

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

News From The Nest



Above-Beyond-Together

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HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

BHS Announces 2023 National Merit Semifinalists!



Bellbrook High School proudly introduces our 2023 National Merit Semifinalists: Maya Brink, Adam Beane, Lincoln Warren, and Lorelai Wolverton. These students have earned top scores in the PSAT/NMSQT, placing them in the top 1% of test-takers nationwide. Their accomplishment underscores their dedication to learning and pursuit of excellence.

Their achievements are a source of inspiration for our school community and highlight the potential that our students possess. We congratulate Maya, Adam, Lincoln, and Lorelai and eagerly anticipate their future accomplishments.

These students exemplify the academic talent within Bellbrook High School and reflect the quality education and support they have received in the Bellbrook Sugarcreek school system from our talented and hard-working teachers and staff. With pride, we offer our congratulations to our National Merit Semifinalists and eagerly anticipate their future success.

CONGRATULATIONS!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bellbrook Parents,

Fall is almost here and BHS is a busy place! Please encourage your student(s) to be active in our school community by joining one or more of our numerous clubs, teams, activities, and organizations. Whether it's athletics arts, academic clubs, or community service groups, there's something for everyone. To learn more about these opportunities, take a look at pages 9-15. By getting involved at BHS, your student(s) can not only enrich their high school experience but also make a positive impact every day in our learning community.

Sincerely,

Dave Hann



OVERALL RANKING



Significantly exceeds state standards in academic achievement

2022-2023
STATE REPORT CARD

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HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

Bellbrook High School Shines in National Rankings!

Recently, our students and staff received recognition reaffirming our standing as one of the nation's top high schools. This recognition from US News and World Report is a testament to Bellbrook's commitment to academic excellence, as evidenced by our challenging curriculum, high expectations for learning, and exceptional achievements of our students, and once again acknowledged Bellbrook High School as a top-performing school.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, motivated students, and supportive parents and community for their invaluable contributions to making BHS an exceptional place to learn and work. Together, we will continue to foster an environment where excellence thrives.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates from Bellbrook High School as we embark on another promising school year!



SOUTHWESTERN BUCKEYE LEAGUE

ALL SPORTS CHAMPS 2022-2023

In May of 2023, 159 students took 279 AP exams. An impressive 88 % of test takers received a 3, 4 or 5. This includes the highest % of 5's in school history. Fifty-seven students earned AP scholar awards. These students averaged a 4.07 on their AP tests. Congratulations to all!

AP

ORDER YOUR 23-24 YEARBOOK

A reminder to BHS parents: In order to get a 2023-24 yearbook, you must add the \$85.00 cost of the book to your student's school fees. School fees must be paid by the end of the first semester to secure a yearbook. Please contact Ms. Giles at 848-5001 x2103 with any questions.

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BHS THEATRE PRESENTS



Steel Magnolias

Nov 16-18 By Robert Harling



BELLBROOK SUGARCREEK

MILITARY APPRECIATION

FRIDAY, SEPT 22
KICKOFF AT 7PM
BELLBROOK VS EDGEWOOD

Wear your red, white & blue to honor our military community!

Free admission for current and former military members with identification.

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September Sunrise Yoga Saturdays at the Stadium!

All skill levels welcome!

Come to one class or attend all 3!



Three Saturdays in September, (the 9th, 16th and 23rd) we will host a 45-minute beginners' yoga session at 8 a.m. at the stadium, led by Bellbrook High School Mind & Body Wellness Instructor, Amy Rose!

Room location: St. Piers Education Center Gym

To attend, please bring a shelf-stable donation to benefit the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center.

Please sign up and sign the waiver on our website (<https://bit.ly/885yogasignup>), or sign in at the gate 10 minutes prior. Bring your own mat if you have one.



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Questions? 937-848-5001 ext. 6156



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HOMECOMING

October 7th
Tickets \$15

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

BHS students that perform actions and/or behaviors that go “above and beyond “ expectations may be given an “ABOVE and BEYOND “card by BHS staff. Students can scratch off the card revealing if they win a prize. Winning cards can be redeemed in the office. Non-winning cards can be turned in to the office and entered into a monthly “second-chance” drawing for a prize. Many local businesses and our PTO have donated gift cards and merchandise to be used as rewards for our students. If you, or your business, would like to donate gift cards or merchandise to this program please contact Mr. Hann at david.hann@bss.k12.oh.us.



