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Bedford Elementary School

First Day of School Activities

- Bedford Elementary students kicked off the year with a variety of fun first-day activities. Mrs. Sabo's Kindergarten class talked about first-day jitters and made "Jitter Juice," Mrs. Hershey's 4th Graders participated in team-building activities, and Mrs. Weyant's 5th Graders captured their final first-day-of-school photos as elementary students.
- It was a great way to welcome students back and begin the year building comfort, connections, and school spirit.

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Color Days

Student Experience | Preparing for the Future | Social Emotional Development

- Each week, Bedford Elementary Kindergarten students focus on a new color, and the rest of the school joins in by wearing that color on Monday. This simple tradition gives our youngest students a fun way to learn while bringing the entire school together in support of Kindergarten.

Patriot Day

Student Experience | Preparing for the Future | Social Emotional Development | Preparing for the Future

- Mrs. Wissinger's 1st Graders honored Patriot Day by creating heart-shaped American flags and learning about patriotism, service, and the heroes in our community. Students were encouraged to give their flag to a veteran, first responder, healthcare worker, or someone else they consider a hero as a special way to show their appreciation.

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Sports Teams Visits

- Each Friday, a Bedford varsity athletic team visits Bedford Elementary to greet students as they arrive from the buses. These visits are a great way to build school spirit, connect our elementary students with older students, and start the day with plenty of smiles and Bison pride.

BEDFORD ELEMENTARY
SPIRIT WEEK 2026
September 14–18
Same School Brighter People!
Be Kind Be Brave Be You Bison!
MONDAY
September 14, 2026
Pajama Day
Wear your favorite pajamas to school!
Dream Big Bison!
TUESDAY
September 15, 2026
Decade Day
Wear clothes from your favorite decade!
Good Vibes Bison!
WEDNESDAY
September 16, 2026
Favorite Sports Team / Favorite Book Character
Wear attire that represents your favorite sports team or your favorite character from a book!
GOOD BOOKS BRIGHT FUTURES
Play Read Be Amazing!
THURSDAY
September 17, 2026
Patriotic Day
Kindergarten wears blue
Grades 1–2 wear white
Grades 3–5 wear red
Red ★ White ★ Blue Bison Pride!
FRIDAY
September 18, 2026
Bedford Bison Day
Wear your blue and white to support our Bedford Bison!
GO BISON!
Bison Strong Together!
The HERD starts here.
BEDFORD ELEMENTARY
KIND PEOPLE • STRONG LEARNERS • BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

BEDFORD ELEMENTARY
3RD ANNUAL
READING
Under the Lights
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BISONS READ TOGETHER
STRONG READERS BRIGHTER TOMORROWS
Title I Family Engagement Event
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
6:00–7:30 PM
Bison Athletic Stadium
BOOKS ❖ FAMILIES ❖ COMMUNITY ❖ BISONS
BISONS
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW BEGINS WITH A BOOK
BISON
BISONS
EVENT AGENDA
6:00 PM – Welcome Tables
Sign-in
Photo with the Bison Mascot
Get a free raffle ticket
Bookworm Activity – guess how many bookworms are in the jar for a chance to win a prize
SMALL READERS BIG DREAMS
6:05–7:00 PM – Table Stations
Choose a new book to take home
Raffle baskets
Vendor tables
Face painting & tattoos
Meet Bison football players and toss a football
Book swap – bring a gently used book, take a used book
Story in a Jar Activity
Photo opportunities with the Bison Mascot, football players, or cheerleaders
7:00–7:20 PM – Reading Event
Read a book with your family on the field under the lights with a blanket
7:20–7:30 PM – Basket Winners
Winners announced – check your ticket and claim your prize
7:30 PM – Closing Remarks
Thank You Announcements
READ
LEARN
BELONG
BISON STRONG
Bring a blanket and enjoy a special evening of family reading on the field!
GOOD BOOKS BRIGHTER FUTURES
BEDFORD ELEMENTARY — READ • GROW • BELONG • BISONS TOGETHER

