



BCSD Buzz

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BCSD's "Building a Brighter Future" Process Will Create a Community-Driven Facilities Plan

Bedford City School District's "Building a Brighter Future" process will relaunch the community committee to review and make recommendations to address our aging and costly buildings. This process will also enable the district to review how to best meet the needs of our students and community.

The district asked community members to indicate interest in serving on our committee. The community answered. In the coming month, the District will select committee members to ensure a broad representation of our community and stakeholders. As we plan for our future, we want to hear what the community, parents, business people and government officials would like to see not only in the location and grade alignment of our schools but also in the programming that we offer.

"We want to make sure we're preparing all Bedford City School District students for life and careers after they graduate," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Cassandra Johnson. "In today's ever-changing world, we need to make sure that our facilities can help prepare students for the careers not only that are in demand now but also that students are enthusiastic about. It is our time."

The district is in the process of selecting an architectural firm to help with the planning process. The Facilities Project Committee will meet up to five times this fall and winter and will hear from architectural, financial, and educational experts about possible options and costs. Ultimately, the committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Education about the best path forward. The Bedford Board of Education, with recommendations from both the committee and district leadership, will decide how buildings should be constructed including the number, location and grade alignment. It is expected that any facilities plan will require asking voters to approve a bond issue in 2023.



BCSD's Virtual Learning Expands

The Bedford City School District's virtual offerings are expanding and getting a new name and location.

For the 2022-23 school year, the district will offer Excel Academy for students in grades seven through 12 who attend during the regular school day.



Excel-V, formerly called E-Compass, will be 100 percent virtual with the exception of state testing which must be done in person by law.

Excel-V is designed for students in kindergarten through 12th grade who cannot attend in-person instruction due to a medical condition.

Twilight will provide classes after regular school hours either in-person or virtually for seventh through 12th graders who need to recover credits and Learning Labs will offer credit recovery opportunities to ninth through 12th graders in-person only.

The BCSD Virtual programs will be housed on the second floor of the Bedford High School South House.

Changing the name from E-Compass to Excel-V better reflects what the district strives to help all students do: excel, said Interim Superintendent Dr. Cassandra Johnson.

Andrew Johnson is the virtual schools' principal and Scott Kronstain is the school counselor.

Mr. Johnson said the district plans to provide more social emotional learning and career technical education integrated through the new virtual programs as well.

"One big component of both of those [Excel Academy and Excel-V] is a lot of SEL and holistic approaches to the students," he said. "We did a lot of academic things last year, but one of the things we thought about moving forward — and we've gotten a lot of support from Dr. Johnson — is how do we work with these students and give them a much more well-rounded education."

Dr. Johnson added that the CTE component of virtual learning will help BCSD students achieve their goals whether they want to go to college, enlist in the military or enter a career after graduating from BCSD.

Another change this year is teachers assigned specifically to the virtual and alternative programs.

Mr. Johnson said the changes are an attempt to meet the increased need for holistic student supports through a continuum of offerings and services.

"We're offering a wide variety of courses and services to meet them where they are," he said.

Applications are open for Excel Academy and Excel-V are open and may be found on the district website, www.bedfordschools.org. Go to the schools tab and scroll down to "virtual & alternative learning."

K-5 Summer school draws 140 students

About 140 kindergarten through fifth-graders from across the Bedford City School District enrolled in this year's summer program housed at Glendale Primary School.

The program lasted about four weeks and blended instruction and social-emotional learning with fun activities including playground recess when the weather allowed.