Bellbrook High School

Thank you for going

ABOVE and BEYOND!

Scratch off to reveal YOUR PRIZE

ABOVE-BEYOND-TOGETHER

MONDAY SEPT 18TH THRU FRIDAY SEPT 22ND



Goodwill Stores

DRIVE TO VICTORY

MARCHING BAND EDITION

PRESENTED BY Arby's

Join us next week and help the Marching Eagles win the battle of the bands against Valley View! The donation trailer will be located in front of BHS. Goodwill attendants will accept your donations of clothing, household items, and furniture. Receipts for your tax-deductable donations will be available.

The band with the most donations wins a \$400 Scholarship!

CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



WORLD LANGUAGES BIENVENUE AND BIENVENIDOS!

The World Language Department is excited to be back to work at BHS welcoming our new and returning students, as well as a new face to the department, Kristen Krumheuer. While our upper level students are looking forward to visiting WSU for both their Spanish and French Immersion days, the rest of our language students are making great progress towards their language acquisition. They are learning about introductions, Spanish and French speaking countries, food culture, family culture, environmental issues, technology, daily routines, relationships, and the cultural value of ideas.

Spanish and French 1 are diving into the basics of the language and beginning to learn how to greet one another, count, and learn where Spanish and French are spoken.

Spanish 2 is learning how to talk about families and the cultural importance of celebrations like the quince.

French 2 is exploring breakfast culture in French speaking countries while learning how to talk about their food preferences.

Spanish 3 has just completed a unit where they acquired the ability to discuss their daily routines and compare them to those of typical Spanish-speaking teenagers.

In **French 3**, students are currently delving into the traditional mealtime customs and shopping habits of the French culture.

Meanwhile, **Spanish 4** students are immersed in exploring personal relationships, with a special focus on examining the relationships of Latinos living in the United States.

In **French 4**, students are engaged in discussions about environmental issues and are learning about endangered species. They will soon be tasked with developing and presenting solutions to help save these endangered creatures.

As for **Spanish 5**, students are diving into the concept of the value of ideas and their influence on social justice. They are also honing their skills in historical narration.

In contrast, **French 5** students are delving the world of technology, dissecting how social media and technological advancements impact daily life.



CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

BUILDING THE FUTURE: ENGINEERING STUDENTS EXCEL IN DESIGN ENDEAVORS

BHS Engineering students have been hard at work on some fascinating projects. Here's what they've been up to:



Introduction to Engineering Design: Creative Carnival Fun

First-year engineering students have just finished their initial design project. They learned about the design process and sketching techniques while creating a carnival game board and a bean bag launcher. It was a hands-on experience that helped them understand real-world engineering.

Principles of Engineering: Designing for Real Needs

Students in Principles of Engineering completed a smaller design project where they reviewed the engineering design process. They designed, built, and tested a prototype shoe for a specific client. This practical experience will serve them well in their future studies.

Digital Electronics: From Theory to Practice

Digital Electronics students have been diving into electronic components. They started with theory, learning about the basics of electronics and creating circuits on computers. Soon, they'll take what they've learned and build physical circuits. The ultimate challenge? Soldering their own working circuit boards, putting their knowledge into action.



Engineering Design and Development: Cultivating Innovation

In the Engineering Design and Development program, students are busy brainstorming ideas for their final projects. They began with around 100 ideas and are now narrowing them down through discussions with peers, research, and input from professionals. It's an exciting process that prepares them to tackle real-world problems.

These engineering students are on a path to future success, armed with practical experience and a drive to make a difference. Stay tuned for more updates on their journey.

BELLBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDS ALONE AS DAYTON AREA'S SOLE FIVE-STAR PERFORMER IN OHIO'S NEW EDUCATION RATINGS

On Thursday, the Ohio Department of Education unveiled the latest scores, marking a significant update to its star-based rating system for the year. This year's revamped system now incorporates comprehensive ratings, where achieving a minimum of three stars indicates that a district is in compliance with state standards.

