



BETHEL-TATE HIGH SCHOOL
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BETHEL-TATE HIGH SCHOOL STATE RATED EXCELLENT 5 YEARS !

Congratulations again to our students, staff, and of course all of our families who support and help make this a great place to learn. We would also like to congratulate the Middle School for their Excellent rating 2 years in a row. What an accomplishment! A big thanks to the Hill Intermediate and Bick Primary, without the strong foundation they give, these Excellent ratings would not be possible. It is a great district that works together for the benefit of our children.

Don't forget you can be involved in school activities. Parents/volunteers are needed for the PTO who meets the first Tuesday of every month, 7PM at the high school library. Everyone is welcomed. You can also volunteer time with our athletic and music boosters. Please call the office to find out more information.

September Superintendent Update By Jim Smith

As we begin the new school year, the H1N1 flu is the talk of the media. Cases are being reported daily from local colleges and some schools are seeing some impact on their attendance. Reported cases seem to be mild. It is important to note that we will likely see some impact at our schools. You are likely to know of students, area residents, and staff who have the flu. It is also likely that in many of the cases, we will not know if individual cases are H1N1. That test is expensive and not likely to be performed with mild cases.

To minimize exposure, all of us need to follow guidelines as recommended in my letter sent

home last week. Simply put, follow good hygiene practices. They are the best defense for you and your children. Individuals with the flu need to follow directions from their doctors. Stay home when you become ill. Your doctor will recommend when to return to school or work.

We will soon issue a defined plan for Bethel-Tate schools. That plan will explain how we will handle absences, the impact upon perfect attendance policies, school closings, etc. Like the previous MRSA, bird flu pandemics, we will get through this. I pledge to keep you informed as this plays out.

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**ATTENTION PARENTS!
VISIT BETHEL -TATE
SCHOOLS ON
FACEBOOK.**

- Post questions and comments on our page.
- Get event information and updates.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **HOW DOES THE BUS-ING WORK?**
- **CHECK OUT SPORTS UPDATES.**
- **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT AT BT**
- **THE DRIVEWAY MAZE**

Asbestos Management Program

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, Public Law 99-519). The act required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop regulations for addressing asbestos in public and private elementary and secondary schools. On October 30, 1987, the EPA published the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E). This rule stipulated, and our district has complied with, the following key require-

ments:

- Identification of asbestos-containing materials in all school buildings.
- Development and implementation of asbestos management plans for each school.
- Regular surveillance and re-inspections of the condition of asbestos in the buildings.
- Designation and training of a person to oversee asbestos activities with the district and to ensure compliance with the regulations.

This memorandum is to advise you that asbestos management plans for the district schools were developed following the EPA ruling and subsequently approved by the State of Ohio, Department of Health. These plans are regularly updated and are available for you to review.

Should you have any questions regarding this program or would like to review an asbestos management plan, please contact the Board of Education offices during normal business hours.

HOW DOES THAT BUSING WORK?

There have been many queries lately about the lack of busing at the high school, yet we are still busing the athletes to and from events. How can that be?

Let's start from the beginning. The state of Ohio specifically states that all children in grades K-8, who live more than two miles away from the school, must be provided transportation to and from school. That is the state minimum (ORC3327.01). However, we do not use the state minimum. We are picking up children in grades K-8 who live only 1 mile away from school. The law does not mandate bus service for students in 9-12 unless they have a specific disability/handicap.

The state reimburses each school district for some of their transportation costs (to and from school). Last school year transportation costs ran about \$1 million for the district. Of that amount only \$500,000 was reimbursed by the state. That means the district had to absorb the other \$500,000 out of their general funds.

This year we are not transporting high school students back and forth to school to save the district money desperately needed to pay for staff. This has created a tremendous burden for many of our families, and we truly are sorry about that. However, the alternative of 30-35 students per classroom would be even worse for your child.

Okay, what about the busses that show up in the afternoon to pick up athletes? Why can't they pick up my student instead?

All students participating in athletics at Bethel-Tate High School and at the Middle School pay an athletic participation fee. For the high school that cost is \$185.00 and for the middle school the cost is \$165.00. This fee pays for coaching costs and bus transportation. The district does not pay anything for transportation to athletic events. If you have any questions concerning the school transportation, please call Mrs. Arn at ext. 2304 or Mrs. Leonard at ext. 1501.

BTHS FACILITY/PARKING KEY POINTS

1. ENTRANCES/EXITS TO THE HS FROM ST. RT. 125 AND STARLING ROAD MY BE USED TO ENTER AND EXIT PARKING LOTS DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS.
2. TWO STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES ARE AVAILABLE.
 - A. IN THE BACK LOT, THE CIRCLE CAN BE USED. PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE CARS UNATTENDED HERE.
 - B. IN THE FRONT LOT ALONG THE ENTIRE SIDEWALK TO ENTER MAIN DOORS TO THE HS. THIS WILL ALLEVIATE CONGESTION IN THE MORNING DURING DROP OFFS.
3. PARKING ASSIGNMENTS:
 - A. STUDENT* = BACK LOTS AS NOTATED ON THE MAP
 - B. STAFF = 2 SMALL BACKLOTS/FRONT
 - C. VISITORS = FRONT LOT

***STUDENT PARKING APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAIN OFFICE IF A STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE A CURRENT PARKING PASS. THE COST IS \$10 AND ALL PRYOR STUDENT FEES MUST BE PAID.**
4. **DRIVE SLOWLY AND WITH CAUTION.** PLEASE BE PATIENT IF TRAFFIC BECOMES CONGESTED. THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR HS STUDENTS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.
5. STUDENT SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAT 7:40AM IN ORDER TO ARRIVE ON TIME FOR THE **NEW 7:45AM START OF SCHOOL.**