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HONORING OUR VETERANS





MESSAGE from the SUPERINTENDENT

Can you believe that the holiday season is already upon us?

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. I think part of it is that there isn't the stress of shopping for presents. Primarily, it is a day to hangout with family, share a great meal, watch some football, and take a few moments to reflect on the many things I'm grateful for.

We have many things to be thankful for in Big Walnut. I am thankful that we have that small town feel but our kids have big time opportunities. Our staff has made shifts in instructional strategies and resources in an effort to better prepare our students to become better readers and writers. We are in the early

stages of analyzing and making decisions on what we can do to improve in the area of math. We continue to expand our course offerings at the middle and high school levels to give students more opportunities to select classes that are in line with their interests and future career paths. I am thankful that we have a great team here at Big Walnut doing the work to make sure we continue to improve.

I want to extend my appreciation to all of our staff who work with the kids at Big Walnut. Your daily efforts do not go unnoticed.

I hope Thanksgiving break is a time for everyone to recharge; staff, students, and families alike. If you are traveling, be safe.

Ryan McLane



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MESSAGE from the BOARD PRESIDENT

Doug Crowl

Congratulations to the many Big Walnut students who, through their personal or team achievements, have recently brought recognition to our district. From the FFA program competing on the National level with several finalists in Indianapolis. To the various individual and team competitors in the Fall sports program who

attained recognition at the State level. Including the Varsity Football team whose tenacity and never-give-up spirit will serve them all well in life. To all of these Big Walnut students, your high achievements bring continuous pride to the whole Big Walnut community. So congratulations for a job well done.



Stephen P. Fujii, Alice Nicks, President Doug Crowl, Vice President Angela Graziosi, and Todd Smith





VETERANS DAY AROUND BIG WALNUT



All our schools around the district spent time on the days leading up to Veterans Day as a time to honor our veterans in the Sunbury community. Schools invited veteran family members to come in and celebrate the day with their students. The meaning of the Day and the flag was taught to all students and visitors. It was a time to honor all branches of the military. Big Walnut Local School District thanks all veterans.





STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services Collaborative Presents: Dr. Parker Huston

The Big Walnut Student Services Collaborative is excited to announce that our guest speaker for this semester is Dr. Parker Huston, Ph.D., the owner of Central Ohio Pediatric Behavior Health. From Dr. Huston’s website:

“I have been a practicing pediatric psychologist for almost 10 years. The term Pediatric Psychology means that I work with child and adolescent patients (ages 2-18) who have both physical health and behavioral health concerns. Often, these problems are overlapping and can reduce quality of life. I’ve treated children with a wide variety of concerns, such as anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), tic disorders, behavior problems, ADHD, sleep problems, chronic pain, and functional abdominal pain. My main focus has been working with children and families experiencing problems with feeding and gastrointestinal conditions as well as other chronic medical conditions. These include Cerebral Palsy, neurological conditions, and complications from premature birth. I was a proud member of the Comprehensive Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Program at Nationwide Children’s Hospital for 5 years before deciding to open a practice to improve access to care in the Central Ohio area. I’ve spent the past 8 years learning from

a multidisciplinary team of medical providers, dieticians, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, and social workers about the many ways to treat complex conditions in children from birth through adolescence.”



Ross Linscott
Director of Student Services



Session Sign-Up

Multiple Presentations on Thursday, December 7, 2023:

Dr. Huston will be presenting on the topic of “Fostering Resilience and Cognitive Flexibility.” He will be presenting the same content at two separate presentations on Thursday, December 7, 2023. Families are welcome to attend either presentation: 9:00-10:30 a.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. This event will be hosted at The Big Walnut Administrative Office Building located at 110 Tippet Ct., Sunbury. Families are encouraged to email Ross Linscott, Director of Student Services, at RossLinscott@bwls.net if you are interested in attending one of the two sessions. OR use the QR Code here to register for your session!





BANK'S NOTE



Darren Jenkins
Treasurer

What is the 20-Mill Floor?

To get a general understanding of Ohio tax vocabulary, the following are some key terms and give some basics of Ohio taxes.

- **Millage / Mill** - The unit of value representing the rate used to calculate property taxes in Ohio. In cash terms, it is one-tenth of a penny (.001).
- **Inside Millage** - Mills that, under the state constitution, local governments are permitted to share without a vote of the people. Johnstown-Monroe does not change this rate, and it has been 4.6 mills for over 30 years.
- **Outside Millage** - The total millage approved by voters, also referred to as voted mills.
- **Effective Millage** - The rate of taxation, expressed in mills, multiplied by the assessed value, raises the same dollar amount that was voted. Since 1976, House Bill 920 established reduction factors that prohibited an inflationary increase in the amount of taxes levied against real property.

