

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

News From The Nest

Above-Beyond-Together



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OVERALL RANKING



Significantly exceeds state standards
in academic achievement.

**2023-2024
STATE REPORT CARD**

HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

TOP SCORES EARN BELLBROOK STUDENTS NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION



Oliver Alban



**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



Connor Payne

Bellbrook High School is excited to announce our 2024 National Merit Semifinalists Oliver Alban and Connor Payne. These students achieved high scores on the PSAT/NMSQT, putting them in the top 1% of test-takers in the country. Their success shows their hard work and commitment to learning.

These students are great examples of the academic talent at Bellbrook High School and the strong education and support they receive from our dedicated teachers and staff in the Bellbrook Sugarcreek school system. We are proud to congratulate our National Merit Semifinalists and look forward to their future achievements.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bellbrook Parents,

Thank you for a great start to the school year! Bellbrook High School never sleeps! Be a part of it! Please encourage your student(s) to join one or more of our many clubs, teams, and activities. Whether they are interested in sports, arts, academic clubs, or helping the community, there's something for everyone. To learn more, check out pages 9-15. Getting involved at BHS will help your student(s) have a more fun and meaningful high school experience while making a positive impact on our school community.

Sincerely,

Dave Hann

Bellbrook Schools Earn 5-Star Rating!

Once again, the students and staff at Bellbrook High School have achieved a five-star rating, placing the school among approximately 90 high schools in the state to receive this honor. On top of that, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools has also earned a five-star rating, making it one of just 75 districts across the state to reach this top rating!

This achievement would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated staff, the efforts of our students, and the support of our families. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success! You can find more detailed state report card information here.



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HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

BHS Celebrates Highest AP Scores in School History

AP

In May 2024, 191 students from Bellbrook High School took 390 AP exams and achieved record-breaking success. An impressive 93% of students scored a 3, 4, or 5, which is the highest percentage in school history. This year also saw the most students earning 4's and 5's on their exams, showing their hard work and determination.

Seventy students received AP Scholar Awards for their excellent performance, with 33 of them earning the special title of AP Scholar with Distinction. These top students averaged an outstanding score of 4.22 across all their exams.

The achievements of these students reflect their commitment to academic excellence and their ability to perform at the highest level in challenging subjects. The school community is incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, which has led to such remarkable results. Congratulations to all the students who participated in AP exams this year—you have made history with your incredible achievements!



SOUTHWESTERN BUCKEYE LEAGUE

ALL SPORTS CHAMPS 2023-2024

AUG 14		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL			LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		MAY 22				
FALL BREAK NOV 25-NOV 29					WINTER BREAK DEC 23-JAN 5			SPRING BREAK MAR 24-MAR 28			
OCT 11	DEC 20	MAR 14	MAY 22	HOMECOMING WEEK			APR 26				
END OF EACH QUARTER				Sept 30- Oct 5th			PROM				
SCHEDULED CLOSINGS, DISMISSALS, AND DELAYS											
SEPT 2: LABOR DAY		NOV 11: NO SCHOOL		FEB 17: PRESIDENTS DAY							
SEPT 13: NO SCHOOL		JAN 17: NO SCHOOL		MAR 19: 2HR DELAY							
OCT 14: NO SCHOOL		JAN 20: MLK DAY		APR 18: NO SCHOOL							
OCT 21: NO SCHOOL		FEB 14: NO SCHOOL		APR 25: 2HR DISMISSAL							
SEMESTER EXAMS DECEMBER 17-20											
FINAL EXAMS MAY 19-22											
GRADUATION MAY 17th											
BHS 2024-2025											

UPCOMING BLOCK DAYS

Wed. 9/18 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 9/19 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 9/25 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 9/26 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 10/2 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 10/3 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 10/9 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 10/10 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 10/16 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 10/17 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 10/23 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 10/24 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 10/30 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 10/31 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 11/6 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 11/7 Even 2-4-6-8
 Wed. 11/13 Odd 1-3-5-7 Thurs. 11/14 Even 2-4-6-8

