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Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential

APRIL SHOWERS





MESSAGE from the SUPERINTENDENT

Did you know that Big Walnut students can take classes for college credit as early as 7th grade? While I'm not suggesting all 7th graders should begin taking college-level classes, my point is to make sure you know the option is available. Many of our students take advantage of this opportunity when they are in high school, usually during their junior and senior years. There are a variety of options available for our students. Big Walnut offers 11 classes that are considered dual enrollment courses, meaning they can take these college courses right in a Big Walnut classroom taught by a Big Walnut teacher and earn high school and college credits. Just a few examples include American History, English Composition I and II, and College Algebra. Students also have the ability to attend college classes at Columbus State Community College or any other approved participating institution. Just like in life, there are many potential pathways your student could choose. Maybe it is simply seeing if they can handle a college-level course. Perhaps your child knows they want to go to college, and this is a way to knock off some courses that seem to be requirements at most colleges or universities. For some, with careful planning, they could obtain an associate's degree by the time they graduate with their high school diploma.

The best part is that families do not pay for the course if it is taken at Big Walnut or at a participating public college or university as long as the student receives a passing grade. This could potentially shorten the amount of time it takes to receive a degree once a student leaves Big Walnut, saving you and your family money. For more information, reach out to your child's school counselor or visit the Big Walnut High School Counseling Office website.

Ryan McLane



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BWI PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday
April 11th

5:30-6:30:
PRE & GRE
Parents/Guardians

7:00-8:00:
SOU & BWE
Parents/Guardians

PRE & GRE Parents/Guardians

5:30-5:45 Presentation

5:45-6:00 Presentation

6:00-6:15 Presentation

6:15-6:30 Student Led Building Tours

Presentations

Mrs. Sandrock, Principal and Mr. Grieger, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kavalieros, Instructional Coach

Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Grywalski, School Counselors

SOU & BWE Parents/Guardians

7:00-7:15 Student Led Building Tours

7:15-7:30 Presentation

7:30-7:45 Presentation

7:45-8:00 Presentation

BE HERE
BE YOU
BELONG
AT BWI

Please reach out to our
office at 740.965.7800 if
you have any questions.

Big Walnut Intermediate School 777 Cheshire Road





BANK NOTE



Scott Gooding
Interim Treasurer

Our Finance Team Supporting Student Learning

Our Interim Treasurer, Scott Gooding, is the President of the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and is excited to announce the OASBO Board of Directors Leadership Scholarship Award.

The OASBO Board of Directors is essential in furthering the mission and vision of OASBO and its members to be the leading experts in school finance and business operations, resulting in efficient and effective schools that meet the needs of the children and their communities. To be an OASBO Board of Director, a school business official must demonstrate strong leadership qualities and a commitment to the profession.

To highlight the importance of the school business profession and to encourage students to pursue a career of service in this field, the OASBO Board of Directors established a scholarship program to be provided to a graduating senior of the respective school districts of directors on an annual basis during their term of service.

OASBO will make a contribution of \$1,000 annually during an OASBO Board Member's service on the Board to an eligible organization in the name of the OASBO Board Member to fund a scholarship for a graduating senior from a high school in the district that employs the OASBO Board Member. Please contact the High School Guidance Department for the scholarship application.





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555 S. Old 3C HWY
Sunbury
Big Walnut MS Track

1
PM

400m Kids Run 1pm

400m Fun Run/Walk 1:30pm

2 Mile Red's Color Run 2pm



BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

INSPIRE & GUIDE

WE'RE HIRING

BUS DRIVERS

CUSTODIANS

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS

SUBSTITUTES (ALL AREAS)

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Apply Now!



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

We've probably all seen the lists of "things they don't teach you in school." As a teacher, that always catches me off guard—why aren't those things taught? How can we ensure students are prepared to be employed, enlisted, or enrolled in higher education after they graduate?

As I was returning from my spring break trip, I reflected on one of these lists and realized many of those skills are taught in schools.

I can't speak to every experience Big Walnut students have, but here are my reflections as a leader of the agricultural science program.

1.) Cover Letters & Resumes — Students who enroll in the Business Management class at BWHS not only have the chance to write and revise these critical documents, but they also practice interviewing. Each year, students work with industry representatives to get real-world feedback on their job-seeking skills.

2.) Understanding the Law — Many of our classes ask students to look at legal documents and reflect on how to comply with regulations. Students learn about regulatory agencies and real components of Ohio and Federal law. Examples include animal care standards, food labeling regulations, and employer and employee rights legislation.

3.) Budgeting — Our FFA chapter handles approximately \$27,000 each year. Student leaders budget every dollar in that account. Students learn about revenue sources, managing expenditures, and creating a balanced budget while saving for the future.

4.) Giving Back — Students in our Food & Agricultural Science Program are always looking for chances to give back to the community. They share their skills through projects like creating floral designs for the Delaware County Foundation, they share their time and well wishes by making Valentine's Day cards for community members, and they share financially by supporting our less fortunate community members.

All students at Big Walnut are preparing for the future. In the agricultural science program, we are happy to be able to contribute to the Big Walnut Local School's mission to inspire and guide each student to reach their maximum potential.



