



BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



From the principal:

With a quarter of the school year completed, I would like to thank our staff, students, and parents for a great start to the year. This fall our high school was rated "Excellent" by the Ohio Department of Education marking the 10th consecutive year we have received this distinction. This is a reflection of the hard work and strong values our students, staff, parents, and community possess.

Our students continue to excel in the classroom while being involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Over 70% of our student body participated in extra-curricular activities during the fall. Of our 105 varsity letter winners, the NWC awarded 95 of them as Scholar-Athletes, an honor given to those who received a varsity letter while maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Our staff has begun a professional development process called FIP, Formative Instructional Practices, to prepare for the changing standards and expectations from the ODE. The staff is involved in multiple after-school meetings, half-day trainings, and three 2-hr delay training days. Those three 2-hr delay days will be December 5, January 23, and April 3.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the high school. Call the office to schedule an appointment with your son/daughter's teachers. During these conferences, three 30 minute informational sessions will be offered for parents and students: Getting to Know ProgressBook, Test Preparation: ACT, SAT, OGT, & ACT Writing. No need to schedule an appointment for these sessions. A list of times and places are below.

I am always amazed at the support our students receive from their parents and our community in attending extra-curricular events, musical concerts, community service activities, monitoring grades through Progressbook, nightly homework checks, tutoring sessions, and many others. The interest that you show in your sons/daughters has a great impact on their success. If at any time you would like to contact a teacher or me to obtain your Username and Password for Progressbook, or anything else, please feel free to call, stop-in, or email.

Thanks for all the support you give to our students,
Mike Minnig

Parent-Teacher Conferences Informational Sessions

Nov 19

- 6:30 pm: Getting to Know ProgressBook (Room 206)
- 7:00 pm: Test Preparation: ACT, SAT, OGT (Room 206)
- 7:30 pm: ACT Writing (Room 201)

Nov 20

- 5:00 pm: ACT Writing (Room 201)
- 5:30 pm: Test Preparation: ACT, SAT, OGT (Room 206)
- 6:00 pm: Getting to Know ProgressBook (Room 206)

Congratulations are in order for:

- Noah Stratton and Landon Cluts for being named the September and October Students of the Month. Each of these students receives a savings bond from Citizen's National Bank, Chase, or First National Bank.
- 205 students who made the A or A/B Honor Roll during the first quarter.
- 235 students who qualified for the Renaissance Program for the 2nd quarter.
- Jessica Brockert for being named the Honda-OSU Partnership Math Medal Award. Jessica was honored at a breakfast brunch at Honda of America Manufacturing in Marysville.
- Isaac Little and Trent Phillips will be participating in the Allen County Youth Leadership Program, which is a great way to know students from around the county and builds on leadership qualities.
- Anna Crisp and Matt Deter for being voted as the 2012 Homecoming Queen and King.

Items of Interest

- 35 Sophomores and 5 Juniors took the PSAT on October 17. The Preliminary SAT[®]/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a co-sponsored program by the College Board and [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#).
- 59 students are taking Post-secondary options from Bluffton University and James A. Rhodes State College.
- Julie Oberly has moved over from the middle school to fill the high school secretarial duties. We would like to thank Deb Keine for many years of service at Bluffton High School.
- Chris Illif, a student from Ohio Northern University, is currently student teaching with Mrs. Diller in our Mathematics classes through December 7.

Dates to Remember:

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| Nov 19 & 20 | Parent/Teacher Conference |
| Nov 21 - 23 | No School – Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec 5 | Financial Aid Meeting |
| Dec 7 | Mid-Term Reports sent home |
| Dec 21 | Last Day before Christmas Break |
| Jan 7 | First Day back from Christmas Break |
| Jan 16 & 17 | 1 st Semester Exams |
| Jan 18 | End of the 2 nd Quarter |
| Jan 21 | No School – Martin Luther King Day |
| Jan 25 | Grade Cards sent home |

Our website www.bluffton.noacsc.org lists all upcoming events and activities at our school.