The students and staff of Bellbrook High School secured a five-star rating, making it one of fewer than 100 high schools in the state to attain such a distinction. Additionally, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools has emerged as one of only eight school districts in the state to earn five stars across all categories as a district. Schools and districts are assessed across five performance components that include: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, and Early Literacy. Bellbrook is the only district in the greater Dayton area to attain this recognition.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, hardworking students, and supportive families for their contributions to this remarkable achievement. Additional state report card data can be found [here](#).



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COUNSELING CORNER

Mrs. Scohy (A-G)

Mr. Hartley (H-O)

Ms. Sanderman (P-Z)

Contact Registrar Mrs. Kiki Kramer at extension 2902 for general questions.

Important Dates for 23-24:

- 9/22 Deadline to register for the Oct ACT (register at www.my.act.org)
- 9/22 Military Appreciation Night at BHS Football Game
- 10/13 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/17 PSAT (administered at BHS)
- 10/18 Potential Date for Financial Aid Presentation, 6-7:30pm at BHS
- 10/28 Potential Date for the Practice ACT test with Huntington Learning Center at BHS, 8:00 am



Seniors - Counselors will meet individually in September with all seniors to discuss future plans and help students navigate the application process. All transcript requests NOT ON COMMON APP or SENEDU will be requested using this link [Order Transcripts](#). Some colleges will provide a fee waiver if you do a campus visit. Others will randomly announce a fee waiver week.

The **PSAT** test will be administered on the morning of Oct 17th at Bellbrook High School. This test can qualify 11th-grade students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. This year the PSAT will be a digital test. Sign-up now using this [link](#). Cost is \$20. Contact the Counseling Dept ASAP to sign up. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information about the PSAT/NMSQT.

Peer Tutoring- Peer tutors are available to help every period. Please see your counselor or talk to your teacher about setting up a peer tutor.

College Admission Rep Visits- College admission representatives will visit BHS this year during lunch and homeroom. You can find the schedule on our website [here](#). This will continue to be updated each week as the colleges contact us.

Southwest Ohio Regional College Fair- Save the date for Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30-8:00pm at Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill (601 N B St, Hamilton, OH 45013). More information, including directions and parking, can be found [here](#).

MFLC- This year we will continue to have additional support for our military families. Mrs. Beth Bench will be available to work with our military students. If you are interested in her services, please reach out to your counselor for details.

The **Ohio CareLine** is a toll-free emotional support call service created by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and administered in community settings. Behavioral health professionals staff the CareLine 24 hours a day, 7 days/week. They offer confidential support in times of personal or family crisis when individuals may be struggling to cope with challenges in their lives. When callers need additional services, they will receive assistance and connection to local providers. Call **1-800-720-9616** to connect.

The **Crisis Text Line** is a free, confidential service available 24/7 via text on mobile devices. Text the keyword "4hope" to 741 741 to be connected to a trained Crisis Counselor within 5 minutes.
<https://mha.ohio.gov/Families-Children-and-Adults/Get-Help/Crisis-Text-Line>

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline- There is hope. Providing 24/7, free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. The Lifeline helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day. If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org

NEED HELP?
Free Tutoring Available

PEER TUTORS ARE AVAILABLE. EMAIL YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU NEED TO FIND A TUTOR

GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS

FALL ATHLETIC UPDATE

Team	Record	Notes
Volleyball	4-5 overall & 3-0 SWBL	Big win over Springboro last week! Tri match @ Butler w/Ben Logan on Saturday starting at 9am.
Football	2-2 overall	Beat Tippecanoe & Ponitz - Plays Alter @ Fairmont on Friday.
Girls Soccer	5-0-2 overall	Big wins over Beavercreek & Alter. Ranked #12 in State
Boys Soccer	5-2-1 overall	Big win over Waynesville & Monroe. Hosts Ross Thursday & Indian Hill Saturday.
Cross Country	N/A	Both Girls & Boys Teams won the Richard & Iris Black Invite. Both teams run at Troy on Saturday night.
Girls Golf	27-0	Has won every match/tournament except for the highly competitive Alter Invie (4th)
Boys Golf	20-1	The highest finish was in the Anderson Invite (3rd out of 20 teams)
Girls Tennis	N/A	Big match next week (9/19 - Home vs @ Edgewood) that will decide the league title.

