



Big Walnut High School Back to School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Hello, Big Walnut Families! This is a very exciting time for students and families as we prepare for the 2024-25 school year. I would like to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome as we embark on an exciting year. My belief is not only that communication vital, but also a strong partnership between home and school is crucial to a student's success. I encourage open communication and value your input as we strive to Inspire and Guide the best educational experience for all students. Please feel free to reach out with any questions at nicolecarter@bwls.net or 740-965-3766.

Sincerely,
Dr. Nicole Carter

Important School Dates

August Events

August 12: Eagles' First Flight 7:30-11:00
August 14: First Day of School (A-K)
August 15: First Day of School (L-Z)
August 16: All Students
August 21: Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 pm

September Events

September 11: Parent-Teacher Conf. #1 4 -7:30 pm
September 12: School Pictures (Grades 9-11)
September 18: First Eagle Time 10-10:42 am
September 25: Academic Evening of Excellence
September 27: Academic Evening of Excellence
October 4: Homecoming Game 7 pm
October 5: Homecoming Dance 8 pm

Eagles' First Flight



Staggered Start

All students should bring charged chromebooks on Staggered Start Days. Freshmen will receive chromebooks during EFF.



Important Contacts

Dr. Nicole Carter, Principal
Kelley Bloomer, Assistant Principal
Paul Hershberger, Assistant Principal
Kaci Fox, Building Secretary
Jen Barr, Attendance Secretary
Tara Shelby, Building Secretary

Attendance

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 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](#).

Tardies

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

Support Staff/Counselors

Meghan Paul (A-Di)
Shelby Brady (Do - Ki)
Jeanne Collett (Kl-Ri)
Anna Laux (Ro - Z)
Dr. Tammi Jordan (CCP/Assessment)
Amber Bennett (School Social Worker)
Cindi Strahler (Guidance Secretary)
Amanda Isganitis (Guidance Secretary)

Cell Phone Reminder

The BWLS district recently adopted the policy of removing all cell phones from the classroom for all grades, Pre-K through 12. This decision applies to personal devices, not school-issued devices. Students will not be permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Students are assigned Chromebooks that are used for daily classroom instruction (instead of phones). Please make sure student Chromebooks are fully charged each day in preparation for daily classroom use. The [Student Code of Conduct](#) will be reviewed during our Staggered Start with all students. Please reach out with any further questions.

Parents: We appreciate your support of this policy. If students choose to carry cell phones to and from school, phones should not be visible and turned off during the school day. [Not seen - Not heard]



BWHS Daily Bell Schedule 2024-25

Big Walnut High School Bell Schedules 2024-2025

Daily			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration
1	7:30	8:18	48
2	8:22	9:10	48
3*	9:14	10:06	52
4 Lunch	10:10	10:40	30
4/5	10:10	10:59	49
5/6	10:44	11:33	49
6 Lunch	11:03	11:33	30
6/7	11:03	11:52	49
7/8	11:37	12:26	49
8 Lunch	11:56	12:26	49
9	12:30	1:18	48
10	1:22	2:10	48

* Announcements

Eagle Time			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration
1	7:30	8:12	42
2	8:16	8:58	42
3*	9:02	9:46	44
Eagle Time	9:50	10:32	42
4 Lunch	10:36	11:06	30
4/5	10:36	11:18	42
5/6	11:10	11:52	42
6 Lunch	11:22	11:52	30
6/7	11:22	12:04	42
7/8	11:56	12:38	42
8 Lunch	12:08	12:38	30
9	12:42	1:24	42
10	1:28	2:10	42

* Announcements

2 Hour Delay			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration
1	9:30	10:02	32
2	10:06	10:38	32
3*	10:42	11:16	34
4 Lunch & 4/5	11:20	11:50	30
6 Lunch & 5/6, 6/7	11:54	12:24	30
8 Lunch & 7/8	12:28	12:58	30
9	1:02	1:34	32
10	1:38	2:10	32

* Announcements

1 Hour Early Release			
Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration
1	7:30	8:09	39
2	8:13	8:52	39
3*	8:56	9:35	39
4 Lunch & 4/5	9:39	10:08	39
6 Lunch & 5/6, 6/7	10:22	11:01	39
8 Lunch & 7/8	11:05	11:44	39
9	11:48	12:27	39
10	12:31	1:10	39

* Announcements



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Powerschool Communication

For the 2024-25 school year, parents will be encouraged to use Powerschool for all communication on grades and assignment expectations at BWHS. More information to come on support needed with Powerschool and parent access at Curriculum Night on Wednesday, August 21st.

Eagle Time

The first Eagle Time will not take place until Wednesday, September 18th.

Powerschool Access

The parent and student portal will be available after 4 pm on Wednesday, August 7th. Class schedules, bus routes, fees, attendance, and grades will be accessible at this time.

Parking Passes

Information will be available during the week of September 3rd for those students that are applying for parking passes for the 24-25 school year. All students will be required to complete the Google Form that will be shared on the school's website and Schoology. Students will pick up parking passes ONLY after payment. The office will announce when these passes can be picked up. A map and student driving expectations will be included with the request.

Please Keep in Mind: Parking is a privilege and students that do not follow the guidelines on this form may have privileges revoked.

Our Goals

POWERSCHOOL

- COMMUNICATES GRADES, ASSIGNMENTS, AND ATTENDANCE FROM SCHOOL TO HOME.
- FAMILIES CAN USE THE QUICK LOOKUP VIEW TO SEE CURRENT OVERALL GRADES.
- FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT THE GRADE TO SEE UPCOMING AND COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS
- USE MISSING ASSIGNMENTS TAB TO SEE ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE MISSING TAG ACROSS ALL CLASSES.

OUR FIRST GOAL

Communicate Grades, Assignments, and Attendance (One System)

OUR SECOND GOAL

View Current Overall Grades in Quick Look Up Feature

THIRD GOAL

View Upcoming and Completed Assignments and Assessments

FOURTH GOAL

Missing Assignment Tag Visible Across All Classes