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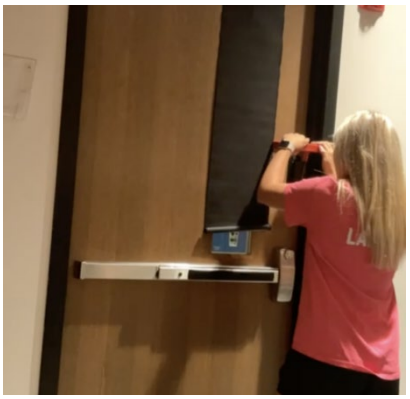
Bedford Middle School

Student ALICE Training

- BMS students were trained in the methods of ALICE in the month of August by our PE Teachers and certified ALICE Trainers, Mrs. Shoemaker and Mr. Williams. Each grade level participated in a 2-day training. 6th Graders were trained in the entirety of the ALICE program. 7th and 8th Grade students spent time reviewing and practicing what they've learned over the years.



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6th Grade Globe Making

Student Experience | Preparing for the Future | Academic Performance

- Mrs. Dague's Geography classes kicked off the school year by making balloon representations of the globe. After correctly identifying and labeling each continent, students created their own globes using balloons.

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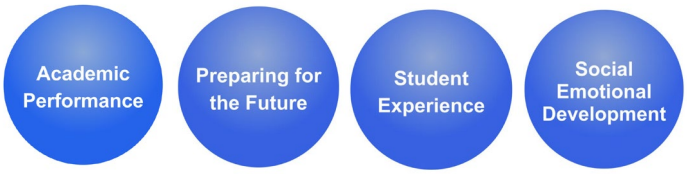
7th Grade Book Tasting



- Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Wertz, and Mrs. Harclerode organized a book tasting event to introduce their 7th Grade students to various genres and types of books available in the library. Students received an invitation prior to the event, which included a request to R.S.V.P. via Schoology to reinforce their understanding of how to communicate with teachers electronically.

- During the event, the teachers shared their favorite books and recommended titles from different genres that might interest the students. As students explored the selected books, they responded to questions regarding the author's purpose and main ideas. This activity provided students with an opportunity to sample a variety of books before selecting one to check out and read. Students also enjoyed some snacks and drinks.

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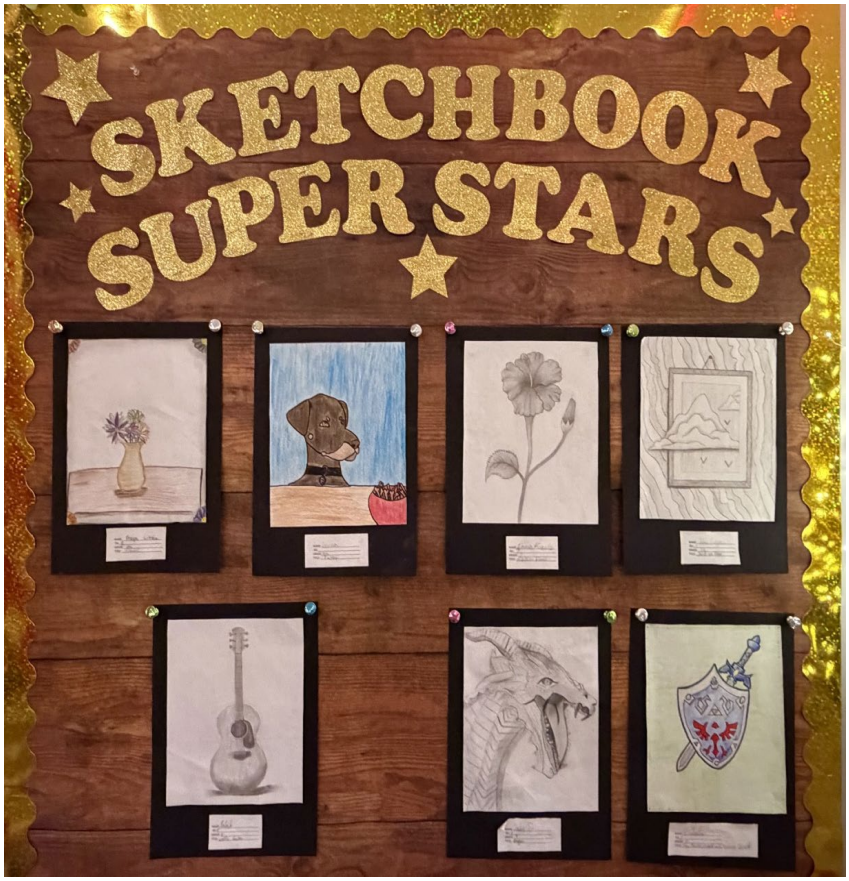
Sketchbook Superstars

- The following students were honored as Sketchbook Superstars in art class for the month of September.

