including transporation needs, overcrowding of students on buses, and timely athletic and afterschool transportation. The new start and end times for the 2026-2027 school year as as follows:

- **7th Grade - 12th Grade:** 7:20am - 2:35pm
- **Kindergarten-4th Grade:** 8:15am - 3:05pm
- **5th Grade -6th Grade:** 8:50am - 3:45pm

BETHEL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

First Day of School
Grades 2-12
August 27

First Days of School
Grades K-1
August 27-31

SCHOOL BREAKS



Thanksgiving Break
November 25-27



Winter Break
December 21 - January 3



Spring Break
March 29 - April 2

NO SCHOOL DAYS

- **September 7**
  Labor Day
- **October 23**
  Teacher In-Service Day
- **December 18**
  Teacher Work Day
- **January 4**
  Teacher In-Service Day
- **January 18**
  Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **February 15**
  Presidents' Day
- **March 10**
  No School
- **March 26**
  Teacher Comp Day
- **April 26**
  Teacher In-Service Day
- **May 31**
  Memorial Day
- **June 1**
  Teacher Work Day

END OF EACH QUARTER

OCT 22 | DEC 17 | MAR 12 | MAY 28

Last Day of School
May 28

Graduation
May 29
Hobart Arena

BETHEL LOCAL SCHOOLS

Bethel Local Schools
7490 State Route 201
Tipp City, OH 45371

Non Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Tipp City, OH
Permit #62

Is Your FinalForms Information Up-to-date?

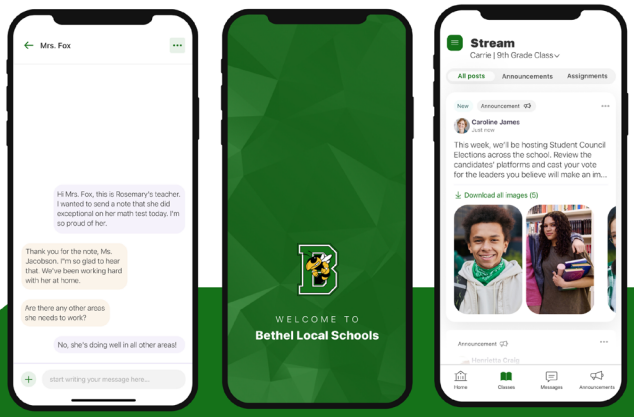
FINALFORMS

Scan this QR Code or go to our website to log in and update your information!

This information is used when notifying guardians about delays, closings, and emergencies!

Say "hello" to even more in the Bethel Local Schools app.

Messages Events Documents Stream Classes Notifications



Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

Download the **Bethel Local Schools** app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.