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CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



CADETS DIVE INTO SERVICE: AFJROTC Hits the Ground Running

AFJROTC welcomed 30 new cadets into our program and welcomed back 41 cadets. These 71 cadets hit the ground round running this year and dove right into community service events accumulating over 250 service hours already! Many volunteered over the summer for camps and church events; they also helped out at Germanfest in downtown Dayton, started the recycling program at BHS, helped the Lion's Club tear down after the festival and our Color Guard led the Lion's Club parade. We are looking forward to continuing to support our home football games by presenting the colors and our community through our Food Drive that will run from October through December. Dates for our food drive will be set soon and we'll advertise which neighborhood we'll be going to each week through our website and through the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Community Support Center. Cadets are also

planning orienteering events, putting together a Raiders Physical Fitness Competition team and many other fun activities this semester and throughout the year. We will have a few fundraisers this year through restaurant Dine-to-Donate and spirit wear sales; these will be posted on our website if you'd like to support - all funds go to support cadet activities!

FROM FUNDAMENTALS TO ADVANCED TOPICS: COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASSES IN FULL SWING

The Computer Science classes are in full swing a few weeks into the school year. AP Computer Science A is finishing up a review of fundamental concepts to prepare for an in-depth study of Object-Oriented Programming in Java. AP Computer Science Principles is exploring how various types of data, such as text and images, are converted into binary numbers. Next, students will learn about the transmission of binary data over networks. The Intro to Computer Science Principles classes are examining the impact of technology on society and industry, with an upcoming project to create a History of Computing Technology timeline that spans from the abacus to modern advancements. Meanwhile, the Game Development and Multimedia Programming class is starting with basic game design using Scratch, and will soon transition to a 3D environment with the Alice programming language.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES



The Music Department has had a great start to the school year, with around 160 students participating in some facet of our program. The Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band are hard at work preparing for their October Spooktacular concert, which will feature close to 300 students in 7th through 12th grades. The concert will be in the main gym at BHS on October 15 at 7pm. The high school choir will present their fall concert on Wednesday, October 9 at BHS at 7pm. They will share the concert with the 7th and 8th grade choir.

The Marching Eagles have been hard at work since June preparing for their 2024 competitive season. They have been out to support the team at their games and Meet the Team night, as well as representing BHS Music on the teachers' first day and at the Bellbrook Lions Club festival. This year's show is entitled "Edward" and is loosely based on the Edward Scissorhands story. Bellbrook High School is happy to welcome Mr. Jacob Page as our new marching band director! Mr. Page also teaches band classes at both the middle school and high school, and comes to us from Colerain High School. Welcome, Mr. Page!

BHS MUSIC PROGRAM OFF TO A FANTASTIC START WITH NEW SHOWS AND NEW FACES



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HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

GOING ABOVE and BEYOND



Bellbrook High School

Thank you for going

ABOVE and BEYOND!

Scratch off to reveal
YOUR PRIZE



ABOVE-BEYOND-TOGETHER

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.

BHS THEATRE PRESENTS:

Clue

HIGH SCHOOL
EDITION

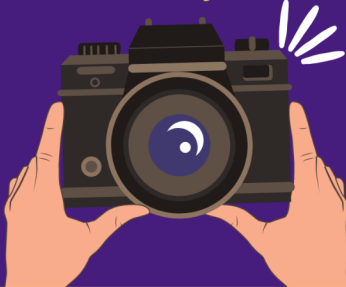
**NOVEMBER
21-23**

ORDER YOUR 24-25 YEARBOOK

A reminder to BHS parents: In order to get a 2024-25 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.

