

# The JUNIOR EAGLE

October 2020

Brown County Junior High School

*Indiana Department of Education STEM Certified*



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**Science:** Mr. Kevin Roush  
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## BCJHS Administration

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

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## BCS Vision Statement

*World Class Opportunities. Small School Relationships. Lifelong Impact.*

## The Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we have already reached October. It seems like we just started last week. It is amazing how quickly time passes. I continue to be amazed at how well our students have adapted to the new educational realities that have resulted from COVID. Our young people are so resilient.

A reminder that school will not be in session the week of October 5th due to fall break. Students will return on Monday, October 12th and the 1st trimester will officially end on Friday, November 6th.

BCJHS Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th from 3:30-7pm. All conferences will be conducted via phone or zoom. If you would like to schedule a time, please contact your child's teachers directly or call the BCJHS office at 812-988-6605. Our front office staff would be more than happy to connect you with the teachers. As always, please feel free to contact us any time with questions that might arise. It is not necessary to wait until parent/teacher conferences to contact teachers regarding concerns. We wish everyone a safe and restful Fall Break and will look forward to seeing students return on October 12th.

- Brian Garman  
BCJHS Principal

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**Important Future Dates  
@ BCJHS**

**October 7th - 11th**  
Fall Break

**October 12-16th**  
Spirit Week

**October 13th**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
3:30-7:00pm  
(phone or zoom only)

**October 16th**  
Picture Retakes

**November 8th**  
End of 1st Trimester

**November 13th**  
We the People  
Regional Competition



**MRS. WHITCOMB'S WALL**



Adolescence can be such a confusing time for families to navigate. Children are going through so many changes, both physically and mentally. It sometimes feels, as a parent, that you have no idea how to approach your child during these times. What was fun yesterday is met with eye roles today and vice versa. Even though these changes can be somewhat trying on our patience they are, for the most part normal.

What happens when those adolescent changes go beyond the norm? Sometimes situations at home can create barriers to being able to communicate in the best way possible. Family life, friendships, pressures at school are just a few of the stressors our children endure. If moods and situations at home get to the point of concern or an inability to communicate it's good to know where to go for help.

Centerstone Behavioral Healthcare is a community based mental health organization located in Brown County. As a school corporation we now have therapists and family support specialist housed in our buildings for ease of access. If your family is seeking help and you would like an appointment, you can contact Centerstone directly at 812-200-2685 or you can call me and I will link you with a Centerstone employee. Statistics show that one in ten young people will experience an episode of major depression in his or her lifetime – I'm glad that there is help available!

Mrs. Whitcomb  
Student Services Advisor  
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## Balloon Cars

Seventh grade science students investigated Newton's Laws of Motion by designing, building, and racing balloon cars. This lab is always a hit and it allows students to see the Laws in action. These cars were selected for consideration for the "Best in Design" award.



## Chess Club

**By Ms. Christie & Mr. Lyng, Chess Club Sponsors**

We are excited to get the chess team up and running again for another successful year. Chess Club offers instruction and tournament competition during the entire school year. Our veteran members and new members work together to become stronger players. We also have Chess Master Steve Shroyer visiting us through Zoom to help our members grow. The current top three students on the leaderboard are: Caleb Clifford, Wesley Arndt, and Owen East. If you want to join the Chess Club, meet us after school on Thursdays until 5:30. No experience is required!





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## **News for the Art Room**

**By Mrs. Roales, BCJHS Art Teacher**

I am so excited to share Artsonia with all of the parents at home. I will be sending out an email from Artsonia. Artsonia, is the world's largest online student art museum, offering a free, educational program to schools, teachers and parents. Each year, thousands of art teachers nationwide showcase their students' artwork online at [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com).

Students will take photos of their finished artworks, edit and upload them to their gallery. Artsonia is such a good program and this is my seventh year using it. We will never use photos that have last names of students and Artsonia always protects student privacy. Artsonia is also a fundraiser for the BCJHS art program. You may purchase artworks on many different items and keepsakes. I would be happy to answer any questions about this program. Head to [artsonia.com](http://artsonia.com) for more information.



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## Waltman Construction 7th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS October “Student of the Month” Samantha Goodwin. Samantha was nominated by her Math Teacher Mr. Hebert. According to Mr. Hebert, "Sam is all that you want in a student; highly motivated, inquisitive, and always pleasant!" Samantha's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of October. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS “Student of the Month”. Samantha will be receiving a “Student of the Month” plaque compliments of **Waltman Construction**.





