

# BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

## News From the Nest

*Above-Beyond-Togetherish*



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Bellbrook Parents,*

Thank you to our students and staff for a smooth start to this strange year! Classes and extra-curriculars are well under way and everyone has been locked in and working hard. Thank you to everyone for their patience and cooperation as we navigate this unprecedented start to the school year. Let's hope we can avoid any disruptions and continue to soar!

Stay healthy and stay tuned to see what the Golden Eagles do next!

Sincerely,

Dave Hann

### HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

#### *FAULKNER, SMITH, AND RIGGS QUALIFY AS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS*



Congratulations to Avarie Faulkner, Marissa Smith, and Cailey Riggs for qualifying as National Merit Scholars for the 2020-21 school year. 1.6 million students participated in the competition, with only 16,000 being selected as semifinalists. About 1/2 of these students will qualify for a national merit scholarship.

We wish Avarie, Marissa, and Cailey good luck as they move forward in their college selection processes and again congratulate them on their awesome accomplishments!

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### **BHS STUDENTS EXCEL ON 2020 AP EXAMS**

SCHOLAR SUMMARY (Total Scholars: 43; Average Score: 4.18)				
	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar
Number of Scholars	19	11	13	2
Average Score	3.73	4.06	4.47	4.82

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## THE RETURN TO SCHOOL: FALL 2020

### *A SAFE RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM*

We are thrilled to have our kids back in the classroom (they have been great) and I think that they secretly like being back as well. BHS Faculty, Custodians, Counselors, Secretaries and Administration worked many long hours this summer to make our return to school as safe as possible for our students. We have employed a layered system of preventative measures, such as daily health assessments, visual cues, physical distancing, hand sanitization, and the use of face coverings and our students have been extremely cooperative. School is different this year. There are new faces and procedures, new traditions, and ways in which we have to do things. We must be prepared to continue to change what we do and how we do it both remotely and in the building and we must continue to be flexible and prepared to change direction and procedures at a moment's notice. No one knows what tomorrow (much less a month from now) will bring, but know that the faculty and staff of Bellbrook High School will continue to do all that they can to provide the best and safest educational environment both on campus and online for our students. We thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate this unprecedented start to school.



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## CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### ***SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT UPDATE***

**Government:** Students are learning about the U.S. Constitution and the establishment of the government of the United States and how it applies today.

**AP Government:** Students are learning the foundations of American democracy and analyzing founding documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Antifederalist Papers.

**American Studies:** Students are learning about industrialization and westward expansion during the second half of the nineteenth century.

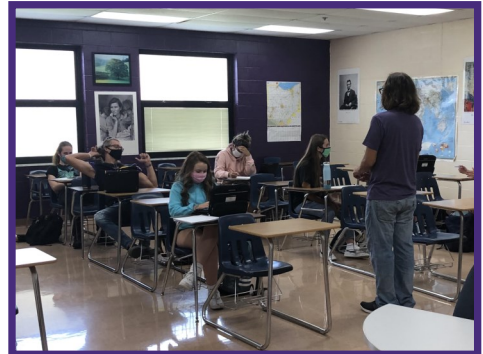
**AP U.S. History:** Students are analyzing the U.S. Constitution and the Federalist Papers to better understand the founding fathers and our system of government.

**World Studies:** Students are preparing to learn about Enlightenment ideas and thinkers, their impact on western civilization and the American system of government.

**Global Issues:** Students are closely following the 2020 presidential election and will analyze the candidates, parties, speeches, and debates.

**Rock & Roll in American History:** Students have been learning about the civil rights movement, the Cold War and 1950s America through the music and icons of rock and roll. Next up: the 1960s and the continued pursuit for civil rights and the Vietnam War.

