

AUGUST 2025

**Welcome Back to the 2025-2026 School Year
First Day for Students is Wednesday, August 20th**

Dear Brecksville-Broadview
Heights City Schools
Community,

The start of the 2025-2026
school year is right around the
corner and the administrative
team and Board of Education
are excited to kick off another
season of academic and
extracurricular success!

**Students in grades 1-12 will
officially begin on
Wednesday, August 20th,
2025. Kindergarten students
will have scheduled phase-
in days from Wednesday,
August 20th through Friday,
August 22nd, with the first official day for ALL Kindergarten students on Monday,
August 25th. Students at Stepping Stone Preschool will begin classes on Wednesday,
August 27th.**



Various New Teacher orientations and Meet-the-Teacher Nights are underway or will soon take place, and the warmth and welcome already being experienced is profound. The BBHCSD welcomed new teachers earlier this week, pictured above, with an orientation session and we thank them for becoming part of the very finest instructional and support team around. The full staff of the BBHCSD is soon to return for our annual convocation gathering as well. We thank our elected officials, special guest speakers, and our devoted PSO organization and the BBH Schools Foundation for their ongoing support and presence at these annual first-of-the-year events and activities. With all of this excitement in mind, we are ready for students to return next Wednesday!

**First Day of School Signs for 2025-26 School Year
Now Available!**

BBHCSD families are encouraged to celebrate their student's first day of school by sharing photos of their student with a First Day of School Sign on social media. Families can visit the district website to download and print a First Day of School Sign for their student's grade level. Throughout your student's first day of school for the 2025-2026 School Year, feel encouraged to take a moment to snap a picture with their First Day of School Sign and share it on your favorite social media platform, being sure to tag the District, which can be found on Facebook and X, @bbhcscd, and Instagram, @bbhschools.



**Our Mission: Educate. Empower. Engage. Our Vision:
To be a Destination School District**

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE.

As we enter the second year of our strategic plan, our mission to ***rigorously educate, boldly empower, and collaboratively engage*** offers us purpose for each and every day we walk the halls of the BBHCSD. We know why we exist, as an organization. Because our vision is to become a destination school district, our vision gives us inspiration for the future. Students will desire to attend the BBHCSD. Teachers, support staff members, coaches, specialists, and professionals of all types will seek employment here. Community stakeholders will revere in our efforts and take pride in the accomplishments of our students and staff.

The Ledger and the Leader PODCAST Pilot Edition!

One important area of our Strategic Plan focuses on further engagement and communications with our extended school family and community, and we're excited to share a new communications tool with you. Since we've learned that individuals receive content through different sources Treasurer Craig Yaniglos and I will be kicking-off a

podcast series this school year, entitled the Ledger and the Leader, to help share important information through a new, interactive, innovative, and fun medium. We invite you to watch this highly personable pilot edition filmed over the summer, to get an idea of the format and learn about upcoming substantive topics, which will include the state budget and finances, the master planning efforts, curriculum topics, and more. Enjoy!



Thought Exchange Survey Designed to Engage and Seek Your Feedback

As we enter year two of our strategic plan, continued engagement will emerge between the school district and our families. One such tool that the BBHCSD will use this year is through a Thought Exchange survey link that we'll ask you to consider participating in, so that we can gather feedback. *Surveys will be anonymous, friendly in nature, and revolve around topics such as school climate and environment, the student experience, our master plan efforts, curriculum, and more.* To give the community a test-run with the survey, we've included this very short, anonymous Thought Exchange survey for you to try. Use this link! Next month, we'll share the results!

**Bee Engaged Coffee
Talks with
Superintendent and
Treasurer**

The success of the Bee Engaged Coffee Talks from last year prompts a full year of these informal gatherings at our local establishments to enjoy coffee while discussing the school district. We view your attendance and the robust discussions that took place during the half-dozen or so that were held, to be among the lasting traits of a communications outreach effort that we want to continue. Consequently, see the nearby Coffee Talks schedule, to be generally held the third Thursday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at one of two locations: The Coffee Club in Broadview Heights or Panera in Brecksville. Thanks to those partners for being our gracious hosts!



BEE ENGAGED

With Superintendent Jeff Harrison and Treasurer Craig Yaniglos

COFFEE HOUSE VISITS

ALL VISITS BEGIN AT 9 A.M. AND LAST UNTIL 10 A.M.

-  **Thursday, Sept. 18th @Coffee Club in B.H.**
-State budget impact on BBHCSD
-  **Thursday, Oct. 16th @Panera in Brecksville**
-Report card results & data
-  **Thursday, Nov. 20th @Coffee Club in B.H.**
-Athletics & Extra-Curriculars
-  **Thursday, Dec. 11th @Panera in Brecksville**
-Master plan progress and discussion

Informal, but informative. Come to ask questions or listen to an update of important items within the BBHCSD. This is your chance to Bee Engaged!

Join the BBHCSD Community Finance Committee!

The BBHCSD Treasurer's Department is kicking off another method by which constructive engagement can take place revolving around the important topic of finances, with the creation of the Community Finance Committee. Interested in joining? The primary purpose of this committee is to serve as an advisory group to the Superintendent, Treasurer, and the Board of Education. The committee's work will focus on:

- Reviewing and sharing financial information to educate our community.
- Gathering and considering valuable feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders.
- Enhancing trust and understanding of the district's financial operations.

Our plan is to meet between 4 and 6 times during the year. If you are interested, please learn more with this link.

An Important Message from our Bees Athletic Boosters

Hello Bees Families! We welcome you to join the Bees Athletic Boosters (BAB) for the 2025-2026 school year. The BAB is a volunteer organization to support all athletes at the High School and Middle School. We purchase recognition awards for our athletes, grant allocation requests to teams for equipment and uniform purchases, award senior scholarships, fundraise for athletic facility improvement projects, and so much more. We offer membership levels that include athletic event passes for you or your entire family. Please visit our website www.beesboosters.org to learn more. Memberships for this year can be purchased at this nearby link.



Let's Take Advantage of Rust Belt Riders Community Composting Program

The BBHCSD will start its second year of a partnership with [Rust Belt Riders](#) to provide composting services for the

RUST BELT RIDERS



BBHSD now composts school-wide with RBRI! We also host two public food-scraps Drop-Off sites, one at BBHSD Elementary and one at the School Board Office, so your family can compost with RBRI at home, too! Every household that signs up to use the public sites at BBHSD directly supports our internal composting program. Our students get to learn about sustainable practices and the cycle of regeneration that happens when we keep food out of the trash so it can be turned back into soil. Keep this flyer on your fridge for a handy list of compostable materials that can go in the bins (see back).

Don't trash your food... compost it!

- 1 **Sign up** at rustbeltriders.com/dropoff
- 2 Receive the **lock code**
- 3 **Collect your food scraps** at home
- 4 **Bring them to the bins** to compost!



We make food scraps into soil! **Tilth Soil.com**

district's school cafeteria kitchens. BBHCS D families can support the district's efforts while reducing food waste at home by signing up for the local Northeast Ohio company's Community Shared Composting Program. Through this innovative program, participating households collect food scraps at home and bring them to one of the district's two drop-off sites, which are located outside the Board of Education and Elementary School buildings. All collected food scraps are then converted into rich, healthy soil. Signing up for the program not only keeps more food out of landfills but also helps the BBHCS D save on the district's composting program in our school cafeterias. Interested families can visit www.rustbeltriders.com/dropoff for a monthly drop-off membership, being sure to select one of the two district sites as your Home Drop-Off Location.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming days! Let's have a great start to the 2025-2026 School Year!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent

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