

The JUNIOR EAGLE

September 2020

Brown County Junior High School

Indiana Department of Education STEM Certified



BCJHS Staff Members

Math: Mr. Bruce Koopman
Math: Ms. Kaitlyn Christie
Math: Mr. Tim Hebert
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Science: Mrs. Sarah Hale
Science: Mr. Kevin Roush
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English: Mrs. Julie Miller
English: Mrs. Cindy Stark
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Social Studies: Mr. Justin Schwenk
Social Studies: Mr. Kyle McGaha
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Health & Fitness: Mrs. Cheryl Wyman
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Vocal Music: Mr. Daniel Lyng
Instrumental Music: Mr. Matt Finley
Resource: Mrs. Cortney Hitchcock
Resource: Mrs. Debi Sumner
Foreign Lang: Mr. Pedro De Leon
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Health Asst: Mrs. Sue Thompson
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Mrs. Debra Arnold
Mrs. Kelly McPheeters

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Custodial Staff:

Mrs. Carla Brown
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Mrs. Linda Hawkins
Mrs. Amanda Lasley
Mr. Paul Barker

BCJHS Administration

Mr. Brian Garman, Principal
Mr. Greg Pagnard, Asst. Principal/AD
Mrs. Terri Whitcomb, Guidance

School Information:

www.browncountyschools.com

BCS Vision Statement

World Class Opportunities. Small School Relationships. Lifelong Impact.

The Principal's Report

I would like to start by thanking all of our parents, students, teachers, and support staff for a tremendous start to a challenging school year. I think we all had some anxiety about the start of school and how everything would work, but I am so impressed how everyone has pulled together to make this one of the best starts to a school year that I can remember. There have certainly been challenges and will certainly be more to come, but if we keep a positive attitude, there is no challenge we can't overcome.

Our teachers have done an amazing job adjusting to the new realities of teaching and continue to be creative and innovative as they develop high quality learning experiences for our students. We continue to work to improve the online experience for our remote learners. We realize that remote learning is frustrating by nature for many of our students and parents, but we continue to reflect and brainstorm more effective ways to utilize the resources we have to improve the educational experience for those students.

It is hard to believe that we are already into September. I hope everyone can enjoy a well deserved Labor Day weekend. To those who will be going out of town, safe travels!

-Brian Garman

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Important Future Dates @ BCJHS

September 7th
Labor Day—No School

September 8th & 9th
ELA Benchmark Testing

September 10th & 11th
Math Benchmark Testing

September 18th
ROK Production of Ana y su
Sombra (vocal music classes)

September 19th
Cross Country Eagle Classic

September 20th
Mid-Term Grade Check

September 21st - 25th
College GO Week!

October 7th - 11th
Fall Break

November 8th
End of 1st Trimester



MRS. WHITCOMB'S WALL



Welcome back for another great year at BCJHS. This year is off to a smooth start in the Guidance Department – schedules are in place and lockers are being opened without much effort. Our new seventh graders are adjusting quickly to lockers, a different daily schedule, and new found freedoms.

One thing that your student may be finding out about junior high is that the homework load can be more demanding. Below are a few hints to help homework time go a little smoother:

- Make a to-do list and number the tasks from hardest to easiest. Saving the easiest for last will help your child finish on a high note.
- Try to get your child to consider different time slots for completing homework. Breaking it down into smaller segments can be helpful. Consider an hour on Saturday morning and finish it up on Sunday afternoon. Anything that can be completed in class makes the afterschool hours easier, so encourage them to use their time wisely!
- Make homework a positive behavior by encouraging your child to work independently. When he/she completes it on their own and on time, it will boost their confidence.

Middle school is a time of tremendous growth and change. I appreciate how hard you all work to help your boys and girls to be successful at school and beyond. If there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.





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BCJHS Welcomes New Staff Members

BCJHS is pleased to announce the addition of four new team members this school year! We are very excited to welcome them to the BCJHS Family and know they will be a great asset to our students!!

Mrs. Debra Arnold—Paraprofessional

Mr. Kyle McGaha - Social Studies

Mrs. Cindy Stark - Language Arts/NIET Mentor Teacher

Mrs. Julie Miller - Language Arts



Mrs. Debra Arnold



Mr. Kyle McGaha



Mrs. Cindy Stark



Mrs. Julie Miller



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News for the Art Room

By Mrs. Roales, BCJHS Art Teacher

Mrs. Roales and the High Ability 7th grade artists learned about different methods of tie dye including Japanese Shibori, Sunburst, Swirl and Crinkle methods. We tie dyed masks in class! What a wonderful adventure!



NIET @ BCJHS

BCJHS is so excited to be engaging with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching to strengthen our instructional practices across all subject areas. This five year support, made possible through the TAP Grant, is an extraordinary gift. Our teachers receive weekly professional development aligned to best teaching practices with lots of follow up support from NIET and our building instructional leaders. Our instructional leadership team consists of Master Teacher Mrs. Alyssa Stanley and Mentor Teachers Mr. Tim Hebert and Mrs. Cindy Stark. We are so excited to see the growth over the next several years!



Mrs. Stark



Mrs. Stanley



Mr. Hebert

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Responsibility
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7th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS September “Student of the Month” Lexi Foster. Lexi was nominated by her Language Arts Teacher Mrs. Stark and her Instrumental Music Teacher Mr. Finley. According to Mrs. Stark, "Lexie has continually demonstrated kindness and respect towards others, has worked extremely hard on assignments, and uses integrity each day. Lexie demonstrated patience and understanding when her account and device were not working and problem-solves when issues arise. She makes class more fun with her creativity and when she shares her ideas and thoughts We are so lucky she is at BCJHS!". Mr. Finley adds that “Lexi always comes in with a good attitude and is ready to learn and get stuff done. She has a passion for music, musical theatre, and is always enjoyable to talk with about those things! Lexi’s picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of September. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS “Student of the Month”. Lexi will be receiving a “Student of the Month” plaque compliments of **Waltman Construction**.



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8th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS September “Student of the Month” Taylor Lucas. Taylor was nominated by her Social Studies Teacher Mr. Potts. According to Mr. Potts, “Taylor demonstrates a seriousness in class which serves as a great model for her classmates. She is always prepared, motivated and kind, and is a pleasure to have in the classroom.” Taylor’s picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of September. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS “Student of the Month”. Taylor will be receiving a “Student of the Month” plaque compliments of **Waltman Construction**.





Western Indiana Conference Eastern Division

Brown County Eagles
Edgewood Mustangs
Owen Valley Patriots
Indian Creek Braves
Cloverdale Clovers

BCJHS Coaching Staff

Cross Country: Mrs. Chasity Smith
Cross Country: Mr. Ian McCabe
7th Football: Mr. Sean Cassidy
8th Football: Mr. Joel Lewis
Asst. Football: Mr. Ernie Stringer
Asst. Football: Mr. Josh Hazelgrove
Tennis: Mrs. Andi Rogers-Bartels
8th VBall: Mrs. Amanda Hawley
7th VBall: Mrs. Emma Totten
8th Boys' BB: Mr. Heath Bryant
7th Boys' BB: Mr. Jackson Saylor
8th Girls' BB: Mrs. Amanda Doss
7th Girls' BB: Mrs. Ronna Snyder
Wrestling: Mr. Andy Reed
Asst. Wrestling: TBD
Cheer: Ms. Cindy Woolems
Girls' Track: Mr. Kevin Roush
Boys' Track: Mr. Dan Lewellen
Asst. Track: Mrs. Emily Lewellen
Asst. Track: Mr. Tim Hebert



The Sports Corner

By Mr. Pagnard, BCJHS Athletic Director

The fall sports season has begun. The BCJHS volleyball teams opened the season with two very good wins over Owen Valley. The 7th grade squad remains undefeated while the 8th grade squad has suffered only one loss. They will spend the next two weeks preparing for their next match at Brownstown Central Middle on September 14th at 6pm. The football and cheer teams have been practicing hard for their first contest. They will host Eastern Green on September 3rd with kick-off scheduled for 6pm. The boys' tennis team has also been selected and will open their season at Columbus Northside on September 1st followed by a match at Edgewood on September 2nd. Both matches begin at 5pm. Finally, the BCJHS Cross Country team will host the annual BC Invitational on September 3rd at Eagle Park. The first race will begin at 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing all of you at our games this season. Go Eagles!

For athletic information, visit the Brown County Athletic Department's website @ www.browncountyathletics.com. Information for grades 5-12 can be found at this site.





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BCJHS Vocal Music News

By Mr. Lyng, BCJHS Vocal Music Director

The BCJHS Choirs are having a great start to a unique year! All singing is currently happening outside with masks and spacing (at the recommendation of the CDC and National Association of Teachers of Singing).

Though this certainly presents challenges, our singers have been adjusting seamlessly to this new way of learning!



We have reorganized our BCJHS Choirs this year. We now have Concert Choir (non-auditioned and Choraliers (auditioned). We also have a Prelude Show Choir (after-school). Prelude just had their first rehearsal this week! Our choreographer (Kevin Rudzinski) will be joining us through Zoom and teaching weekly dance classes on different fundamental skills. If you would like to join us, come to rehearsals Mondays after school until 4:30. Email dlyng@browncountyschools.com with questions!