  6th Grade: Fraya Little (Flowers), and Johnna Baker (Puppy)

  7th Grade: Emma Koontz (Hibiscus Flower), Sadie Dancause (Dragon)

  8th Grade: John Gingras (Just be Free), Dakota Whitefield (The Master Sword and Hylian Shield) Brileigh Bingham (Acoustic Guitar)



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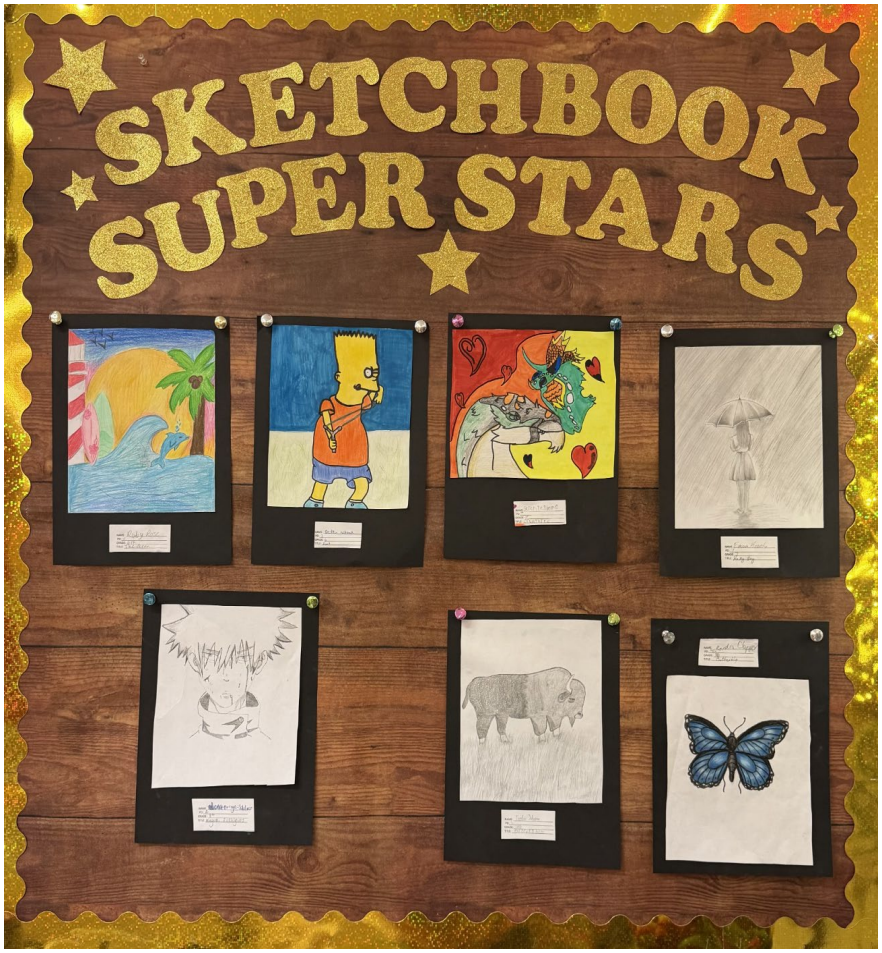
6th Grade: Ruby Rose (The Ocean) and Griffin Schrock (Bart)

7th Grade: Emma Koontz (Rainy Day) and Serenity Shomo (Creatures)

8th Grade: Alicia Ortega Salvadore (Megumi Fushiguro), Kendra Clapper (Butterfly) and Easton Johnson (Bedford Bison)