**Sociology :** Students are learning about the foundations of sociology and sociological research.



**ARJUN KUNDU and DASHA CROCKER** have improved the BHS campus through their generosity and hard work. Both recently completed projects as they work to earn the rank of **EAGLE SCOUT!**

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## COUNSELING CORNER

**Mrs. Scohy (A-G)**

**Mr. Hartley (H-O)**

**Ms. Sanderman (P-Z)**

Contact Registrar Mrs. Gwen Ralston at extension 2902 for general questions.

### Important Dates for 20-21

- 9/15 - Deadline to register for the PSAT
- 9/17 - Deadline to register for the Oct ACT (register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))
- 9/16ish College Planning and Financial Aid Night, will be released virtually this year
- 10/3 - Practice ACT test with Huntington Learning Center at BHS, 7:30 am
- 10/14 - PSAT (administered at BHS)
- 10/22 - FAFSA Night, 5:30 pm (possibly virtual)



The **PSAT** test will be administered on the morning of Oct 14th at Bellbrook High School. This test can qualify 11th-grade students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Due to COVID we only have space to offer this to 10th and 11th graders this year. Sign-up now using this [Google form](#). Cost is \$17. Students can bring cash or check to Mrs. Ralston in the counseling office. Deadline to register is Sep 15th. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information about the PSAT/NMSQT.

**Practice ACT**, sponsored by Huntington Learning Center, will be offered at BHS on Oct. 3rd. Cost is \$20. Sign-up now using this [Google Form](#). Students can bring cash or check to Mrs. Ralston in the counseling office. This is a full length practice test. Students will attend a review session the following week with a 10-page breakdown of scores indicating strengths and areas to improve as well as test taking tips. Deadline to register is Sep 25th.

**College Admission Rep Visits** This year due to COVID we will not be allowing reps to visit. Information on how to contact the reps will be updated on the BHS website at <http://www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us/CollegeRepVisits.aspx> and any virtual visits we schedule will be posted here.

**ACT/SAT Test Dates** - see page 7 for all the 2020-21 ACT and SAT test dates as well as the websites to register. An excellent resource to practice for these tests is Khan Academy, <https://www.khanacademy.org/> or ACT Academy at <https://academy.act.org/>

**NACAC will host the following Virtual College Fairs\*\*\***

September 13: 12-8 p.m. ET

October 18: 12-8 p.m. ET

October 12: 1-9 p.m. ET

November 8: 2-10 p.m. ET

Students and parents may also visit multiple campuses using these links:

[youvisit.com/collegesearch](http://youvisit.com/collegesearch)

[eCampusTours.com](http://eCampusTours.com)

[campustours.com](http://campustours.com).

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## GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS

**Ticket Allotments at Bellbrook** - Here are the ticket allotments for each sport (away games TBD)

Varsity Football = 2 tickets per player, 2 tickets per cheerleader & 2 tickets per band member.

JV & MS Football = 4 tickets per player

Soccer = 4 tickets per player

HS & MS Volleyball = 3 tickets per player

**Purchasing Tickets** - We will only be able to sell individual tickets for our games. The only way to buy tickets to our football, soccer and volleyball games, as well as our cross country meets is to purchase them electronically on our [athletic department web-site](#). Remember, the general public will not be able to buy tickets to these events. Parents will have personalized code that they will enter that will allow them to purchase the allotted number of tickets. This personalized code will come through email.

\*Varsity Football (2-0), Cheerleaders and Marching Band had Senior Night on Fri, Sept 4th and defeated Franklin 34-0. Football heads to Valley View on Fri, Sept 11th; game time 7pm.

\*Boys Varsity Soccer had their Senior Night on Thurs, Sept 3rd vs Eaton at 6:30pm and travels to Brookville on Thurs, Sept 10th at 7:15pm.

\*Girls Varsity Soccer will host Brookville on Thurs Sept 10th; game time is 7:15pm.

\*Varsity Volleyball will host Brookville at home Thurs, Sept 10th; game time is 6:30pm.

\*Varsity Cross Country hosted multiple teams at the R&I Black Invitational on Sat, Sept 5th; They will host additional meets on Sept 15th and 26th.

