



THE COMMUNICATOR

Fall
2022

Reflecting Excellence in Blissfield Community Schools



Scott Riley
Superintendent

It's hard to believe that the first quarter is in the books for the 2022-2023 school year. What a difference a year makes! For the first time in a while we have had a normal start to the school year: open buildings, homecoming traditions, awards ceremonies, along with packed gyms and stadiums has been a welcome sight.

There are many opportunities to attend games and student performances this winter. You are cordially invited to come out and support our student athletes and performers. Schedules and calendars can be found online

at www.blissfieldschools.us and in this publication.

The return to normal has also enabled the District to move forward on building key partnerships and implementing new initiatives that will ultimately lead to more opportunities for our BCS students. These partnerships and initiatives support the district goal of being a Destination District.

BCS's partnership with the Village of Blissfield Police Department has enabled the District to employ a full time School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Luce's first official day was Monday, October 24. We are excited to have Officer Luce in the District and we are looking forward to him establishing positive relationships with all stakeholders. He will be spending his time at all three buildings along with helping out during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal times.

Blissfield High School (BHS) has partnered with Adrian College and Siena Heights for dual enrollment courses and as a result we currently have fifty-seven students enrolled in dual enrollment courses. Dual enrollment courses allow the students the opportunity to earn college credits (for free) while still enrolled in high school. BHS has also partnered with several local businesses for work based learning opportunities and as a result, we have twelve seniors who are taking advantage of this opportunity. Work based learning allows students to earn high school credits while gaining valuable work experience during the school day.

The District has also continued its work, even during the pandemic, on implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This program has led to a more positive, productive, and safer environment in all three buildings. PBIS focuses on core values. Each building has implemented PBIS with their own unique acronym to assist in implementing the core values. The elementary utilizes the acronym ROAR: respect, ownership, attitude and resilience. The middle school

uses PRIDE: preparation, respect, integrity, determination, and encouragement. The high school uses ROYAL: respect, ownership, your purpose, attitude, and leadership. By having this program in all three buildings, it has led to consistency and continuity throughout the District. It also helps prepare our students for life experiences once they graduate from Blissfield Community Schools.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Blissfield Community Schools a Destination District!
Go Royals!

District Calendar

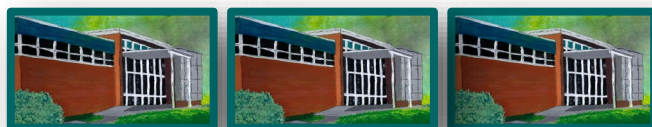
Nov 8	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ES PTO Meeting
Nov 8	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Elementary School Parent Advisory Meeting
Nov 14	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM ES RtI Fall Parent Informational Meeting
Nov 18	1/2 Day of School for Students/ Staff In-service in Afternoon
Nov 18	MS Musical - <i>Lady Pirates of the Caribbean</i> 6:30 PM
Nov 19	MS Musical 2:30 & 6:30 PM
Nov 21	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Board of Education Meeting
Nov 22	MS/HS Athletic Eligibility Grade Check
Nov 23 - Nov 25	Thanksgiving Recess - No School
Dec 5 - Dec 9	PTO Elementary Holiday Shop
Dec 5	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Middle School Parent Advisory Committee
Dec 6	High School Blood Drive
Dec 7	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Band & Choir Concerts
Dec 8	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Elementary Music Programs
Dec 10	Blissfield Wrestling Invitational
Dec 15	MS Robotics competition at Hudson
Dec 10 - Dec 22	ES PTO Holiday Lights Contest
Dec 19	Semester Exams - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL
Dec 19	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Board of Education Meeting
Dec 20	Last Day of 2nd Marking Period
Dec 20	Semester Exams - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL
Dec 21 - Jan 1	Winter Recess - No School



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Keep Warm, Stay Informed & Even Perform at Your Library!



November 2022

Get in the spirit and join the cast of the Library's latest video, *Blissfield Reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas"*! We will film at the Library from 3:30 to 5:30 pm on Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17, 30 and on December 1, or until we finish the poem. You need to come for just one day for only a few minutes. You have to read just one line. We need 56 readers to read one line of the poem each. Simply come by the library during film time. Readers under 18 will need a parent present to sign a permission form. You can read alone or with a partner. Small children can be in the shot with older siblings or parents. The Library will assign your lines. Need an example? Check out *Blissfield Reads "Casey at the Bat"* at blissfieldlibrary.org.

Saturday, 11/12/22

- 11 am—4 pm: Annual Five Hours in the Fall Booksale. Fill a bag provided by the library with books and audiovisual items for a donation (\$2 suggested).
- 1—4 pm: Yule Make It @ the Library Ornament Creation Station. Drop in to create an ornament to decorate your tree!

Wednesday, 11/16/2022, 10 am:

StoryTime: Thanksgiving.

