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NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

February 17th-21st-National FFA Week

February 19th-Eagle Time

February 25th-ACT Day for Juniors Only

February 26th-Student/Staff Blood Drive

FFA Week

Every year the National FFA Organization hosts a celebration week across the country in honor of the history and foundation of the organization. During the week of George Washington's birthday (2/17-2/21), the Big Walnut DACC FFA Chapter invites all of you to celebrate with us! You don't have to be taking an agriculture science class to show your FFA spirit! Please feel free to send pictures of your spirit days to Mr. Stimmell or Mrs. Febes. Below is the Spirit Day flyer with the daily themes. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the celebration please read this awesome [press release](#) from the National FFA. Special Note, in 2024, the National Organization membership reached over 1,000,000 members!

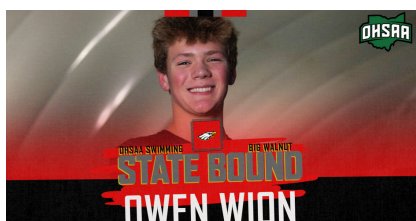


Swim Team News

Congratulations to members of our swim team who competed at the OHSAA District completion in Athens this past weekend. Sophomore Lexi LaBier competed in the 200 and 500 freestyle. She finished 25th in the 200 and 19th in the 500. On the boy's side, the relay team of senior Owen Smith, junior Andy Wion, sophomore Zak Bloomer, and freshman Owen Wion had a strong day. The 200 medley relay took 16th, dropping 3 seconds. The 4x100 freestyle relay took 17th. Zak Bloomer competed in the 200 Freestyle and 100 backstroke, taking 23rd and 32nd, respectively. Freshman Owen Wion punched his ticket to compete at the state level in the 200 IM.



Three Athletes are State Bound



Owen Wion will swim in the preliminary round on Friday, February 21, at CT Brannin Natatorium in Canton. The finals will take place the following day. Congratulations and best of luck to Owen Wion!



Sarah White and Andrew Boldizar are both State Bound in Swimming and Diving. This year's competition will take place at the CT Brannin Natatorium in Canton. Andrew will compete on Tuesday, February 18th and Sarah will compete on Wednesday, February 19th. Congratulations and best of luck to Andrew and Sarah!

Game Day Cheer

Congratulations to our Game Day Cheerleaders who competed last weekend in Orlando, Florida. The girls made the Finals and placed 5th in the Nation at the UCA Nationals. Great job coaches and cheerleaders!



BWHS Theatre News

Please click on the link to purchase your [Legally Blonde Tickets](#).



Counselor News

College Credit Information

Students interested in taking any College Credit Plus classes during the 2025-2026 school year, must complete the required state CCP Intent form by April 1st. Failure to submit this form by April 1st, will require a student obtain permission from the high school principal to participate in CCP. If you have already submitted the required intent form and would like assistance completing a CCP college application or have CCP specific questions, additional help days will be on Feb 21st, March 2nd, and March 20th. To complete a CCP college application, you must have your chromebook and access to your social security number.

Important ACT Day for Juniors

The ACT for juniors will be on *February 25th*. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will complete school assignments, provided by teachers, *at home*. This will allow us to use the entire building and high school staff to proctor the test while meeting ACT's strict seating and supervision guidelines. Bus transportation will be provided for juniors per the regular schedule. Students who need to ride the bus will need to remain in the high school building after testing/ lunch until they are dismissed at their regular time. They will be issued a ticket/ pass to ride the bus. This helps to avoid transporting "unauthorized riders" (those who leave the building but then come back for a ride home). Please reach out to Dr. Jordan with any questions.

A Message from the Treasurer's Office

Student Fees

If your family has any outstanding balances, we encourage you to make payments as soon as possible. For your convenience, payments can be made through a variety of options (see below). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Heather Mahle, Accounts Receivable (heathermahle@bwls.net). We understand that unexpected financial challenges can arise, and we are happy to work with families to find a solution. The Big Walnut Local School District may waive fees assessed by the District for instructional materials for students who demonstrate a serious financial need. Please refer to the board policy for more information. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for being a valued member of our school community. Your support helps us continue providing the best possible education for our students.

Payment Options:

- 1 - Online through PaySchools Central at <https://payschoolscentral.com/>
- 2 - Mail to: Big Walnut Local School District
Accounts Receivable
110 Tippet Court
Sunbury, OH 43074
- 3 - Cash, check, credit card payment at any school office.
- 4 - Financial Hardship - Please click [here](#) for more information.

*Note: Students must have fees paid in order to attend prom and participate in the graduation ceremony in May.