**BELLBROOK HS
MAKE-UP
PICTURES**

OCTOBER 7: FRESHMEN
OCTOBER 8: SOPHOMORES
OCTOBER 10: JUNIORS



Homecoming 2024
Saturday, October 5
8-11pm
Auxiliary gym
Tickets \$15

a night in paradise

Sales begin
Monday, September 30
in the Athletic Office
No tickets will be sold at the door

**B BETTER TODAY
THAN YESTERDAY**

**BETTER TOMORROW
THAN TODAY B**

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COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

THE BLUEPRINT OF OUR SUCCESS: UNDERSTANDING THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL'S CULTURE

Let's talk about something really important: our school's culture. It's one of the things that makes our school special. But it's not something that just happens on its own; it takes effort from all of us. Culture isn't just a fancy document hanging on the wall, although we do have plenty of those, it's about what we believe, how we act, and how our actions affect others. It's the foundation of our school community. I have linked our district culture playbook on the left. In it you will find our core beliefs and behaviors.

Our core beliefs are our guiding principles for how we should treat each other, our fellow students, and our community. And why does all of this matter? Because our culture shapes our behavior, and that affects how well we can accomplish our goals.

Success at BHS isn't just about getting good grades, although it is important; it's also about how well we work together, adapt to changes, and how well we overcome challenges. Our culture brings us together around common beliefs and behaviors and this ultimately determines how well we can prepare ourselves for the future.

Golden Eagles are expected to:
Do the Right Thing
Soar Together
Pursue Excellence



Our culture is the driving force behind everything we do. It's what leads to the results we want to achieve. Culture is always a work in progress and we have work to do. Let's all contribute to making our school's culture even better!

GOLDEN EAGLES

**DO THE
RIGHT THING**

**SOAR
TOGETHER**

**PURSUE
EXCELLENCE**



GOLDEN EAGLES

BELIEFS

**DO THE
RIGHT THING**

**SOAR
TOGETHER**

**PURSUE
EXCELLENCE**

BEHAVIORS

We make good choices
We own our behaviors and actions
We are a part of the solution.

Think WE not ME
We serve and empower others
We respect our differences

We hold high standards
We focus on growth
We relentlessly pursue excellence

OUTCOMES

We have pride in our actions
We have trust in each other
We solve problems

We work together
We learn together
We achieve together

We are the best version of ourselves
We are better today than we were yesterday
We will be better tomorrow than we are today

**Better TODAY than YESTERDAY.
Better TOMORROW than TODAY.**

EAGLE VIEW

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL



**Miami Valley Intern
Academy**



**INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

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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 24-25:

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9/20 - Deadline to register for the Oct SAT (register at www.collegeboard.org)

9/20 - Deadline to register for the Oct ACT (register at www.my.act.org)

10/15 - PSAT (administered at BHS)

10/11 - End of Q1

Seniors -- Counselors will be coming to your English classes by the end of the month for a class presentation and 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 15th 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 2nd from 6:30-8:00pm at Miami University's Hamilton Campus. 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

[Click here for latest Counseling Newsletter](#)





NEED HELP?
Free Tutoring Available

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

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GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS AT A GLANCE

Volleyball:	4-0 in the SWBL & 5-4 overall..... Big wins over Beavercreek & Ross
Girls Cross Country:	Finished 2nd in Bob Schule Invite & Won the Richard & Iris Black Invite
Boys Cross Country:	Finished 4th in Bob Schule Invite & Won the Richard & Iris Black Invite
Football:	Big wins over Bellefontaine & Valley View - Hosts Alter on September 20
Girls & Boys Golf:	Both teams won the Miamisburg Invite & are undefeated in the league.
Girls Tennis:	Won 6 of their last 8 matches and is 3-1 in the SWBL
Boys Soccer:	2-2-2 overall & 2-1 in the SWBL
Girls Soccer:	7-0-2 overall & 4-0 in the SWBL. Ranked #22 in the state regardless of division.



