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 **AUGUST 2020** *Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.* 

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG



August is always one of my favorite months. For those of us who work in the education world, it represents more of a new year than January does. It is a time for reflection, goal setting and lots of new-- backpacks, clothes, jerseys, lunch boxes, etc. I am always filled with eager anticipation for the school year to start, and I can't wait to see the bright smiles of our students back in the halls again.

This year, it is the same-- yet different. After the abrupt closure of our buildings in March, we are so ready to see our students again! And while we won't be able to see their smiles in person, we can still see the smiles of our students in the Virtual Learning Program (VLP) via Google Meet, and we can see the smiles in our in-person students' eyes.

Families have had to make difficult decisions for their children this year. I personally talked and emailed with many parents who agonized over the decision on whether or not to send their students back in person or to select the VLP, and I know members of our team talked to many more. Some are concerned about the virus, and are choosing to keep their students home. Others do not want their children to have to wear masks, and were agonizing over keeping them home for that reason or sending them so they have the opportunity to socialize with friends and benefit from in-person instruction. Regardless of where you personally stand on this topic, it is important for us all to respect each other's decisions and beliefs. Parenting is HARD WORK, and many of us are struggling with how to parent in a pandemic. Kindness and respect are more important than ever.

While we cannot control this situation or the need to make these hard decisions, we can model for our kids how to live in this current environment. Instead of focusing on how my kids don't want to wear masks, I am trying to focus on how wearing masks will get them back in school with teachers and friends (and back to the sports and activities they have been missing just as much).

Kids are resilient, and they will adjust. If we all remember to give each other a bit of grace, our kids will have meaningful experiences, and hopefully next year will be back to a typical start of school.



**WHEN WOULD BIG WALNUT GO TO CRISIS
REMOTE LEARNING (100% OF STUDENTS)?**

This decision would be made in consultation with the Delaware General Health Department based on local data. At Big Walnut, we will not be tying our plan to a county color as our county is diverse, with the western side being much more densely populated. The county superintendents are in regular contact with the health commissioner, and we look at COVID-19 data specific to our county and school districts.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Brad Schneider

Selfish. Irresponsible. Reckless. Dangerous.

Those are some words used to describe the Board's decision to approve the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. These were words used by people both inside and outside our community to describe that decision.

I knew graduation would work because you are a community who cares deeply about its children. You are a member of a community who regularly sacrifices to take care of each other. That knowledge made my vote pretty easy.

In one sense, the graduation for the class of 2020 was a contract.

A graduation was possible because our families were willing to follow the safety protocols. I know not



Doug Crowl, Vice President Liana Lee, President Brad Schneider, Sherri Dorsch, Stephen P. Fujii

every family agreed with every safety protocol, but they followed them because they wanted to give their kids a graduation. Because of this contract, we were able to give our graduating class something very few in Ohio received.

The opening of our schools this month is another contract we would like to make with you.

Like graduation, we know there are safety protocols in place that some do not like. But we need you to follow all of them to get our kids back in school and keep them there. We need to sacrifice so

that our dedicated staff members can continue to provide the best education possible for our kids who need them right now.

If we as parents keep our kids with symptoms home, encourage hand washing and distancing, and explain the mask requirements to our kids, we give our students and staff the best opportunity to stay in our school buildings. We can fill the academic, social, emotional, and structural needs that have been interrupted for our kids.

The class of 2020 gave the community an amazing class gift. They showed us that if we have respect for the virus and each other, we can live our lives.

I can't think of a better example of inspiring and guiding.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Director of Facilities
Doug Swartz

With all that is happening in our world over the past 6 months, it is easy to forget that the new **Prairie Run Elementary** will welcome students for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. This innovative K-4 facility, built with funds from our November 2017 bond issue, will be the first building completed on the campus. A new high school and athletic facilities are scheduled to open in 2022.

Since a traditional dedication ceremony/open house is not possible due to the pandemic, the District intends to post pictures of the finished school in the coming weeks on our social media outlets. In the meantime, we wanted to use the August issue of *The Eagle Examiner* as an opportunity to post a few images of the the new building.



Looking down the kindergarten hallway



Entering the front office



Looking into the gym with the movable partition wall on the right



Approaching the main entrance



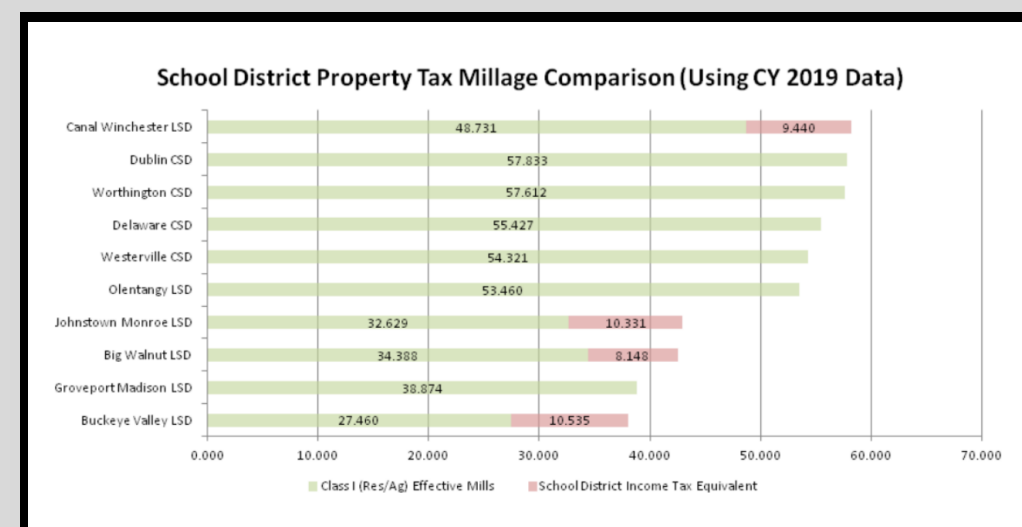


SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX VALUABLE REVENUE FOR BWLS



Every March and April, I receive questions from community members regarding our School District Income Tax (SDIT), including how it works, how to make payments and why checks have not yet been cashed. This year, with the filing and payment deadline pushed back to July 15, I just received a second round of questions. These good questions and conversations reminded me that it is always beneficial to revisit various district resources to help our community have a better understanding of our finances.

As an overview, Big Walnut has a 0.75% traditional income tax, which uses the same income base as the state's income tax. Historical trends indicate that the majority of our community members' employers make deductions from each paycheck for estimated amounts; self-employed individuals may remit quarterly payments. Regardless of how estimated amounts are paid to the Ohio Department of Taxation, an annual SD100 tax return should be filed the same time that federal, state and other local tax returns are due in April. While Big Walnut does ultimately receive these funds, all SDIT payments are made to the Ohio Department of Taxation that tracks, collects and processes all of these payments. Four times a year (January, April, July, and October), the State distributes the funds to school districts.



The SDIT has been a resource Big Walnut has relied on for several decades to support our general operating budget. Along with our property taxes, the graph above shows how our millage rate compares with surrounding districts and that we provide our community members a great value for our tax rate. For fiscal year 2020, our most recently completed year, the SDIT accounted for approximately 18.9% of our overall resources, which has proven to be a helpful source of increasing income as our community grows. The income tax can, however, be a more volatile resource than the property tax, as experienced with our July quarterly payment being over \$1 million lower than last year's payment. While this decrease was not unexpected due to a later filing deadline and economic impacts from COVID-19, it does exemplify the importance of prudent long-range planning, which includes monitoring national, state and local impacts on our economy. I hope this helps you better understand this piece of our district funding. Thank you for your continued support.



AS WE RETURN TO SCHOOL, PLEASE MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH DAILY

- ☐ Have a working thermometer at home.
- ☐ Do not send your child to school if he/she has been identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case. Call the attendance line for further information.
- ☐ Update your child's medical information in PowerSchool, especially if they have known seasonal allergies or asthma. Please share what their normal response is to having allergies/asthma and if they are receiving treatment.
- ☐ Share symptoms of seasonal allergies with your child's teacher. This will help us determine if the symptoms are a new onset communicable disease or are related to their allergies/asthma.
- ☐ Have a plan in place for a timely pick up of your child, should he/she become ill at school (within 30 minutes).
- ☐ Check PowerSchool to be sure you have listed any Emergency Contacts who could pick up an ill student in a timely manner.

If these symptoms are new and not associated with symptoms of allergies or asthma, your child should not attend school. Symptoms include:

- ☐ Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- ☐ Uncontrolled cough causing difficulty breathing
- ☐ Chills and/or repeated shaking with chills
- ☐ Muscle aches/severe headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Loss of taste and smell
- ☐ Congestion or runny nose
- ☐ Nausea and vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ Exposure to a positive COVID-19 case and identified as a close contact

Here are other conditions that would necessitate staying home:

- ☐ Eye infection
- ☐ Head lice
- ☐ Rash
- ☐ Strep throat
- ☐ ER or hospital visit within the last 24 hrs

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Back-to-School Information

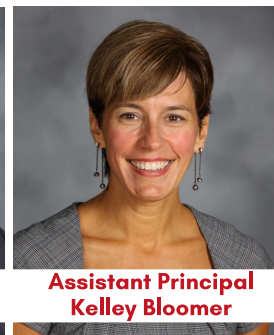
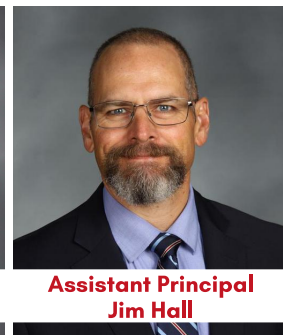


FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- **August 24:** Freshmen, new high school students & VLP students
- **August 25:** All students, last name A-F
- **August 26:** All students, last name G-L
- **August 27:** All students, last name M-R
- **August 28:** All students, last name S-Z
- **August 31:** All students return



Big Walnut High School



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740-965-3766

Schoology Access Code: XXJ5-CR83-DWZCS

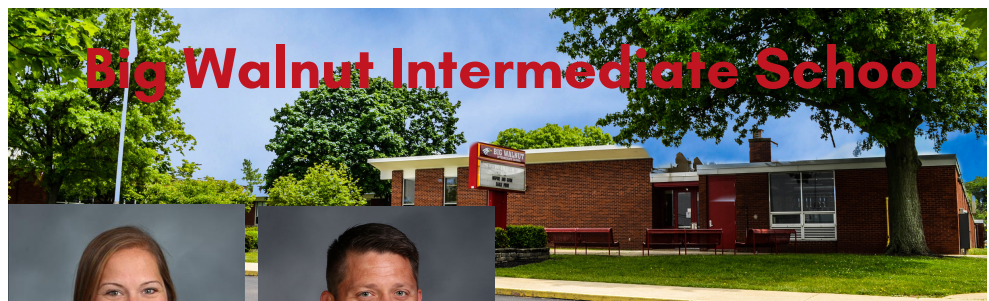
Big Walnut Middle School



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Schoology Access Code:
8VWG-XH43-BRB6Z

Big Walnut Intermediate School



105 Baughman Street
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V3N3-5462-JS4XK

Bus Routes and Schedules

Bus routes and class schedules will be available in PowerSchool on August 18.



School Fees

Preschool Tuition (typical peers- 2 days)- \$90/month*

Preschool Tuition (typical peers- 4 days)- \$180/month*

Full-Day Kindergarten Tuition- \$200/month*

Grades PreK-4 School Fee- \$55.00

Grades 5-8 School Fee- \$65.00

Grades 9-12 School Fee- \$100.00

* Monthly tuition is due on the first of each month for nine months (beginning in September and ending in May). Security deposit will be applied to May tuition.



Menus & Accounts

- Menus for each building can be found at tinyurl.com/BWmenus20
- To add money to your child's account, go to www.payschoolscentral.com
- Elementary & Intermediate Breakfast Price = \$1.50
- Elementary Lunch Price = \$2.75
- Intermediate Lunch Price = \$2.95
- Middle & High School Breakfast Price = \$2.25
- Middle & High School Lunch Price = \$3.25



Free & Reduced Meals

The BWLS 2020-21 program policy for Free & Reduced Price Meals or milk for students is now available. This policy is for families who are unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. To read the full notice, go to the district's website (www.bwls.net), then click *Food Service Department*. You will find the Free & Reduced Price Meals application on the Food Service page as well.

Back-to-School Information



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ESCAPE IN A GOOD BOOK



Cindy Reliford
Youth Services Assistant

What a roller coaster ride it has been over the last months. Life at the Community Library in Sunbury has been a bit different, but then again, isn't everything a bit different right now? One thing we noticed that hasn't changed is that people are going to keep on reading. In the early weeks leading up to the stay-at-home order, we were flooded with families picking up books. We also received many phone calls asking how to access ebooks.

Sometimes, when the world is upside down, all it takes is a good book to provide an escape. If we think back to our childhoods, we remember those dearly held books. Why did we love them? Maybe it was the engaging characters or faraway places. Or maybe, it was because reading opened up the chance to explore other worlds right from our own home. And home is where everyone is spending a lot of time lately.

If your child needs that escape, the Community Library is here to help! Contact us at 740-965-3901 or ask@yourcl.org and we will connect you with some good books. Visit <http://novelist-kids.yourcl.org> for recommendations specifically for young readers. As we all continue to adapt to the changing world we live in, the Community Library remains committed to providing the best service possible. Let's cross our fingers, hope for the best and, when we need a break, immerse ourselves in a good book!

