

# BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

## News From an Empty Nest

*Above-Beyond-Socially Distanced*



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### HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

#### BHS NAMES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Bellbrook High School is pleased to announce Camden Bettencourt as the Class of 2020 Valedictorian and Abby Welsh as the class Salutatorian! Camden is the son of Mike and Jessica Bettencourt. Camden plans to attend The Ohio State University where he will study Computer Engineering and Chinese. Abby is the daughter of Patrick Welsh and Christina Pearson. Abby plans on finishing her

degree in Public Health at Wright State University before attending medical school. Congratulations to both of these outstanding students. We are very proud of your hard work and commitment, and we commend you both on your academic excellence!



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am extremely proud of our staff and students for their flexibility and tenacity. We have pressed ahead with our education in a way that, though not optimal, allows for the continued growth of our students. I especially appreciate the extra hours of work our staff has put (and will continue to put) into converting our curriculum into a format that can be shared remotely.

The 2019-2020 school year has presented numerous obstacles for our students and staff and they have overcome each of those challenges with flying colors. I cannot begin to express the pride I take in their performance and resiliency.

Mr. Hann

#### BHS Latin Honors: The Class of 2020

##### SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.75-4.0)

Anika Arora, Geneva Barker, Camden Bettencourt, Mitchell Brittain, Cloe Caldwell, Isabella Clemens, Taylor Crocker, Lydia Derrico, Emma Diorio, Grace Edwards, Lucas Flanagan, Mara Fleck, James Glover, Jorin Hanson, Angus Harrop, Sydney Hollingsworth, Joshua Hypes, Nicole Leary, Kalei Martinez Grajeda, Leeanna Max-Spence, Nicholas McCrae, Ellen Moore, Laura Motil, Katie Okolowitz, Kayla Paul, Mackenzie Pittman, Bradley Rayburn, Andrew Russell, Preston Savey, Maximilian Schonauer, Katie Schultz, Kayla Stephensen, Abigail Welsh, Emily Weslow, Mira Wilson

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### Magna Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74)

Cali Benetis, Adam Birri, Benjamin Borszcz, Hannah Bridges, Alexis Cable, Vincent Camarata, Lexi Crockett, Ryan Cross, Anthony Gerbic, Adalyn Hahn, Jared Hendley, Logan Hessinger, Jackson Hoffer, Ashley Klein, Ian Mccarty, Caleb Mcconnell, Katherine Mills, Alexandria Misick, Jada Murphy, Natalie Nagy, Caleb Newlon, Cassandra Panson, Joshua Roach, Sarah Schatzel, Collin Schofield, Xander Schrupf, Zachary Schultz, Casey Shenk, Megan Solomon, Khacor Tigner, Kyle Van Pelt, Ryan Williams, Alyssa Winn

### Cum Laude (3.25 - 3.49)

Caden Barr, Vincent Billock, Kaden Boreman, Trevor Bowers, Eric Bridgens, Danielle Brode, Caitlyn Cargill, David Collins, Holly Conklin, Samuel Fritz, Braeden Gedeon, Katherine Gorsuch, Brooklynn Hall, Madelyn Jauss, Kobe Kowal, Connor Laughlin, Julia Martin, Emily Mills, Lourdes Osborne, Jessica Powers, Enrique Ruiz, Colin Sloan

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How will final grades and honors be determined?

District leadership will provide teachers with guidance to provide consistent methods of assigning grades in our remote learning environment. **To be clear, the fourth quarter is not pass/fail;** students will earn grades based on classroom assignments and participation. For students that engage in assignments and classes, every effort will be made to ensure that online learning does not have a negative impact on student grades. 4th quarter will not impact senior special designations and honors as outlined in the handbook and course guide. We will NOT be having final exams this year. Final grades will be determined by averaging Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 and 1st semester exam.



#### If my child is struggling or making up credits to graduate, what is necessary to ensure s/he graduates?

Counselors and/or school administration will directly contact students who are at risk of not graduating. Opportunities for credit recovery or make-up plans will be shared with students and families in an effort to help all students graduate. Please contact your senior student's counselor if you have specific concerns or if access is a challenge.

#### Who determines if my student will graduate?

Seniors who meet all of their credit requirements will graduate with the Class of 2020. To pass courses and earn credits it will be important for seniors to engage in the remote learning plan and complete class assignments. Students who had not yet met the state required 18-point "End of Course Exam" requirement (or alternate pathway) but were making progress when schools were mandated to begin remote learning, will be considered to have met these requirements. Per the state's guidelines outlined in House Bill 197, the principal will collaborate with counselors and teachers to determine if a student has met the expectations necessary to graduate.