When a levy is passed by the voters, it is passed for a certain number of mills, which bring in a certain amount of funding to a school district. As property values increase, the millage

required to bring in those dollars decreases so that the levy will bring in the same amount of money originally approved by the levy. These reductions in mills are known as "reduction factors."

Current expense levies are used for the general operations of a school district. These levies can be either inside or outside the 10-mill limitation. Inside current expense levies are not subject to tax reduction factors. Outside current expense levies are subject to reduction, but with a very important restriction. The law specifies that the application of the tax reduction factors cannot cause a school district's effective current expense millage rate (inside and outside combined) to fall below 20 mills (this is referred to as the 20-mill floor).

When a district reaches the 20-mill floor, the millage will not decrease any further, which causes a school district to see additional funding for all increases in valuation that occur after reaching the 20-mill floor. This results in increases in property taxes for residents.



The Government Finance Officers Association established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (COA) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is to identify those public governmental entities which have superior business practices. The Big Walnut fiscal offices have been recognized by the GFOA for Fiscal Year 2023. Treasurer Jenkins wants to thank his staff for all of their hard work in meeting the goals necessary to meet this standard.

The 20-mill floor applies to operating levies only and does not apply to bond, permanent improvement, emergency, or income tax levies. Big Walnut Local School District has reached the 20-mill floor. Below is a representation of Big Walnut's effective millage:

Subject to the 20 mill floor

Inside millage	4.6
1976 current expense	8.9564
1985 current expense	6.443
Total floor	19.9994

Not Subject to the 20 mill floor

2004 Bond	1.19
2008 Bond	2.08
2017 Bond	4.43
2017 PI Levy	0.985
2015 Substitute	4.72
Total Effective Millage	33.4044

All properties in a county are reviewed every three years by the County Auditor to determine if the market value of property in the county is being taxed at a fair amount. These County Auditor reviews are called the sexennial reappraisal and the triennial update, which sets what the county shows as a property's fair market value. Licking/Delaware Counties just went through the sexennial reappraisal in 2017, which affects tax bills for 2018. Property taxes are not paid, however, on market value but on the "assessed value," which in Ohio is 35% of a property's fair market value.



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

In 1988, the Future Farmers of America changed its name to the National FFA Organization to reflect the growing diversity of careers and experiences in the agriculture industry. While production agriculture remains at the core of our food, fuel, and fiber systems, the types of careers available to students have expanded beyond what we think of as traditional agriculture.

Over the last ten years, students in our agricultural science program have been exploring new, exciting, and lucrative opportunities in the agriculture industry. One of those opportunities is in food science and technology. You may have heard of this industry or seen student successes in a competitive event – but what is food science?

Food Science is the study of the production and processing of our food. While culinary arts focus on preparing small amounts of food that are delicious and ready for consumption, professionals working in food science think about how we can get food to the masses. Food scientists solve problems with food. You may have seen newly reformulated food products accessible to people with allergies or new flavors of some of your old favorite foods – these innovations are made possible due to the work of food scientists.

Students at Big Walnut can explore careers in the agriculture, food, and natural resources industries in cooperation with the Delaware Area Career Center. Specifically in food science and technology, students can enroll in the food and culinary science class at Big Walnut High School or participate in the Food Science & Technology Career Development Event team through our local FFA chapter.

Big Walnut students have seen much success in this area. Our students have placed first at the state level six years in a row, each time defeating 100 or more schools from across Ohio. In this event, students work with industry professionals and university faculty to learn skills vital to their future success. Students also have the chance to earn cash awards and scholarships by participating in this event.

Agriculture is constantly changing and provides new challenges and opportunities for career and personal growth. If you are interested in learning more about the agricultural science program at Big Walnut, please contact our agricultural science teachers – Christine Balint (christinebalint@bwls.net) or Jeffrey Stimmell (jeffstimmell@bwls.net).



Jeffrey Stimmell
Agricultural Sciences Instructor



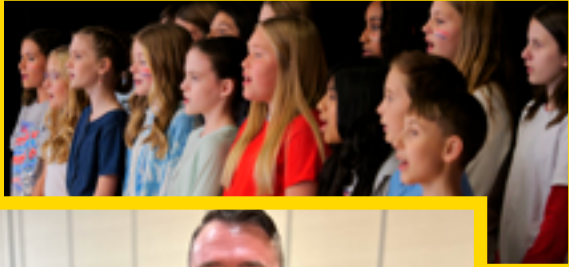
Congratulations

Big Walnut - DACC FFA

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Congrats to Brandon, Jenna, and Savannah for placing top 10 individually out of over 1,700 participants!







