

BWHS PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 21ST

BWHS Counseling News

Pre ACT Testing

Registration for the PreACT offered on November 19 will open on October 8 and will close on October 22. Registration for the PreACT is open only to current sophomores and juniors. The PreACT is a paper and pencil practice test exam to prepare students for the ACT. Juniors will take the state-funded ACT at the high school in February. There will be no make-up exams and the deadline can not be extended. Student registration information will be offered in Schoology.

Spring CCP Registration

CCP students who want to take Spring 2025 Columbus State courses on the college campus or online may submit a completed CCP Course Registration form to Dr. Jordan in the school counseling office as early as October 14. All registration forms must be submitted before departing for Winter Break. Please check Schoology and your BW email for additional information. Students wanting to take CCP classes at the high school in the spring will complete a 2nd semester change form which will be available after Thanksgiving break. Students who take CCP classes through a college or university different from Columbus State will work directly with their college CCP advisor to schedule classes for the Spring Semester.

Picture News



Important October Dates

October 22, 23rd-Counselor Curriculum

October 24th-Eagle Time/Career Panel/Jr. Sr.

October 25th-Senior Pictures/College App Day

October 31-NHS Blood Drive

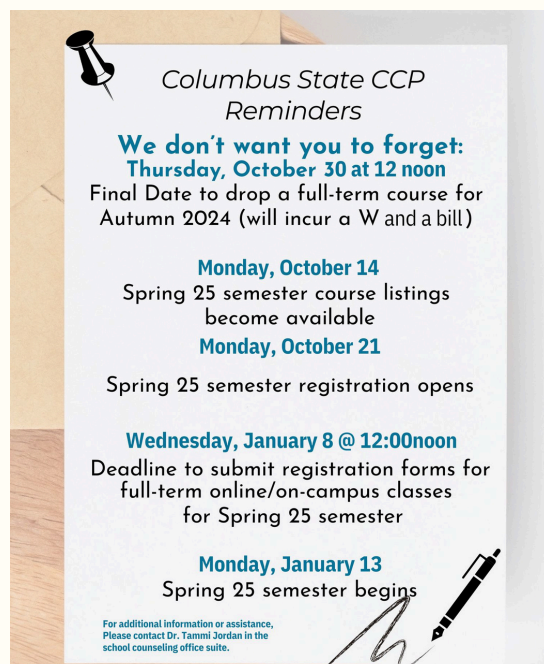
Eagle Time October

October 22nd

October 23rd

October 24th

October 30th



College Application Day

The counseling office will be hosting College Application Day on October 25th. Senior students are encouraged to join the counseling staff to work on college applications in the AC during Periods 2-9 with 6th-period lunch. With teacher permission, students can attend the workshop during all periods. Please reach out to your counselor with additional questions.

BWHS Music Programs

The BWHS music department had an exciting and eventful week. On Saturday, October 12th, the marching band participated in the *Buckeye Invitational* marching band competition. The band left it all on the field and gave an outstanding performance, earning an Excellent rating. On Tuesday, October 15th, our choir performed their first concert of the year as a combined effort with our middle school choir. The choir also performed outstandingly and served as excellent role models for our middle school singers. We are so proud of the growth our BWHS musicians have shown since the beginning of the school year, and of how well they represent our Big Walnut community.



Dress Code Violations

Please review the dress code guidelines, which can be found in our [Student Handbook](#) on the BWHS website. All students need to adhere to this policy. Students who violate the Dress Code will be contacted and if changes cannot be made at school, the parent/guardian may be contacted. Again, a complete list of the BWHS dress code can be found in the [Student Handbook](#) for reference.

Attendance Policy

Our student attendance policy has been updated for the 2024-25 school year. Please see our Big Walnut HS Attendance Policy Summary. Parents/guardians can now report a student's absence in one of three ways.

- Attendance Line (740)-965-7776
 - Complete the [Online Absence Form](#) on our website
 - Email the secretary at bwhsattendance@bwls.net
- For additional questions and information on attendance, please see our Student Code of Conduct.

