



The RED & BLACK

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND

DON'T MISS IT!! — SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2019



Your President,
Ed Good Class of 1977

Message from the President

Fall is in the air here in Big Reds Country,, which means your Alumni Association is gearing up for another year of service and activities. Plans are being finalized for Homecoming Weekend which continues to be one of our signature events.

Festivities will kick off the weekend on Friday night, September 27th. The Alumni Association will host a tailgate social at the Sons of Italy from 7 till 10 pm. The social includes 2 drink special tickets, food, a DJ playing sounds from

the 60's, 70's, 80's 90's up to present time, a Chinese auction, 50/50 and Texas Poker. Plan to attend a fun night with us. On Saturday, the day begins with tours through the halls of BHS and the Archives Room from 9 till 10:30 am. Please know your Association is committed to preserving and protecting BHS history and memorabilia. Consider a visit, it is guaranteed to trigger memories and bring smiles of events gone by. The Homecoming parade begins at 11 am down Belmont St. to Nelson Field where the Big Reds will take on Cambridge at 12:30.

Saturday evening, another one of our signature events will take place..... the Annual Reverse Raffle. This event will also be held at the Sons of Italy. Please keep in mind you do not have to be present at the

raffle to participate. Persons can simply purchase a ticket for \$15 which puts you in the drawing. A \$25 ticket puts you in the drawing and includes admission and dinner at the event. Tickets are going quick but we still have more available. Tickets can be purchased from any alumni board member. Doors open at 6:00 pm with buffet dinner starting promptly at 7:00 pm. The drawing will begin at 7:45 pm.

I am proud to share that art teacher, Ms. Megan Ritchea, and her students continue to be recognized on the local, regional and national level. Ms. Ritchea's students were once again recognized for their outstanding work and talent. Persons who attended the recent Spring Banquet in May saw first hand the talent and skill within the halls of BHS. Ms. Ritchea and her students were recently featured in a Washington Post story about a photography project that The Rural Arts Collaborative group produced. This recognition generated interest from prominent artists and actresses in the industry.

Going forward, we continue to update our membership list and appreciate those who share address or status changes. Be sure to check out our revised phone friendly web page for upcoming events and membership information. Keep sending your \$10 dues every year or think about becoming a lifetime member. Please remember, your support and generosity makes a difference and we truly do appreciate that effort and commitment.

With Pride, Spirit & Tradition.....Go Big Reds!!

Fraternally,
Ed Good, Class of '77

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 27

Noon: The BHS Marching Band and Homecoming Court will parade downtown and visit businesses

2:00pm: Pep Assembly - BHS Auditorium

7:00pm: Alumni Social Gathering at Sons of Italy

Saturday, September 28

9:00am: Archives Rooms Tours at Bellaire High School

10:30am: Parade Line-up on Alumni Way

11:00am: Homecoming Parade down Belmont Street

12:30pm: Big Reds vs. Cambridge at Nelson Field

6:00pm: Doors open to Reverse Raffle at the Sons of Italy

7:00 pm: Dinner ----- 7:45 pm Raffle Drawing Starts

(Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door.)

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL is currently undergoing a curriculum redesign that places an emphasis on STEM education, career placement and the arts. Students at Bellaire High School have the ability to design and create in new innovative ways. The district is backing up this redesign with investments in new machinery, tools and technology that are second to none. Students now have access to the latest 3D printing machinery. We are currently building our own “augmented reality sandbox,” a student led project that combines elements of wood working, computer programming, collaboration and problem solving. This project is so complex that there are only four others in the state of Ohio.

Bellaire High School has its own industrial arts facility that houses a graphics lab, wood shop, metal shop, photography and an art studio with ceramics. Students who are interested in the skilled labor fields will find many opportunities that fit within the school day. We are building relationships with many of the local labor unions and working to provide a direct path from high school to apprenticeship programs. New, cutting edge, industrial embroidery machines provide students the unique ability to stitch their own designs in fabric and clothing. Our award winning art, photography and ceramics programs give students an opportunity to showcase their talents in a variety of art shows and competitions.

Whether students are college or career bound, Bellaire High School offers large school opportunities in a small school setting.

*Mr. Derrick McAfee, Principal
Bellaire High School*



WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE in our commitment to providing a challenging and engaging curriculum that will inspire and encourage every student in our school. Bellaire Middle School provides the most up-to-date technology, allowing our students the opportunity to learn the 21st century skills that will not only support future learning but also provide the necessary skills for the jobs of the future.

Our revamped curriculum incorporates the use of one-to-one technology for every student, STEM education at every grade level, 3D printers,

collaborative learning opportunities, course work earning high school credit and much more! Bellaire Middle School now offers students the opportunity to receive professional instruction in the arts and other highly engaging electives. These opportunities include Art Education, Ceramics, Music Education, Physical Education, Band, Computers and STEM. We also offer many after school activities including Athletic Programs, Theatre and Choir.

Our commitment and unwavering focus at Bellaire Middle School is to develop students intellectually, emotionally and socially to be

successful in their next level of education.