#### Will the graduation ceremony be postponed?

The fate of our graduation ceremony has not yet been determined. Due to the current state mandates regarding social distancing we are unsure if the current date and venue (May 16, Trent Arena) are reasonable or available. We are looking at alternate locations, dates, and formats to honor our seniors (possibly during the summer). We will give our absolute best effort to make sure graduation happens in some form. Unfortunately we are at the mercy of this virus and its timeline. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Continued

#### **What about Cap and Gown Delivery?**

At this time Cap and Gown delivery from Graduate Services has been put on hold. We will determine the best way to distribute graduation orders in the upcoming weeks. We will share more information when it becomes available.

#### **How do I pay school fees?**

School fees may be paid online using PaySchools Central at <https://payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login> or by contacting our business manager Jenness Sigman at [jenness.sigman@bss.k12.oh.us](mailto:jenness.sigman@bss.k12.oh.us). **SENIORS: Reminder, all fees must be paid in their entirety to receive your diploma and transcripts.**

#### **What is the plan for the end of year Academic Awards Assemblies?**

The fate of Senior and Underclassmen Awards has not yet been determined. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

#### **What about Prom?**

BHS has been forced to postpone Prom due to the state “Stay at Home” order. We are closely following the guidance set forth by Governor DeWine and public health officials and will communicate additional details as we receive more information. We are working to determine the best solution available within the parameters of the government mandates. As with graduation, we will do our best to reschedule and hold Prom at a future time and place. We will share more information with you regarding specifics as they become available.

#### **If my child has not confirmed a college choice, how will the necessary information be completed?**

There are many helpful resources found on the counseling page on the Bellbrook High School [website](#). Students will have the full support of the counseling department to continue the college admissions process. Some colleges have postponed commitment dates while others are staying with the May 1st deadline. Be sure to check with individual colleges to ensure that you do not miss the deadline to secure your position for enrollment in the Fall. If you have additional questions, please email your BHS counselor directly. In addition, please continue to monitor your email for important announcements and reminders. Mrs. Ralston has emailed each senior the “senior survey” to complete. This survey must be completed! This is how the counseling department knows where to send your final transcripts.

#### **Will there be any spring sports?**

At this time, a decision has not yet been made regarding spring sports; however, the district will follow the guidance set forth by Governor DeWine and the Ohio High School Athletics Association. The BHS Athletic Department will release more information regarding spring sports as it becomes available.

#### **Can my student access the building to retrieve personal items and turn in items such as books, library books, uniforms and technology?**

All school buildings are currently closed to comply with the public order from Governor DeWine and will remain closed until the “stay at home” order is lifted. Turn-in/Pick up procedures will be shared with families should the “stay at home” order require the schools remain closed for the remainder of the school year.

#### **What about End of Course and AP Exams?**

State End of Course Exams will not be given this year through action by the state legislature. We do not know at this time what that will mean for underclassmen as they work towards their graduation seals. We will update you as we learn new information.

AP Exams will now be given May 11 - May 22, with make-up testing scheduled for June 1-5. Students will take the tests at home or at school if we reopen. Students can take the exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option. If a student decides not to test, we will look at full reimbursement in the coming months. College Board will share details about how students will access exams, complete tasks, and submit responses by late April. Link to the exam schedule: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>.

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Scohy (A-G)

Mr. Hartley (H-O)

Ms. Sanderman (P-Z)

Contact Registrar Mrs. Gwen Ralston at [gwen.ralston@bss.k12.oh.us](mailto:gwen.ralston@bss.k12.oh.us) for general questions

### FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

#### Important Dates:

Apr ACT - Cancelled

May SAT - Cancelled

5/1 - Deadline for most CCP applications

6/6 - SAT National Test Date, (register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) by 5/8)

6/13 - ACT National Test Date (register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) by 5/8)

7/18 - ACT National Test Date (register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) by 6/19)

**Weekly Lunch Program** is available for ANY child in the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek area, including preschool children attending other schools and children who are homeschooled. Families can pull into the back parking lot at Stephen Bell Elementary from 10 AM to noon.

**College Credit Plus.** Any student interested in doing a College Credit Plus class next year at BHS or a college should have attended the CCP meeting on Feb 5th. Details were shared about eligibility rules, application deadlines, and required testing. If you missed this meeting you must watch it on our webpage at <http://www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us/CollegeCreditPlus.aspx>.