New SWBL Divisions - Fall 2023

Southwestern	Buckeye
Bellbrook	Brookville
Edgewood	Carlisle
Franklin	Eaton
Monroe	Madison
Ross	Oakwood
	Valley View
	Waynesville



Ticket Info for the 2023-24 School Year

- Tickets and passes will be the same price as last school year, except for the student all-sports pass.
- There are several pass options but all passes must be purchased on our [ticketing website](#).
- The student all-sports pass ([online](#)) is now only \$50! Good for ALL games at the MS & HS.
- The new state budget requires all schools to accept cash starting in October.
- **We will take cash at all games/all year.**
- Our ticketing partner has increased their convenience fees for tickets sold at the gate.
- There is now a price for cash and a higher price for credit cards. [Ticket prices are outlined here.](#)
- No student or senior discounts for individual game tickets. Senior residents (60 & older) of Bellbrook & Sugarcreek can already get a free pass that gets them into all school events, which is obtained from the Athletic Department. Contact Cindi Pettit (cindi.pettit@bss.k12.oh.us) 937-848-5001 ext. 2904.

Reserved seats for varsity football games will be \$25 per seat for the season. Reserved seats can be purchased on the same [ticketing website](#) as passes and tickets.

Eventlink - All game schedules (MS & HS) are available on the schedule page of our [athletic department website](#) and on the Eventlink App for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#).



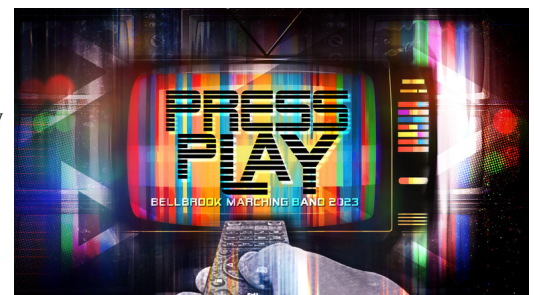
MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES



MUSIC DEPARTMENT HITS HIGH NOTE: SPOOKTACULAR CONCERTS AND THE MARCHING EAGLES PRESS PLAY THIS FALL!

The Music Department has had a fabulous start to the school year, with nearly 200 students participating in some facet of our program! The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band are hard at work preparing for their Halloween Spooktacular on Wednesday, October 18. The choir is working toward their October 11 concert as well and is wrapping up their annual fall mum sale. Ask your local 6th through 12th grade choir member for more details or to place your order!

The Marching Eagles have had a successful (and hot!) summer preparing to perform their 2023 competition show, Press Play, which features music from Wandavision, Lost, The Simpsons, Cheers, and the Twilight Zone. Please come out to support the band at their home invitational on Saturday, October 21. Good luck to the band as they compete in their first Bands of America Regional competition on Saturday, September 23 in Obetz, Ohio!



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STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



**MIKUYA FORD
SEPTEMBER**

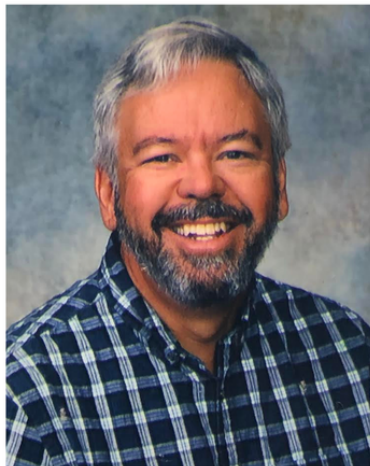
**BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



**REAGAN MORROW
SEPTEMBER**

**BHS STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH**

**BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
STAFF SPOTLIGHT**



**MR. SCHULTZ
SEPTEMBER**

Get involved. There are so many different clubs and organizations at BHS, there is literally something for everyone. Be a part of something!

-Mr. Schultz

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CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

What is it?

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. It is important to understand that chapter membership not only recognizes students for their past accomplishments but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.



Who can participate?