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## Waltman Construction 8th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS October "Student of the Month" Jade Woolems. Jade was nominated by his Health and Physical Education Teacher Mr. Harmon. According to Mr. Harmon, "Jade is a great student for me in class. He is a quiet young man but his manners, politeness, and personality speak very loudly. He is always prompt with his work and it is always very well done." Jade's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of October. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS "Student of the Month". Jade 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 is quickly coming to an end. The BCJHS girls' volleyball teams have been working hard and competing very well. Both teams will travel to Hauser on 10/1/2020 for their last regular season match. Both teams will travel to Indian Creek for the WIC East tourney on 10/3/20. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls will play at 10:00 am and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will play at 12:00 pm. The winning teams from each grade will travel to South Putnam on 10/5/20 for the WIC championship. Championship matches will begin at 6:00pm. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team is currently undefeated!

The football and cheer teams have been practicing hard in preparation of their last regular season game. They will take on Seymour at home on 10/13/20. The games begin at 6:00pm.

The boys and girls cross teams will host the WIC tournament at Eagle Park on 10/3/20. The girls will start racing at 11:00am. The boys will begin racing at 12:30 pm. There will be an open girls and boys race at 12:30 pm. The boys' tennis season has concluded. Go Eagles!

For athletic information, visit the Brown County Athletic Department's website @ [www.browncountyathletics.com](http://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 still being exposed to amazing performing opportunities, even amidst a pandemic! **Reimagining Opera for Kids** presented a Zoom Opera for our students, followed by a Q&A with the cast. This was the premiere performance of this opera, so our students got to be the first ever audience!







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## BCJHS Instrumental Music News By Mr. Finley, BCJHS Instrumental Music Director

Hello BCJHS Band Families,

I hope you are all doing well right now. Band has definitely had to look different this year due to restrictions on playing that require us to be innovative in our approach to teaching music. You may have heard elements of this from your students.

We've had to adopt a schedule of playing outside vs. doing work inside at a safe distance, as well as get a custom made mask and instrument cover for each wind player. In one of our classes, several students, who are supposed to be in 2nd period advanced band, ended up in 1st period intermediate due to scheduling conflicts. There have been many hurdles that we have had to jump through this year, and I anticipate that there could always be more. I want to let you know that I am committed to giving the best possible education to each of these students within the restrictions that we all have to operate under.

I want to let you know of the different resources available to your students. Much of our work is accessible in Canvas, and we are using several different online resources to help supplement things. This is in case we must switch to a hybrid or an online only model of instruction, so that students will still know where to go to complete assignments and stay informed and connected. Here are the resources we have been using:

Smartmusic: - This resources is extremely helpful! It is accessible online, has a huge library of music for students to access and play **for FREE** and I can assign selections for students to play and pass-off. It also can give the students an example of what the selection is supposed to sound like, give them a metronome, and listen to them play it and let them know what notes they got right, which ones they got wrong, and whether they were on time or not. It can make practicing more engaging and productive for students. **If you have a reliable internet connection, your student should absolutely be using this at home to practice their instrument. Please consider asking them to show you how it works!** You can also contact me for information about how to best support your student.



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## BCJHS Instrumental Music News

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Soundtrap: - This online resources is a lot like Garage Band, but is accessible on student's chrome books. It is an engaging way for students to create their own music and become familiar with the world of music technology. We have used it to create several projects, including a ringtone, a soundscape, and a basic pre-built loop project.

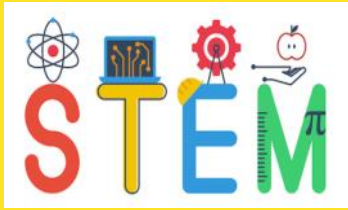
**Ask your student to show you!**

Noteflight: - This resource allows students to write music out in an online, streamlined experience. We haven't used it too much yet, but we do plan to in the future. Stay tuned for this one!

Below are some band supplies that are crucial to helping your student be successful and organized when it comes to band. Please make sure you have the following:

Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone)	Saxophone/Clarinet	Flute	Percussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polishing Cloth</li> <li>- Valve Oil (Trumpet Only)</li> <li>- Slide Grease</li> <li>- Trombone Main Slide Lubricant (Slide-O-Mix is the <b>BEST</b>)</li> <li>- Cleaning Brushes (Valves, Mouthpiece, and Snake)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2.5 - 3.0 Strength Reeds (Vandoren Blue Box Preferred)</li> <li>- Cork Grease for the joints of the instrument</li> <li>- A Reed Case (To hold multiple reeds being used at once)</li> <li>- Cleaning Cloths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning Rod</li> <li>- Cleaning Swab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vic Firth SD-1 or equivalent (you can search these online)</li> <li>- Basic Stick Bag (To hold drum sticks and mallets)</li> <li>- Practice Pad/Drum at Home</li> <li>- Bell Kit</li> </ul>

In addition to those supplies, it is also super important to have a space/time for students to practice. In a lot of ways, practicing is the homework of Band. Think of it like working out or lifting weights. If students struggle with playing something in class (lifting a certain amount of weight) , and they don't work on it at home (do less reps, or more reps with a lighter weight), when we move to something harder (heavier), they're suddenly behind! Having a spot where they can practice with minimal disturbance is so helpful!



