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Congratulations to the Jr. High Girls Cross Country Team on their 1st place finish at League and to the Jr. High Boys Cross Country Team on their 2nd place finish at League!

Fall is a busy time of year for the Brookville High School guidance department! Seniors are feverishly visiting and applying to colleges and for many students, the list of schools they are interested in is too long to manage visiting all of them. Area colleges recognize this and schedule times to visit our students. These opportunities happen during the school day and the students sign up to attend.

During the visit, a representative from the respective school explains the
application and admittance process, provides information on scholarships and campus life, the various clubs and activities a student can join, etc. Students enjoy these meetings as they are surrounded by their peers and feel very comfortable asking questions. The college representatives do a great job of capturing the interest and specific areas of curiosity of those in attendance. This is also a great way for students to make themselves familiar to admissions representatives who will be looking over their applications! If students are interested in a college that is not scheduled, BHS will call and request they visit.

The following is a list of schools that have or will visit Brookville High School this Fall: Capital University, Otterbein, Miami University, Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, Ohio Northern, Ohio State University, University of Dayton, Wittenberg, University of Cincinnati, Malone University, Bowling Green State University and Ohio University. To stay up to date on all of the upcoming visits as well as other important information from the Guidance Office (specifically for our seniors) please subscribe to Mrs. Donati’s newsletter here.

Blue Devil Athletics

Big Blue Tidal Wave...State Playoffs Await

The excitement continues to build as the Brookville Blue Devil football team has clinched an OHSAA state playoff berth. The Blue Devils have run their record to 9-0 and stand poised to secure an outright SWBL Southwestern Division championship with a victory over Franklin this Friday.
Using the team motto ‘DRAW A LINE’ from the true story of US Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell’s mission in Afghanistan, the team has methodically marched toward their current perfect record and last Friday, they secured the home field advantage.

The Division IV Region 18 first round playoff games will be held Friday, November 6, with a 7:30 start time. Presale tickets will be available beginning on Monday, November 5, 2015, after 2:00 p.m., in the High School office. Presale tickets are $8.00 (cash only) and $9.00 at the gate. Blue Devil fans should be reminded that Brookville sports passes will not be accepted at the gate as the game is a function of the OHSAA. Information regarding opponent and playoff brackets will be forthcoming when available next week. (Remember to check our website at www.brookvilleschools.org for updated information).

A season such as this fuels a positive environment around the school district. We congratulate the team for their success to this point and wish them the very best in the weeks to come. WE BLEED BLUE - GO DEVILS!

If you would like to see the media coverage of your Blue Devils, we have assembled the following links for your convenience:

Operation Football Week 3 - Brookville v. Dixie
Operation Football Week 4 - Preview of Brookville v. Bellbrook
Operation Football Tailgate of the Week 4 - Brookville v. Bellbrook
Operation Football Week 4 - Brookville v. Bellbrook
WDTN Team of the Week
Operation Football Week 6 - Oakwood v. Brookville
Operation Football Week 8 - Brookville v. Eaton
Operation Football Week 9 - Preview of Brookville v. Valley View
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District Goals for Curriculum - Part III
Career Connections

In our changing world of work, for many students "realizing their full potential" or just knowing "what you want to be when you grow up" can be a very nebulous concept. Sometimes in classrooms you might hear questions like "Why are we learning this?" and "Will I ever really use this?" Our third 2015-16 district instructional goal is key to helping students see the link between what they are learning in class and their future. The goal: Each content teacher will provide at least two Career Connection experiences that relate to the content students are learning.

As a district we are committed to helping students see the possibilities for their future. Goal 3 builds on our previous maintained college and career oriented goals and initiatives. On top of grade level specific activities like: guest speakers, career fair, college research projects, and career interest inventories, each year 7th through 10th grade students will visit a different college or university. The "Where Are They Now..." articles and poster campaign are also displayed to give current students a look at Brookville alumni who are now in careers. Also, last year we held a college and career signing and commitment day. This new goal means that in this year alone, students in K-4 will have at least two opportunities to learn about careers that connect to what they are learning, and students in higher grades will have approximately 10 intentional career connections built into their school year.
These career connections might look like guest speakers or Skype sessions with professionals, or it might look like a research task. Our hope is that all students will see new possibilities for their future. Career choices are changing rapidly and this career connections goal is one more way we can help prepare students to realize their full potential.