Tardy Policy

Consequences will be assigned to students who are tardy to school and/or to class. This may include, but is not limited to a verbal warning/teacher conference, parent contact, detention, and administrator contact. Please see the [Student Handbook](#) for information on our building tardy policy.

Parking and Parent Drop Off

Eagle Strong VIP Parking

Over 31 Eagle Strong reward parking spots were issued to our students last week for October! Congratulations to all BWHS student recipients! A special shout out to Mrs. Maxson and her class for painting this area of our parking lot.

Parking Pass Information

Students can purchase [Parking Pass 2024-25](#) online at this time. Note: All outstanding student fees must be paid prior to purchasing a parking pass. Fees are available in your Powerschool Parent Portal. Fees can be paid online through www.payschoolscentral.com. Please reach out to the main office with further questions.

Parent Drop Off

If you are dropping off your student in the morning, please make sure you leave in plenty of time. We are asking families not to stop and change drivers in the loop. This is to ensure the safety and flow of traffic in the mornings. Our SRO and staff will be directing the car line to help with any delays. We appreciate your support with our student drop off. Reminder: Our first warning bell rings at 7:26. 1st Pd begins this year at 7:30 am.

Upcoming Events at BWHS

Career Talk (October 24th)

Big Walnut High School

Leading Companies Discussing
Career Opportunities

Coming Soon to BWHS

Career Panel

Thursday
24 Oct 2024

Time
Eagle Time

Participating Companies

- ✓ Intel
- ✓ Kokosing
- ✓ OSU Wexner Medical

Blood Drive (October 31st)

HOPE begins with you.

**Blood Drive at
Big Walnut High School**

Auxiliary Gym
713 N Miller Drive
Sunbury, OH 43074

**Thursday, October 31, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BWHS to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Treat yourself! Come to give in Oct. for a \$10 Gift Card by email: 5ee.redcross.org/first

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Transition Panel (November 7th)

BIG WALNUT TRANSITION PANEL

Post-Secondary Support
For Students with Disabilities

EDUCATION

Come learn about post-secondary services with a college type experience. This is for students who may be seeking more supported employment or competitive employment with the additional need for independent living instruction. Mount Vernon Ignite will be in attendance along with other resources.

ADULT DAY-HAB

Come learn about opportunities for students that may require independent living support. This may result in day rehabilitation support. Adult day hab is attendance TBD. Some local area services include: Dreamshine AIRFriends currently has a wait list.

EMPLOYMENT

Come learn about pre-employment, job coaching, and job exploration services. Some of the services that will be presenting include: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, ARS Industries, and Project Search.

FLIGHT

Come learn about Big Walnut's newest program to service deferred graduates for post-secondary transition:
FLIGHT-Future Life of Independence Gained through Holistic Transition

WHEN/WHERE/WHO

Big Walnut will be hosting their first ever transition panel. This is an opportunity for families with students with disabilities to hear about the different services available for life after high school. This will be held the same night as parent teacher conferences on November 7th at the High School in the Performing Arts Center from 5:00-6:30. Come by and listen, ask questions, and feel free to take resources in order to dive into later.

If you are looking for other opportunities for support, please visit these events/activities as well.

Delaware County Transition Fair-Oct. 8th 8:00am-8:00pm DACOC
College Seminar For Students on an IEP or 504-Oct. 24th 8:00am-7:30 Westerville Central High School
Transition Night Resource Fair Nov. 12th 5:00pm-6:30pm Dublin Jerome High School
Project Search Tour Date Sign Up
Campus Based Transition Classroom Tours: WINGS, Project Plus

Assembly (November 14th)

**BWHS VETERAN'S DAY
CELEBRATION**

REMEMBER & HONOR OUR
VETERAN FAMILIES

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US
FOR OUR BREAKFAST AND ASSEMBLY, PLEASE EMAIL
ANGIE STOOKSBURY AT ANGIESTOOKSBURY@BWLS.NET

**NOVEMBER 14, 2024
8:45 AM - 10:30AM**