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BUILDING SANITIZING & HVAC PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19



Mark Cooper
Assistant Superintendent

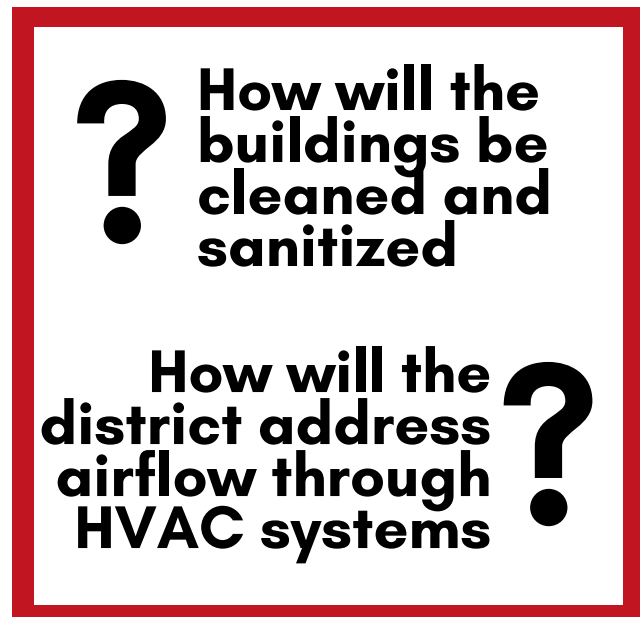
As we begin the 20-21 school year, many questions have been asked about what we are doing in our buildings to promote a clean, healthy environment for our students and staff.

These are important questions, and we have worked over the summer to address these concerns. Two key questions that we have frequently heard are, "How will the buildings be cleaned and sanitized?" and "How will the district address airflow through HVAC systems?"

The district has created specific protocols and training for our custodians on cleaning and sanitizing our buildings. We have recently purchased a water-based solution, BioShield 75, which is the only EPA-registered solution of its kind and has one of the best ratings for

toxicity for such products. This product will be applied within all buildings, creating a disinfecting barrier on all surfaces. We have worked very hard to balance finding a product that will be effective in killing COVID-19 and other viruses, while not exposing our kids to a high level of toxins. Beyond this effective barrier, more frequent cleaning measures are in place for the school year to ensure that high-contact surfaces are cleaned multiple times each day.

Specific HVAC protocols are in place for this school year. We have worked closely with our HVAC consultants to create air conditions that minimize the transmission of COVID-19. These protocols include increasing outside airflow, monitoring and adjusting conditions to create humidity levels shown to reduce transmission potential, and upgrading and replacing specific air filters more frequently. Although opening windows was recently advised in one of the governor's press conferences, in some



of our buildings-- especially the ones with newer HVAC systems-- this will actually have a negative impact on air quality. Increasing air flow through the HVAC system will give us better air quality than opening windows. We will continue to review the latest research and guidelines with regard to HVAC systems and make adjustments to our protocols as needed.



FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

- ☒ To get the most up-to-date school information, join your child's school Group
- ☒ To view your child's school work, due dates and teacher contact information, view each child's account *(No longer need to join teacher Groups)*
- ☒ Make sure to leave any Groups no longer associated with from last year
- ☒ Need assistance? Look at our video tutorials at bwls.net/schoolology OR email schoolology@bwls.net

HOW TO LOG IN

- Go to www.schoolology.com
- Click **LOG IN** (top right)
- Type in username & password
- Click **Log in**

HOW TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

On a computer:

- Click on your name (top right)
- Click your child's name

On the app:

- Tap three bars (top left)
- Tap **My Children**
- Tap **More**
- Tap your child's name

(If you have more than one child, he/she will pop up here)



By signing up for Schoolology and connecting to your child's account, you'll receive district and school updates, along with the ability to check in and see what your child is learning.

HOW TO LEAVE A GROUP

- Once in the Group, on the left side under the **Information** section, click **Leave this group**
- You have still left the group even if you may get a message that says *Private Access Only*

HOW TO JOIN A GROUP

- Click **GROUPS** (top of the page)
- Click **My Groups** (right side)
- Click **Join Group** (blue button)
- Type in Access Code
- Click **Join**

SCHOOL GROUP ACCESS CODES

- **ELC Families:** FXQJ-7RMX-6SD2G
- **BWE Families:** VHVH-KPGG-3JMSQ
- **GRE Families:** N5VZ-VWQC-W7VVZ
- **PRE Families:** HDVN-X7JH-8NZN4
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