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SPORTS

Big Walnut High School had yet another successful athletics fall season, thanks to the dedicated efforts of countless volunteers, coaches, parents, and athletes. The school’s athletics program is devoted to fostering a culture centered on “Success” by prioritizing clear and concise communication, as well as developing the growth mindset, mental fortitude, and leadership abilities of every student-athlete.

The final league place, records, and accolades for each fall sport are listed below:

Cross Country



Boys Individual Accolades:

OCC Scholar Athlete: Will Acree	All District 1st Team: Emil Stanford Eli Lengl	Team Record: 109-43 OCC Finish: 4th State Qualifier: Emil Stanford
OCC 1st Team: Emil Stanford Eli Lengl	All Region: Emil Stanford	



Team Record: 131-32
OCC Finish: 2nd

Girls Individual Accolades:

OCC Scholar Athlete:
Addie Zielinski



Brian Shelton
Big Walnut High School
Athletic Director



FOOTBALL

Individual Accolades:

High School Football All-American:
Garrett Stover

Central District Offensive Player of the Year:
Nate Severs

OCC Scholar Athlete:
Alex Harpster

OCC 1st Team:
Nate Severs
Garrett Stover

OCC 2nd Team:
Brody Hatfield
Jake Nier
Aidan Ballard
Ryan Elliot

OCC Special Mention:
Eli Hall

OCC Honorable Mention:
Eli Helton

Central District 1st Team:
Nate Severs
Ryan Elliot
Garrett Stover

Central District 2nd Team:
Eli Hall
Matt Von Almen
Aidan Ballard

Central District Special Mention:
Jake Nier

Central District Honorable Mention:
Justin Gneiting
Eli Helton
Sawyer Russell



Team Record: 6-6 (2nd Round of Playoffs)
OCC Finish: 4th





SPORTS

BOYS GOLF



Team Record: 165-76
OCC Champions

Individual Accolades:

OCC 1st Team:

Tyler Goetzman
Ethan Krebbs

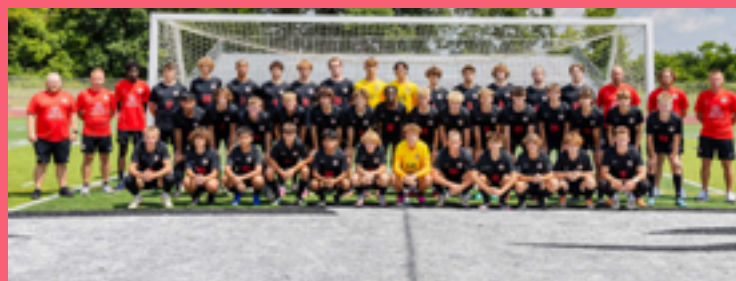
OCC 2nd Team:

Logan Grieser
Nathan Tripp

OCC Honorable Mention:

Cameron Patterson

BOYS SOCCER



Team Record: 8-9-2
OCC Finish: 5th

Individual Accolades:

OCC 1st Team:

Kael Dorsey
Ryan Elliot

OCC 2nd Team:

Gabe Babiano

OCC Special Mention:

Alex Reichert

OCC Honorable Mention:

Jacob Marshall

All District 2nd Team:

Kael Dorsey
Ryan Elliot

GIRLS SOCCER



Team Record: 14-5-1
OCC Champions **Sectional Champions**
District Qualifiers

Individual Accolades:

OCC Coach of the Year:

Kathe Theisen

OCC Scholar Athlete:

Brinley McCurdy

OCC 1st Team:

Josie Graziosi
Anna McGough
Sydnee Snyder

OCC 2nd Team:

Lexi Federer
Quinn Kuhlman
Kam Pry

OCC Special Mention:

Ainsley Curran

OCC Honorable Mention:

Makaila Seufer

All District 1st Team:

Josie Graziosi

All District 2nd Team:

Sydnee Snyder
Anna McGough

GIRLS GOLF



Team Record: 16-4
OCC Finish: 4th

Individual Accolades:

OCC 1st Team:

Gracyn Alexander

OCC Honorable Mention:

Haley Devlin

District Qualifier:

Gracyn Alexander

GIRLS TENNIS



Team Record: 17-2
OCC Finish: 3rd

Individual Accolades:

OCC Scholar Athlete:

Aubrey Burke

OCC 1st Singles:

Rosie Hartzler

OCC 1st Doubles:

Clare Murphy
Audrey Stoneburg

OCC 2nd Singles:

Jaden Nelson

OCC 2nd Doubles:

Izzy Dolfi
Mia Hemingway

Sectional Champion:

Rosie Hartzler

District Qualifier:

Rosie Hartzler



SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Individual Accolades:

OCC Scholar Athlete:

Clara Bowser
Avery Fay
Abigail Lust
Ella Jones
Autumn Newman
Teagan Ng
Lexi Stooksbury
Hatteras Welker

OCC 1st Team:

Teagan Ng
Hatteras Welker

OCC 2nd Team:

Lexi Stooksbury

OCC Honorable Mention:

Cameron Belknap



Team Record: 16-9
OCC Finish: 2nd

Sectional Champions
District Qualifiers

Central District 1st Team:
Teagan Ng

Central District 2nd Team:
Hatteras Welker

CHEER

Coach Jordan Betz and her talented cheerleading squad consistently leave a lasting impression on the sidelines during Friday night games. Having recently secured a state championship title, Coach Betz has established a solid basis for her team, who tirelessly strive to provide an exceptional experience. It's no secret that our cheerleaders at Big Walnut HS are among the most exceptional athletes and leaders. The team is coming off of winning the OASSA State Championship two out of the last three years. The Comp Cheer Squad opens up competition on November 19, 2023, at Upper Arlington High School. The OASSA State Cheer Championships will be held at Big Walnut High School on March 2 and 3, 2024.



OHSAA Host Site - Big Walnut HS

Big Walnut High School Athletics has consistently been selected to host OHSAA postseason play, with recent hosting of the OHSAA District and Regional Boys and Girls Soccer Championships. This winter, the school was also chosen to host the OASSA State Middle and High School Cheer Championships and will likely host district basketball contests. In the spring, Big Walnut HS will proudly host the OCC Track and Field Championships. The school's new facilities have enabled us to showcase our capabilities in hosting OHSAA events, contributing to the continued growth of our athletic department.



Winter Sports

Winter sports have started for most teams. Spectators are encouraged to purchase season tickets and save money at the gate. Big Walnut families age 60+ may get a blue pass at the gate of any ticketed home game with a valid ID.



Tickets/Passes

Sport	GPA
Cheer	3.6
Boys Cross Country	3.6
Girls Cross Country	3.8
Freshmen Football	3.7
Football	3.2
Boys Golf	3.6
Girls Golf	3.6
Boys Soccer	3.5
Girls Soccer	3.8
Girls Tennis	3.9
Girls Volleyball	3.8
Total Average	3.7

Athletic Website

The Big Walnut Athletic website has consistently ranked among the top ten websites in Ohio and the top 50 nationally, with an impressive monthly average of over 40,000 hits. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of individuals like Teresa Piper, Stephanie Kreager, Joe Rucker, and the many coaches who tirelessly contribute to keeping the website current and informative.



SPORTS



Joe Rucker
Big Walnut Middle School
Athletic Director

Hard to believe, but the fall season is now well in our rearview mirror and the winter season is rapidly approaching. At BWMS, our boys and girls basketball, boys and girls wrestling, diving, and cheer squads are all pushing through the preseason with determination and a mindset of getting better every day both individually, and as a team. Our coaches have been doing an excellent job of developing the fundamental skills that will carry each student-athlete over the course of the season. Soon, our indoor track squad will begin their preparations for the winter season as well. Let's wish them all a safe and successful year!

As things were shared in a previous Eagle Examiner, I do want to stress the importance of maintaining a strong academic standard for each student-athlete. At BWMS, and in accordance with OHSA policy, every student-athlete needs to pass a minimum of 4 courses by the end of the quarter in order to be deemed eligible to participate. The end of the 2nd quarter this year is Wednesday, December 20. While we all have high expectations for our BWMS student-athletes, let us share those same standards when it comes to the academic performance of our players.

One thing I want to highlight in this edition of The Eagle Examiner is the work of our amazing athletic trainer, Landon Bentz. I have no question that Landon is one of the best athletic trainers in the business. Landon is hard-working, detailed, caring, and someone who wants to get better every single day, not for himself, but for the student-athletes of Big Walnut. He builds relationships

with all of our athletes and can be counted on to provide educated, honest feedback anytime there are injury concerns. If you ever have any questions about a potential injury for your player, feel free to reach out to Landon at the school or via email at landon.bentz@osumc.edu. We thank you Landon for your dedication to the student-athletes of BWMS!

As always, if you have questions, feel free to call BWMS at 740-965-3006. The best MS athletic secretary in the business, Stephanie Kreager, or myself will be happy to assist you.



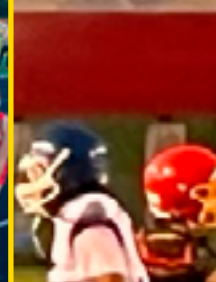
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