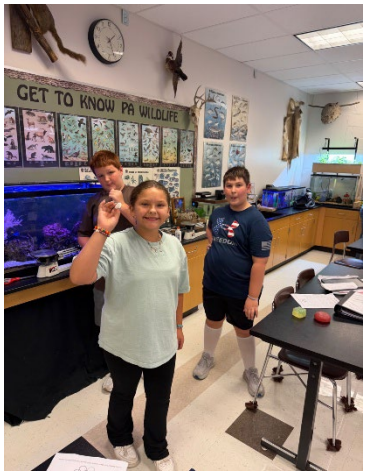


6th Grade Science

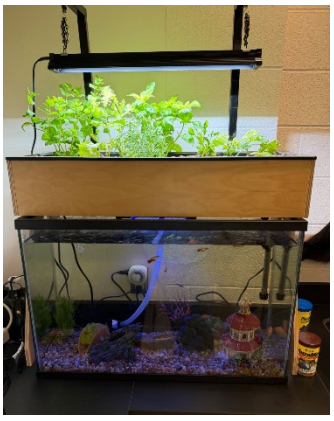
- The 6th Grade science classes have been studying tools and measurements that will be used in the classroom this year. To help reinforce the metric

system, students participated in the Metric Mini Olympics. Events included the straw javelin, paper plate discus, cotton ball shot put, right handed marble grab and the left-handed sponge squeeze. All measurements were calculated in either centimeters, grams, or milliliters.

- As a culmination event to tie in the metric system and the engineering design process, 6th Grade students worked together to design, build, test and evaluate straw rockets. Students started with a prototype, which could be redesigned and rebuilt as needed to reach a target point. The rockets were launched in the middle school gym. Students used the metric system to help measure and build according to a set of parameters.



- New this year in Mr. Barnes's 6th Grade science classroom, is an aquaponics station. Students learn how to grow food and other plants using just the waste water from a fish tank. This directly addresses the new sustainability standards in the STEELS science standards. This project was funded by a grant from Penn State University as a reward for Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Bowser attending their K-12 Sustainability Conference last year. We hope to expand upon this project, or add new sustainability projects to Bedford Area School District.



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After Three

- After Three is off to a great start again this year. We have over 55 students enrolled in the program. The students have a snack, participate in an hour of tutoring, and enjoy the organized activities planned for each day. An addition to the program this year is the opportunity for students to participate in fishing club one day per week.

Fall Pep Rally

- BMS held their annual Fall Pep Rally on September 10, 2026. All fall athletes were recognized. Our BMS cheerleaders led students in cheering on our athletes and the BHS Marching Band (which included guest members from BMS.) Student representatives from each grade level participated in a relay race. Congratulations to our 8th Grade students who were the overall winners!

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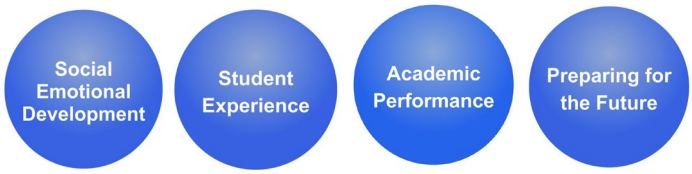
Bison Connections



- On September 11, 2026, our Bison Connections Club enjoyed a fun, hands-on cooking activity designed to build teamwork and strengthen connections among students. Working together, students followed a recipe to create delicious yogurt parfaits while practicing communication, measuring, and sequencing skills. Most importantly, the activity provided a great opportunity for students to learn from one another and build friendships in a positive environment.

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Upcoming Events:

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Pep Rally

- BHS held its first pep rally of the year and the first pep rally in the new Bison Stadium on August 28th. The Varsity Singers began the event with the singing of the National Anthem. The band followed with the alma mater, and the cheerleaders led the crowd in a cheer. Fall sports participants were recognized, and students participated in a series of relay events including box stacking, pool noodle knock-off, and a field goal contest.

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Chloe May Wins at Big Valley Invitational

Student Experience | Extracurricular Activities

- Chloe May set a new meet record and won the Big Valley Invitational at Indian Valley Middle School on Saturday, September 5th. May ran a 17:48.

Fall Foliage Preparation

Student Experience | Extracurricular Activities | Preparing for the Future | Academic Performance

- On August 30th, Bedford High School's four Fall Foliage candidates represented BHS at the annual candidate photo shoot. During the session, they met candidates from other area schools and had professional headshots taken for upcoming media and promotional materials.