**Any student interested in participating in the college credit plus program during the 20-21 school year must complete the intent to participate form by April 1st, link to the form is on the website. A password is required to complete the form and can be found at the end of the video presentation.** If you are a returning CCP student for the same college, you only need to complete the intent to participate form.

- Students taking **EGR 1010** or **French 3/4/5** for college credit next fall **must** complete the WSU CCP application by May 1st! Apply online at [www.wright.edu/collegecreditplus](http://www.wright.edu/collegecreditplus). After completing the application you must notify Mrs. Scohy to send your transcript.
- Students taking **Supply Chain Management** or **Spanish 3/4/5** for college credit must complete the Sinclair application by May 1st at <https://www.sinclair.edu/academics/ccp/get-started/>. Students must print the authorization form, complete the top half and return to Mrs. Scohy. Students taking **Chinese 3** only need to complete the intent to participate form.
- Students planning to take **College English 12**, **AP Stats**, **IED**, **DE**, **CE**, or **EDD** for college credit should apply to Clark State Community college at <http://emas.clarkstate.edu/ApplyforHighSchoolPrograms.aspx> by May 1st.
- Students planning to take a summer course or classes at a college campus or online must complete the college CCP application by the required deadline. Most schools have an application deadline of May 1st. You must notify Mrs. Scohy to send your transcript after you complete the online application. Students must then meet with an academic advisor at the college and then with Mrs. Scohy after acceptance to complete your 20-21 BHS schedule.

**Scheduling.** We are currently working on the master schedule for 20-21. Please respond to any emails from your counselor about course selections as we work through conflicts. Our goal remains to get schedules out by mid-May pending any other further issues.

**NHS Virtual Tutoring.** If you need help with any of your classes you can join this google meet [meet.google.com/efu-amkk-xya](https://meet.google.com/efu-amkk-xya) at 3pm. Mrs. Rivero will help connect you with an NHS tutor.

**Eagle Excellence** applications will be emailed out soon. Please complete the google form if you are interested in becoming an Eagle Excellence Leader next year.

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## GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS

### Winter re-cap

- Boys Basketball: overall record 10-13 and finished postseason sectional play with a loss to Kenton Ridge 59-43
- Girls Basketball: overall record 20-4 and defeated Springfield in the first round of the tournament then lost to Miamisburg 42-35 in the second round
- Wrestling: had 5 wrestlers (Devol, Bridgens, Malas, Hummel, Billock) finished for Bellbrook with postseason competition at Districts
- Swim/Dive: finished the SWBL 1st (girls) and 3rd (boys); Cam Bybee finished in 15th place at State in the 200 free
- Comp Cheer: finished 12th at the State Competition that was held at OSU's St. John's Arena



### Spring Sports Preview:

As of April 7, the OHSAA has not canceled the spring seasons. Please remember that during this shutdown, all school facilities are 100% closed, this includes the weight room, all gyms, all practice fields, baseball/softball fields, batting cage, and Miami Valley South Stadium.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES



Congratulations to the Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble for their amazing performances at the Music for All Regional Concert Band Festival on March 7. The bands were looking forward to their March concert at school, scheduled for Thursday, March 12, for which they were partnering with the Ohio Valley British Brass Band. All the groups hope to reschedule this concert in the very near future.

Congratulations to the Indoor Percussion Ensemble and the Winter Guard for their successful seasons that were unfortunately cut short by current events. The groups had outstanding shows, and great performances at Bellbrook's home invitational in February.

Sign ups are currently underway for the 2020 Bellbrook Marching Eagles. Anyone interested in being a part of the band or guard in the fall, feel free to contact Mr. Soloman or Mrs. Siler. New members are always welcome!



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## BHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MARCH and APRIL

### BHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SGT. CHITWOOD



Where were you born?	Cincinnati, Ohio
Where did you go to College?	Air Force Community College, Sinclair, UD
What would you name the autobiography of your life?	<i>"I Am Blessed"</i>
What as your first job?	Gas station mechanic
What would you most like to tell yourself at age 16?	Invest in the stock market.
What is your favorite thing about working at BHS?	The staff, students, and Bellbrook community
If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose?	Santa Claus (everyone loves Santa)

### What advice do you have for students?

Stay determined, never give up, and keep a positive attitude!

### BHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MRS. POTTER

Where were you born?	Xenia, Ohio
Where did you go to HS/College?	Xenia High School, Wright State University
If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?	Clint Eastwood because he is a great actor, director and sure to have great stories to tell about his life experiences.
What would you do for a career if you weren't teaching?	A nurse. Caring for others is my passion and I love the medical field.
What would you most like to tell yourself at age 16?	Hard work in school will pay off in the future. Your friends will be there for you but always evolving. Success is not by how many friends you have but by how hard you work.
What is your favorite thing about working at Bellbrook High School?	The kids! They can be a handful at times but they are a great bunch and make my days enjoyable.



### What advice do you have for Students?

To believe in yourself and go for what you want in life. Don't follow the path of others because their path is not the same as yours. Make smart choices and be the best you that you can be!

## MARCH & APRIL: STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### **STUDENT OF THE MONTH: MARCH: MEREDITH GREATHOUSE**

Meredith Greathouse is a great example of what a Golden Eagle should be. She works hard to reach her goals. She goes beyond what is asked to help her classmates and teammates in the classroom and on the field of competition. She is truly an asset to every classroom and group that she is a part of.

### **STUDENT OF THE MONTH: MARCH: GLENN OCHSNER**

Glenn is respectful, hardworking, and generous. She is very responsible and comes to class prepared everyday. She has made herself available to tutor other students every day at 7am since the start of school. She also volunteers her mentor time to help her classmates. She is a great student who sets a wonderful example for her peers!



### **STUDENT OF THE MONTH: APRIL: ACEY FAULKNER**

Acey is described as a student who pays attention to the details and never rushes through assignments. She never hesitates to help her peers when they are struggling. She always has a great attitude and is very encouraging to others! She is a great example for her classmates!



### **STUDENT OF THE MONTH: APRIL: DAPHNE LE**

Daphne is described as super kind, friendly and caring. She is often the first person in the classroom and is always ready to learn. She always has a smile on her face. She is a hard worker and a great example for her peers!



## EAGLES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND



**Bellbrook High School**

Thank you for going  
**ABOVE and BEYOND!**

Scratch off to reveal  
YOUR PRIZE



**ABOVE-BEYOND-TOGETHER**

This school year, Bellbrook students that exhibit 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 into the office and entered into a monthly “second-chance” drawing for a prize. Many local business have donated gift cards and merchandise to be used as rewards for our students. Some of those businesses are: Dunkin Donuts, Rapid Fire Pizza,

Elsa’s, McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Chick-Fil-A, Tropical Smoothie, the Dayton Dragons, and Sodexo. 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.

*The following students were recognized by BHS staff for going “ABOVE and BEYOND” during the 4th quarter:*

\*\* Winner of Second Chance Drawing

Jonah Atchison	Jared Hendley	Damien Maxwell
Sydney Blaine	Leia Holmes	Alex Meixner
John Broadstone	Josh Keifer**	Ramya Pandrangi
Avery Bunsold	Hunter Kohl	Lucas Pressnell
Vinny Camaratta	Arjun Kundu	Mia Roberto
Alyssa Clewley	Chad Lane	Elijah Rucker
Jenna Clewley	Connor Laughlin	Jada Stephens
Sarah Fronista	Rianne Lopez	Autumn Taylor
Braeden Gedeon	Simon Lunay	Ryan Williams
Audrey Grove	Braylen Lusardi	Benton Yoxtheimer

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE....

STAY AT HOME PEOPLE!



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Bellbrook High School</b>	<b>848-3737</b>
<b>Principal</b>	
David Hann .....	x2999
<b>Assistant Principals</b>	
Nikki LaSota .....	x2921
Todd Whalen .....	x2922
<b>Secretaries</b>	
Sherri Crute .....	x2901
Lee Gregory .....	x2903
<b>Counseling Department</b>	
Khris Scohy .....	x2911
Andy Hartley .....	x2912
Debra Sanderman .....	x2913
Gwen Ralston (Reg) .....	x2902
<b>Athletic Director</b>	
Charlie O'Dell.....	x2512
Tamara Cary (Sec.) .....	x2904

### Free AP Review Class

Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, you can attend free, live AP review courses, delivered by AP teachers from across the country.

These courses:

1. Are optional, mobile-friendly, and can be used alongside any work your teacher may give you.
2. Will be available on-demand, so you can access them any time.
3. Will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons including topics from the final 25% of the course.

To access the live classes and recordings, visit the [AP YouTube channel](#) or find your course schedule below.

[Download the daily schedule for 32 courses](#)

### A request...

Students: Please continue to be actively engaged: actively participate, complete, and turn in assignments. This is our new reality for the foreseeable future...

Parents: Please help us make sure your students are engaged: actively participating, completing, and turning in assignments.

Students have been highly encouraged to take the pandemic seriously and to take the recommended actions to protect themselves, their families, and our community

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# GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION



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