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are enrolled as full-time students at Bellbrook High School are eligible for consideration as members. In order to be academically eligible, a student must have an unweighted, cumulative high school grade point average of at least 3.51. In order to be eligible, the student must have attended Bellbrook High School for a minimum of one semester (military exceptions can be made). Selection takes into account a candidate's grade point average, involvement in school and community activities, leadership positions held, and evaluations from the entire high school faculty. School disciplinary records are checked for a candidate's entire high school career. Again, selection for membership in the National Honor Society is an award from the faculty and is similar to any other scholarship or award in that it is a privilege and not a right of any student.

When does it take place?

NHS holds meetings, events, and community service drives throughout the school year.

Contact: Mrs. Rivero, tess.rivero@bss.k12.oh.us, room 207

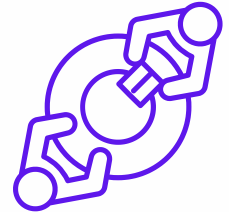
PEER TUTORING

What is it?

A group of students who offer their time to tutor peers in all subject areas and grade levels as needed.

Who can participate?

Anyone who is interested in tutoring either because they enjoy teaching and helping others learn and study or because they have a skill in a particular subject area.



When does it take place?

Peer tutors are available before and after school for tutoring sessions as well as during every study hall period.

Contact: Mrs. Rivero, tess.rivero@bss.k12.oh.us, room 207

KEY CLUB

What is it?

Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership. It partners with the local Kiwanis Club.



Who can participate?

Anyone who is interested in performing acts of service in their communities. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district, and international levels.

When does it take place?

Key Club holds meetings, events, and community service drives throughout the school year.

Contact: Mrs. Missler, jenna.missler@bss.k12.oh.us

EAGLE EXCELLENCE

What is it?

A mentorship program of juniors and seniors who help freshmen and other students new to Bellbrook High School orient to the building and school community.

Who can participate?

Qualified juniors and seniors who show an interest in positively mentoring underclass peers.

When does it take place?

Applications open in March with training in late April or early May for accepted applicants. Students run the fall freshman orientation before the school year begins and lead a few discussions during homeroom period throughout the school year.



Contact: Mrs. Schultz pamela.schultz@bss.k12.oh.us and Mrs. Tompkins emma.tompkins@bss.k12.oh.us

CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

BELLBROOK KINDNESS CLUB

What is it?

A student-run, service oriented organization that focuses on spreading positivity and awareness through community action. Past events and efforts include a Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5K, an on-campus community garden, several Bellbrook Cleanups, a Black History Month Display and Fundraiser, a Mindful Moments Space here at BHS and more.

Who can participate?

Students 9-12 can join, enrollment begins in August and ends in October.

When does it take place?

Meetings and events will take place every month, see <https://bhshopefulsquad.wixsite.com/2021> for updated information.

Contact: Ms. Newsome amanda.newsome@bss.k12.oh.us, [@bellbrookhopefulsquad](#) on instagram



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

What is it?

A board of elected students who are responsible for representing the student body to faculty and administration and planning school activities like Homecoming and Prom.

Who can participate?

The elected officials form the core of the group but any student can join in various committees to plan things like school dances and community service drives.

When does it take place?

Elections are held in the fall except for senior officers who are elected spring of their junior year. Committees are held throughout the year.

Contacts: Student Gov Advisor - Ms. Bills-Tenney, katie.bills@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 156

If you are interested in running for a class officer position, contact your class advisors:

Senior Class Advisors - Mrs. Franz and Miss Colarusso
Junior Class Advisors - Mrs. Buedel-Herrman and Mrs. Sanderman
Sophomore Class Advisors - Mrs. Mize and Mrs. Missler
Freshman Class Advisors - Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Tompkins



GSA EAGLE PRIDE/DIVERSITY CLUB

What is it?

A student-run, community-minded club focused on creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students in the LGBTQIA+ community. Largely social with efforts in school progress and local fundraising, the GSA welcomes all students who want to learn more and/or support the growing LGBTQIA+ population here at BHS. Their goal is to make the school a safer place for everyone.

Who can participate?

Everyone!

When does it take place?

Monthly meeting dates

Contact: Mrs. Sumner, nancy.sumner@bss.k12.oh.us, Ms. Tomlin, stephanie.tomlin@bss.k12.oh.us
[@bhsgaystraightalliance](#) on instagram



JustWrite OHIO

What is it?

A creative writing club that meets at Winters Library. Club members engage in creative, imaginative writing sessions and are offered helpful feedback to hone their writing skills. There are competitions that are held throughout the school year, and students will have an opportunity to win awards.

Who can participate?

Any high school student.

Contact: Winters Library or Mrs. Klepacz, aimee.klepacz@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 105



CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

What is it?

Students are assigned a country to represent in a mock United Nations assembly in an effort to address and resolve a modern or historical crisis.

Who can participate?

Open to all students willing to participate. Must be willing to speak publicly, conduct research, write position papers and resolutions and work cordially with students from other schools.

When does it take place?

The University of Dayton conference is in the fall (November) and the Miami University conference is in the spring (March).

Contact: Mr. Parks bob.parks@bss.k12.oh.us in room 153, Ms. Beaty, ashley.beaty@bss.k12.oh.us in room 111



ACADEMIC TEAM

What is it?

A competition trivia team (similar to the TV show Jeopardy). We have both JV and Varsity teams and we travel during our competition season to compete against other school districts.

Who can participate?

If you like trivia (i.e. Trivial Pursuit, Trivia Crack, Jeopardy, etc.) then this is the club for you. All students 9-12 are encouraged to join.

When does it take place?

Our first meeting will likely be in late October or early November. Practices will begin before winter break. The competition season begins when we return from winter break and ends in late March or early April.

Contact: Mrs. Schultz (pamela.schultz@bss.k12.oh.us) - Room 118 or Mr. Schultz (rob.schultz@bss.k12.oh.us) - Room 113



STEM CLUB

What is it?

STEM club is an opportunity for students to pursue their interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students will work on independent and/or small group projects based on students' interests. Examples of projects in previous years are 3-D printing and the Drones in School competitions.



Who can participate?

Any Bellbrook High School student who has an interest in STEM and a willingness to work on projects outside of school hours

When does it take place?

Small group meetings will be scheduled before and/or after school based on the needs/wants of the students in the group projects.

Contact: Mr. Lambright dave.lambright@bss.k12.oh.us

HOSA

What is it?

HOSA is a Student Lead Club Organization for future Health Professionals. Service Projects include, Blood Drive, Donate Life, Be the Match, Controlled Bleed Simulation, and organizing emergency information for classrooms. Competitions go up to the international level in a variety of biomedical topics. HOSA's mission is to empower HOSA-Future Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience.



Who can participate?

Anyone interested in a Career in Biomedical Science or Biotechnology Dues are \$30.

When does it take place?

Wednesday mornings. Dates and times are posted on Google Classroom. Remind is also used for announcements. Google Classroom Code. [ijtblf4](https://classroom.google.com/j/tblf4)

Who to contact: Mrs. Goodwin: Rebecca.Goodwin@bss.k12.oh.us

CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

JOURNALISM

What is it?

A project-based class that focuses on the study of journalism through the production of an online school newspaper, a podcast, and video announcements. Other types of publications will be considered based on student interest.

Who can participate?

Any student, 9-12, who signs up for the journalism class that is offered each semester.



When does it take place?

Informational meetings are offered during February scheduling where students submit an application of interest. The class is offered one period a day and earns a .5 credit per semester. Students can participate multiple semesters.

Contact: Ms. Bills-Tenney, katie.bills@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 156

YEARBOOK

What is it?

A project-based class that focuses on the production of the school yearbook.



Who can participate?

Any student, 10-12, who applies for and is chosen for the class. Applications occur during scheduling in February.

When does it take place?

The class is offered one period a day for the entire year

Contact: Mrs. Giles, julie.giles@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 103

GIRLS WHO CODE

What is it?

Girls Who Code is an international non-profit working to close the gender gap in technology

Who can participate?

Anyone who wants to learn to code just for the fun of it.

When does it take place?

TBA



Contact: Mr. Schultz, rob.schultz@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 113

JROTC

What is it?

Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) is a high school program that aims to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. AFJROTC does this through academic classes and extracurricular activities that instill values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.

Who can participate?

Any Bellbrook HS student (Freshman - Senior)

When does it take place?

AFJROTC is an academic class, so each cadet is assigned to their appropriate section during one class period each day. There are also many extracurricular activities and community service opportunities for cadets to take advantage of after school and on the weekends.

