

BWHS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

Students will begin the 2026-27 school year with a Staggered Start schedule on August 20th and 21st.

- A-K Thursday, August 20th.
- L-Z Friday, August 21st

Student schedules and transportation information will be available in PowerSchool on Wednesday, August 12th after 4:00 pm.

Eagles' First Flight

August 17, 2026

This event is for all new and incoming freshmen students to BWHS. Students will report from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 am. Buses will run on this day for students with transportation needs. All transportation and student schedules will be posted on PowerSchool on August 12th. Here is a [link](#) for additional information. Note: Students attending EFF will also attend on their designated Staggered Start Day-more information on page 2.

Curriculum Night

August 26, 2026

Curriculum Night (Open House) will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on August 26th. Families will need to bring a copy of their student's schedule to walk through class periods and meet their teachers. Dr. Jordan will host an informational **CCP Parent Meeting** following Curriculum Night at 8:00 pm in the Academic Commons. Please see the [link](#) for the schedule.



ParentSquare

New Communication, New Technology Changes

Big Walnut Local Schools is pleased to announce the adoption of ParentSquare as our primary communication platform. An account will be automatically created for each parent or guardian using the contact information provided in our student information system. We encourage you to activate your account to download the complimentary mobile app, customize your language preferences, and select your preferred notification methods and timings. For a comprehensive overview of all the features ParentSquare offers, please refer to the provided [link](#).

Student Email Address Changes

Big Walnut Schools has updated student email addresses, effective July 1st. Parents were notified of this change via email. Students will need to access their new email accounts using a format that incorporates their graduation year, the initial of their first name, and their last name. For example, a student graduating in 2027 with the name John Williams would have the email address 27jwilliams@bwls.net. In cases where multiple students share the same first initial and last name, a middle initial will be added, resulting in an email such as 27jpwilliams@bwls.net. Note: Students will need to use the new email address to access PowerSchool and schedules released on August 12th.

Message from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. I am excited to welcome our students and families to an exciting new school year. As we prepare for the 2026-27 academic year, I would like to share some important information as we approach the start of the year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at nicolecarter@bwls.net or reach out to the high school main office.



Dr. Nicole Carter

BWHS Administrative Team

Dr. Nicole Carter, Principal
Mrs. Kelley Bloomer, Assistant Principal
Dr. Crystal Bragg, Assistant Principal
Mr. Paul Hershberger, Assistant Principal

Student Handbook 2026-27

During the Staggered Start schedule, administration will hold grade-level meetings. These sessions will cover the cell phone policy, attendance and tardiness expectations, as well as other important policies that will be implemented this school year. For updates to the student handbook, please refer to this [link](#) and our school's website.

Powerschool and Schedule Dates

All schedules and transportation information will be accessible on PowerSchool on Wednesday, August 12th, after 4:00 PM. Students are required to log in using their new email addresses; instructions for updating student emails are provided on page 1, and notifications were sent to families in July. Students are expected to follow their schedule posted in PowerSchool. For guidelines and information regarding our policy on schedule changes, please refer to our [Program of Studies](#).

Eagles' First Flight Incoming Freshmen and New Students Only



Chromebook Distribution

All freshmen and new students to BWHS will receive Chromebooks during Staggered Start, rather than at Eagles' First Flight. Additionally, staff will be available to provide login support and technical assistance at this time. All freshmen will receive a copy of their schedule on this day as well.

Parking Passes

All students will be required to purchase parking passes. Further information and deadlines will be provided as we approach the upcoming school year.

Absences

An online absence form will be used for all absence reporting. Please see this [link](#) or the school's website. If you have any questions on absence reporting or the BWHS Attendance Policy, please see the [2026-27 Student Handbook](#).

Bell Schedules

Big Walnut High School Bell Schedules 2026-2027

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	30	
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	

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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	

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1 Hour Early Release				
Period	Start Time	End Time	Duration	
1	7:30	8:15	45	
2	8:19	9:04	45	
3*	9:08	9:56	48	
4 Lunch & 4/5	10:00	10:36	36	
6 Lunch & 5/6, 6/7	10:39	11:15	36	
8 Lunch & 7/8	11:18	11:54	36	
9	11:57	12:32	35	
10	12:35	1:10	35	

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