*Mr. Derek J. Ault Principal
Bellaire Middle School*



WITH A STAFF COMMITTED to equipping learners with the skills and knowledge needed for future success, Bellaire Elementary School motivates all students to excel. Together, we strive to challenge students, build on strengths and offer support every step of the way. Committed to curriculum alignment and 21st century learning, Bellaire Elementary is well-equipped to educate the whole student. In traveling the halls of our elementary, you will find students engaged in hands-on activities, a rebirth of art, music and physical education, and student-centered instruction at every level. Student and parent activities are vital pieces of our culture, whether it be at our annual Thanksgiving

feast, concerts, or Right to Read Week Literacy Night we realize the importance of community involvement.

In a world that's becoming increasingly complex, where success is driven not only by what you know, but by what you can do with what you know, it's more important than ever for our youth to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and make sense of information. It is a great time to be a student at Bellaire Elementary as we work together to further develop critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. Our world craves a population who can ask great questions, critically analyze information,

form independent opinions, and be good and happy people.

*Mr. Ben Doyle, Principal
Bellaire Elementary School*



Class
REUNION
B o o k l e t s

Class reunion committees are reminded to submit their class reunion books/ mailing list to the alumni association so we can keep our mailing list up-to-date!

Send to: Shauna Walker
BHS Alumni Association
PO Box 307
Bellaire, OH 43906



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Nominations for Outstanding Alumnus

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS seeking nominees for its Outstanding Alumnus Award. A BHS graduate who is distinguished in a chosen field of work along with service to Bellaire Local School District and the community. Recognizing outstanding alumni is a way the Alumni Association shows its commitment to making Bellaire Local School District strong. Our outstanding Alumnus represents just a few of the thousands of alumni who contribute in countless ways to their fellow alumni, BHS, to their communities, to their profession and to mankind.

If you know a graduate that should be recognized please send the Alumni Association a letter of recommendation for this graduate, along with a current detailed resume outlining their work history and service to BHS and their community.

Nominations must be received by January 2, 2020 to be considered for the 2020 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Please send the required biographical information on the nominee to: **BELLAIRE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906**

Do you have BHS MEMORABILIA?

Do you have BHS memorabilia, like a game ball or band uniform? Or perhaps you have come across your high school graduation program? Don't throw it away! The Alumni Association maintains the Archives Room and displays BHS memorabilia on the third floor of the High School. Please contact Bob Koteles at 740-676-5490, if you have items you wish to donate.

Also, if you are having a Class Reunion and would like to tour the Archives Room and high school, please contact Bob in advance to make arrangements. The Alumni Association wants to keep you connected to BHS.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK SALE

Since the half-price brick sale was such a success, we have decided to keep the sale going for a while longer. If you have not purchased a brick for yourself or for a family member, now is a great time to do so. Personalize it with a name, date, in honor of or in memory of or whatever you wish it to say. The bricks also make a great gift for that hard to buy for person. The 4"x 8" brick is \$50, the 8"x 8" brick is \$125. If you ever get a chance, stop by the school and check out this beautiful project on Alumni Way.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ 4"x 8" Brick @ \$50⁰⁰ (3 lines, 15 characters each)

_____ 8"x 8" Brick @ \$125⁰⁰ (6 lines, 15 characters each)

Please call for pricing on 16 x 16 and 32 x 32 granite pavers.

Please print clearly in the boxes below. 4"x 8" bricks can have up to 3 lines of type. 8"x 8" bricks can have up to 6 lines. Each line can have up to 15 characters, including spaces and punctuation. If ordering more than one brick, please make copies of this form.

All purchase are tax deductible. Make check payable to the Bellaire High School Alumni Association and mail to: Commemorative Brick Project, P.O. Box 307, Bellaire OH 43906.

TO PURCHASE BRICKS, USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.BELLAIREBIGREDSALUMNI.COM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND MAIL TO P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT **BOB KOTELES AT (740) 676-5490**

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Ron Winzenreid, Class of '69
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ART STUDENTS

A GROUP OF ART STUDENTS from Bellaire High School took photos of their village and lives and made them into a photo book. The book is called the "Zine," which is a magazine of sorts. It is titled "The All-American Town."

The book was printed in black and white, which added a lot of drama and mystery to the photos.

Some of them were accompanied by lines of text that talked about their lives, beliefs and what they've had to deal with growing up.

This project was part of a year-long residence program through the Oglebay Institute and Rural Arts Collaborative.



The final product was created with the help of their art teacher, Megan Ritchea; Wheeling base photographer Rebecca Kiger, whose art has been featured in several national publications like The New York Times, NPR, Vox and Time; Judy Walgren, a Pulitzer Prize winning

photographer. All three of these women guided the students through the process.