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BCJHS POETS

By Mrs. Stark, BCJHS Language Arts Teacher

To kick off the year in Mrs. Stark's Language Arts classes, students explored aspects of their identity and wrote about themselves to express their personalities, strengths, areas for growth, and what makes them unique. Seventh grader Alayna Jacobus explains how students examined where they fell within three zones: the comfort zone, the risk zone, and the danger zone. *"To be in the comfort zone means that you are in a particular situation that makes you feel at ease. Being in the risk zone means that you are in a particular situation that puts you out of your comfort zone, but you learn and grow from the experience. To be in the danger zone means that you are in a particular situation that makes you feel stressed to an unhealthy level. Sharing my life and hobbies with other people puts me in the comfort zone. Sharing something personal with someone that I don't trust completely puts me in the danger zone, as well as telling a teacher that I disagree with them. Dealing with a loss, doing remote learning, and confronting people puts me in the risk zone. The best place for a situation to fall is in the risk zone because you learn and grow from the experience."* Within this unit, they also developed poetry, shared song lyrics that expressed their identity, wrote a structured essay, and created multiple artistic representations of aspects of their identity. Some of our students were brave enough to share what they've been working on. Check out some of their work!

Taylor

Compassionate, Intelligent, Active, and Caring

Oldest child of two amazing parents

Who loves art, singing, nature, and animals

Who feels peoples stress and emotions

Who need friends and family

Who gives help when needed

Who fears bullying and loneliness

Who would like to see different landmarks around the world

Born in Speedway, lives in Brown county

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Where I'm From By Genevieve Laguna

I am from frozen pizza and broken crayons
From Red Baron and Coconut Suave Shampoo
I am from the house on the corner with the people who were
always gone, the cats that were always running amuck, and the
sounds of pages turning into the night
I am from hydrangeas, fairy houses, and camping trips, which
were entertaining then boring
I'm from Christmas and Easter at Grandma Sutton's and kind of
weird relatives
From Jessica June and Chris I don't know
I'm from the photoshoots on special events and stopping for
flowers but not to take a drink
I'm from not going to church except with friends
I was born in Texas, but I'm from Indiana
I'm from fried chicken, deviled eggs, and mac and cheese
From the years I was terrified of the family dog
The times my sister barged into my room unannounced,
The garden we loved so much but gave up on, and
The times my mom kept small little things to remember how
much her "Little girls have grown"

Landon

Energetic, cheerful, relational and clever.
sibling of Malia, Nadia, Kiera, Laney, Kaylee, June, Cole, Austin,
Kenna, Ryan, Micheal.
Fishing, basketball, baseball.
Who feels thankful, happy, motivated.
Who needs friendship, family, fishing.
Who gives smiles, hugs, fist bumps.
Who fears heights, spiders, sharks.
Who would like to see my sister finish college.
Resident of Nashville, Indiana.
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Indiana 21st Century Scholars Program

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our parents about the great opportunity that is available through the Indiana 21st Century Scholars Program. The 21st Century Scholars Program began in 1990 to insure that every Hoosier student can afford the opportunity provided by a college degree. Income-Eligible students, who keep the *Scholar Pledge* to excellence in school and life, receive a scholarship to help pay for their college education. The scholarship provides up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university.

7th and 8th grade students, whose families meet income eligibility guidelines, can apply to become a 21st Century Scholar. Applications must be received by **June 30th** of the student's 8th grade year. Eligibility requirements are outlined on the 21st Century Scholars webpage. If you determine that you are eligible for the 21st Century Scholars Program, you can apply online at **Scholars.IN.gov** or by submitting the 2020-2021 application worksheet to BCJHS authorizing school personnel to submit the application on your behalf. BCJHS will also make computers and wifi available to any parent who needs assistance in submitting the application.

If you have any questions about the Indiana 21st Century Scholars Program, call the Scholars Helpline at 1-888-528-4719 or email @ Scholars@che.IN.gov. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.





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All BCS Schools Earn Purple Star Designation

The Indiana Department of Education recently congratulated the recipients of Indiana's inaugural Purple Star school designation. The Purple Star designation honors schools displaying a significant commitment to service members, veterans, students, and families connected to our nation's military.

"As a proud military parent, I know firsthand the honor and respect our nation's military deserves," said State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. "I want to thank Indiana schools for their commitment to honoring and highlighting military service members. I am happy to award the inaugural Purple Star designation to a group of very deserving schools."

In its first year, schools had to meet specific requirements to receive the Purple Star school designation. These include, assigning a point of contact for military families, passing a resolution supporting military students and families, guaranteeing interviews for service members and their immediate family who meet the minimum job qualifications, and more. In total, 60 schools received the inaugural designation.

We are grateful to BCS Teachers Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lewellen for leading the way with this incredible distinction. Additionally, it goes without saying that our local Veterans are truly extraordinary partners and supporters of the schools.

