

# The JUNIOR EAGLE

January 2021

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  
**Science:** Ms. Hannah Davis  
**Science:** Mrs. Sarah Hale  
**Science:** Mr. Kevin Roush  
**English:** Mrs. Jane Phillips  
**English:** Mrs. Julie Miller  
**English:** Mrs. Cindy Stark  
**Social Studies:** Mr. Michael Potts  
**Social Studies:** Mr. Justin Schwenk  
**Social Studies:** Mr. Kyle McGaha  
**Health & Fitness:** Mr. Mike Harmon  
**Health & Fitness:** Mrs. Cheryl Wyman  
**Art:** Mrs. Laurette Roales  
**Vocal Music:** Mr. Daniel Lyng  
**Instrumental Music:** Mr. Matt Finley  
**Resource:** Mrs. Cortney Hitchcock  
**Resource:** Mrs. Debi Sumner  
**Foreign Lang:** Mr. Pedro De Leon  
**Engineering/Tech:** Mr. Dan Lewellen  
**NIET Master Teacher:** Mrs. Alyssa Stanley  
**Health Asst:** Mrs. Sue Thompson  
**Centerstone:** Ms. Erinn Suiter

## Instructional Assistants:

Mrs. Sharon Snodgrass  
Mrs. Debra Arnold  
Mrs. Kelly McPheeters

## Secretarial Staff:

Mrs. Kelly Morse  
Mrs. Ronna Snyder

## Custodial Staff:

Mrs. Carla Brown  
Mrs. Penny McGuire

## Kitchen Staff:

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](http://www.browncountyschools.com)

## BCS Vision Statement

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

## The Principal's Report

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday season with family and friends! It is hard to believe that it's already January. It has certainly been a challenging school year, but I am proud of the resilience that our students and staff have exhibited.

A quick reminder that we have now reached the mid-way point of the 2nd trimester. This is a great time to sit down with your child and review all of their grades. There is still plenty of time for improvement. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers if you have questions.

As of right now, the plan is for the junior high to return to full "Green" status on Tuesday, January 19th. This means that all students will attend school each day. It is possible that the data metrics could change between now and then requiring us to remain on the hybrid plan. Please watch for more information as we get closer to the 19th.

On a final note, I would like to extend a big congratulations to our "We the People" Team and Coach Mike Potts on another great performance at the state finals. This year's team placed 5th in the state and as always, represented our school and community with integrity and class. We are very proud of their efforts!! Stay healthy and safe!

- Brian Garman  
BCJHS Principal

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**Important Future Dates  
@ BCJHS**

**January 11th**  
Mid-Term

**January 12th**  
1st Practice for  
Science Olympiad  
3-5pm

**January 13th**  
National History Day Begins  
After School

**January 18th**  
Martin Luther King Day  
No School

**January 29th**  
Teacher Professional  
Development  
Elearning Day for Students

**January 30th**  
Metropolitan Opera's  
Production of Romeo & Juliet  
BCJHS Vocal Music Students

**February 19th**  
End of 2nd Trimester



**MRS. WHITCOMB'S WALL**



By far, the number one concern of parents that I talk with in the counseling office is their student's cell phone use. Cell phone and internet use are also the most prevalent causes of problems that our young people bring to my door.

I remember several years ago when a popular talk show host did a humorous episode on cell phones. She took a camera to the streets of Chicago and noted how many people were talking on their phones. She pondered the somewhat funny question of, "Who are all these people talking to?" At the time it was relatively new for so many people to possess a cell phone and texting was nowhere near as popular as it is now. Yet, it was astounding the number of people who were using their phones. Today, it is next to impossible to be out in public and spot a single person not using a phone. It is becoming more and more difficult to find a person to make eye contact with because so many of us are looking down at our phones. Last week I stopped in Greenwood Mall and I was really surprised at all of the people leaning against the wall looking at their phones – didn't they come there to shop and spend time with others?

Some of you may be thinking, "Come on Boomer calm down!" and I will admit that my demographic cohort makes all of this a little harder to keep up with. However, I spend the better part of my life immersed in the lives of tweens and young teens and see first-hand the evolution of technology and its effects on our society. Admittedly, smart phones have increased our quick access to information; we can quickly receive emergency mobile alerts and easily stay in touch with our friends and family. These are just a few of the positive ways cell phones are affecting our lives. However, with 75% of children 10 and older possessing cell phones and 81% of Americans receiving five times as many texts as phone calls per day, I feel this is a subject worth exploring.

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## MRS. WHITCOMB'S WALL



Over the next few months I'll be researching this topic with the goal of simply starting a conversation. I do not profess to be an expert on this topic at all, but I do think that the conversation needs to take place in order to consider the safety and health of our children. I will discuss some of my findings and give you links to interesting articles.

As always, I'd love to hear your comments and concerns and can be reached at the email or phone below.