Turkey Wreath Take & Make Kit available in the library front vestibule all month while supplies last.

December 2022

Wednesday, 12/14/2022, 10 am:

StoryTime: Christmas.

Christmas Wreath Take & Make Kit available in the library front vestibule all month while supplies last.

January 2023

Wednesday, 1/11/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Winter

Thursday, 1/12/2023, 6-8 pm:

Blissfield Unbound: Tech Thursday

Wednesday, 1/18/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Bedtime (wear your pajamas)

Thursday, 1/19/2023, 6 pm:

The Page Turners (book club), *Still Alice*

Wednesday, 1/25/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Cats

Thursday, 1/26/2023, 6-8 pm:

Blissfield Unbound: Tech Thursday

Paper Plate Snowman Take & Make Kit available in the library front vestibule all month while supplies last.

February 2023

Wednesday, 2/1/2023, 10 am:

Storytime: Monsters

Thursday, 2/2/2023, 6 pm

Taste the State at That One Place in Blissfield.

Registration and proof of age required.

Wednesday, 2/8/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Crayons

Wednesday, 2/15/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Love

Thursday, 2/16/2023, 6 pm:

The Page Turners (book club), *A Man Called Ove*

Wednesday, 2/22/2023, 10 am:

StoryTime: Dogs

Thursday, 2/23/23, 6pm:

A FLAME Film Event: *The Elephant Man*.

Jackson Hayes leads discussion after the screening.

I Love You to Pieces Take & Make Kit available in the library front vestibule all month while supplies last.

Thanks to the generosity of community-minded sponsors, library programs remain free and open to the public while the library operates in a positive, fine-free environment. Children's & Teen Programs are sponsored by Blissfield State Bank and Iott Insurance, Blissfield Unbound events are sponsored by Brown & Sons Roofing & Siding and Knapp Chevrolet Buick, Taste the State is sponsored by Chris Mallow, DDS and Blissfield Insurance Agency, and the library's latest program series, FLAME (Film, Literature, Art, Music & Expression) is sponsored by Salsa Bliss. Thanks to Blissfield Community Schools for helping us spread the word about library programs.

THE SCHULTZ-HOLMES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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NEW ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Third Grade

Shelly Porter joins the third grade staff this year. Her extended family includes husband Chris, children 9, 7, 6 and 2, a dog, two cats, and 20 chickens. During their summers, they enjoy visiting the Carolinas and spending time on the water. She welcomes the challenges and opportunities of a third grade classroom.



Shelly Porter
Third Grade

Elementary Music

Both Audrey and her husband Adam enjoy music education and they are delighted that they now work and live in Blissfield with one year old Allie! At EMU she served as the Drum Major for the marching band. She brings three years of experience with her to our program. Welcomed by the community, she looks forward to BES and providing private lessons in piano and bassoon.



Audrey Sniezek
Music

Developmental Kindergarten

McKenna Pulver earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Toledo. She has been passionate about entering the education field and looks forward to a great year at BCS. In her free time, she spends time with her family, friends, and dog.



McKenna Pulver
Developmental K

December College Applications

Seniors are encouraged to apply to colleges ASAP, and all applications to four year schools should be completed no later than December, 2022. Many colleges had early notification deadline of November 1st, and most colleges also have an on-line application process that saves time and often is less costly than paper applications.

NEW DISTRICT STAFF

Resource Officer

Blissfield Schools is pleased to welcome Officer Luce of the Village of Blissfield Police Department to BCS as the new School Resource Officer. He began his duties on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Officer Luce is a BCS graduate and is a retired Police Chief. We are very fortunate to have someone with Officer Luce's experience as our SRO. His positive attitude and willingness to work with staff and students makes him a true asset to our District. We are looking forward to our partnership with Officer Luce. BCS would like to thank the Village of Blissfield Council, Danielle Gross - Village Administrator, Chief Greenleaf and Officer Luce for all of their hard work in making this position possible.



Dave Luce
Resource Officer

Choral Music and Drama

Holly Lindsay earned double bachelors degrees in theatre (Stage Management & Technical Design) and music education (Vocal) from Adrian College. She and husband Mark (USAF) served and taught in Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, Alaska, South Dakota, and Michigan for the past 19 years. Holly is currently working on her master of fine arts in Creative Writing from Oklahoma City University (Red Earth MFA Program.)



Holly Lindsay
HS & MS Choral Music

ES Media Center

Deanna Braswell is originally from Canton, Michigan. Her family moved to Blissfield a year ago. She wants to encourage every child to expand their interests in literature and is delighted to have her 7 year old in a BES classroom.



Deanna Braswell
Media Center

Inclement Weather and Busing

If school must be closed or delayed due to inclement weather or other conditions, you will be notified via Infinite Campus instant alert system at your home, work, or cell phone number and email address upon request. To enroll or update your information, contact the office of the school your child attends.