\*Varsity Golf travels to Reid Park on Sat, Sept 12th to play Springfield Shawnee at 1pm.

\*Varsity Girls Tennis plays at Oakwood at 4pm on Thurs, Sept 10th.

Want to see the most up-to-date SCHEDULES and get notifications for any of our teams? Go to our district website, click on HS Athletics, and click on **rSchoolToday**. Plus, follow us on Twitter @BellbrookSports for daily scores and extra event information.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES



The Marching Eagles have had a busy summer rehearsing for the fall season. Marching, color guard, and percussion practices began in July, and by August, all the woodwinds and brass had all the PPE they needed to play their instruments! Students are able to wear a special mask while playing, and due to the incredible efforts of a wonderful sewing team, led by Mrs. Ochsner, we have woodwind bags and bell covers for the brass. Our 2020 competition show, "Out of the Blue," will not be able to be performed in its entirety this fall, but crowds will see portions of it at all of our home football games.

The directors would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to this year's seniors, the Class of '21, for their resilience, hard work, and dedication to the band. This year's seniors are Fern Davis, Ashley Duckett, John Havlicek, Kyle Hobbs, Rebecca Liu, Emmie Mancuso, Rachel Metzler, Rhianon Schonauer, Garrett Sharp, and Cameron Sprague.

The concert bands will begin playing in class in September, and hope to perform some concerts this year virtually. Stay tuned for information about possible live streams or video events!

**\*\*Don't forget to support the choirs this fall as they hold their annual fall mum fundraiser! \*\***



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## STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### STUDENT OF THE MONTH: CHAD LANE

Chad Lane is described by staff as studious, trustworthy, helpful to others, and kind. He is always doing the right things and always willing to help other students. He is a quiet leader and is kind and thoughtful toward adults and peers alike.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH: CAILEY RIGGS

BHS Staff describes Cailey Riggs as always positive in the classroom and helpful to her peers. She is a “ray of sunshine”. She treats other people kindly and with respect and is always willing to help out. She is as brilliant as she is kind and good.



## BHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MR. LAMBRIGHT

**Where were you born?** Dayton Ohio

**Where did you go to HS?** Centerville HS

**Where did you go to college?** OSU and Wright State

**How long have you worked at BHS?** 20 years

**What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?** Social influencer or Youtuber

**What would you most like to tell yourself at age 16?** Don't golf in a lightning storm

**What is something you learned in the last week?** I learned how to design and build a fume extractor, some interesting facts about the shingles, and how to repair a 3D printer.

**Who would play you in a movie?** A puppet controlled by Frank Oz

**What advice do you have for BHS students?** Travel...you'll learn more about yourself, your community and the world by actually seeing it and interacting with others with different perspectives.



ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS		IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
SEPTEMBER 16	2-HR DELAYED START: TEACHER PD	<b>Bellbrook High School</b>	848-3737
SEPTEMBER 18	MAKE UP PICTURES DURING SCHOOL	<b>Principal</b>	
OCTOBER 7-12	HOMECOMING WEEK	David Hann .....	x2999
OCTOBER 9	END OF QUARTER 1	<b>Assistant Principals</b>	
OCTOBER 12	NO SCHOOL	Nikki LaSota .....	x2921
OCTOBER 30	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	Todd Whalen .....	x2922
NOVEMBER 11	NO SCHOOL: TEACHER PD	<b>Secretaries</b>	
NOVEMBER 23-27	FALL BREAK	Robin Cordonnier .....	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

### 2020-2021 ACT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 12, 13, 19, 2020	August 28, 2020	
October 10,17, 24, 25, 2020	September 17, 2020	Sept. 18 – Sept. 25, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7-20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
February 23, 2021* All Juniors	State Sponsored	
April 17, 2021	March 12 2021	Mar 13--Mar 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021

### 2020-2021 SAT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	September 15, 2020
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 22, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	November 24, 2020
December 5 2020	November 5, 2020	November 24, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

# GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION