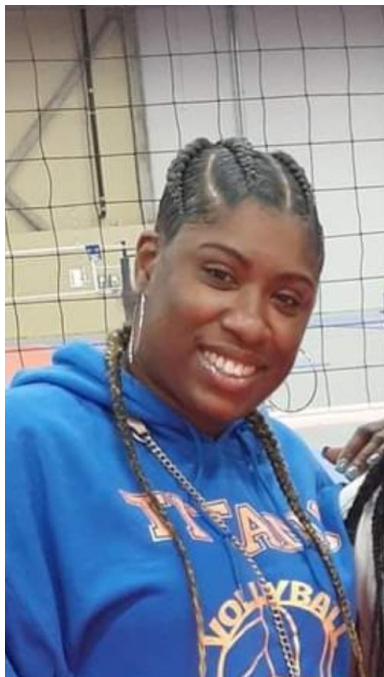
The K-5 summer program was in person except when the



district had to close buildings because of heat and high humidity. Glendale isn't air conditioned. On those days, students shifted to remote learning.

For sixth through 12th-grade students, summer school was fully remote this year.

BHS Volleyball team sets up for season



As the Bedford High School volleyball team prepares for the upcoming season, they're also rebuilding the program.

First, the team welcomes additions to its coaching staff. Autumn Lewis and Lisa Boon will be coaching along side returning coaches Victoria Varner, Kimmie Viera, and Head Coach Chanthany Duncan.

Coach Chan is in her fifth year coaching at Bedford and her second year as head coach. Previously she has coached for two years at Cleveland Heights High School and for two years as a Junior Olympic youth team coach. She has more than 15 years of playing experience and still plays today in adult sand league. She played outside and middle hitter. She is passionate about the sport and stresses fundamentals. She describes herself as a hands-on coach who doesn't mind getting on the court with the young ladies.

Kimberly Vieira is in her second year coaching volleyball for Bedford. Last year, she coached the runner up Lake Erie League champion eighth grade team. She is in her third year teaching at Bedford and will be a special education teacher

at the high school this year. Kimberly played volleyball for more than 10 years for school and Junior Olympics, specializing as an outside hitter. She is excited for the season to get started and to help the players grow on the court and in the classroom.

Victoria "Tori" is in her second year of coaching under Coach Chan. She was a three-year varsity setter and captain for Cleveland Heights High School. Will be coaching the Bedford freshmen team this year.

Autumn is a Bedford Bearcat class of 2011 alumni and this is her first year as the junior varsity assistant volleyball coach. She has more than six years experience playing as an outside hitter and libero. She has a passion for the sport and is excited to teach and inspire not just the athletes but all those around her.

Lisa is a Bedford Bearcat alumni and is in her third year of coaching high school volleyball, her first year with Bedford. In 2020 Lisa helped send three of her players to play at the collegiate level. Lisa has played volleyball for more than six years and specialized as an outside hitter. She is excited to be back at her alma mater helping the team grow as both players and students.

Turnout for open gym this summer has been high with a lot of new players coming to try out this year.

The team and coaching staff look forward to this upcoming season of Bedford High School Volleyball.

Varsity/junior varsity's first home game will be against Cleveland Central Catholic on Aug. 23 and the first home game for the freshmen will be against Brush on Aug. 25.

They hope to see everyone there showing their Bearcat Pride!

For any additional updates, follow the team's official Instagram @bedford.volleyball.

Cavs Camp brings in 100 young athletes



About 100 BCSD students, ages 7 to 16, are getting lessons on the court with the Cavaliers Academy Youth Basketball Camp.

The Cavs Camp started July 18 and runs through July 21 at Bedford High School.

Zac Toth, head BHS football coach, and Athletic Director Mark Zofka worked with Luke Toth, Zac's brother who is the senior manager of Cavs Academy, to bring the camp to

Bedford.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Cassandra Johnson wanted students to be able to take advantage of the camp regardless of family finances so the district is covering the cost for the participants with grant funding to ensure equitable access. Sign-up was first come, first served.

The Cavs Camp instructional programs are geared for young players of all skill levels.

Each participant will get to keep their Cavs Academy uniform and get a ticket to a future Cavs game.

Talk of Our Towns

Check out some of the events, activities and happenings across our communities!



