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# The REPORT Card

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The new year brings a lot of excitement and celebration in Bangor Township Schools. We are excited about improving on all the offerings we provide our students and community, and we are celebrating the accomplishments of our students and staff.



We are proud that we serve and care for students from ages three to 18. We have a childcare program at Bangor Central that serves our youngest students and children, offering a full-day program as well as before and after school care. We also have a preschool program at Bangor North that serves our four-year-olds, preparing them for the rigors of their K-12 education. To also prepare our students, we have a Young 5s program that serves our four- and five-year-old students who need that extra time to be better prepared for kindergarten. We are proud that we have built a support system to help our littles be prepared for their K-12 education.

At our elementary buildings we are excited and invested in educating the whole child. We know that for our students to be successful, they need to be strong not only academically but also socially and emotionally. We support them in their development as young people by providing rigorous academics as well as a focus on building positive relationships through the Positivity Project. In addition, we have also added in layers of support for our students by making sure that we have a student services coordinator and social worker in every building. We have also partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide a DHHS worker in our elementary buildings to better support our students and families. With all the support in our early childhood and elementary programs, we believe we are setting our students up for a bright and successful middle and high school experience.

At our middle school, our focus is on academics and building future leaders. We are proud of our academic offerings which include core and explore classes, advanced classes and offerings in leadership, technology, STEM and many other exciting and relevant classes that prepare our students for high school. Additionally, just like in our elementary buildings, we have built in support for the whole child by having a counselor, social worker and a behavioral specialist in the building to further meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Lastly, our Leader in Me program helps us create well-rounded learners by developing the whole person and preparing students to become life-ready leaders. We have seen our students take on leadership habits and roles in middle school

that will ensure they are successful in high school and in life.

Once in high school, our students have so many wonderful opportunities that will allow them to have a memorable high school experience and will prepare them for their career path and life after high school. Our offerings include core and advanced placement classes, dynamic elective offerings, work-based learning opportunities, dual enrollment at our local colleges and Career Center programs through our ISD that allow students to better explore career offerings and pathways. Additionally, our students have numerous leadership, club and athletic offerings to choose from; all of which help our students develop into better leaders, teammates and young people. To support their academic, social and emotional needs, along with preparing them for their next step after high school, we have three counselors in the high school who serve in multiple roles to guide and assist students.

As an alternative to our traditional educational paths, more and more of our students are choosing to be educated in a virtual setting. In Bangor Township Schools, we are meeting their needs through our Bangor Township Virtual School (BTVS). We are proud of the fact that we have numerous traditional and non-traditional offerings in our virtual school including all core and most elective classes. BTVS also offers non-traditional community partnership classes such as art at Studio 23 and horsemanship with a local stable to name a few. Our virtual students also have access to dual enrollment classes at our local colleges, work-based opportunities, and they can attend the Career Center as well. BTVS is just one of the ways that we are adapting to the changing needs of our student population.

We are extremely excited as 2020 gets into full swing. From our childcare program to our 12th grade graduation, we are celebrating the fact that we offer quality educational and extracurricular programs for our students, families and community, and we are committed to improving our offerings and programs each and every year. We are also aware of the increasing need to support the whole child, and we have put people and programs in place to better support our students academically, socially and emotionally. Our district vision is to be committed to providing dynamic learning experiences that prepare students for the opportunities of tomorrow, and we will remain committed to this vision as the needs of our students and community change.

*Matt Schmidt, Superintendent of Bangor Township Schools*



*Sports, arts and academics are all important parts of our school day.*



*Learning happens when friends work together!*

# JOHN GLENN HS WELCOMES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

## ***Please Welcome the 2019-20 National Honor Society Inductees!***

The Michael L. Wemple chapter of the National Honor Society is thrilled to welcome the new inductees for the 2019-20 school year at John Glenn High School. The elite new members were admitted based on their outstanding commitment to the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership and character. For acceptance into the National Honor Society, each student is required to have at least a 3.2 GPA and 20 hours of community service. To congratulate all new members, the induction ceremony was held on Nov. 13 in the John Glenn commons. Congratulations to all new inductees on your hard work and achievements!



**Seniors:** Brendan W. Beaver, Todd A. Cnudde, Austin M. Dinauer, Olivia C. Foster, James E. Genow, Melissa A. Leivo, Madelyn A. Linton, Austin R. Mackenzie, Kammi M. Merte, Anthony F. Oswald, Troy N. Reno, Alexis R. Rivera, Jonathan M. Sayles, Madison R. Schumacher, Gavin R. Vanderpol, Shane M. Weishuhn.

**Juniors:** Kaitlin G. Anderson, Kylie H. Anderson, Matthew R. Bair, Hannah L. Benford, Lance A. Beson-Montoya, Kaitlynn J. Burgess, Kennedy M. Burzyck, Lauren A. Collins, Matthew R. Cull, Antaya L. Curry, Taylor L. Eldred, Dale R. Furister Jr., Alexis V. Garrett, Katelyn G. Haag, Evan C. Hagstrom, Anna G. Hubner, Taryn J. Inman, Jack J. Johnston, Lexi M. Keenan, Brionna E. Luck, Carly E. McCrum, Sean S. Monaghan, Emma C. Mrozinski, Anika G. Newton, Cody J. O'Neil, William C. Ozdych, Trevor J. Post, Megan K. Przygocki, Micayla M. Reed, Natalie M. Reid, Peter G. Remington III, Drew A. Rogers, Nathan J. Shepard, Abigail N. Tarrant, Jacob B. Veit, Kristen E. Vlk, Emma R. Wall, McKenna L. Wasmer, Hope E. Wasoski, Katelyn M. Weston.



# JGHS HONORS VETERANS

John Glenn High School students learned about the importance of honoring veterans this past Veteran's Day. These men and women deserve our gratitude for their willingness to serve our country and help protect our rights and freedoms.

For the sixth year in a row, John Glenn students put together a wonderful program that honored veterans and gave back to the community. They put in time and effort to organize fundraising opportunities that resulted in over \$1,200 that was donated to the VA hospital in Saginaw. They also had a food and supply drive in which they were able to collect four boxes of materials that they gave to Aaron's Gifts From Home in Midland to send to our men and women currently serving all over the world.

Veterans were also invited to attend a special assembly put on by the students. During the program, the band and choir performed, students recited readings for the veterans, and a video was shown showcasing artwork created by John Glenn students. Altogether 42 veterans and many of their spouses attended the celebration.







## THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL OFFERS FLEXIBILITY AND FUN

The Bangor Township Virtual School (BTVS) is buzzing with activity and brimming with pride. First of all, if you have not seen the new BTVS Drop-in Center, we are located in the North Pointe Plaza next to Souper Cafe. The new drop-in site is welcoming, and the location allows easy access to public transportation. Students may work from home or come to the center for help with their courses. Students at BTVS can set their own pace and have the ability to work ahead on their courses at times that are convenient for them and their families. As a rule, most students worked in English and Math courses during the first marking period. The second marking period has most students working in both Social Studies and Science courses, as well as an elective during each marking period.

We are extremely proud to announce that in the middle of the semester we had a

student finish her work and receive her diploma!

As a break from course work, some of our students joined us on a field trip to a pumpkin farm and to celebrate Halloween at Bay Lanes. Students and staff enjoyed bowling, games, corn mazes, dancing and shared fellowship.

Our middle school students also participated in the Tinsel Tree Challenge sponsored by Maier and Associates. Students handcrafted ornaments to decorate a wreath that was part of a fundraising event. Their wreath theme was "Sweetness Makes the World Go Around." The theme really sums up our students as they always seem to welcome a new student into our BTVS family and help them get off to a good start. BTVS students are a beautiful example to us all to remember to always work hard and help each other through life.

## PAWS ON THE PATH TO FITNESS FUNDRAISER

Bangor West Elementary held their annual "Paws on the Path to Fitness" fundraising event this past fall. The fundraiser focused on fitness and safety. Students had the opportunity to collect pledges toward their participation as they rotated to different fitness stations. The event was made special by many community organizations that volunteered their time and resources.

This year local first responders, police officers and firefighters came with their vehicles and equipment to go over the importance of safety with our students. Volunteers from Cosens Martial Arts and Miss Lore's Dance Studio ran fun fitness centers, and the men's basketball team from Delta College came to play some basketball with the kids. Healthy snacks were also donated by the YMCA. A little over \$7,200 was raised from this fundraiser.

The funds collected from this fundraiser will go to many school activities that wouldn't be possible without fundraising support. These include upgrading playground equipment, technology for students, field day, family fun nights, student prizes, assemblies and much more. Thank you to all involved for your support in our fundraising efforts!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT CHRISTA MCAULIFFE

After school clubs help students create friendships and build confidence. They can allow them to explore new interests and create broader perspectives. Some can even lead to improved academic performance. Families love them because they give students a safe place to go after school. Christa McAuliffe recognizes the benefits of offering quality after school clubs.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:00 p.m., you will find students engaged in all sorts of after school clubs at Christa McAuliffe. There is even a late bus offered to in-district students. These clubs include:

- **Cooking Club** — Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and supervised by two of our wonderful cooks. Students learn the basics of cooking and how to follow a recipe. And the best part is that the students get to eat the food items that they make.
- **Greek Mythology Club** — Held on Thursdays and supervised by Mrs. Dutkiewicz. This club will study the Greek gods and goddesses as well as read books and watch movies on the topic.

- **Animation Club** — Held on Tuesdays and supervised by Mrs. Rogers. This club will create a YouTube channel where they will post school appropriate videos and animations (This club only ran during the first marking period and is no longer offered).
- **Leo Club** — A student version of the Lions Club which involves community service projects.
- **Dungeons and Dragons Club** — Held on Tuesdays and supervised by Mr. Miller. This club will play the game of Dungeons and Dragons.
- **Water Heroes Club** — Held on Tuesdays and supervised by Mrs. Windiate. This club will host activities to support the cleanup of the Great Lakes and the oceans.
- **Student Athlete Success Club** — Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and supervised by Mr. Lynch. This club is for our student athletes who want to keep their grades up and work on some of the skills in their particular sport (This club only ran during the first marking period and is no longer offered).





## BANGOR CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SPREADS POSITIVITY

According to the Positivity Project ([posproject.org](http://posproject.org)), relationships are the cornerstone of health, happiness and resilience. Our project helps inspire students to build positive relationships. This September, the Student Senate hosted a food drive to help apply what has been learned in the Positivity Project.

The drive resulted in 806 nonperishable food items that were collected and donated to Hidden Harvest. Senators collected the food and boxed it up. They helped load the Hidden Harvest truck when it arrived for pick-up.

BCE continues to implement projects throughout the school year to increase health, happiness and resilience.

## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY HOSTS FRIENDSHIP FRIDAYS

On the third Friday of each month, Lincoln students participate in Friendship Fridays. During this time, various grade levels are paired together to complete an activity or project that allows students and teachers to build relationships. Kindergarten is paired with third grade, first is paired with fourth grade, and second grade is paired with fifth. Both classroom teachers are involved along with two additional staff members for each group. In September students made Venn people which showed how people are alike and different. In October students completed a geometry Halloween activity making monsters and bats. In November students enjoyed the hallway friendship feast.

Buddy activities at Lincoln were inspired by the following quote, "Why This?" Younger children especially enjoy the one-to-one attention they receive from their older buddy. They make comments such as, "He makes me feel special; he says nice things to me!" and "We do lots of fun things together. She's my friend." Teachers report that participation in buddy programs enhances children's cooperative learning behaviors such as taking turns, listening, sharing knowledge, praising another's effort, helping one another and completing a task. Due to the extra attention and assistance, the younger children's work often improves. As the older students assume the role of the teacher, they are motivated to do their best. They also experience pride in their ability to be helpful. The younger children bond with the older buddy and friendships flourish as the year progresses."



*Whether through individual learning, a classroom environment or team projects, each student is given the opportunity to be their best!*



## SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY AT BANGOR NORTH PRESCHOOL

On Nov. 26, students at Bangor North Preschool celebrated Special Person's Day. Students were able to bring a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle and special family friends. This was an exciting event for preschoolers to share part of their day with their special person.

Each student enjoyed a breakfast of yogurt, muffins and pears with their special person. Then each classroom participated in different activities. Some classrooms counted turkey feathers and made placemats for their Thanksgiving at home. Other classrooms completed a number turkey and made a heart tree. A third classroom created pumpkin centerpieces and identified letters on the turkey.

Overall, everyone had a great time, and it is something that we look forward to doing again in the future.

# YOU'RE INVITED!

The School Board of Bangor Township School District meets at 3359 E. Midland Road, Bay City, Michigan. Specific dates and locations are listed below. You are invited to attend these meetings.

Jan. 27 ..... West Elementary, 5:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 24 ..... Lincoln Elementary, 5:30 p.m.  
 March 23 ..... North Preschool, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 27 ..... Edison Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.  
 May 18 ..... Edison Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.  
 June 22 ..... Edison Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.

# SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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 Jason Forgash ..... Trustee  
 Brian Gallagher ..... Trustee  
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# FEEDBACK IS WELCOME

We welcome our readers' letters, comments and critique. Write to us at Editor, Bangor Township School District Newsletter, 3359 E. Midland Road Bay City, MI 48706 or call (989) 684-8121.

# SCHOOL DAY TIMES

High School ..... 7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.  
 Middle School ..... 7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.  
 Elementary ..... 8:15 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

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 North Preschool ..... (989) 684-4890  
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# ALL-SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020

Feb. 14 ..... School Closed  
 March 5 ..... PT Conferences: CMMS/JGHS (half day)  
 March 6 ..... End of Trimester: Elementary  
 March 12 ..... PT Conferences: Elementary (half day—elementary only)  
 March 27 ..... End of MP/Semester: CMMS/JGHS  
 March 30-April 3 ..... Spring Break (school closed)  
 April 10 ..... Good Friday (school closed)  
 May 25 ..... Memorial Day (school closed)  
 May 29 ..... John Glenn Graduation, 6:30 p.m.  
 June 3-5 ..... Half Day (CMMS/JGHS only—exams)  
 June 5 ..... Last Day (half day for all)