  Pictured Left to Right: Lara Bulger, Holly Tran, Ellie Rose (2025 1st Runner Up), Olivia Ritchey, Olivia Snyder

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First Annual Bison Tennis Tournament

Student Experience | Extracurricular Activities | Preparing for the Future

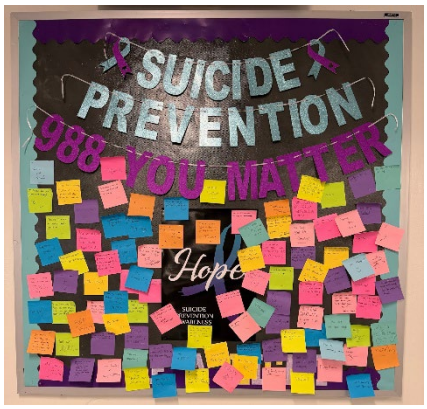
- The Bison Tennis program served up an exciting new tradition this summer, hosting the first Bedford Bison Tennis Classic from August 6th–9th. The tournament welcomed players from across Pennsylvania and featured a competitive field that included current Bison players and Bedford Tennis alumni.

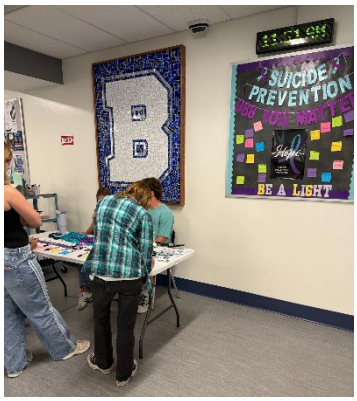
Pictured above, left to right: Jackie Heeter, Ava Ulrich, Sophia Bordi, Samantha Ednie, Zane Ednie, Brittian Wilt

Pictured above, left to right: Sophia Bordi, Brittian Wilt, Taylor Ruhlman, Nabhya Patel

World Suicide Prevention Day

Social Emotional Development | Student Experience | Extracurricular Activities





- September is Suicide Awareness Month, with September 10th being World Suicide Prevention Day. Students wore purple and teal on September 10th and contributed statements of hope, support, and encouragement to the bulletin board in the cafeteria. Students and faculty showed their support for each other and helped to create a positive school culture. The event was sponsored by BHS Students Against Destructive Decisions.

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Pictured above, left to right: McKenna Diehl, Brielle Hartman, Scarlett DeWitt

Pictured above, left to right: Emma Brown and Gabe Taylor

Mr. Carroll's First Knockout Champions

Student Experience

Academic Performance

- Mr. Carroll held his first round of Knock-Out for the year. Students go head-to-head with a classmate, racing to answer the math problem they are given. The first three champions are Milania Patino, Caleb Naugle, and Levi Vent. All three of these students then became classroom leaders for a week.