Staff Spotlight

We would like to introduce you to Mr. Nathan Feitshans, one of our third grade teachers at Brookville Elementary School. The Staff Spotlight is a regular feature in the *Blue Connector* and is designed to assist you in getting to know our teachers and staff. Please take a moment to read about Mr. Feitshans.

**Your name:**
Nathan Feitshans

**Hometown:**
Pitsburg, OH.

**Where do you live now?**
Pitsburg, OH.

**How many years of teaching experience do you have?**
2 years

**How many years have you taught in Brookville?**
2 years

**What is your position in the school district (e.g. job title, grade level, etc.)?**
I am a third grade teacher at Brookville Elementary.

**Tell us about your family and hobbies outside of teaching?**
I have one brother who is a sophomore at Ohio Northern University. My parents live in the Franklin Monroe school district as well. I enjoy coaching athletics, farming, and raising show pigs.

**What is your favorite thing about teaching in Brookville?**
The kids are great here at Brookville. I have taught at the elementary, coached basketball at the high school, and coached junior high track, and across the board Brookville has great kids that are willing to learn.

**How do you spend June and July?**
I spend my time in June and July running a mulching and landscaping company with my brother. We also try to take long weekends to various places throughout the summer.

Where Are They Now?

Brookville Schools are proud of our series "Where Are They Now? which features profiles of past Brookville High School graduates. These graduates have responded to brief questions concerning their education or training after high school, their current occupation and their words of wisdom to the students in our buildings.

Our current profile is of James Frazee, a 2005 graduate. Please take a moment to view his profile [here](#). You can also view our past profiles on our [website](#).

Making a Difference

*Key Club and Piecemakers Work Together to Help the Homeless*

With the colder seasons quickly approaching, members of the high school Key Club are volunteering their time to partner with Piecemakers (a quilting group based out of Community United Methodist Church in Brookville). Together, these groups are making cot size quilts for St. Vincent's
The Piecemakers group consists of some long-time quilting members, as well as some newer younger members who also attend Brookville Schools in the elementary and intermediate buildings. All of the material that is used for the quilts has been donated to the Piecemakers group from various individuals throughout our community.

You don't need to have sewing skills were to participate in the project. The Key Club members are learning about piecing a quilt, arranging the squares, sewing and finishing the project. These kids will make approximately 10 quilts over the next few weeks. What a fun project as the camaraderie that develops throughout our community is priceless! Key Club will be delivering the quilts to St. Vincent's homeless shelter during one of their regular monthly visits. Visit our photo gallery here to view more pictures of this process.

Let's Give High Five's To...

Rotary students of the month Seniors Christiana Vore and Seth Conwell. To read more about Christiana and Seth, visit our website.
The Brookville community for once again stepping up to the plate and donating to a great cause. Brookville High School collected 22,320 pounds of donations, including 2 cars, to breeze past Valley View last week in the Goodwill Drive to Victory challenge. We have been the weekly champion 4 out of the last 5 years and your donations this year secured a $300 scholarship. Remember to watch WHIO-TV’s Touchdown 7 Friday night for the final results of the entire challenge.

The Brookville Rotary Club for their recent dictionary and thesaurus donations to Brookville Elementary and Intermediate students.

Around Town...

November 3rd is Election Day. Remember to get out and VOTE. Click here for the Master Polling location list. For additional voter information, please visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website.
Saturday, October 31st will be Beggar’s Night in Brookville. Ghosts and goblins can trick or treat from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For a list of other dates and times in surrounding communities, safety tips and all things Halloween, visit the WDTN website here or WHIO’s website here.