The procedure for calling for a delay or cancellation due to weather related incidences is determined by two administrators. When inclement weather is in the area or predicted, administrators are on the road by 4:30 a.m. checking the various areas of the district. Information is gathered from neighboring districts, the road commission and Lenawee County Sheriff's department. Determinations on cancellations and delays are made in the best interest of the drivers and students based on, but not limited to factors: including visibility at 1/10 of a mile, 528 feet, snow depth at such an extent to impede the operation of motor vehicles, snow removal progress within the district, icing conditions, flooding conditions, or wind chills with a straight line temperature of less than or equal to minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

A decision to delay or cancel school is determined by 6:00 a.m. and announced to all school personnel, students and their families through Infinite Campus and area radio and television networks. Please tune in to your local TV broadcast or radio station to hear the school closing updates. Parents and students are urged not to call administration or the bus garage during this time as we are trying to notify staff and make the necessary arrangements.

When a delay is called it is typically for two hours. This means that if your regularly scheduled pickup time for school is 6:45 a.m., then the bus would be at your stop at 8:45 a.m.

Early dismissals from school due to weather conditions are rare. However, they could happen and parents should instruct children about what to do, whom to contact, and/or where to go if school is dismissed early.

Tracking Food Services Balance

The Infinite Campus student information app provides current balance information for participating families. It is important to track this information regularly. Negative balances can add up quickly.

Applications are available for free and reduced meals. In some situations, families may qualify for free breakfast and lunch every day. Blissfield schools wants every qualifying family to have and use this benefit.

New freezer equipment was installed at the beginning of the semester. New meal ideas are being added. In most every respect the school food service year has started very well. Using the Infinite Campus app with the student ID card is absolutely the best way to keep up to date with this important area of the school day.

Persistence overshadows even talent as the most valuable resource shaping the quality of life. Tony Robbins

NEW HIGH SCHOOL STAFF Sciences

Christa Graham grew up in Ann Arbor, graduated from Milan high school and now resides in Adrian. With degrees from University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Western Governor's University she will be teaching anatomy, physiology, honors biology and physics.

Painting with Bob Ross videos, watching ice hockey and gardening are great free time joys.



Christa Graham
Anatomy - Physiology

Online Learning

Keith Covey has been in education 23 years. He holds degrees from Adrian College and Fort Hays State University. Through the years, his focus has been on U.S. and world history, economics and psychology.

Coaching most of the dominant team sports has also been a consistent role for him, but equestrian events have been something special for family and school.

Mr. Covey will manage the high school media center and Online Learning.



Keith Covey
Media Center

Algebra

Lauren Raburn grew up in Blissfield and is a proud alumni of BHS and Siena Heights University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Physical Education. Lauren spends her spare time chasing around her young son and loves visiting the family cabin on Bois Blanc Island in northern Michigan.

Lauren has also enjoyed coaching volleyball, basketball, and softball at the high school level and looks forward to returning to coaching in the future.

Lauren will be teaching algebra 2 and lifetime fitness.



Lauren Raburn
Algebra 2 and Fitness

PBIS Update

As a refresher, the Blissfield Middle School PBIS expectations are Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Encouragement. These expectations help our students to know how to act both in the school and beyond. Each class also has specific PRIDE expectations for what these expectations look like in that classroom.

As a school, we look for opportunities to recognize students meeting these expectations, while also using PRIDE to help correct misbehaviors. As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions. To keep students on the rules in a positive manner, we do the following when teaching academics and behavior:

- * Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations.
- * Provide students with more praise than correction.
- * Talk to students with respect using a positive voice tone.
- * Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction.
- * Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting as we teach.
- * Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback.

We thank you for your continuous support of PBIS. Please reach out if you have questions.

Are You on Infinite Campus?

Infinite Campus is your go to place when it comes to students' grades and attendance. You are able to see accurate and timely information related to your student. Teachers update the students grades regularly. You can also use Infinite Campus to add money to your student's account.

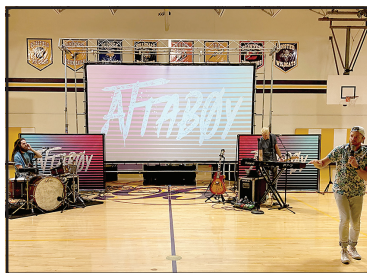


Decision Making Assembly

The middle school was pleased to host an assembly on Oct. 26th with *AttaBoy*, an assembly/event team that has scored very high marks with administrators, counselors and students across the U.S. 98% of schools that have hosted *AttaBoy* say the band's presentation was better than other assemblies they've had in the past.

"It's the music they want and the message they need," was more than a slogan during the Q & A session. The band shared personal experiences of taking a stand for what is right and encouraged students to make their own decisions.