Who to contact: Lt Col Gangaware, christine.gangaware@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 208



ART CLUB

What is it?

A space for any student who wishes to come in and work on their art in a creative, accepting environment. They can be involved with a small "make and take" or just work on their own art.

Who can participate?

Anyone! Students do not have to be in an art class to attend and participate.

When does it take place?

Once per month after school for about an hour to an hour and a half. We will have dates on school announcements and posted in the art hallway

Contact: Mrs. Newsome, amanda.newsome@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 149



CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

MARCHING BAND

What is it?

One of the largest organizations in the school, the Marching Eagles are a competitive marching band at the local, regional, and national level, who also perform at all home football games, as well as select away games. The band is a nine time Bands of America National Champion in our school size!

Who can participate?

Fall marching band includes all interested brass, woodwind, percussion, and color guard students at BHS. Experience on an instrument is beneficial, but not required, and anyone who wants to learn to dance and/or spin equipment is welcome in the color guard.

When does it take place?

There are some rehearsals in the late summer, including the required week of band camp, but once school starts, we rehearse several times during the week after school. Marching band usually concludes in the first or second week of November.

Contact: Mr. Soloman or Mrs. Siler, andy.soloman@bss.k12.oh.us or barb.siler@bss.k12.oh.us



PEP BAND

What is it?

The pep band is made up of students who participate in one of the band classes at school (either Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion class). We perform at all home varsity boys basketball games, as well as a couple of girls varsity basketball games. We are there to support the team with tunes!

Who can participate?

Any member of one of the band classes at school.

When does it take place?

Pep band starts up in the late fall and lasts until basketball season is over. We will rehearse a few times after school, but mostly just on the nights of home basketball games.

Contact: Mr. Soloman or Mrs. Siler, andy.soloman@bss.k12.oh.us or barb.siler@bss.k12.oh.us



JAZZ BAND

What is it?

Jazz Band explores the awesome world of jazz music and learns to play in the various styles it requires.

Who can participate?

Members of the band classes at school, as well as keyboardists and guitarists who may be interested, but aren't in band. Those students should see one of the directors as soon as possible so we are aware you're out there!

When does it take place?

Jazz band will start up in the late fall and last for the remainder of the school year. Rehearsals will be held after school a couple of times a week on a regular basis.

Contact: Mr. Soloman or Mrs. Siler, andy.soloman@bss.k12.oh.us or barb.siler@bss.k12.oh.us



INDOOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

What is it?

IPE is a competitive indoor percussion ensemble/drum line that participates in local, regional, and national competitions. It's another facet of the marching arts, but during the winter and inside in a gym.

Who can participate?

Members of the band classes at BHS (Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion class) are eligible. Keyboard players and guitarists who are not in band could also potentially participate, but would need to speak to the director as soon as possible so we know you're out there!

When does it take place?

Indoor Percussion Ensemble starts up in November and lasts through the middle of April. Rehearsals are on a regular basis several times a week both after school and in the evenings, and competitions or rehearsals also take place on weekends.

Contact: Mr. Halls, cameron.halls@bss.k12.oh.us



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WINTER GUARD

What is it?

The BHS Winter Guard is a competitive indoor color guard that participates in local, regional, and national competitions. It's another facet of the marching arts that involves dance, flag, sabre, and rifle.

Who can participate?

Anyone who likes to dance (or would like to learn!) or who would like to learn how to handle the equipment (flag, sabre, rifle). Experience is beneficial, but not a requirement!

When does it take place?

Winter Guard starts in November and lasts through mid-April. Rehearsals are on a regular basis several times a week both after school and in the evenings, and competitions or rehearsals also take place on weekends.

Contact: Mr. Apo, shelos2@gmail.com (Sheldon Apo, Director) or Mrs. Siler, barb.siler@bss.k12.oh.us



TEDxYouth

What is it?

A yearly event that provides chosen student speakers and performers with an opportunity to creatively express themselves, to practice their writing and public speaking skills, and to meet other area high school students, and have a lot of fun while doing it!

Who can participate?

Any high school student (age 13+).

When does it take place?

Applications open in September and close in November. Auditions are typically held the second or third week of November. The final performance is held in March each year.