College Entrance Test Dates

Before a student is accepted into a college, he/she must provide the college with a score from the ACT or SAT. While most colleges will accept either test result, the student should consult with the college or university as to a preference. Registration can be completed on-line using the high school code number, 360-535, for either test.

ACT: Cost \$35.00 (the writing portion is an additional \$15.50).

DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
December 8, 2012	November 9, 2012	November 16, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013	January 18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 17, 2013

SAT: Cost \$47.00 (includes a writing portion).

DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
December 1, 2012	November 6, 2012	November 16, 2012
January 26, 2013	December 28, 2012	January 11, 2013
March 9, 2013	February 8, 2013	February 22, 2013
May 4, 2013	April 5, 2013	April 19, 2013
June 1, 2013	May 2, 2013	May 17, 2013

ACT WRITING

Go to act.org to find out whether your college requires you to take the writing portion of the ACT. Approximately half of the schools in the U.S. either require or recommend that you take it.

SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS SHOULD REGISTER FOR A PIN

If you are a senior who will be filing a FAFSA form for financial aid, register for a PIN for you and both of your parents at www.pin.ed.gov. It is recommended that this be done in the fall. The PIN is used for electronic signatures when filing the FAFSA.

COLLEGE CAREER DAY

Members of our junior class will be visiting Rhodes State College Career Day in Lima on Friday, December 14. Each student will be asked to pick three careers of interest from a list of more than fifty possibilities. Each career session will feature a person, who works in the particular field, talking about his/her job. Type of work, job setting, education needed, and benefits earned will be discussed. These juniors will be leaving BHS by bus at 8:30 A.M. and returning to school after lunch.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) is available for your use through Bluffton High School. This is an excellent source of information on colleges and universities, occupations, and scholarships. To access this site, go to the BHS website and click on OCIS. **The user name is Bluffton and the password is ohioicis03.** This material may be accessed either at home or at school. The scholarship information is under the heading of Financial Aid.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

This year at BHS we have a foreign exchange student from Germany, Daria Soeder. We are fortunate to have Daria with us this year—it certainly gives our students excellent exposure to students who live in other countries.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Guidance Office is sponsoring an informational meeting for parents of seniors and any others who would like to attend. Lawrence Matthews, Director of Financial Aid at Bluffton University, will conduct the meeting. He will be talking about the financial aid process and the FAFSA form. This meeting will be held on December 5 at 7:00 P.M. in the high school cafeteria.



MUSIC NEWS

Music News:

The Drama Club will be performing their fall production, Born to be Wild, on November 16 & 17. Contact the high school office if you are interested in tickets.

Congratulations to the following students who made it into the Lima Area Youth Orchestra this year. Violin: Rachel Woodruff; Oboe: Emma Woodruff; Cello: Jack Neff; Flute: Sara Chappell-Dick

Dec 10	HS Choral Concert
Dec 17	HS Instrumental Concert
Mar 22	Chicken BBQ Concert
Apr 12-14	HS Musical
May 5	HS Show Choir Finale
May 10	HS Band Concert
May 13	HS Choir Concert
May 19	Jazz Band Concert
May 21	Music Awards

Sophomore & Junior Class Bake Sale:

The sophomore and junior classes will be holding a bake sale before and after the high school and middle school concerts on Dec 10 & 17. Come enjoy the musical talents of our students and the great treats during or after the concert.

Senior Citizens' Breakfast:

Each month we have a free **Senior Citizen Breakfast Performance**. These performances start at 8:30 in the middle school cafetorium on the following dates:

Dec 12	– Concert Choir
Jan 9	– Strings
Feb 13	– Musical Variety
Mar 6	– Concert Band
Apr 10	– Drama Club Musical
May 8	– Jazz Band

PIRATE ATHLETICS

Post season honors for our Fall

Sports Programs:

Football: Austin Devier (2nd Team NWC Defensive Lineman), Matt Deter (2nd Team NWC Specialist), David Emans (2nd Team NWC Offensive Lineman), Drake Luginbuhl (NWC Honorable Mention Linebacker), Isaac Little (NWC Honorable Mention Defensive End), Robbie Stratton (NWC Honorable Mention Defensive Back), Taylor Reineke (NWC Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman), Zach Wilson (NWC Honorable Mention Running Back)

Volleyball: Paige Buroker (1st Team NWC), Kaleigh Oberly (2nd Team NWC), Olivia Hunt (Honorable Mention NWC), Diana Basinger (Honorable Mention NWC)

Golf: Rich Streicher (1st Team NWC), Eli Runk (2nd Team NWC), Tyler Treen (Honorable Mention NWC), James Harrod (Honorable Mention NWC)

Cross-Country: Girls Team (NWC Runner-up), Julie Althaus (Regional Qualifier)

Girls Soccer: Karli Leugers (1st Team NWC), Rachel Yoder (2nd Team NWC), Megan Dulle (Honorable Mention NWC), Kylee Barnett (Honorable Mention NWC)

BLUFFTON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The mission of the Bluffton Athletic Boosters is "to support the Bluffton Athletic Department and the student-athletes through a variety of projects and fundraising activities." The Athletic Boosters would like to thank the Bluffton community as they have received tremendous support from the community, especially during the booster drive in August in which nearly \$7,000 dollars was raised, and also at our Meet the Team events. Pirate Discount Cards are also being sold in the BHS & BMS offices for \$10.00 and can be used for discounts at various establishments in Bluffton and the surrounding area.

During the 2012-13 school year, the Boosters provided funds for the athletic department to purchase the following: Tennis Ball Machine, Varsity Boys Basketball Uniforms, Soccer Uniforms for Girls and Boys Teams, Cross Country Uniforms, Softball Batting Cage, and Turf for the home and visitor sides of football field. Additionally, \$23,550.00 has been committed toward additional team uniforms and equipment to be purchased this year. You can follow the progress of the Boosters' fundraising efforts on the school's website under the Bluffton Athletic Booster Icon. If you would like to help with any fundraiser or become involved in the Athletic Boosters, meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in the high school OWE room (across from the HS office) at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Barbara J Stratton
President Bluffton Athletic Boosters

NWC Scholar-Athletes:

During the fall sports season, 95 of our 105 letter winners were named NWC Scholar-Athletes.

Football: David Emans, Matt Deter, Taylor Reineke, Landon Sturgill, Matt Spallinger, Jonah Bourassa, Zach Wilson, Noah Stratton, Robbie Stratton, Isaac Little, Andrew Lee, Drake Luginbuhl, Chris McClain, Josiah Conley, Hunter Smith, Josh Bracy, Robert Demellweek, Jacob Garmatter, Clay Wilson, Mitchell Ault

Volleyball: Samantha Rhonemus, Lauren Parkins, Sidney Joseph, Adrian Rumer, Diana Basinger, Francinny Oliveira, Olivia Hunt, Kathryn Basinger, Kaleigh Oberly, Paige Buroker

Cross Country: Delaney Reineke, Julie Althaus, Audrey Marshall, Morgan Humphreys, Stefan Stechschulte, Jonathan Nisly, Courtney Barnett, Ashley Schweyer, Adel Sommers, Jack Marcum, Jacob Barnett, Elizabeth Nisly

Golf: Joel Ritter, Tyler Treen, Rich Streicher, Eli Runk, Tyler Carroll

Girls Tennis: Maggie Fett, Kayla Edgington, Morgan Pugsley, Rachel Sehlhorst, Emily Sprague

Boys Soccer: Nicholas Slinger, Adam Basinger, Luke Headings, Jonatan Moser, Justin Paul, Nathan Diller, Andrew Hoff, Andrew Demellweek, Tyler Begg, Julian Harnish, Kory Enneking, Billy Theisen, David Nester, Ryan Sprague, Stephen Tatarkov, Nathan Bunch

Girls Soccer: Sarah Wright, Kylee Leugers, Sarah Schriener, Hannah Conley, Anna Fredritz, Alyssa Snider, Rachel Moser, Layla King, McKenna Reneker, Alexis Luginbuhl, Anna Crisp, Abbey Heslep, Jill Steinmetz, Kylee Barnett, Molly Moser, Megan Dulle, Karli Leugers, Rachel Yoder