Their combination of



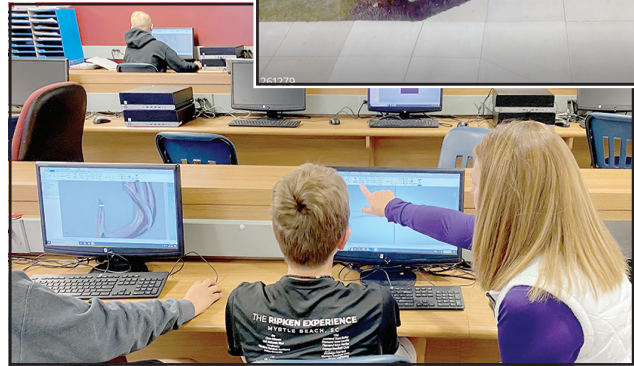
AttaBoy™ videos on YouTube offer samples of their message and music.

energetic and fun musical performance with a powerful spoken message, served to impact students with a fresh new voice. Parents are encouraged to follow up with the message from our event and confirm that it was indeed, time well spent.

Middle School PLTW Adds Drone

This year the PLTW lab at the middle school updated a key software title at each student workstation. *Inventor™* by Autodesk is an elite 3D drawing software that has a large footprint in the marketplace. *Robotics* (Geha), *Intro to Engineering and Design* (Atkinson) and *Design and Modeling* (Heineman) are Middle School courses that rely on this software to enhance the learning experience for Blissfield students.

The PLTW initiative through the LISD coordinates this and many other resources for labs across the county. Blissfield is currently the only lab that features this software.



Top Right: Using PLTW funding, the first flight of the MS drone launched a new page in the STEM curriculum about new career opportunities, utilization opportunities, FAA regulations and navigation of drones.

Above: Carrie Atkinson offers direction in Inventor 2023™ Pro design software in the PLTW lab.

Middle School Agriculture Competition



Blissfield Middle School is pursuing another first place finish this fall at the FFA broiler competition. Teacher, Andy Ford and an enthusiastic group of 7th grade students have worked with hatchlings, provided a feeding program and maintained the growing environment twice a week for a perfect growth rate toward 5.5 pounds.



Judging for the competition is taking place this week. Results will be posted on the middle school page of the website.

Focus on the Foundations

With the implementation of our new ELA programs during the 2021-22 school year, Blissfield has made a commitment to focus on the foundations of literacy. Our goal is for ALL BCS students to become proficient readers and writers, and that starts with a firm foundation.

According to the National Reading Panel Report (2000), the five components of reading include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Our ELA programs address all of these important components as our students build their skills.

Starting in developmental kindergarten and continuing through the end of first grade, phonological and phonemic awareness are addressed through the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program. Students are taught to listen for, segment, and blend the individual sounds in spoken words. This skill, along with more advanced phonemic awareness tasks such as deleting and manipulating phonemes are all done through highly engaging, active word play using Heggerty. Students who can hear the individual sounds and “play” with them, helps them become better readers, writers, and spellers.

Phonics is another piece of the foundational reading skills puzzle. The Foundations Program is a highly effective, multi-sensory approach to helping students relate the sounds in spoken words to the letters in printed English. In DK, students use the Foundations program to learn the sounds associated with each of the letters in the alphabet and how to form the letters.

In kindergarten, students should be mastering blending the sounds in short words, one syllable words as they master the alphabetic principle. This is truly the foundation of reading.

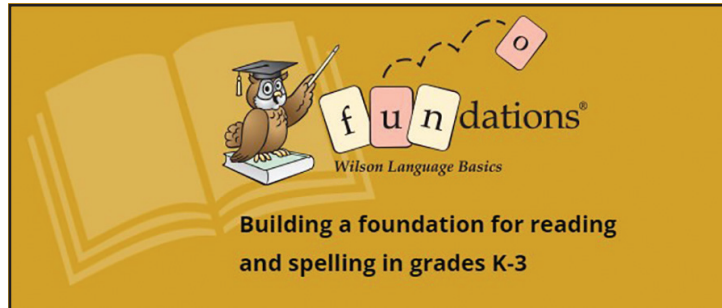
In first through third grades, the students are taught more sound-spelling correspondences through systematic, explicit approach that includes many hands-on learning activities. In third grade, students learn exceptions to the rules, and take their understanding of the English language and orthography (spelling) even stronger.

In order to ensure our students move past the firm foundation and build their fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary skills, we utilize the knowledge-building program, Wit and Wisdom, published by Great Minds in kindergarten through sixth grades. Students dive deep into the core texts and have

many opportunities for reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking deeply about a variety of topics while growing their vocabulary and their comprehension skills.

Research shows that background knowledge is the key to strong reading comprehension. Beyond sixth grade, our students build upon this foundation through carefully designed ELA units to become increasingly proficient readers and writers.