City of Bedford Events and Activities

CITY OF BEDFORD
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
 ON THE SQUARE**

Disney
ENCANTO

FRIDAY | JULY 29
 Bedford Commons
 730 Broadway Avenue

FREE Pre-Show Activities 6:30pm
 Meet Mirabel & Isabel
 Crafts & Activities

Movie starts at 8:30pm
 Bring a blanket
 Snacks available
 for purchase

BEDFORD PARKS & RECREATION

Rotary Club of Bedford
40th ANNUAL RIBFEST
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday
 July 22 - 24, 2022

Live Music!
 Downtown Bedford on the Square
 Fri 6-11pm, Sat 12-11pm, Sun 12-6pm

Ribs from Smokin T's, Porky Chicks,
 Ms. Sharyn's BBQ, Malloy's BBQ and more!
FREE PARKING & FREE ADMISSION ALL WEEKEND!
Great music from the bands listed below.

Friday July 22 6-11pm **ELI'S COMING** 7-11pm
 A Tribute to Three Dog Night Band

RICK DIAMOND DJ 4-7 pm **Saturday**
 Band July 23
7-11pm **12-11pm**

Sunday July 24 **RICK DIAMOND DJ 12-3 pm** **Euclid Beach**
 Band **12-6pm** **3-6 pm** **Rocket** **Rocket Car**
3-5 pm

PENSKE CLEVELAND **Rotary** **University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center**
 A Campus of UH Regional Hospitals

BLUE LIGHT **St. John Funeral Home** **Kappel Advertising** **NOPEC** **FLASHPOINT NEWS TALK 1490 SATURDAY 10 AM**
 440-232-5313

Nature Stone FLOORING **GANLEY AUTO STORES** **First National Bank** **xellia PHARMACEUTICALS** **Johnson Romito FUNERAL HOMES**

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JUN 8 BUZZY J & THE VERBS
 ROCK, BLUES, DANCE FROM 60's, 70's, 80's

JUN 22 BRIAN PAPESH PARTY BAND
 ROCK, COUNTRY, POLKA HITS

JUL 6 RISK FACTOR
 ROCK, POP, COUNTRY HITS
Off the Griddle Food Truck 6:30PM

JUL 20 TYRONE'S BLUES SINSATION
 CLASSIC ROCK, BLUES, SOUTHERN ROCK, MOTOWN
Ms. Sharyn's Food Truck 6:30PM

AUG 3 BILLY MORRIS & THE SUNSET STRIP
 GOLDEN AGE OF 1980's
Smokin Rock N' Roll Food Truck 6:30PM

AUG 17 JUL BIG GREEN
 POP, HIP-HOP, ROCK
Dine & Dash Mobile Kitchen Food Truck 6:30PM
The original owners from Chric's Family Restaurant!

Bands Perform 7:00PM-9:00PM

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Software allows Bedford Heights PD to livestream with 911 callers



Bedford Heights Police can now see a situation via livestream when someone calls 911.

Prepared Live is a dispatcher-led software solution that provides 911 operators with access to live video, photo, and GPS location, along with inbound and outbound text responses from callers.

By adding live video, multimedia sharing and a chat functionality, Prepared Live gives dispatchers immediate "eyes-on-scene" and enables them to communicate with callers in ways they never have before, radically altering the current state of 911.

The department has seen it used for a variety of incidents including 911 hang-up calls, motor vehicle accidents, fires and wellness checks.

In each instance, Prepared Live adds clarity, ensures that information is more easily verifiable, and provides dispatchers with a variety of tools to solve the challenge at hand.

Additionally, in incidents where the caller is unable to speak or is a non-speaker, Prepared Live's chat text functionality has proved crucial, as the dispatcher is empowered to reach out directly when the caller may not be aware of this capability.

Oakwood Summer Concert Series in Full Swing



Oakwood Village's Summer Concert Series boasts a schedule of performances to meet many musical tastes.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the shows:

- July 21, LaFlavour, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- July 28, Maxine Nightingale's Tribute to Donna Summer, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 4, Tribute to the Bee Gees, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 11, Mike Albert with Memories of Elvis, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 18, Bobby Wilson's Tribute to His Father, Jackie Wilson, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.