



THE COMMUNICATOR

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Reflecting Excellence in Blissfield Community Schools



Scott Riley
Superintendent

As we approach the end of another enriching academic year, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we have achieved remarkable results and countless memorable experiences for our students. As we reflect on the achievements and growth of our students, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2024! Your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have paid

off, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you. Graduating high school is a significant accomplishment, and we commend you for your commitment to excellence. As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, remember that your journey doesn't end here; it's just the beginning of many exciting opportunities ahead. We have no doubt that you will continue to make us proud in all your future endeavors.

To our entire school community, thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Whether it was attending school events, volunteering your time, or simply cheering on our students from the sidelines, your involvement has made a positive impact on the lives of our students.

I'd also like to send out a special thank you to the entire BCS staff. They have demonstrated, through their hard work, what can happen when an organization comes together as one team. They have maintained a positive outlook and continue to make BCS a great place to learn and grow!

As we look forward to the final stretch of the school year, let's continue to work together to ensure that our students finish strong and finish proud. Please take note of the upcoming events and important dates outlined on the District Calendar.

Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and congratulations to our graduating seniors! The future looks bright for BCS!

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District Calendar

- May 15 MS Honors Night 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- May 16 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM
HS Awards Program for Grades 9-11
- May 16 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Senior Baccalaureate
- May 16 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Senior Honors Night
- May 17 ES PTO Popcorn Friday
- May 17 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Senior Breakfast/Walk/Graduation Practice
- May 17 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
ES 3rd Grade Grandparents' Day
- May 19 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
HS Commencement
- May 20 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM
MS Parent Advisory Committee
- May 21 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
5th Grade Transition Visit
- May 21 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
MS Fine Arts Night - Band/Choir/Art
- May 22 HS Grade Eligibility Checks
- May 22 - May 24 MS 8th Grade Camp
- May 24 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM
MS 7th Grade Solar Cookout
- May 24 ES Picnic Lunch for all DK-5th Grade Students
- May 27 Memorial Day - No School
- May 30 1/2 Day of School for Students
Semester Exams/Staff Records Day
- May 31 ES PTO Movie Night at the HS Football Field
- May 31 1/2 Day of School for Students
Semester Exams/Staff Records Day
- May 31 Last Day of School



GO ROYALS!

NEWS FROM THE BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING & CAREER CENTER

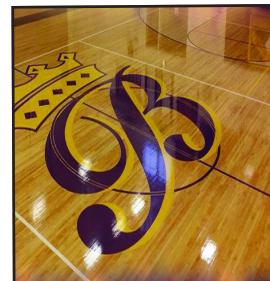
- **SAT, PSAT, WorkKeys, & M-STEP TEST RESULTS** - Results of the SAT, PSAT, WorkKeys, and M-STEP tests will be available to the student body later on this spring.
- **AP TESTING TOOK PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY** - This year's AP (Advanced Placement) tests will be given in May, and the following subjects have exams available for students to be assessed on: AP Chemistry & AP Government, AP English Literature, and AP US History, AP World History & AP Computer Science and AP Physics. All tests will be given at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and students can expect to hear back from the College Board in July with their test results.
- **NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE** - All students interested in participating in division I or division II athletics in college should align their classes to NCAA guidelines. Anyone who plans on participating should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse as early as their Junior year. Visit the NCAA Clearinghouse web-site at NCAA.org for more information.
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT MEETING** - There was a dual enrollment meeting for all qualifying students on what dual enrollment is, the process and qualifications to dual enroll, and the actual enrolling of students in a local college or university, while still attending Blissfield High School. This coming fall, 60 Blissfield High School Students will be dual enrolled at both Blissfield High School and a local college or university.
- **STUDENT SCHEDULES** - Students can expect to get their schedules during the summer break. There will also be designated times when students will be able to explore the possibility of changing their schedules: August 15th - 10th grade (8:30-10:30 am), 11th grade (10:30-12:30pm), 12th grade (1:00-3:00pm) BHS dual enrolled courses on its campus are Both Spanish I, Spanish II, and Calculus/Analytic Geometry will be offered at Blissfield High School through Siena Heights.
- **FRESHMEN ORIENTATION** - This year's Freshmen Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 13th from 10-11:00 am, and Freshmen schedule changes will take place from 11am-12pm on that same day.



- **WORK BASED LEARNING** - All students who were interested in work based learning met with Mrs. Judkins to discuss co-op and custom class opportunities for their fall schedule.
- **WHERE WILL YOUR ROAD TAKE YOU** - A display of students along with their colleges, work force, trades, and our armed forces is located on the East Wall of Blissfield High School between the Media Center and Room #0.

BLISSFIELD ATHLETICS

The BCS Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students. It will be used to sign students up for sports, record athletic physicals and concussion forms, and also record athletic awards received by athletes.



*For more information and instructions on how to sign up please visit blissfieldathletics.com/sports-med/

SUMMER SCHOOL

Blissfield Elementary School and Blissfield Middle School will be offering two sessions of Summer School to at-risk students during the summer of 2024.

- **Session 1** will be held on Monday through Thursday from June 3rd to June 20, 2024 from 8:30-11:30 AM.
- **Session 2** will be held Monday through Thursday from July 29 to August 15th from 8:30-11:30 AM. Invitations and more information will be sent to at-risk students in May. If you have any questions, contact Robyn Francis at Blissfield Elementary School or Laura Denkins at Blissfield Middle School.

BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY - BHS will be offering credit recovery on-line sessions for all eligible students this summer.

All students who are eligible for credit recovery classes will receive a letter detailing the specifics of the classes being offered, their times, and their cost toward the end of the year. Parents can anticipate that the on-line credit recovery sessions will run from:

*2nd Week in June through Aug 2nd.



Evelyn Andres

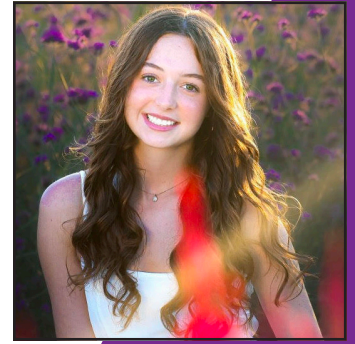
Daughter of Greg and Dixie Andres. Evelyn plans to major in Actuarial Science along with a minor in Spanish at Michigan Technological University. She's been a proud member of the robotics team for the last four years. This year they made it to the state competition. Her favorite memories are the bus rides to and from marching band competitions.



Evelyn Andres
Michigan Tech

Alyssa Barnhart

Daughter of Roxana and Timothy Barnhart. Her plans after graduation are to attend college and major in pre-physician assistant. She is proud of receiving the Maroon and Gold Scholarship at Central Michigan University, which will cover a large part of tuition. Her best memories are playing both softball and volleyball with some of her closest friends.



Alyssa Barnhart
Central Michigan

Payten Dew

Daughter of Chance and Andrea Dew. Payten plans on attending the University of Michigan to study Philosophy, Politics, and Economics with the hopes of attending law school. She served as president of student council and National Honor Society and was a part of the debate team. Her favorite memories took place in debate class.



Payten Dew
University of Michigan

Dove Eitzen

Dove is the son of Andrea and James Eitzen. After graduation, his plan is to play college football and study biology on a pre-med track. An achievement from his high school career is becoming a D1 athlete. Dove's favorite memories from high school are the baseball bus rides.



Dove Eitzen
University of Albany

Tyler Ganun

Tyler is the son of Matt and Michelle Ganun. He plans to attend Siena Heights University where he will be studying nursing. A proud honor he had in high school is being a three sport captain of football, basketball and baseball. His best memory at BCS was beating Ida in triple-overtime during his senior basketball season.



Tyler Ganun
Siena Heights

Fatima Hernandez-Lopez

Fatima is the daughter of Fernando Hernandez and Maira Lopez. After high school, she plans on attending college and earning a bachelors degree. She's proud of her involvement in the athletic programs she participated in. Her fondest memory from high school is going on the Puerto Rico trip.



Fatima Hernandez
-Lopez

Jonah Hiatt

Son of Kelly and Alaina Hiatt. Jonah is planning on attending Oakland University this fall to study musical theatre, with a Spanish minor. Throughout his four years in high school, becoming a two-time debate champion is something he is extremely proud of accomplishing. His best memories were running for homecoming king this last fall.



Jonah Hiatt
Oakland University

Logan Hodgkins

Logan had two musical theatre production leads, was the Thespian Troupe vice-president, and a member in several school clubs and organizations. Logan will be attending U of M to study psychology. Logan's best memory from BHS is the halftime show in the Marching Royals, and performing as Lumière and Gomez Addams on the high school stage.



Logan Hodgkins
University of Michigan

Matthew Houttekier

Son of Vicki and Tim Houttekier. Matthew plans to attend Grand Valley to study pre-med. An achievement that he is proud of earning is first team all-league and first team all-county for football his senior year. His favorite high school memory is going to football camp with his friends.



Matthew Houttekier
Grand Valley

Addison Martinez

Daughter of Tracie and Matthew Martinez. Addison plans to attend Defiance College to study molecular biology and to play collegiate volleyball. An achievement that she is proud of is earning a full academic ride to Defiance by competing at their scholarship day. Her favorite high school memory is playing sports with some of her best friends.



Addison Martinez
Defiance College

June Miller

Daughter of Josh and Andrea Miller. June plans to attend the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. She has been recognized as captain of the soccer team, as well as basketball and cross country her senior year. Her best memory from BHS is playing improv games in Mr. Pooley's public speaking class.



June Miller
University of Michigan

Gabriel Schnoor

Gabe Schnoor is the son of Rick and Shelley Schnoor. He plans to attend Mercy College of Ohio to study biology. An achievement that he is proud of, is his All-State Honorable Mention for basketball his senior season. His favorite memory is playing varsity basketball with his brother sophomore year.



Gabriel Schnoor
Mercy College

Kaydence VanEtten

Daughter of Michael and Katie VanEtten. Kaydence will attend Southeastern University in Florida where she will major in nursing. She received her Michigan CNA License, and the Excellence Award at the LISD TECH Center through the Health Care Careers class. Her favorite memory was being voted for team captain of the varsity soccer team.



Kaydence VanEtten
Southeastern

Alexandria Waigle

Daughter of Shane and Danielle Waigle. Ali plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to pursue an education in the nursing field. Throughout the past four years at BHS, she was fortunate enough to participate in the National Honor Society as well as class student council. While she has many great memories from BHS, one of her favorites was participating in public speaking class.



Alexandria Waigle
Michigan State

Xander Yeager

Guardian's Renee Palacios and Joshua Palacios. Xander has won many awards/honors. His favorites are achieving 7th place at States for Business Professionals of America, and the principals list for obtaining a 4.0 GPA. His favorite memory from high school is getting to see his friends everyday at school.



Xander Yeager
Adrian College

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