Cheerleading: Kaity King, Victoria Hover, Madison Hursh, Maddie Domer, Emily Jones, Makayla Smith, Brittany Hover, Alexa Knodel, Amber Rayl

PIRATE CARDS:

For only \$10 you can have one of these cards that are loaded with savings and updated with many new Bluffton businesses. These cards are available in the high school office.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL POSITION:

The Athletic Council includes one board member, the superintendent, the high school and middle school principals, the athletic director, faculty manager, all head coaches, and a parent representative. If you are a parent of a student in grades 2012 and are interested in this position, contact Mr. Minnig in the high school office by Dec 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1/30	Home	Perry
12/1	Away	McComb
12/8	Away	Bath
12/14	Home	Lincolnview
12/18	Away	Wapakoneta
12/21	Away	Paulding
12/28	Away	Cory Rawson JV Tourn
	Home	McDonald's Holiday Tourn
12/29	Away	Cory Rawson JV Tourn
	Home	McDonald's Holiday Tourn
1/5	Away	Ottawa-Glandorf
1/11	Home	Spencerville
1/12	Home	Ft. Jennings
1/18	Away	Allen East
1/22	Away	Pandora-Gilboa
1/25	Home	Ada
1/29	Home	Kenton
2/1	Home	Columbus Grove
2/5	Home	Riverdale
2/8	Away	Crestview
2/9	Home	Liberty-Benton
2/15	Home	Jefferson
2/19	Away	Van Buren
2/22	Away	LCC

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

11/23	Away	Cory Rawson JV Tourn
	Home	McDonald's Hol. Tourn.
11/24	Away	Cory Rawson JV Tourn
	Home	McDonald's Hol. Tourn.
11/27	Home	USV
12/1	Home	Ft. Jennings
12/6	Home	LCC
12/8	Away	Ottoville
12/13	Away	Lincolnview
12/20	Home	Paulding
12/22	Home	Van Buren
1/5	Away	Perry
1/10	Away	Spencerville
1/12	Home	Waynesfield-Goshen
1/17	Home	Allen East
1/19	Home	Pandora-Gilboa
1/24	Away	Ada
1/26	Away	Leipsic
1/31	Away	Columbus Grove
2/5	Away	Kenton
2/7	Home	Crestview
2/9	Away	Miller City
2/12	Home	Liberty-Benton
2/14	Away	Jefferson

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

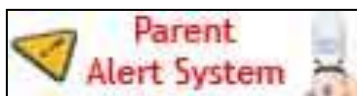
12/1	Away	FINDLAY DUALS
12/13	Home	Tri-Match
12/15	Away	Allen County Invit. @ Allen East
12/29	Away	Thunderbird Holiday Tourn
1/5	Home	Bluffton JV Tourn
1/8	Away	Cory Rawson Tri-Match
1/11	Away	Versailles Tri-Match
1/18&19	Away	Van Buren Invitational
1/25&26	Away	LCC Invitational
1/29	Away	Spencerville Quad-Match
2/2	Away	NWC Tourn @ LCC
2/9	Away	Eastwood Duals

ATHLETIC CALENDAR AND E-MAIL/TEXT ALERT

During the fall and spring sport seasons, there are many sporting events that are postponed due to weather or other conditions. Go to the school website at www.bluffton.noacsc.org, click on the High School, and then click on the sports calendar. At the bottom of the page you can sign up to receive immediate notification of schedule changes.

Ticket Information:

As most of our events are well attended by our student body, I would like to remind parents of the 10-game student pass that is offered by the athletic department for \$25. This pass can be used for multiple athletic events and seasons.



Parent Alert System: You may subscribe to our Alert List and receive a text message or email concerning weather delays and/or Athletic Booster and Music Booster information by clicking on the Parent Alert System icon located on the right side our school website. Contact the high school office if you have any questions.