2024 REMAINING HOME VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE- 7PM KICK OFF

DATE	OPPONENT	EVENT
September 13	Ponitz	Wee Eagles Night + Celebration of 60 Years of Bellbrook Football
September 20	Alter	First Responder Night
October 4	Franklin	Homecoming
October 25	Ross	Fall Sports Senior Night
November 1 & 8	TBD	Playoffs Week 1 & 2

2024 FOOTBALL GAME THEMES



New Athletic Training Facility Project

Fundraising is underway for a new athletic training facility that will be ENTIRELY PRIVATELY FUNDED.....NO tax dollars will be used. This facility will positively impact every single athlete in Bellbrook. [Here is a link to the presentation that the BOE received.](#)

Bellbrook Football - 60th Anniversary Celebration

At the home football game on September 13, we will have a celebration for the 60th anniversary of Bellbrook Football. If you played or coached football at Bellbrook, we would like you to come onto the field at half time to be recognized. There will also be a social gathering after the game (location TBD).

- [Home Football Schedule \(link\).](#)
- [Please fill out this Google Form if you played or coached football at Bellbrook.](#)
- [Here is a neat document from the 21st anniversary in 1985.](#)
- [Here is a link to buy t-shirts to commemorate the 60th anniversary.](#)

Student Athletic Passes Only \$25 - Check out our [ticketing website](#)

Ticket Info for 2024-25 School Year

- Adult tickets and passes are the same price as the last few years.
- There is now a student ticket available for one dollar less than the adult price.
- The student all-sports pass is a steal at \$25 for the whole school year!
- All passes must be purchased on our ticketing website.
- 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.

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STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



LANDON SMITH
SEPTEMBER

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



EMME VOLMER
SEPTEMBER

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MRS. GOODWIN
SEPTEMBER

Quick trying to be perfect. Be curious instead. Comparison to others and perfectionism lead to anxiety and disappointment. Develop your own unique talent and skills, ask questions, figure out how things work. This will give you a sense of accomplishment and pride.

-Mrs. Goodwin

BHS STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH

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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 in the library.

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, Bellbrook Kindness Club 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

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: 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 116 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?

See Mr. Lambright

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](#)

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. Page, jacob.page@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. Page or Mrs. Siler, jacob.page@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. Page or Mrs. Siler, jacob.page@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?

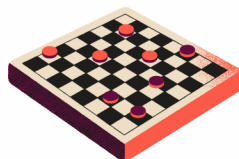
An after-school group for playing all different kinds of board games. Games are provided or you can bring your own to play. They are also discussing creating a game for competition this year.

Who can participate?

Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

When does it take place? TBA
_____ in the library

Who to contact: TBA



DnD Club

What is it?

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



CLUB NEWS: GET INVOLVED!

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

Basketball

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Football

Golf

Lacrosse

Soccer

Softball

Swim & Dive

Tennis

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling

ENSEMBLES

Marching Eagles

Color Guard

Jazz Band

Winterguard

Wind Ensemble

Symphony Band

IPE

Choir

Pep Band

Pit Orchestra

Fall Play

Spring Musical



THE NEST

UPCOMING EVENTS		IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
OCT 4:	HOMECOMING GAME	Bellbrook High School	848-3737
OCT 5:	HOMECOMING DANCE	Principal	
		David Hann.....	x2999
OCT 7,8,10	BHS PICTURE MAKE-UPS	Assistant Principals	
		Nikki LaSota.....	x2921
OCT 9:	HS/MS CHOIR CONCERT	Barry Limon.....	x2922
OCT 16:	HS BAND SPOOKTACULAR	Secretaries	
OCT 19:	BAND INVITATIONAL	Robin Cordonnier.....	x2901
OCT 21:	PT CONFERENCES (DAY)	Lee Gregory.....	x2903
NOV 7:	PT CONFERENCES (NIGHT)	Counseling Department	
NOV 21-23:	BHS FALL PLAY	Khris Scohy.....	x2911
NOV 25-29:	FALL BREAK	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 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 5, 2024	September 20	September 24
November 2, 2024	October 18	October 22
December 7, 2024	November 22	November 26
March 8, 2025	February 21	February 25
May 3, 2025	April 18	April 22
June 7, 2025	May 22	May 27

GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION

