

September 2024

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce recently posted the State Report Card results from the 2023-2024 school year, and the BBHCSD has performed extremely well, once again. Our overall state ranking improved to #15 in the State of Ohio, up one place from last year, and earned an overall rating of 5 stars! That same 5 star ranking applied to the state's component areas of achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation, and early literacy. On the whole, and despite earning 5 stars once again, the district continues to improve its performance index score from 106.4 in 2022-2024 to 106.8 in 2023-2024. Congratulations to the students for their commitment to academic excellence, the staff for their dedication to seeing our students succeed, and our families for their ongoing support. [You can see our state report card here.](#)

Homecoming Week!

An exciting week of school spirit, fun, and activities will joyfully descend upon the district Monday, September 16th – Friday, September 20th as we celebrate the Bees tradition of homecoming week. Festivities culminate during the end of the week, with three important activities: The annual Homecoming Parade and bonfire on Thursday, our Homecoming game during which our king and queen will be announced on Friday, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. A few more details on each are below:

Thursday, September 19th: Homecoming Parade and Bonfire. 7 p.m. Departs from the former Hilton Elementary School, travels on Mill Road toward campus, and concludes at the Board of Education Office for the presentation of fall teams and participating clubs, concluding with the bonfire.

Friday, September 20th: Homecoming Football Game. 7 p.m. Announcement of our Homecoming Court, along with the king and queen will take place at 6:45 p.m. on the field, followed by the Marching Band's pregame show.

Saturday, September 21st: Homecoming Dance at the High School from 7 – 10 p.m. All those attending must have a ticket purchased prior to Thursday, September 19th. In the days leading up to next weekend's festivities, school spirit will be on full display, as at the High School, the building will participate in these themed days:

- Monday will be Pajama Day
- Tuesday will be Twin Day
- Wednesday will be Jersey Day
- Thursday will be Favorite Artist's Merch Day
- Friday will be Neon or White Day

Please join me, the Board of Education, and the administrative team of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools in doing everything we can to make Homecoming Week memorable, safe, fun, and highly spirited for our students throughout our campus. I thank you in advance for your partnership!

PowerSchool Transition

The BBHCSD thanks parents, students, and members of our school family for their continued patience as we transition to the PowerSchool student information platform. As the rollout

progresses, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact buildings or the administrative team. Ultimately, PowerSchool will serve as a universal platform for nearly all student identification and information. Thank you for your support!

Added Safety and Security with Centegix Panic Lanyards

One added safety and security measure that our staff can expect, and students and families will experience is the implementation of the Centegix wearable panic button lanyards. Designed to provide immediate response capability when incidences arise, the Centegix panic lanyards will be worn by all staff members who will be trained for use with these devices. The BBHCSD has made the decision to deploy the Centegix wearable panic lanyards to more quickly notify the appropriate responders if needed during a matter requiring immediate attention from others. While the district does everything possible to mitigate incidences before they occur, as we all tragically saw recently in Georgia, unplanned occurrences can happen. These devices were actually used during this unfortunate incident, and according to staff members who have been quoted in the media and various articles, were found to have been quite effective to prevent further escalation. Our top priority is to keep students, staff, and our buildings safe, and this is just one additional layer of protection for the BBHCSD school family.

Save the Date: State of the Schools Presentation

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools will host a **State of the Schools presentation on Wednesday, October 30th at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at the High School.** This presentation will provide an update on the various achievements underway in the district, including state report card results, an update on campus master planning, and the unveiling of our strategic plan and its components. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

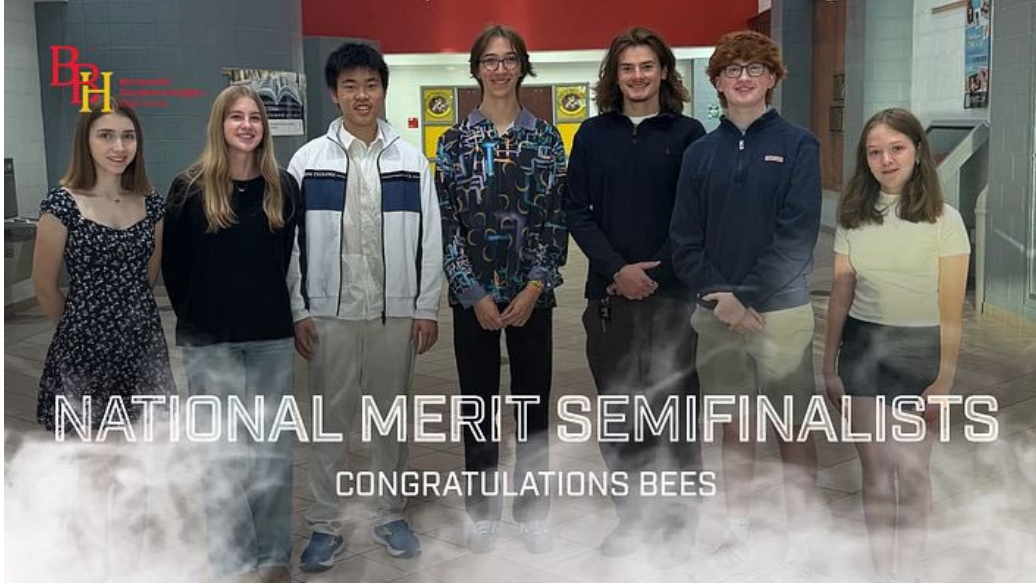
Rust Belt Riders Community Composting Opportunity

In an effort to reduce food waste and promote overall care for the environment, Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools has partnered with [Rust Belt Riders](#) to provide composting services for the district's school cafeteria kitchens. BBHCSD families can support the district's efforts while reducing food waste at home by signing up for the local Northeast Ohio company's Community Shared Composting Program. Through this innovative program, participating households collect food scraps at home and bring them to one of the district's two drop-off sites, which are located outside the Board of Education and Elementary School buildings. All collected food scraps are then converted into rich, healthy soil. Signing up for the program not only keeps more food out of landfills but also helps the BBHCSD save on the district's composting program in our school cafeterias. Interested families can visit www.rustbeltriders.com/dropoff to sign up for a monthly drop-off membership, being sure to select one of the two district sites as your Home Drop-Off Location.



Congratulations National Merit Semi Finalists!

Congratulations to the following High School students who were recently named National Merit Semi-Finalists: Lillie Marsh, Lyla Doucette, Cadence Guo, Ryan Stewart, Parker Ely, John Foley, and Julia Stephan. Our very own Bees are among only 16,000 students nationwide, the top 1%, and advance to the next round to compete for a National Merit Scholarship. Congratulations to each and every one of you!



Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community. Let's have a great Homecoming and Spirit Week!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

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