I hope you have a wonderful 2021 and stay warm. My goal for the new year is to remember to put down my phone and be mindful of those around me! ☺

Mrs. Whitcomb

Student Services Advisor

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## **News for the Art Room**

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

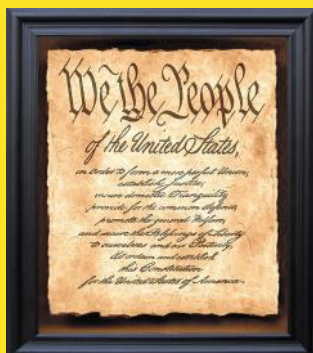
Lots of exciting things are happening in the art room. We have begun to work on the brand new pottery wheel! Students are getting the opportunity to work individually on the pottery wheel. We are learning the basics and throwing a bowl or a cylinder.



Mrs. Roales had another Donor's Choose campaign completely funded during the month of December. It was a project to make individual art supply baggies so each student can have their own. We are so thankful!







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## **WTP Place 5th @ State Finals**

**By Mr. Potts, BCJHS WTP Teacher**

On December 9th and 10th, 2020, the BCJHS “We the People” team competed in the “We the People” State Finals. While usually held in Indianapolis, this year's competition was held remotely through Zoom. Our team placed fifth in a field of fourteen other teams from across the state. As always, the kids were poised, professional, and incredibly knowledgeable in their discussions with the judges about constitutional and current issues. I am so proud of all of their hard work and performances. This year’s team members include:

Wesley Arndt, Liam Cassiday, Caleb Clifford, Owen East, Anna Emkes, Adah Gredy, Madilyn Hawley, Ella Jackson, Kai Koester, Noah Lewis, Taylor Lucas, Sophie Mathis, Baylie Meyer, Ava Sanders, Alexandra Thomas, Adalyn True, Avri Vaught, and Genevieve Wilson.



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## Waltman Construction 7th Grade Student of the Month

Congratulations to BCJHS January "Student of the Month" Gracie Van Zuiden. Gracie was nominated by BCJHS Engineering & Tech Teacher Mr. Lewellen. According to Mr. Lewellen, "Gracie has an amazing attitude and just seems to have fun at every aspect of the day. She is a joy to have around and always gives her best effort academically. We need more students like Gracie as we navigate through these difficult times." Gracie's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of January. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS "Student of the Month". Gracie 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 January "Student of the Month" Josh Redmon. Josh was nominated by BCJHS Vocal Music Teacher Mr. Lyng. According to Mr. Lyng, "Josh is a great class leader, is always prepared, and constantly seeks to improve himself. The initiative he demonstrates is something to which all BCJHS students should aspire." Josh's picture will be displayed at BCJHS during the month of January. A special thanks to **Waltman Construction** for sponsoring the BCJHS "Student of the Month". Josh 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. Ronna Snyder  
7th Girls' BB: Mr. Kyle McGaha  
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 winter sports season is in full swing! BCJHS boys' basketball teams have been working hard and competing very well. Both teams will host Waldron on 1/11/2021 and Southwestern on 1/14/21 for their last regular season games. Both games will begin at 6:00pm. On 1/16/21, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team will travel to Owen Valley and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will travel to Edgewood for the WIC East tournament. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys will play at 10:00am against Indian Creek and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys will play at 11:00am against Edgewood. The winning teams from each grade will travel to Cloverdale on 1/19/21 for the WIC championship game. The championship games will begin at 6:00pm.

The girls' basketball teams have also started their seasons! The girls' will host Brownstown Central Middle School on 1/12/21. The games begin at 6:00pm. Good luck girls! Any students interested in wrestling are encouraged to go to wrestling practice. Practice is from 5-6:30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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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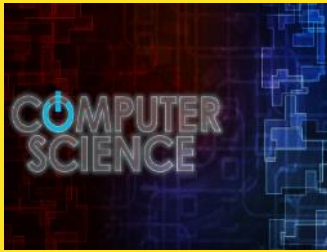
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## **BCJHS Welcomes New Science Teacher**

BCJHS is pleased to welcome Ms. Hannah Davis to our teaching staff. Ms. Davis is a 2016 graduate of Brown County High School and a 2020 graduate of Indiana University. She will be teaching two sections of 7th grade science, one section of STEM Lab, and two sections of remote learners. She most recently taught English to students in the Dominican Republic.





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## Career Education in Computer Science

Ms. Christie's Intro to Computer Science class recently engaged in a "career education" opportunity. Ms. Samantha Starr and Ms. Addi Penry, who are currently working in the field of computer science, took time from their busy schedule to zoom with our students. Both ladies are graduates of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. Samantha currently works at Hillrom located in Batesville, Indiana where she designs and creates programs for medical equipment. Addi made the move to New York after college to write code for the company Credibly, which helps small businesses with their financial needs. These two extraordinary women were able to give the students an idea of what it takes to go into a career in computer science, what their daily work life is like, and why they enjoy it so much.

Many of today's in-demand jobs require teams of people who are knowledgeable in computer science and its disciplines, such as programming. Allowing students the opportunity to explore different careers, such as computer science, is extremely valuable as it helps open their eyes to what types of careers they might want to pursue in the future. We greatly appreciate Samantha and Addi for taking the time to meet with our students and share their stories.