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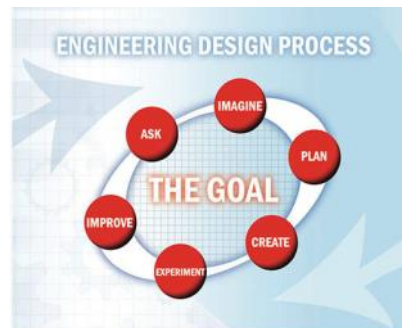
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## **News from the STEM Lab**

By Ms. Lane, BCJHS STEM Lab Teacher

Kai Koester and Tommy Buccos used their skills with 3D design and printing to help supply our cafeteria with a much needed item. They created, by scratch, a stand for the lunch code scanner so that a cafe worker does not have to touch each lunch card to scan it. Our foodservice company was so impressed that they asked us to design another product to be used daily in the kitchen. Details of the next project and payout to follow.



# MEDICAL Detectives

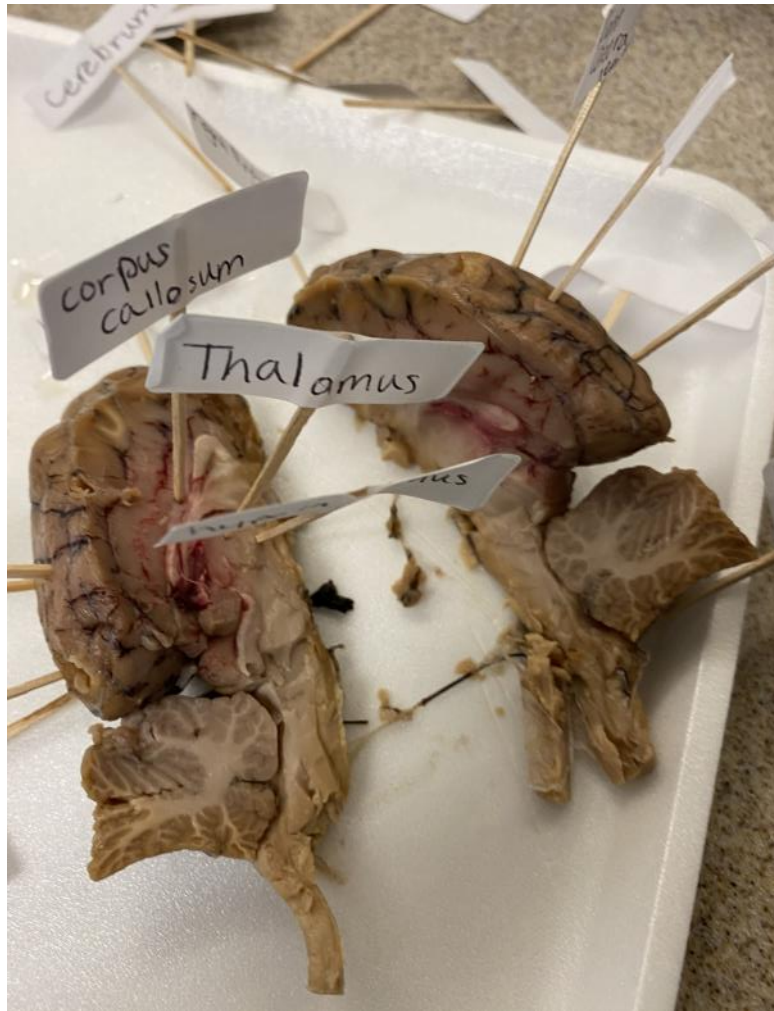
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## BCJHS Biomedical By Mr. Roush, Biomedical Teacher

As the medical detectives class studied the nervous system, they enjoyed dissecting and labeling the different sections of a sheep's brain. This one of the best hands-on lessons of the Medical Detectives class. The students were also challenged later to solve a medical mystery on the location of a possible tumor in another sheep brain based upon the case file they were given. Each group was successful in finding and diagnosing correctly their patient's medical issue.







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## **Automation & Robotics**

By Mr. Lewellen, Engineering Tech Teacher

Students were programming VEX robots to navigate a course by programming motors to run in certain ways to make the robot turn or go a certain direction. In the project, "road trip", students are building a robot to go from their house to the movie theater, which has a few turns along the way, and then return home. In the second part of this project, they will use the same robot, but it will need to follow a line that is placed on the carpet using line trackers that are coded to make adjustments to get from start to finish.

