



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

Superintendent Update Email March 2024

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Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

This past week, spring temperatures warmed us all, but we see today that cold weather will stubbornly remain. Our collective hope is that we will all be outdoors soon, enjoying sunshine for co-curricular activities and valuable learning opportunities. Please be reminded of a few important dates for our school community:

- Thursday, March 21st: End of 3rd Quarter
- Friday, March 22nd: Teachers Record Day: No school for students
- Monday, March 25th through Monday, April 1st: Spring Break for students & staff
- Tuesday, April 2nd: School resumes
- Monday, April 8th: Full Solar Eclipse, no school for students, staff development day

Thank you for your attention to these important dates. As always, you can [check the website](#) or social media for immediate updates.

From time to time throughout the normal course of a school year, the BBHCSD becomes involved in investigations in partnership with our local public safety team regarding a variety of matters and topics. When these types of investigations are launched, if members of our school community are directly involved, they are immediately contacted by an appropriate administrator over the phone or in person. Widespread correspondence of matters or topics under investigation can and will be shared with our community, but only when appropriate, or upon its completion or resolution, in order to protect the privacy of individuals and parties involved. We will always work to affirm the integrity of due process, while being as transparent, pragmatic, and responsible when sharing information. Such is the case at the moment at the Elementary School, where an investigation is ongoing related to a matter of student medication. The BBHCSD is working closely with law enforcement to comprehensively review the matter and bring resolution to it as prudently as possible. Those requiring more information have already been contacted. The district will share more information with the community at the appropriate time.

Opportunities for Community Feedback

The BBHCSD extends its gratitude to the individuals who participated in the Community Engagement Forum earlier this spring, as an important first step to informing the administrative team about what we collectively value regarding education. The feedback is already being analyzed, and more opportunities to share your thoughts about the school district will be forthcoming. This spring, the community will have the chance to participate in a randomized, but scientific survey, that will be conducted via phone, text, and email about the direction of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools. Our partners at the Center for Marketing and Opinion Research (C.M.O.R.) a local professional survey information firm, will be responsible for administering the survey, so if you receive an outreach from their team, please plan to participate. Keep in mind that if you do not receive a call or text, a corresponding Google Survey will be sent to the community via email later this spring for your feedback. Your participation is greatly desired, and extremely important. Thank you in advance for your help!



Student Successes at the High School

Many accomplishments have taken place throughout the district, and while the community can see all news on our website, for this month's email, I share some of the achievement from our High School, with building highlights from the Middle School and Elementary School to follow in my forthcoming monthly emails. Congratulations all!

On behalf of everyone in our school family, please join us in congratulating the BBHHS Gymnastics Team for winning an unprecedented 21st consecutive state championship recently at the 2024 OHSAA Gymnastics State Tournament at Hilliard High School in Columbus. After an incredible day of strong individual performances, the team, under the leadership of Coach Maria Schneider, strung together the necessary scores to capture the state championship. This state title marks its 24th championship overall in the program's prestigious history and serves as the longest streak of any sport among high school teams in the nation. Way to go, BBHHS Gymnastics team!

Robotics Team State Championships!

Our Robotics Teams continue to impressively amass championships, awards, and high achievements. Team 2011 D won the state tournament, securing Team 2011 an unprecedented third straight state championship. Team 2011 also received three adjudicated awards, including 2011D capturing the Think Award, 2011B winning the Amaze Award, and 2011A winning the Build Award. Such accomplishment prompts six teams to qualify for the world competition on April 25th. Our very own Middle School Team 2011Z won the Ohio State Robotics Championship, earning the Middle School its fourth consecutive state title. Team 2011Z also brought home the *Excellence Award*, the highest award possible, and BBH Middle School's first time earning such honor at the state level. Congratulations to all team members and coaches!



Lucas Culotta Wins Pair of OHSAA State Swim Titles

Congratulations to junior Lucas Culotta for his outstanding accomplishment of winning two OHSAA State Titles! Lucas was the top swimmer in the Para 50 Free and 100 Backstroke events on February 24, 2024. Lucas is not only a standout member of the BBHHS swim team but is also a candidate for selection to the United States National Para Swim team, as he has trained with the national squad throughout the school year. On behalf of the BBHCSD,

congratulations once again to Lucas Culotta on his tremendous achievements!

Ryan Stewart Earns Perfect Score on ACT Exam

BBHHS junior Ryan Stewart joined a select group of students recently by earning a *perfect* score of 36 on the most recent administration of the ACT exam. In addition to earning the highest score possible on the college entrance exam, Ryan has distinguished himself at BBHHS by completing rigorous coursework and participating in multiple co-curricular activities. The BBHCSD proudly congratulates Ryan Stewart on his outstanding individual achievement!



Shashini Mohan Named 2024 Speech and Debate State Champion

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Speech and Debate team delivered an impressive performance at the recent State Speech and Debate Tournament by placing 17th out

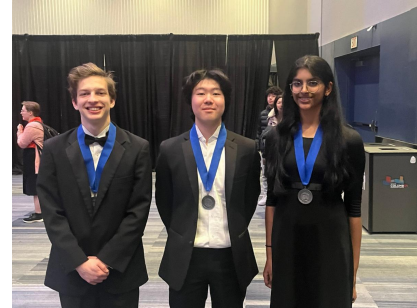


of eighty-four schools and featured several outstanding individual performances. Special recognition goes to Shashini Mohan who was named State Champion in the Original Oratory event! Several other team members are deserving of recognition for their advancement to qualifying rounds, including Quarter Finalists Alex Yeh (International Extemp.) and Swarika Totapally (Dramatic Interpretation); Semi Finalists Aksh Dantal (Congressional Debate), Nakshatra Mohan (Congressional Debate), and Colette Sarli-Freeman (Congressional Debate); as well as State Tournament Finalist Hamsika Totapally who earned 5th place in Original Oratory.

Through a superb team effort, the Talking Bees earned the noteworthy designation as a School of Excellence in Rhetoric. Congratulations once again to our Talking Bees Speech and Debate Team and Coach Kaylan Bass on another successful season!

BBHCS D Represents at Ohio Music Education Association State Competition

Our very own BBHHS Music Department was proudly represented with six student performers at the Ohio Music Education Association All-State Ensembles event last month, and each student participant submitted an audition in the Spring of 2023 to qualify for the select ensemble group. Approximately one-hundred students from around the state participated in all-day rehearsals which culminated in a final performance on stage at the annual OMEA Professional Development Conference. Congratulations to Timothy Hawkins III: Bass II, All State Choir, Jacob Astey: Trombone and Noah Madsen: Trumpet, All State Band, and Josh Choi: Violin, Laya Raghav: Violin, and Nick Thompson: Trombone, and all part of the All State Orchestra.



Congratulations Bees, on these milestones and accolades. *All student participants in all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are to be commended.* Your hard work, involvement, and success finely represent the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools. The community recognizes that such involvement fosters teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. Our gratitude goes to the coaches, advisers, and mentors as well, for their investment in our young adults. Thank you everyone, for a successful winter season, and all-the-best for the upcoming spring competitors and teams as well. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

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