Blissfield is fortunate that we have a strong ELA program that addresses all the important aspects of English Language Arts curriculum. Our teachers have been trained to utilize these resources to create the best learning opportunities for all of our students.



Summer Travel with Blissfield Geography Club

The Blissfield High School Geography Club logged its third trip to Europe this past summer. Previous plans during the pandemic had been postponed. Finally, these twenty-one students and family members were able to travel, learn and grow in Italy!

The culture and history of Venice, Florence, Rome and Assisi were explored. The amazing cuisine was a great highlight. The 21 students and adults spent 9 days touring the cities and historical sites, including this day in Pompeii, learning about history and culture while enjoying the sunshine and lots of gelato. The temperature may have been 100 degrees in Pompeii, but it couldn't dim the smiles.



Italy welcomed these travelers from Blissfield during the summer of 2022: Todd Kato, Kelly Gilmore, Benji Kato, Thomas Kato, Brandon Kato, Gary Sullivan, Saudia Santure, Sean Phillips, Loretta Cox, Sarah Bettis, Annabelle Smith, Sarah Brewer, Lucie Weeber, Abigail Gilmore, Marieta Cueto, Amy Bettis, Kendall Sullivan, Kacie Wright, Nick Jensen, Sheila Kato and Arden Badger.

Bands Earning Praise and Awards



The 2022 Marching Royals proved to have a very successful year, which

began in early August with the annual week-long band camp. The band's show this year was titled "In Your Dreams" and included music with a dream or nightmare theme. In addition to performing for the appreciative home crowd at games, the band also made several stops across the region and state. In October, the Marching Royals played for rave reviews at the annual Lenawee County Marching Band Festival in Adrian, and earned a Straight Division One Rating for their performance at the MSBOA Marching Band Festival in Jackson. With the community, the band participated in the local Halloween Parade. To conclude the season, they will be featured in the Parade of Lights. Congratulations, Marching Royals, on another fantastic season!

The Middle School Bands are off to a great start this school year. Many 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Blissfield Homecoming Parade through

town and presented themselves with professionalism and confidence. The combined band for the performance was just over 90 students!

Beginning Band at the Elementary School is going very well so far and we have outstanding participation this year! This is our biggest group yet with 56 students in the beginning band class! These young musicians are very excited about their instruments, have made very good

progress so far and have a great future.

The next band concert for grades 6-12 is on Wednesday, December 7th in the high school gym. If that is too long to wait, you can hear some small ensemble performances by the high school band students at the Blissfield Yuletide Festival Event Tent on November 12th from 2-3 pm. Thank you for the continued support of the instrumental music program at Blissfield Community Schools! Go Royals!



National Honor Society Inductions

On Wednesday, October 19, the Blissfield Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 21 new members at the annual Induction Ceremony. The candlelight ceremony was followed by a dessert reception. Blissfield Rotarian Scott Croft gave the keynote address. The purpose of this group is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of admirable character in the students of Blissfield High School. To be accepted in the NHS, students must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 and demonstrate activity in the four pillars listed above including 20 hours of community service each year.



The National Honor Society inducted new members into the Blissfield society. Evelyn Andres, Alyssa Barnhart, Jared Brown, Avery Collins, Payten Dew, Dove Eitzen, Tyler Ganun, Alexia Handy, Jonah Hiatt, Matthew Houttekier, Katelyn Jacobs, Abrie Loudon, Mikayla Marisa, Addison Martinez, Gabriel Schnoor, Isabella Treloar, Kaydence VanEtten, Alexzandria Waigle, Avery Lockwood, Kendall Martin, and Dylan VanSteenkiste-Amador are the new members this year.

Blissfield Strong

Reinforcements: Accolades about our Support Personnel

BCS Provides NWEA Training for Staff

Blissfield Community Schools has utilized Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test assessments in the fall, winter and spring each year since 2016. Students are assessed in reading and math. The assessment is computer adaptive, meaning the questions students complete are based on their responses to previous questions. With this data we are able to gain insight about how our students are progressing academically. We are then able to determine which students need extra support, and to which extent they need additional help. To strengthen our interpretation of student data, and implementation into our classrooms, teachers and building administrators went through training this October with presenters from NWEA. Mrs. Francis, Director of Title Programs and Mr. Rupp, Learning Loss Coordinator / Director of Special Education, attended the Michigan Leadership Summit hosted by NWEA to focus on building and district use of student data. Parents should have received a student report of how their child(ren) scored during the fall testing cycle. If parents have questions or would like further information, they can email Mr. Rupp at crupp@blissfieldschools.us



Cris Rupp
Learning Loss/S.E.

Elementary Aides

"Blissfield Elementary is and ready to learn. It takes a extremely fortunate to employ a student aide team for day-to-day assistance with students who need a little extra care. These ladies go above and beyond to make sure their students are on task, focused

and ready to learn. It takes a special person to be a student aide – these ladies are very special. Please join us in thanking these individuals who make a difference every week!"

— Linda Mueller



We are pleased to honor our elementary aides: Teri Braun, kindergarten; Vicki Perry, 5th grade; Kim Fojtik; sensory assistant; Shelia Southward, kindergarten; Fayth Tonemah, kindergarten; Sue Andrews, 3rd grade; Chasity Bush, 2nd grade; Amanda Albring, floater assistant; Morgan Dufty, 1st grade. Not pictured: Emma Schwartz, 1st grade, Connie Barnhart, 2nd grade.

Middle School Aides

"Another grading period for this school year recently passed with conferences dominated by the student—teacher—classroom—parent framework. It is hard to let this moment fade away without recognizing how many other individuals contribute to any of our successes. Fact: There are many behind the scenes supporting personnel on the district staff that we would be lost without. In this edition of the fall Communicator, the middle school is very pleased to join in spotlighting an essential, highly appreciated group of student aides who swoop in, just in time, to offer the extra assistance that a student might need...every day.

Our student success coordinator reviews several

dynamics of learning such as attendance, behavior, and academics. When a need arises, the coordinator is able to work with the students to overcome the barriers they are facing. This assistance ranges from helping with behaviors, note taking, test reading to tutoring.

Often these supporting moments take place in our media center where the themes of learning are creatively displayed every week. Here, away from the intensive pace of the classroom, in a quieter place to learn, a student and an aide huddle together to complete individualized learning. It is a remarkable picture. With that said, we are pleased to salute our aides who reinforce our learning program"

— Laura Denkins



We are pleased to honor our middle school aides: Stacey Handy, Mary Abbott, Jim Patterson, Melissa Mingione and Cathie Lewis. Not pictured: Stacey Branscum, Brooke Paulson

November 2

Financial Aid Workshop

BHS hosted a Financial Aid Workshop on November 2nd in the Cafeteria. Admissions Counselor Anita Moore, discussed the financial aid process, including the FAFSA, maximizing your financial award, and types of financial aid. Please contact the CCC at 486.2148 x307. If you were unable to attend there may still be handouts available for you and/or your student.

Fall Sports Update / Winter Sport's Deadlines

Competitive cheer officially begins practice on *November 7, while girls' basketball, wrestling, and Boys'/Girls' bowling are able to officially begin practice on November 14* in accordance with MHSAA regulations. Boy's basketball practice officially begins on *November 21. Contact your coach or see the Athletic Office for more details.

Reminder: You must have a current physical, dated on or after April 15, 2022, turned in to the Athletic Office before the first day of practice to participate. Physical forms are available in the high school office or on the Blissfield Athletics website (www.blissfieldathletics.com).

*This date is subject to change for all sports depending on fall sports advancement in the MHSAA playoffs. The Athletic Office will announce updates as necessary.

Football Season Roundup

The Blissfield Royals finished up their season with a victory over the Golden Eagles from Columbia Central giving them a 4-5 win/loss record for the

season. Though it was a tough year, our kids fought hard in every game, and we are proud of the effort and energy they brought every Friday night. LCAA All-League selections were made. Aaron Stalker (K) was voted 1st Team All-LCAA. 2nd Team honors went to Ty Cantrell (WR/DB), Kipp Fisher (LB), Zach Andrews (OL), and Julius Brown (OL/DL). Gabe Jones (DE), Jack Deatrack (QB), and Cassidy Lenz (RB) received Honorable Mention honors.

Volleyball Season Roundup

The Lady Royals are sitting on top of the LCAA with a 46-4-1 win/loss record. The girls will head into postseason play excited for the opportunity to capture a District Championship. The MHSAA Districts will be held at Sand Creek this year. The girls' first round game was on November 1 at 5:00 vs Whiteford.

If the Lady Royals won they moved on to play Erie-Mason in the Semifinals on Thursday, November 3 at 5:00pm. The District Finals will be played on Saturday, November 5 at 11:00am. Teams in the District include: Blissfield, Whiteford, Erie-Mason, SMCC, Sand

Creek, and Madison. The entire Division 3 Bracket can be found on the MHSAA website under the volleyball page.

The girls' LCAA All-League honors and other awards will be decided in the near future. Please check the Blissfield Athletics Facebook page for these updates.