Caleb Naugle

Levi Vent

Milania Patino

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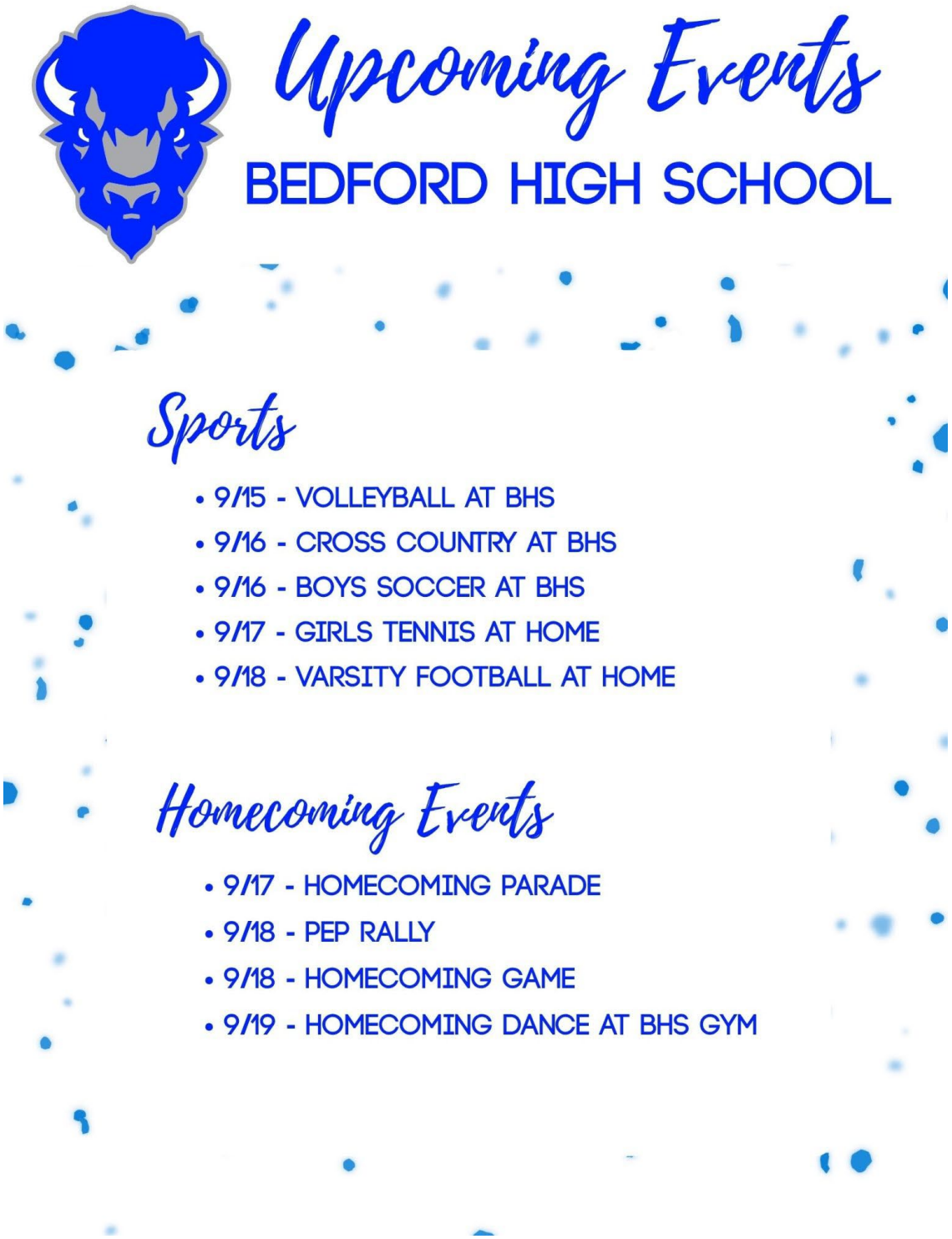
Varsity Singers Perform at the Courthouse

Student Experience

Extracurricular Activities

- The Varsity Singers were invited to sing the National Anthem and America the Beautiful at the U.S. Citizens Recognition Ceremony on September 11, 2026. The ceremony was held inside the Bedford County Courthouse. The new citizens came from seventeen countries around the world! The Varsity Singers were honored to be part of this special occasion.

Front of school: Row 1 L to R: Kiara O'Brien, Kayleigh Buterbaugh, Holly Tran, Makayla Ford, Aliviah Walls, Elaina Lang, Addison Heming. Row 2: Olivia Sparks, Ellison Will, Halina Corle, Sophia Van Horn, Stella Ebersole, Kyla Lybarger, Alice Miller, Gabriella Brallier. Row 3: Hope Crum, Graham Paxton, Mason Bullington, Harrison Leap, Logan Cotchen, Liam Friedline, Ben Berkey, Griffin Bradley


Upcoming Events
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Sports
• 9/15 - VOLLEYBALL AT BHS
• 9/16 - CROSS COUNTRY AT BHS
• 9/16 - BOYS SOCCER AT BHS
• 9/17 - GIRLS TENNIS AT HOME
• 9/18 - VARSITY FOOTBALL AT HOME
Homecoming Events
• 9/17 - HOMECOMING PARADE
• 9/18 - PEP RALLY
• 9/18 - HOMECOMING GAME
• 9/19 - HOMECOMING DANCE AT BHS GYM