Contact: Mrs. Klepacz, aimee.klepacz@bss.k12.oh.us, Room 105



HOPE SQUAD

What is it?

The Hope Squad program is a school-based peer support team that partners with local mental health agencies. Peers select students who are trustworthy and caring individuals to join the Hope Squad. Squad members are trained to watch for at-risk students, provide friendship, identify suicide warning signs, and seek help from adults.



Hope Squad members are NOT taught to act as counselors but are educated on recognizing suicide warning signs and how to properly and respectfully report concerns to an adult. Once invited to be a Hope Squad member, students must get a permission form signed by their parents and attend regular training meetings.

Who can participate? Hope Squad members nominated by their peers as someone who is trusted, compassionate, and easy to talk to when times are tough.

When does it take place? Hope Squad will meet during home room period twice a week.

Contact: Ms. Lewis, paige.lewis@bss.k12.oh.us

BOARD GAME CLUB

What is it?

An after-school group for playing all different kinds of board games. Games are provided or you can bring your own to play. They are also discussing creating a game for competition this year.

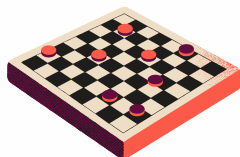
Who can participate?

Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

When does it take place? TBA

_____ in the library

Who to contact: TBA



What is it?

DnD Club

The roleplaying game Dungeons and Dragons, abbreviated as D&D or DnD, is centered around creating characters and personalities for them, then joking about with friends and fighting off monsters with your characters.



Who can participate?

We plan to keep things simple and lighthearted so everyone can have fun. No matter what experience you have in this game or any similar, we will teach you all you need to know. Hope to see you there!

When does it take place? Thursdays

Who to contact: Ms. Newsome, Room 147

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SUPPORTIVE PEERS

What is it?

The program is geared toward promoting authentic relationships and inclusivity between BHS students (Lead Peers) and students within the district's special education program (Peers). In addition to supporting their Peers within the classroom, Lead Peers coordinate quarterly activities on behalf of the Supportive Peers program.

Who can participate? Application process and training are required to participate

Contact: Mrs. Rivero, tess.rivero@bss.k12.oh.us



THE OTHER TP

What is it? The program collects and provides free feminine products in bathrooms. "Period Poverty" affects 1 in 4 women at some point during their lifetime and students sometimes miss school due to lack of feminine supplies.

Who can participate? See Mrs. Schultz for details

Contact: Mrs., Schultz, pam.schultz@bss.k12.oh.us



ATHLETIC TEAMS

Baseball

Football

Soccer

Tennis

Basketball

Golf

Softball

Track & Field

Cheerleading

Lacrosse

Swim & Dive

Volleyball

Cross Country

Wrestling

ENSEMBLES

Marching Eagles

Winterguard

IPE

Pit Orchestra

Color Guard

Wind Ensemble

Choir

Fall Play

Jazz Band

Symphony Band

Pep Band

Spring Musical



THE NEST

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SEPT 29: BHS PICTURE MAKE-UP

OCT 6: HOMECOMING GAME

OCT 7: HOMECOMING DANCE

OCT 11: HS/MS CHOIR CONCERT

OCT 18: HS BAND SPOOKTACULAR

OCT 21: BAND INVITATIONAL

OCT 23: PT CONFERENCES (DAY)

NOV 9: PT CONFERENCES (NIGHT)

NOV16-18 BHS FALL PLAY

NOV 20-24: FALL BREAK

Bellbrook High School 848-3737
Principal
 David Hann..... x2999

Assistant Principals
 Nikki LaSota..... x2921
 Todd Whalen..... x2922

Secretaries
 Robin Cordonnier..... x2901
 Lee Gregory..... x2903

Counseling Department
 Khris Scohy..... x2911
 Andy Hartley..... x2912
 Debra Sanderman..... x2913
 Kiki Kramer (Reg)..... x2902

Athletic Director
 Charlie O'Dell..... x2512
 Cindi Pettit (Sec.)..... x2904

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Oct 7, 2023	Sep 7, 2023	Sep 26, 2023
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov 21, 2023
Mar 9, 2024 (Digital)**	Feb 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)**	Apr 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)**	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION



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