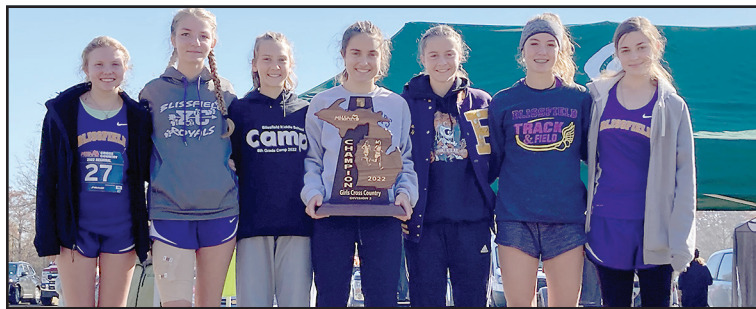
Soccer Season Roundup

The boys' soccer team finished up their season with a shootout victory over Jefferson in the 1st Round of the MHSAA District Tournament, before being defeated by Ida in the Semifinals. The boys fought hard all season and Noah Hiatt was selected as a 2nd Team All-

LCAA selection.

Cross Country Season Roundup

Coach Ryan Bills is nearing the end of his first season at the helm. Coach Bills has stepped right in and begun building a program with his own vision and the kids have jumped onboard. Sophomore Evan Vore was the lead runner for the boys team, while girls team earned a Regional Championship and competed in 'states' on November 5. LCAA All-League selections were made. Hope Miller and June Miller earned 1st Team All-LCAA selections, and Hailey Sills was selected to the All-LCAA 2nd Team.



2022 Girls Cross Country — Regional Champions

Blissfield Athletic Boosters

Since the start of the 2022-2023 school year, The Boosters have purchased \$8,000 in requests for our student athletes, thanks to the community support. Please save this date on your calendar!

ANNUAL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS REVERSE RAFFLE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

This year's officers are:

President	Gretchen Collins
Vice President	Jacquelyn Vore
Treasurer	Kristy Weirich
Secretary	Heather Miller
Concessions	Amy Bettis and Heather Marks

Joining the boosters

To become a voting member of the Blissfield Athletic Boosters, locate and print the membership form found under **ATHLETICS** on the Blissfield Community Schools' website. Complete the form and send it to the high school office: Blissfield High School, 630 S. Lane St., Blissfield, MI 49228.

blissfieldathletics.com/sports-offered/booster
blissfieldathleticboosters@gmail.com

ESPORTS CLUB

This winter/spring, Blissfield High School will be participating in eSports at the state and regional level through a PlayVs/ MASSP partnership. Currently, students have the opportunity to play Overwatch, Madden 23, NBA2K23, Hearthstone, League of Legends, Rocket League, Splatoon 3, Mario Kart 8, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. If your child is interested in playing any of these games second semester, please have them contact Mr. Jones (cjones@blissfieldschools.us). A student interest survey will also be posted after Thanksgiving break, with team formation occurring in January.



GO ROYALS!

Homecoming 2022

The week of October 3-8 was jam packed for Blissfield high school students. That week students participated in various homecoming festivities put on by the BHS student council.

Tuesday

The Homecoming Court participated in team relays with stations from eating a hanging donut, to hula hooping, to toilet paper mummifying each other and more. The Court consisted of pairs Ayla Early and Ty Cantrell, Sarah Bettis and Landon Abbott, Riley

Buckmaster and Clayton Retter, and Abby Ryan and Landon Duval. A pumpkin pie eating contest took place leaving junior Juan Barcenas victorious.

Wednesday

The Homecoming Court pairs each released a lip sync video for students to watch. Wednesday's festivities also included a game of Tug-O-War where the Junior Class won with seniors as a close second.

Thursday

He-Man Volleyball match

and the Powderpuff Football game left the sophomores and juniors victorious respectively.

Friday

This year's pep rally included the football team's top ten reasons they would win as well as an incredible routine by the BHS cheerleaders. Throughout the week students built floats which were judged and showcased in the Homecoming Parade. The floats were horror movie themed. The freshman float was "Jaws" themed, the sophomore float was "The Nightmare Before Christmas," the junior float was "The Children of the Corn," and the senior float was "It." The seniors' "It" themed float brought home the crown.

In addition, the parade featured the Marching Royals, the Homecoming Court, and various sports teams.

Afterward, the Royals truly brought their spirit to the football game with one of the biggest student sections yet!



Blissfield Royalty

When it came down to crunch time, the football team won by a singular point! Afterwards, the court walked and former Queen Sierra Spallone and former King Henry Smith returned to crown their successors, Queen Ayla Earley and King Landon Abbott! The overall winners of spirit week, who won Emmy's donuts were the juniors! The next day student council members woke early to set up the Haunted Homecoming dance and later that night BHS students tore it up on the dance floor!

Homecoming week is always a blast for BHS!



Friday's pep rally featured intense competition between classes.

November 9

Dual Enrollment

The Michigan State Legislature passed Public Act 160 of 1996, the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and Public Act 258 of 2000, the Career and Technical Preparation Act also known as the "Dual Enrollment" bills. These bills modify and expand on provisions of the State School Aid Act providing for students to earn college credit while in high school.