Jeffrey Stimmell
Agricultural Sciences Instructor



PROST!

Exchange Students visit BWHS

German exchange students have arrived at Big Walnut High School, bringing an exciting blend of international perspectives to campus. Paula, Raphael, and Helena are diving into American culture and the charm of central Ohio alongside their BWHS counterparts Rachel, Will, and Ellie.

As they get to know class in an American high school and explore the local area, these students become more than just visitors; they become family. With genuine curiosity and a spirit of camaraderie, both hosts and guests will have an enriching experience filled with shared adventures and newfound friendships. Here's to embracing diversity and fostering connections that know no boundaries! Prost to the start of a memorable journey!



AROUND THE DISTRICT

STEM at General Rosecrans Elementary

In second grade, students delve into the realm of creativity and technology with Scratch and Makey Makey. Through these interactive platforms, they embark on a journey of exploration, learning to code and bring their conductive sculptures to life, characterizing them with voices and personalities. This hands-on experience not only cultivates their problem-solving skills but also ignites their imagination as they witness their creations come alive before their eyes.



Moving into third grade, young learners embark on an eco-conscious adventure with the plastic bag project. With a focus on environmental awareness, students delve into the issue of plastic pollution, creatively repurposing plastic bags into meaningful artworks. This project not only fosters a sense of responsibility towards the planet but also encourages innovation and resourcefulness as they transform everyday materials into works of art.

Meanwhile, fourth grade students dive into the digital realm with Flipgrid, a dynamic platform that enhances their communication and presentation skills. Through Flipgrid, they engage in video-based discussions, sharing their ideas and perspectives on various topics with their peers. This immersive experience not only strengthens their digital literacy but also fosters collaboration and self-expression, empowering them to articulate their thoughts confidently in a digital age.



Advisory at Big Walnut Middle School

Big Walnut Middle School strives to meet the needs of all students and create a sense of belonging for each of them through implementing teaming and Advisory time. Our students are placed on teams with four core teachers and have the opportunity to participate in team-building activities, projects in a day, team celebrations, and additional activities in collaboration with others from their team. Having common team planning time for our teachers allows them the time to develop these special events and work together to think through how to best build community within their teams. Many of these enriching activities occur during our Advisory period, which takes place each afternoon. Advisory also serves as a time for our students to participate in character-building lessons, compete in team challenges, and receive SOAR recognition for their positive choices. We love having the opportunity to create a sense of family within our school and build relationships with each and every student through the use of teaming and Advisory!



Teamwork Makes the BWE Dream Work

Throughout the year, especially in March, Big Walnut Elementary has been working hard to encourage students to work together. We recently had a Celebration Friday event to recognize students who showed exceptional teamwork at our school.

We're also making sure to pair up classrooms randomly and have them plan fun activities together for 30 minutes. This helps us build strong relationships and a sense of togetherness in our school community.

At BWE, we believe it's important for students to connect with each other, and we're committed to making that happen.





HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



Brian Shelton
Big Walnut High School
Athletic Director



Athletics Website

On Saturday, April 6, 2024, we will recognize the legendary track coach Don "Red" Edwards by unveiling a memorial at the Big Walnut High School stadium. The event will occur on the Big Walnut High School track from approximately 12:15 to 12:45 PM after the boys and girls finish their hurdle relays.

We will celebrate Red's life and everything he did for Big Walnut Athletics. All are welcome to attend. We will definitely miss having Red at his big event.

**BIG WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**



Don "Red" Edwards

**2024 46th
Red Edwards
Golden Eagle Relays
Saturday, April 6, 2024**

Time:
**Approx 12:15 to 12:45
after the hurdle relays
Memorial will take
place on the track.**

Big Walnut Girls Basketball presents Spring Basketball Clinics!

We understand schedules are full and it's hard to pick and choose between multiple sports and activities.

In an effort to provide more options, we are offering Clinic A or Clinic B both \$30. Each is four sessions with the same format, but Clinic A = Wednesdays and Clinic B = Thursdays. Both will be held at BWHS main gym from 7:15-8:30pm.

Run by Coach Carey Largent, her staff and many of the players, the girls will divide into age/skill appropriate groups for skill work like ball handling, shooting, passing and defense. In addition, they will be challenged in fun, competitive drills or small sided games.

Participants outside of the BW school district are welcome to join!

Grades 3-8 (broken down by grade/skill) - at Big Walnut High School Main Gym

Clinic A: Wednesdays April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 7:15-8:30pm \$30

Clinic B: Thursdays April 11, 18, 25 and May 27:15-8:30pm \$30

Sign up for both (get those extra reps in!) and pay just \$50.



Register Here!



Varsity Softball



JV Softball



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



Varsity Baseball



JV-A Baseball



JV-B Baseball



Boys Lacrosse



Varsity Girls Lacrosse



JV Girls Lacrosse



Varsity Boys Volleyball



JV Boys Volleyball



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS



7th Grade Baseball



8th Grade Baseball



Boys Lacrosse



Girls Lacrosse



Girls Track



Boys Track



8th Grade Softball



7th Grade Softball





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