The "Zine" has been recognized nationally by Jamie Lee Curtis. The photographer mailed a copy to the editor and they loved it & had someone do a story. Jamie Lee Curtis read the article and saw some of the pictures and called Oglebay Institute right away. She bought 25 Zines and ordered framed enlarged prints of many of the photos. She also posted student Kennedy Rhodes' picture on her personal Instagram page singing praises to BHS work and added the link in her bio to Washington Post article.

To purchase a copy of the "Zine" contact Megan Ritchea at 676-1826, ext. 1112. All proceeds from the "Zine" will go to the student art fund at BHS.

SPRING BANQUET 2019



Members of the Senior Class who received Scholarships and/or Endowment Funds. Seated left to right, Andrea Perrie, Brittany Falcone, Sydney Purttiman, Maci Crozier and Natalie Stoner, 2nd row standing, alumni board trustee, Kathy Wallace, Nick Beckett, Cole Runyan, Lindsey Hess and alumni board trustee, Toni Sechrest, 3rd row, Cole LaRoche, Daniel Lednik, Jacob Clark, Joey Hoepfner, Robbie Hicks and Collin Anastasia



2019 Achievement award recipients, seated left to right, Aaron Perzanowski '98, field of Law, Dr. Michael Kovalyk '75, field of Sports Medicine, Danny Young '81, field of Civic, standing left to right, Mike Call, accepting for his friend, Mike Dunfee '93, field of Sports, Michael Murphy '11 field of Arts, Matt Wallner accepting for his uncle, Larry Tuccio '72, Business and alumni board trustee, Brooke McVey



2019 Outstanding Alumna, Connie Crozier Bobo '68 and alumni board trustee, Cheryl Wallace



2019 Senior Service winners, Natalie Stoner, Cole Runyan and alumni board trustee, Toni Sechrest

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All donations to the BHS Association are tax deductible.

TEACHER'S WISHES GRANTED BY THE EA FUND

THRU THE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE Fund, which is money that comes from BHS alumni contributions and fundraising events held by the Alumni Association, a total of \$8,000 was granted to 18 teachers in the district this year to purchase classroom items they felt would enhance student learning in their classrooms.

This spring, every teacher in the district was sent a letter and a wish list informing them that thru the Education Assistance Fund money, they were able to ask for an item(s) for their classroom. The Education Assistance Fund committee met and reviewed all the wishes and chose, within reason, items that the committee felt would help the most students in each classroom. A total of 18 teachers were granted their wishes. The following are the names of teachers who received their wishes and what grades they teach.

Courtney Diomedi, 1st grade, Cheryl Wallace, 1st grade, Michele Thorp, 1st grade, Nikkie Papola, 1st grade, Maggie Hendershot, 3rd grade, Brook Peters, 3rd grade, Aubrey Ryan, 3rd

grade, Belinda Vasey, 3rd grade, Pamela McGrath, 4th grade, Wendy Leiffer, 4th grade, Kelli Cusick, 5th grade, Robin Nolan, 5th grade, Tracie Hughes, 5th grade, Jennifer Hubbard, Middle School Special Ed., Cindy Garloch, Middle School Special Ed., Chas Call, Elementary Physical Ed., Susan Klempa, High School, Michelle Weyrick, High School and Jenna McCormick, High School.

The Alumni Association wants to say thank you to everyone for their continued support to the EA Fund.

NEW GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH NAMED

DAVE "MUGGY" MENENDEZ, a 1992 graduate of BHS, has been named the new girls softball coach. He replaces Melissa Lahna who held the position for 17 years. He served as her assistant this past spring.

Dave has a great passion for kids and softball. For the past 10 years Dave has served



as Bellaire Softball League Director while also coaching 10U, 12U and 14 U. He has three daughters, Taylor, who is a sophomore, will play for the high school team, Lauren, a sixth grader and Emily, a fourth grader both will play for the Bellaire Softball League.

The service and commitment to the Bellaire Softball League will pay dividends as he assumes his new role as head coach. He is familiar with the players. He got to know the high school girls last season so he knows what to expect. "They are like my own, I want them to have fun and we want to win games," Dave said. I am looking forward to begin a new venture as the head coach of a great group of girls.

Dave has yet to put his staff together but one thing is for sure, his wife Aimee will be a big part of the program. A challenge the Big Red graduate is ready to take on. "It's our life."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT -- Anthony Rocchio



Newly Appointed Belmont County Auditor

Anthony Rocchio, a 2011 graduate was recently appointed and sworn in as Belmont County Auditor due to the passing of Roger Conroy, who was a 1971 graduate of BHS. Anthony has a degree in industrial math and statistics from West Virginia University.

He is familiar with the operations of the Auditor's office. He worked full-time for the county since 2015 and worked four summers when he was in college. His duties were mainly in the

fields of real estate, appraisals and data entry. Anthony meets the requirements of being the auditor with his previous years of experience.

From the time of his appointment as Auditor, everybody has been great and accepting of him and everybody has been working together. Anthony is looking forward to learning as much as he can, especially on the budgetary side. Anthony describes his leadership style as "honest."

He will run in the 2020 primary and general elections to seek the post for the remainder of the term, which will expire in 2023.



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