The bills also require that the board of a school district or public school academy ensure that each student in eighth grade or higher be given information about college course taking opportunities. The classes that students are eligible for must not be offered by the high school or academy and must lead towards postsecondary credit, accreditation, certification and/or licensing.

The spring dual enrollment meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 during VIP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Willson at (517) 4862148 x 309.

November 29

Mrs. Kim Dusseau, a Career Prep Representative from the LISD, will be meeting with all freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to assist them with completing their EDPs (Educational Development Plans) and to discuss the opportunities at the LISD Tech Center. BHS Sophomores will be visiting the tech center on November 29th, to experience what the LISD Tech Center is all about, and the Tech Center Electronic Application Window opens in early January 2023.

Spring Testing

M-STEP, MME, PSAT, and MI-ACCESS testing will take place this spring. The Michigan Department of Education has scheduled the MME, M-STEP, and MI-ACCESS testing to take place in the spring of 2023.

All juniors will be given the SAT on April 12th and the WorkKeys test on April 13th. The PSAT tests, given to all 8th, 9th, and 10th graders will also be given on April 12th. The M-STEP tests given to students in grades 3 – 11 will be administered (on-line) to all students in grades 3-8 and in grade 11 during April 11th through May 20th.



The Village of

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Winter Events

48th Annual Yuletide

Friday November 11th

5-7pm Taste of Blissfield

6:30pm Santa & Tree Lighting

Saturday November 12th

8-11am Breakfast with Santa

6-9pm Yuletide Cheer

Sunday November 13th

10-11am Cookie Decorating

1:30-4pm Brunch & Bingo

Other happenings:

Corn Hole Tournament

Shopping

Creation Station at the Library

Model Railroad Club

Historical Society Home Tours

BHS Ensembles

Vendors in multiple locations

Small Business Saturday

Saturday November 26th

Spend the day shopping at our downtown businesses and enjoying our community. Make sure to check out the awesome deals and specials many businesses will be offering

Wassail Fest

Friday December 9th

Come a-wassailing in Downtown Blissfield and share a traditional cider beverage in your commemorative mug.

Parade of Lights

Saturday December 10th

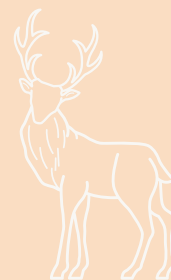
Stop downtown for some shopping and stay and enjoy floats, tractors and cars decorated for the Holidays and Santa before he heads back to the North Pole.

First Thursdays

January 5, 2023 - Health and Wellness Fair

February 2, 2023 - Whiskey & Chocolate

March 2, 2023 - Everyone is Irish



Preseason Practices Announced at Sportsman Club

Season begins in January

The Blissfield Community Schools Trap Shooting Club is off to a great start with their preseason preparations. Head coach, Teresa Clarke, has been very busy with preparations for a prompt start of official practices in January and state wide competitions in March. Teresa recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend a shotgun coaching certification course through the NRA and is now a certified Level 1 Shotgun Coach. Businesses and

organizations around the state have made monetary donations to the club, and Coach Clarke has applied for a grant through the NRA

to supply the group with club guns for competitors to borrow and enough ammunition for each competitor during the entire season.

If you are a 7th - 12th grade student interested in giving trap shooting a shot (pun intended), you can head out to the Ottawa Lake Sportsmen's Club from



6pm to 9pm during the first Tuesday of every month until January. We have a range of participants during these optional practices from

competitors who are proficient with the sport to some competitors who have never picked up a shotgun before. Join the "Blissfield Community Schools Trap Shooting Club" on Facebook for updates and information. Contact Teresa Clarke at tclarke@blissfieldschools.us if you have

any questions.



Freshman, Elliott Cramer got to shoot a hat after getting a perfect score (25 out of 25) during the October open shoot.

Blissfield

"It's just the way we roll!"



Thank you Rylee!

November 10

Lenawee Scholarships

The Lenawee County Education Foundation and LISD, will be visiting BHS on Thursday, November 10th during 5th hour to discuss the Lenawee County Education Foundation Scholarship process, and how students can sign up electronically to apply for Lenawee County Foundation Scholarships. All seniors will be encouraged to attend, and those who cannot make it will have the opportunity to receive handouts for all of the information.

BLOOD DRIVE - DEC 6

The next Blissfield High School Blood Drive is less than a month away. Healthy people who are 16 years of age or more and weigh at least 110 pounds are usually eligible to donate. A single donation can help as many as three people.

This drive will be open to students and staff of Blissfield Community Schools and will not be open to members of the community.

Consent Form Required

Students who are 16, must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian in order to sign up for an appointment. Students can print the consent form from Google Classroom or get a form from Mrs. Breitner. Students can sign up using the link in **Google Classroom** (grade level).



Go Royals

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